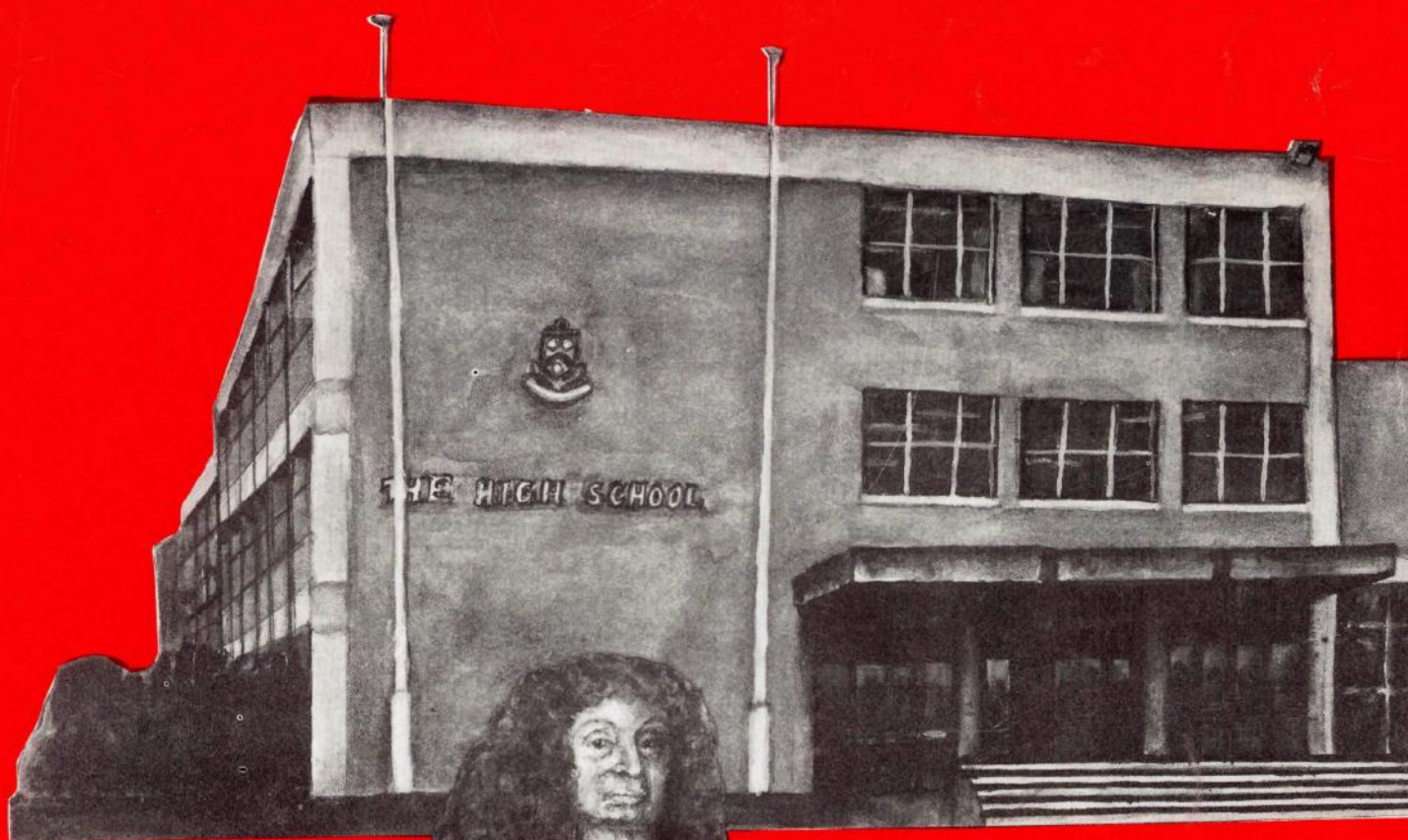


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EDITORIAL

As the dawning of a new decade arises a new Intermediate Certificate standard examination is being embarked upon. The new examination is to be called the Junior Certificate and is to replace the current Intermediate Certificate which is obviously dated as its origins go back to the Intermediate Education Act of 1887 brought in by Disraeli's Conservative government.

With the arrival of the Junior Certificate in 1992 (this year's First Form will be the first High School pupils to take the examination), many problems may arise because the Junior Certificate is to be after three years' schooling unlike the Intermediate Certificate which is taken at the end of four years. This means that the first year of the Junior Certificate will coincide with the ultimate year for the Intermediate Certificate, with the result that around 250 candidates will be taking these examinations in High School, as well as those sitting for the Leaving Certificate. Altogether, more than half the pupils in the school will be taking public examinations in that year.

Many questions come to mind as the arrival of the Junior Certificate draws nearer: (1) Is this new examination going to be of similar standard to the Intermediate Certificate?, (2) Will the Transition Year be of any use to pupils during their fourth year?, but most importantly, (3) Will this be a better guideline to the pupil's ability in the Leaving Certificate? It is generally accepted that the new syllabus will be of similar standard to the Intermediate Certificate but with the emphasis heavily on practicality, hence the Transition Year.

The Transition Year is a relatively recent innovation in the Irish educational system, mainly employed until now in the Comprehensive schools. They have proved that the year can be both enjoyable and beneficial to the pupils and should be welcomed by both pupils and parents as 'a step in the right direction' for pupils' futures, which is of course what a good education is all about. Work experience is the dominant factor of the Transition Year. This seems to me to be a very good idea as it

can give a pupil an indication of what he or she enjoys working at and, indeed, what he or she dislikes. It can also give them a vivid indication of what a working week involves.

The most worrying feature of the new Junior Certificate is whether it will be a good indication and preparation for the Leaving Certificate Examination. As has been shown and proved so often, the Intermediate Certificate has not been a stern enough test for candidates, which has meant that many hundreds of students, and indeed their families, have been lulled into a false sense of security after receiving a deceptively good set of grades from the Intermediate. This can lead to a very relaxed Fifth year and, ultimately, poor Leaving Certificate results, with the consequence that the student has to repeat the Leaving Certificate in order to achieve the requisite results, for whatever he or she wants to do. The Junior Certificate will, I hope, not create this problem as some assessment will take place throughout the course and will count towards the examination results. In this respect the Junior Certificate should be far more adequate than the Intermediate Certificate as a preparation for the Leaving Certificate.

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If time ever seemed to change pace or direction, then surely this was one of those times. Years, even decades seemed to have slipped past but the clock strictly denied this theory and demanded that only five minutes had in truth passed. Five more irretrievable minutes . . . but what were these mere units of time in comparison with the many wasted years of her life? When exactly had she ceased to live, to thrive and begun merely to exist as if she were play-acting—repeating lines as memorised and actions as directed? Had there been a simultaneous point in time or had there been an intermediate, almost dormant period of indecision?

The door slammed and the noise produced hurled itself through the unspacious room — bringing both delight and pain to the woman's face. Delight to finally witness the departure of her last

customer and pain as her head continued to throb more viciously, excelled by the continual banging of the door as the wind derived its pleasure.

She ran or rather moved as rapidly as her body permitted, towards the door grappling for keys in her pocket. Feeling the cool, metallic shape between her fingers, she grasped it and almost nervously, attempted to place the key into the lock. In an instant, the door was locked, blind pulled down and curtains drawn — every possible inch of the exterior world carefully blocked out. Only then was she permitted to sigh.

Relief flowed through her and her body introduced itself not unlike a river, suddenly freed of a constrictive dam, surging forward. Recalling her earlier thoughts, she found her newly discovered energy deserting her. Her body craved to fill the empty

chair nearby but the punishment that mobility inflicted restrained her until eventually, desire overcame all sense of suffering and she collapsed pathetically onto the chair.

She lowered her head onto a table and lay there for she knew not how long but when consciousness presented itself once more, streams of daylight were pouring into the room through tears in the faded curtains so hurriedly pulled the night before. Music was playing — a dull, rhythmic beat from the radio; it was somehow soothing and relaxing and she found herself enjoying it but then it changed, a much louder modern tune for which she had no liking. As the beat quickened, so was her anger aggravated and her control lost. She picked up the nearest solid object and threw. Her aim was perfect and silence returned.

She sat perfectly still but her eyes wandered. Once, this had been her future; her foresight, hopes and ambitions had all been focussed on this room. It signified her life — she was attached to it — financially, physically, mentally but what was it now but a miserable shadow of its former glorious self? The broken radio, the torn curtains, the worn-out furniture but most of all, the atmosphere. The terminal death of the air in this room emphasised its presence and its possession of her. She belonged to this place, she was attached to it, willingly or unwillingly she was part of it.

Slowly, she stood up straight, all former restriction of movement miraculously removed. With a graceful gesture, she turned to look once more at this her failed empire and with a mental farewell, she held out the lighted match to the curtains. Returning to her seat, she watched as beautiful orange-red flickers of light reached out to share their warmth.

Alison Furney (6)

Sonnet

*If I could see the sun in splendour shine
Just once before the maths of Winter start,
If I could change my state from Cos and Sine
To tan in Summer in the Square St. Mark;
If I could live in Freedom 'neath the skies
Without the fear of Theorems, Logs or Lines,
Pursued no more by Squares or Cubes or s
And troubled not by plus or minus signs;
Then all at once the pace of life would turn,
The frantic panic of these days be gone,
Replaced by relaxation, which would spurn
The memory of Factors badly done;
Then gladly will my Maths books join the fire,
As I go on to live my life, entire.*

Trudi Goldberg (5)

A Moment in Solitude

The tree swayed unceasingly in the wind. The sparse sky of stars surrounding it, helped define the trees shadowy image. Sean lay flat on the garage roof. Lost in the beauty of the view, he lay motionless without a blink of his eyes.

Lying there for almost twenty solid minutes, his feet increasingly colder and his back slightly exposed to the air as a partition spread between his jacket and trousers. Propped up against the ventilator opening, held away from its wet surface by his glove covered hands, his head lay contemplating himself.

Suicide was a possibility and easily achieved by jumping head first over the roof to the ground below. Luckily though, this only entered his mind once and he was perfectly content to lie there, with his numb mind in isolation. To his right rose a wall of small red bricks that formed the side of his house. To the left, twelve feet away was the side of the garage dropping down to the back alley garden path. Straight behind, the window of his parents' room, his entrance to this world, and then, straight ahead was that tree, marvellous and strong, everything Sean wanted to be.

David Wyndham (5th)

Of My Friend

*How loudly he romps,
Through my mind
unsettling dust and
causing chaos.*

*Sifting through a
box marked "me"
Distort the order –
the work of many a year,
'Tis all that was known
is now unknown;
Or at least, not as formulated
As had been.*

*How loudly he bangs
my cupboard doors
Kicking memoirs;
oddities around.
He finds knowledge
and plunders it –
Out of one carton
into another.*

*Still unchecked
a relentless scourge
And all is naked, sore and numb;
left scrubbed clean.*

*He opens the door
and laughing melodies
Leap in the sunshine;
butterflies
Meadow flowers, fairytales,
Shedding wonder in his wake.
Back through the rooms.*

*Sunshine; Beauty; Splendid Laughter
they all come in
And spread a warmth
A joyous type of inner glos
As they experience the pleasure
Of one
Came home.*

Sorcha Ní An Rí (6)

Un Light

*Time was still as I lay on my bed,
Thoughts hid in the corners of my mind,
A pure and peaceful moment:
As the clouds floated by.*

*Then she was there;
Still, yet circling along her path,
Easing across my pane, brightening my thoughts,
Oh how effortless you are, my love.*

David Wyndham (5th)

*Best wishes to
all our readers*

A New Novel

Embarking in apprehensive mood,
Often to clear present thoughts,
I am engulfed within the words which
Rock my emotions violently.

Holding my person, framed for comparing,
Each character, each thought a parallel;
Upon ten chapters; head clear
I rise above this veil and am one again.

David Wyndham (5th)

"The Only Sure Way To Win The Lottery"



Birthday Presence

One lost life, a-glowing new,
Toward the town of sordid grey she flew;
One lonely soul, a cry from far,
Infinity missed, a wandering eye -
Hones in on me.

A faint impression in my room,
A shimmer of pale in the clear air,
The echo of her voice rushes by,
The dripping of the tap; it seems,
Is driving me insane.
My one from the sky
Lives with my house and me;
As she views through crystal camera.
Me, I never achieve it;
Her eyes still haven't me.
My photo, faded like her hair,
Dog eared,
Old sunshine.

The drips are her tears
That echo her fears;
And the howling North,
Like a Banshee,
Whips her again
To drive the insane
To use and take me dancing
Across the ploughed, dark blue sky.
Old songs, old tales,
With talk of mine and her,
Fill the sails
Of our steady boat.
My sister is still here!
Oh, one for fear,
Three for sale,
Plus five shed tears
Were the age she was to be
If she were living now with me.

Lucinda Hickson (5)

Cats, Cats, Cats

Cats are unique, I read in a book,
They come in shapes, sizes and looks.
I have two myself and I can't disagree,
They show their wisdom very clearly to me.

When I would be lying quietly in bed,
Feeling tired and sore in the head
Up pops a pussy onto my sheet,
And starts to purr against my feet.

When it's their bedtime late at night,
Everyone ready to turn off the lights,
My pussies immediately curl up their heads,
Because it's time to go to the shed.

When I'd be ready to eat my lunch,
Along comes a cat looking for a munch,
I'd say to her, "You've had your share",
Then she'd look at me with a longing stare.

Cats are my favourites of all kinds of pets,
Although they're grumpy when visiting the vet
They have only two things on their minds,
The thought of food and what they can find.

Gillian Gibson (2B2)



BATMAN

JC '89

Letter from Australia and New Zealand

Leo McKenna-James is a student in first year. His mother is an actress with the Abbey and he was fortunate enough to tour with the Abbey Theatre in Australia. The following are his letters to his classmates in 1A2.

233 Victoria Square,
Adelaide,

South Australia.

P.O. Box 1871

Dear Mr. Ryan and 1A2,

The plane journey was great. We were fed every two hours or so with continental breakfasts and lunches, I didn't get half as much sleep as I did food, though films were also shown to keep us occupied.

The first leg of the journey was the bus from the Abbey to the Airport. To see us off were family and friends, but when the R.T.E. cameras arrived, quite a few passers-by stopped to wave us off too.

The second leg was the flight from Dublin to Heathrow. We flew on a standard Boeing 737 and it took us 50 minutes to reach London.

From Heathrow we flew to Bahrain on a Boeing 747. This flight took us seven hours. We stopped in Bahrain for about forty-five minutes.

From Bahrain we flew to Singapore which also took seven hours to reach. It was on this leg of the journey the film 'The Bear' was shown.

We stopped at Singapore for three and a half hours. Here, one of the cast illegally immigrated for two hours (he did encounter flight problems coming back into the airport though!) From Singapore, we flew to Adelaide, which took six hours. At that time 'Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade' was shown.

When we reached Adelaide, it was ten past seven on Monday morning. When our luggage arrived, it was half past eleven on Tuesday morning. A representative of the Adelaide Theatre Festival was there to greet us.

When we arrived at the hotel, we explored it and its surroundings. We soon discovered that the Hilton International is a very posh hotel. On the second floor there is a sauna, spa, outdoor swimming pool and gym. On the third floor there is a tennis court and jogging track. Downstairs in the lobby there is a fountain surrounded by chairs for relaxing in. A live pianist plays every night.

Our room overlooks Victoria Square, the geometrical centre of Adelaide. On the square is the terminus of the Glenelg tram. This tram goes to the beach (which is actually a bit like Bray, so we tend to avoid it). In the distance the Adelaide Hills can be seen. Beside the Hotel is the Central Market, the largest produce market in the Southern Hemisphere.

The first few days weren't that warm, but lately it's been very hot. The Theatre which the Abbey are playing in is called Her Majesty's Theatre. The play received five star ratings in all newspapers.

From
Leo

The Plaza International,
Wellington,
New Zealand.

Dear Mr. Ryan and 1A2,

During our stay in Adelaide, we, the Abbey went on loads of trips. One such trip was to Cleland Conservation Park. This is a large park where Australia animals roam free. The kangaroos and wallabies were tame, they allowed themselves to be petted and stroked like dogs. The koalas were half asleep, but I was allowed to

hold one. The dingos weren't roaming free, but a gangplank led over their enclosure.

We also went to the Raynella wine valley. We were shown around the workings and cellars. After the tour, much to everyone's delight, we were allowed to taste the wine, free.

Another trip was to Victor Harbour. We went out to an island called Granite Island. There we saw tiny rat-like wallabies and a dead penguin. The island itself isn't a very cultural place.

After Adelaide we came to Wellington. Our first impression (or second) wasn't very good. It was cold, dark and lashing rain. The next day was also cold, wet and dark. The next day, however, was nice and warm. Warm not **hot**.

Wellington is very like Dublin in every way, except the city centre is beside the sea. We have had two receptions so far. One was at the Mayor's house and the other was at the Hotel.

On Saturday we are getting our photograph taken on the beach for the 'Irish Times'. It will probably rain!

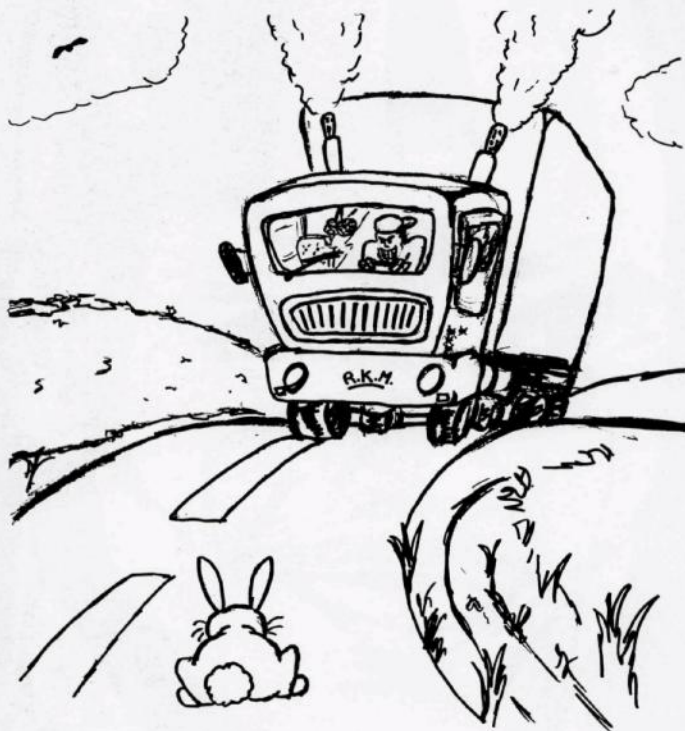
I had an interview with a newspaper about 'Touring with the Abbey', so now everyone in Wellington has false information on the Abbey!

From,
Leo

Illusions

*Cast free into the air,
A shifting ball of rainbow light
Trembles irresolute,
Upon the soft breath of a summer breeze.
Curious reflections whirl, forming patterns
On the rushing surface,
As it soars, feather-light to the heavens
And this,
An image without substance
Is always just in front, up high
To lead us where we want, but may not go.
For once attained,
The beauty of a dream is lost-
destroyed forever;
And reality, not magic and allure, must take its place.*

Naoise Griffin (3A2)



GEORGE THE RABBIT LEARNS THE
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JC'90

Rejection and Acceptance

The girl at the corner
Has mixed-up ideas
About what it's all for,
About what it all means
She doesn't understand
The pain inside her head;
She wishes it was over,
She wishes she were dead
Trapped inside her little world,
Her futile helpless shouts
Change to soft and gentle moans
As she turns her life-light out.

W. O'Connell (5)

Suggestion for School Anthem

(Music on the lines of "Baa Baa Blacksheep")

Our school
Your school
His school
Her school
Their school
My school
What a school!
High School.

W. O'Connell (5)

Prejudice

Over the years Europe has provided the ideal birthplace for prejudice among its varied inhabitants. Prejudice is a biological imperative that is bred into everyone and that grows through their upbringing and customs. One of the most dangerous

outbursts of prejudice today is in the delicate areas of Eastern Europe where nationalists such as the Czechs and the Slovaks, Romanians and Hungarians plus the Serbs and the Croats, are bitterly opposed to one another due to a long history of racial hatred.

Unfortunately this is unavoidable; ethnic nationalism is a process that has to be gone through and it is a stepping stone towards ultimate sophistication. It has become multiplied today because of the rapid communications that exist around the world enabling the media to 'hype up' various situations. Prejudice is not something that is overcome easily. You just have to look at the centuries old hatred for the Jews in Russia to know that the situation has become somewhat irreversible. I would take the view however, that if people changed their minds about things and were more liberal in their outlooks, prejudice could be largely diminished.

Take, for example, Islam. Nobody can explain the diabolical behaviour of Iran and Iraq, therefore people opt out with the attitude 'These Muslims are just crazy!'. If people however realised that Islam is not a religion but also a culture and when both are combined the effects on a people are great, they might come to terms with the ugly appearance that Islam undoubtedly has, and possibly they would look into ways of how to improve the situation. Once Islam is fully understood then this can form the basis of much needed political work. Remember there are many things that Western Countries have done in the name of culture that have been totally brutal — the Nazi holocaust for example.

One thing is clear, though, and that is that we are living through an intensely interesting period of history where there is no ignorance as to what is happening in the world. We must aim for a united earth, world harmonization; and until nationalist prejudices are eradicated this human ideal can never be fulfilled.

Simon King (5)

SCHOOL RECORD

School News

At the end of the Summer term, 1989, Miss Pearl Moffitt, Mrs Aileen Lyons and Miss Teresa McEvoy left the staff. In their places this year we have welcomed Miss Alison Fish (Science), Mrs Caitriona Talbot (Irish) and Mr Sean Morrisroe (French).

In June 1989 Miss Valerie Coghlan's seven years as Headmaster's Secretary came to an end. In her years in that position Valerie served the whole school, as well as the Headmaster, with dedication and loyalty. Her commitment to High School, her willingness to work far beyond her statutory hours and her professionalism won her the admiration and respect of those who shared her high standards. We send her good wishes for success in her new position with the Irish Cancer Society.

Ms Sheelagh Harris was appointed Headmaster's Secretary in August, 1989.

During this school year, a West Dublin bus service has been introduced by the Board of Governors to help to overcome the problems of travelling to and from school for pupils living in the Western section of Co. Dublin.

Spanish has now been introduced as an optional subject for the Leaving Certificate. Seventeen pupils are taking it in fifth year.

VALETE

6U

Elizabeth Armstrong: Church of Ireland Training College.

Lynne Beamish: Allied Irish Banks.

Ingrid Blain: Allied Irish Banks.

Derdriu Bloomer: Language Secretarial Business Centre.

Katie Brosnan: Law, T.C.D.

Ruth Byrne: Arts, U.C.D.

Graham Caulwell: Allied Irish Banks.

Sarah Douglas: Natural Science, T.C.D.

Cormac Duncan: Engineering, T.C.D.

Kerry Dunne: Arts, U.C.D.

Jonathan Forrest: Arts, U.C.D.

Moirá Fraser: Secretarial Studies, Dundrum Vocational School.

Mark Glover: Medicine, R.C.S.I.

Ashley Hill: Language Secretarial Business Centre.

Debbie Jobling: Physiotherapy, Teeside Pol.

Avril Johnson: Economic and Social Studies, T.C.D.

Stephen Johnston: Arts, U.C.D.

Nicola Kilroy: Language, Secretarial Business Centre.

Mia Kutner: Psychology, T.C.D.

Linda Lau: Medicine, T.C.D.

Trevor Lowry: Norwich Union Insurance Company Ltd.

Eve McAulay: History of Art and History, U.C.D.

Katherine McClatchie: Dublin Tutorial Centre.

Andreas McConnell: History, T.C.D.

Craig McGeeney: Accountancy and Business College.

Rory Miller: History, T.C.D.

Eddie Moore: Hibernian Insurance Co. Ltd.

Simon Moore: Geography and Sociology T.C.D.

Gus Nichols: Economics and Geography, T.C.D.

Fiona Reeves: Physiotherapy, T.C.D.

Fiona Ryan: Economics and Philosophy, T.C.D.

Alison Shellard: Trainee Nurse, Adelaide Hospital.

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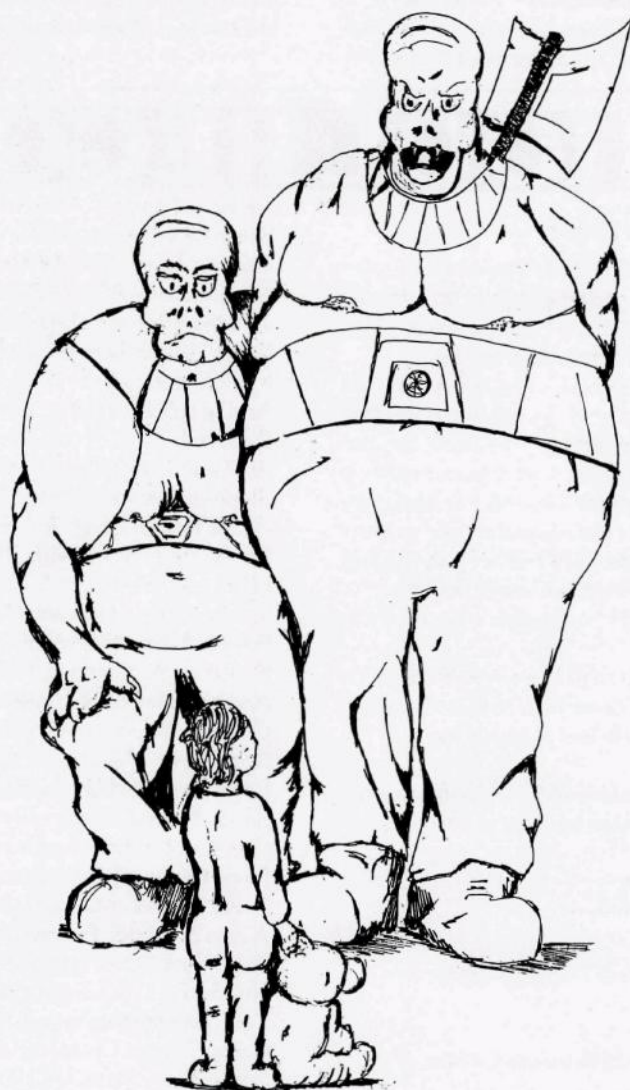
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HIGH SCHOOL . . . BEAR PUSH

Presentation of cheque for £1,970, to Peter Wilson, Director of Dublin Zoo, money raised by High School from Bear Push. Easter 1990



" DO YOU THINK THEY'LD LIKE TO RAY, TED? "

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6th Form

Melissa J. Alexander: Language Secretarial Business Centre.
 Paul M. Allen: Institute of Education.
 Vicente V. Alonso: Arts, Maynooth.
 John S. Armstrong: 6u, H.S.D.
 David R. Bailey: Trainee Hotel Manager, London.
 Tara Bell: Rathmines Senior College.
 Alison Blackmore: Computer Science, T.C.D.
 Sinead Bolton: Institute of Education.
 Richard D. Boyd: Institute of Education.
 Cliona Bradley: Rathmines Senior College.
 Dermot P. Brosnan: 6u, H.S.D.
 Melanie B.G. Brown: Music, T.C.D.
 Gary Brunker: Languages and Economics, South Bank, Polytechnic.
 Lisa Buttner: Rathmines Senior College.
 Mark C. Byrne: Sullivan Bluth Animators.
 Graham R.A. Campbell: Engineering, D.I.T.
 Seng Heng Chee: Accountancy and Commerce, Hull University.
 Lisa Coggins: David Marshall School of Hairdressing.
 Rachel A. Coleman: Arts, Maynooth.
 Carol J. Conway: Psychology and Economics, T.C.D.
 Joanne S.R. Cooper: 6u, H.S.D.
 Sharon Dalgetty: Sales Assistant, Pamela Scott.
 Andrew Darby: Engineering, T.C.D.
 Selena Darby: College of Management Studies.
 Sarah J. Dawson: Engineering, T.C.D.
 Philip A.M. Doherty: History T.C.D.
 Jocelyn Douglas: Secretary, Architects Office.
 Sonya E. Dowsett: Year off prior to Chemistry at Bristol University
 Alan T. Duffy: Ringsend Technical College.
 Michael A. Dunne: Car Valeting.
 Max Egan: Rathmines Senior College.
 Leonard Eppel: Trainee Optical Technician.
 Abby Lauren Feldman: Natural Science, T.C.D.
 Peter Felton: Sales Assistant, MacDonald's.
 Jane Foley: Trainee Beauty Therapist.
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 James S. Fox: Geography and Sociology, T.C.D.
 Tracy M. Freeney: Catering Assistant, Marylay Park Hotel.
 Stuart J. Gamble: Preliminary Engineering, D.I.T.
 David I. Gibson: Engineering Technician, D.I.T.
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 Elida Goldwater: Video Shop Assistant.
 Philip Harbron: Barman, Quinns of Baggot St.
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 Jessica Hickson: Alexandra Secretarial College.
 Dawn S. Hildebrand: Trainee Nurse, Adelaide Hospital.
 Mark P. Hildebrand: Chemical Engineering, Q.U.B.
 Wendy J. Hill: Art College in Birmingham.
 Yumi Hoashi: Returned to Japan.
 Kitty Holland: Year off prior to Politics at Bristol University.
 Meriel O. Huggard: Mathematics, T.C.D.
 Glenda F. Hughes: Social Work Studies.
 Nigel S.W. Jenkinson: Sales Assistant, Fuji Cameras.
 Peter A. Johnson: Property Economics, D.I.T.
 Sarah Kavanagh: Art College in England.
 Wendy Keatinge: Stratford College.
 Simon F. Kennedy: 6u, H.S.D.
 David B. Kutner: 6u H.S.D.
 Sarah E. Lamb: 6u, H.S.D.
 Ronan Lelu: Arts, U.C.D.
 David Ling: Institute of Education.

Ching Nei Ling: Banking and Finance, University of Ulster.
 Diane S. Lowe: Sales Assistant, Sports Shop.
 Micheál P. Lunny: 6u, H.S.D.
 Janine Lyons: Accounts Department, Apple Computers.
 Trevor McCarthy: Trainee Pilot, U.S.A.
 Helen R. McNab: Institute of Education.
 Sandra H. Mahon: Language Secretarial Business Centre.
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 Simon K. Meldrum: History, T.C.D.
 Mark Meredith: Accounting Technician, Carlow R.T.C.
 Deborah Millar: Art Foundation Course, Ballyfermot Senior College.
 Simon M. Molloy: Year off prior to Psychology at University of York.
 Guy J. Molyneaux: 6u H.S.D.
 Amanda E. Moody: Trainee Nurse in England.
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 Juliet A. Nash: 6u H.S.D.
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 Simon T. O'Brien: Greenhills College.
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 Mark J. Riseley: Commerce, U.C.D.
 Heather C. Robinson: Science, U.C.D.
 Kevin E. Rodgers: Geography, Aberdeen University.
 Trudi A. Rothwell: Natural Science, T.C.D.
 Lynn Ruddle: 6u, H.S.D.
 Richard R.C. Scheffer: 6u, H.S.D.
 John F. Senior: Computer Science, T.C.D.
 Robert D. A. Shaw: 6u, H.S.D.
 Victoria L. Singleton: 6u, H.S.D.
 Alan E. Shaw: Rathmines Senior College.
 Derek Sinammon: Apprentice Carpenter.
 David M. Stevenson: Engineering, T.C.D.
 Karen E. Sloan: 6u, H.S.D.
 Jason M. Stuart: 6u, H.S.D.
 Conor J. Sweeney: Horticulture, Warrenstown Agricultural College.
 Michael E. Taylor: Rathmines Senior College.
 Kim Troy: Litledales Secretarial.
 Carol-Ann Veale: Applied Languages D.C.U.
 Rebecca G. Walker: Missionary work in Europe
 Joy E.J. Warner: Marketing Cert., D.I.T.
 Drusilla Watson: Trainee, Dental Technician.
 Gavin A. Weaire: Classics, T.C.D.
 Mark D. Wilkes: 6u, H.S.D.
 Louisa C. Wood: Drama and Russian, T.C.D.
 Adrienne M. Wynne: Allied Irish Bank.
 Hua Tang Yong: Law, South Bank Polytechnic
 David J. Young: Catering Certificate, D.I.T.

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Left to right: Mark Hildibrand (O.B. Cup), Mr. J. Ridgeway (O.B. President), Mr. Willis (Chairman of Board of Governors), Mr Brook, Miss Gillian Smith (O.G. President), Trudi Rothwell (Jean Scott Trophy).

THE annual Prize Distribution and Parents' Evening was held on Tuesday, 26th October, 1989. The following is the text of the Headmaster's Report:

Mr. Chairman, Governors, Staff, Parents, Pupils and Friends of the High School,

Before I commence my formal report I would like, for the third time in the five years he has been Chairman of the Board of Governors, to say a special word of thanks to Mr. Bob Willis for taking on the responsibility of chairing our proceedings this evening. In his so-called semi-retirement from business life he seems busier than ever, but is always ready to give his time, his energy and his wise judgment to his old school.

As I move into this verbal report, the less formal but more wide-ranging part of my report on the 1988/89 school year, I would like to commend to you the careful reading of two documents if you wish to have the full picture of the school that should be available to you as you attend this evening's function, which in part has some of the nature of a company Annual General Meeting. The first is my formal report contained on pages 5 and 10 of the Prize Booklet. The second is the last issue of our school year-book, *The Erasmian and Diocesan Times*, published in June, which gives a detailed account of the year's activity in the classrooms, in sports, clubs and societies.

As I speak to-night, I would like to highlight four particular areas, two domestic, and two national but with domestic application. I understand that the normal procedure at coffee mornings, and also at the equivalent in the work place, the teabreak, is to polish off local gossip first and then proceed to attack the wider establishment, so let us be conventional this evening too.

The first domestic issue is homework, a topic that rightly or wrongly must have first place, as it figures in virtually every interview that I have with prospective parents for the school or with parents whose children are currently in the school. Every time there is an opportunity for questions at a meeting with parents I am bound to face at least one on homework. A considerable proportion of the problems with pupils, for which staff have to bring sanctions into play, concerns homework. These observations suggest strongly that homework is seen widely as a very important factor in the success of a school in the judgement of both parents and teachers, but that a large number of pupils have strongly held reservations — the perfect recipe for conflict.

I would like to quote at this point from one of the most interesting dust-gathering historic documents on my shelves, the Report of the Council of Education on The Curriculum of the Secondary School, commissioned in November 1954 by General Richard Mulcahy, then Minister of Education, and 166 meetings later, in May 1962, completed, printed and circulated for the

comments of various educational bodies, these comments to be furnished within the following six months so that any necessary action could be taken within the next five years. Homework in schools was one of the issues the Council was asked to comment on specifically. The comment took less than one page in a document of 150 pages and commenced:

"Homework, in the sense of personal revision by the pupil of matter already prepared and taught in class, is an indispensable part of all school education. Such repetition by the pupil is the most effective way of making permanent the acquisition and possession of what has already been taught in class, and is invaluable in promoting habits of industry and self-discipline . . . it should be related to work with which the student is already familiar, though in the final year of the senior course it may include preparation of a small amount of wholly new material."

Twenty-seven years later in a much more pressurised and less tolerant education scene we would still stand over the principles enunciated here. Since homework is a follow-up to the teaching work of the classroom it can never be automatic and expected, never be timetabled in a water-tight way, never be confined to written work only. Its success depends on the effectiveness of the teaching that has gone on beforehand in the classroom, but equally on the motivation of the pupil in accepting the values of mastery of knowledge, of industry and especially of self-discipline. The establishing of that motivation depends primarily on the readiness and ability of parents to set up a proper two-way communication with their children, and to establish routines in the home that foster the homework ethic.

During the year the concern of several members of staff that the performance standards of a significant number of our pupils revealed the need for a far more structured situation for their homework sessions led to an offer to make available on an experimental basis the staffing for after school supervised homework sessions on four days in the week. The scheme was publicised to parents and the immediate response provided a full room of pupils. It worked quite well for most of the pupils involved, but not so well for the minority whose parents felt very strongly that homework and lots of it done under supervision was the remedy for certain academic and other problems they were seeing in their children, when unfortunately those same children didn't share their parents' view on the value of homework. In the light of this experience, and thanks to the continuing interest of one of our teachers, supervised homework has continued this term in a modified, more voluntary form, a form that is proving very valuable as it throws back responsibility to the participants, but has revealed clearly how much parents need to raise the level of

communication with their children over homework and other academic matters.

The second domestic issue is facilities, and in particular facilities for sport. Gone are the days when a boys' school could get by with rugby in winter and cricket in summer, and a girls' school with the combination of hockey and tennis. A wide choice of games and high quality facilities for all of them are essentials for any school that is going to encourage the growing number of discerning parents to choose it for their children. Up to the present, High School has done well, and probably no school of comparable size provides as varied a menu for the sporty child. But the decision to reintroduce hockey for boys has proved popular, and has consequently increased the pressures on the two available spaces for hockey in previous years, one grass and one all-weather. More boys playing hockey has meant fewer boys playing rugby, and so, as a temporary expedient, the grass on one of our rugby pitches is being kept cut short and the surface improved so that it can be used regularly for hockey practice and as an occasional pitch for rugby matches. Shortage of decent quality tennis courts has been partially met by the hiring of courts near the car-park in Rathgar, but this also has drawbacks. In the light of these pressures a group combining both governors and sports staff has looked at schemes for improving our facilities over the next two years in the light of several specialists' reports.

A solution involving a sand-filled carpet hockey pitch that could provide eight tennis courts in summer would be ideal, but expensive. Making the moves to satisfy the desires of parents for facilities for their children may prove to be dependent on the willingness and ability of parents to help with the raising of a considerable part of the finance involved.

The third issue takes us away from the parochial confines of Rathgar to the corridors of power in Leinster House, in the Department of Education in Marlborough Street, and in the Department of Finance in Merrion Street. The issue is, of course, the thorny one of government funding of education. For the past four years there has been no increase in the grant in lieu of fees paid to the so-called free schools in the Roman Catholic voluntary secondary school sector. The size of this grant determines the block grant paid by the Government to the Secondary Education Committee, which then disburses the money to the eligible families with children in Protestant managed schools who apply for Secondary Education grants. Over the past four years we have succeeded in keeping a tight rein on fee increases, but we have had to make some increase, and so to widen the gap between grant and tuition fees. Should there be no increase in the grant again this year one would hope that Parents' Groups would unite to voice their concern to the Government, and that individual parents would make their feelings known through T.D.'s surgeries or clinics.

In my written report I referred to the sudden impact of the new Junior Certificate structures and programmes. The cost of equipment and materials essential for teaching as they should be taught the courses that have already been changed is considerable, and to date there has been no sign of any move to provide any funding directly to the schools. High School has already undertaken considerable extra expenditure, and much more will be required as we later move into the second year of the new courses. In the absence of direct grants to take account of this there will inevitably have to be a sharp increase in fees in all fee charging schools, and of the so-called "voluntary contribution" in the free schools!

As is fitting in a school with the excellent academic record that High School has, the final major issue for comment to-night is an academic one. Earlier this year the Minister for Education, Mrs. Mary O'Rourke, announced that she had accepted the advice of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment, the NCCA, that with effect from June 1992 there would be one examination for national certification at the end of the compulsory period of education, the Junior Certificate, in place of the Intermediate and

Group Certificates. Nobody protested about the potential destruction of a 113-year-old ancient monument, the Intermediate Certificate examination, just as nobody, to my knowledge, proposed in 1978 that the centenary of that landmark in Irish education was worth at the very least a commemorative stamp issue.

In 1984, the last year for which I have statistics available, over 55,000 pupils sat the Intermediate Certificate — some change from the less than 4,000 who sat it in its first year, 1879. With more than 20,000 pupils sitting the Group Certificate each year, we are faced in 1992 with a new examination structure affecting over 70,000 pupils, all signed, sealed and delivered without as much as a debate in the Dáil, and without any detailed prospectus or rationale for the new deal available to parents, teachers and pupils until the publication less than a month ago of this small booklet "A Guide to the Junior Certificate".

The Minister and her Department, the NCCA and its pitifully small permanent executive deserve the highest praise for the large amount of change they have achieved in a very short space of time. But what is it they have achieved? Nine subjects as listed in my written report have new syllabuses and more will be revised in succeeding years. Each subject will be examined at two levels (or three in the case of Irish and Mathematics) after three years. These are highly welcome advances as they try to make school subjects relevant to the closing stages of the twentieth century and seek to make all subjects attainable for all students irrespective of ability, a belated recognition that our system now provides universal second level education, for both slow learner and genius.

But with so much worthwhile progress in such a short time why am I anxious and critical? Is it because of the inadequate provision for in-service training of teachers and for funding of resources? Yes, but that is only a small part of the answer. Before the very major curriculum changes of the 1960's took place a group of wise men and women spent years, about nine of them, examining carefully all aspects of the Irish secondary education system in the light of changing circumstances and needs. Of course they took too long and, of course, they didn't get it quite right. But at least syllabus change took place within a clear framework as can be seen in the Report of the Council of Education I have already referred to. But, in spite of the general debate on junior cycle education and the detailed reports by working parties set up to look at broad areas of the curriculum that were initiated and carried out under the umbrella of the Curriculum and Examinations Board, the forerunner of the present advisory NCCA, no clear framework with an adequate supporting philosophy has emerged. All we have is the perpetuation of the subject oriented curriculum of the Intermediate Certificate that is so comfortingly familiar. We can all continue to operate in our own little boxes without any concern about what is happening in the box next door, or in the world outside our boxes.

Of course, reading this Guide to the Junior Certificate would not leave one with this impression. I read on Page 8 "a unified system at Junior cycle will help to remove barriers to social equity within the education sector", and on Page 12 under the heading 'Aims', "The Junior Certificate programme aims to contribute to the moral and spiritual development of the young person and to develop a tolerance and respect for the values and beliefs of others". How unified is a system in which if you are a pupil in a voluntary secondary school both History and Geography are compulsory subjects, but if a pupil in a vocational school then you may not study either? How do tolerance and respect for the values and beliefs of others develop when a significant number of pupils may be denied the opportunity of studying History and/or Geography, and more worryingly when, at the bottom of two pages listing in heavy type six approved subjects and courses for the Junior Certificate programme, we find in small type the pious hope "Religious Education should also form part of the curriculum".

So let us not be deceived by the smooth writing and pious phrases of the booklet on the Junior Certificate. Many major contentious issues remain to be sorted out, and I hope the Minister will have the wisdom to see these and the courage to grapple with them. Very particularly I hope that as the Minister urges on the

NCCA to commence work on long overdue revision of Senior Cycle provision in our schools, and the main instrument for assessing that provision, the Leaving Certificate, she will ensure that a working party identifies clearly the issues and the problems we are facing, and develops a relevant well-worked out philosophy for the structures to deal with them. Unless this happens and reverses the present trend for producing instant solutions for complex problems without adequate research and debate, I fear for the future development of our present education system.

Before I sit down I would like to express my gratitude to the many governors who have given so generously of their time and expertise to research situations and sit on sub-committees, giving hours of their time after their day's work to further the work of High School; to the academic, administrative and other staff, past and present, who have worked so hard to make 1988/89 the highly successful year it has been; to the many pupils, and especially the Prefects, who have worked so hard for the School.

Finally, as I close, I would like to wish Mr. Wallace and his team of thirteen politicians an enjoyable and successful visit to Greece as they go in early November to represent Ireland at the European Youth Parliament. It is an outstanding honour for the school to be chosen to provide our national delegation, and they go with our united good wishes. And, as I heard at dinner time to-day, they go without any debt accruing to their parents since the full travelling costs have been covered by the fund raising efforts of the team and the generous gifts of a number of sponsors.

List of Prizes

Old Boys' Cup: Mark Hildebrand
Jean Scott Trophy: Trudi Rothwell

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- 6 Upr. Simon Eppel Prize for Science: Linda Lau, Neil Squires.
Class Prizes: Kerry Dunne, Fiona Reeves, Gregg Taylor.
- 6— Glorney Exhibition and Cup (£60): Mark Hildebrand.
Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize (£100): Gavin Weaire.
Victor Graham Prize in Mathematics (£1,000): Meriel Huggard.
John Thompson Scholarship (£200): Anne-Sophie Pedersen.
Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize (£120): Carol Conway.
John Bennett Memorial Prize (£50): Duncan Foster.
B'nai B'rith Scholarship (£150): John Armstrong.
Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize (£70): Andrew Darby.
Bessie Bury Prize for English: Gavin Weaire.
Alan Peters Memorial Prize: Robert Shaw.
Casserley Memorial Prize for English: Kitty Holland.
German Government Prize: Simon Ridley.
Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Carol Conway.
S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: John Armstrong, Adrienne Wynne.
Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Gillian Hare.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Selena Darby.
O.B.U. Debating Medal: Micheal Lunny.
Diocesan School Music Prize: Mark Wilkes.
Class Prizes: Alison Blackmore, Sarah Dawson, Sonya Dowsett, Aoife Mannix, Trudi Rothwell, Carol-Ann Veale.
- 5— Mitchell Scholarship: Timothy Hawkins.
Dr. Start's Prize for Chemistry: Gareth Lloyd.
Parents' Association Prize for English: Colin Dunne.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Grace Hamilton.
Diocesan School Music Prize: Michael Blythman.
Class Prizes: Eoghan Casey, Susan Coote, Fan Chie Lee, Alison Furney, Rosemary Garth, Colin Harris, Julian McCrae, Andrew Murry, Julia Nielsen, Hillas Smith.
- 4— Rogers Memorial Prize: Mark Wilkinson.
German Government Prize: Mark Wilkinson.
Dillon Prize for Mathematics: Mark Wilkinson.

Foster Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Karen Dawson.
Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize: Mark Wilkinson.
Emily Latimer Memorial Prize for English: Karen Dawson.
Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Karen Dawson.
Casserley Prize for History: Karen Dawson.
S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Justin Morton.
Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Avril Harris.

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Peter Hanan.

4A1 Wesley Darlington, Ian Rowell.

4A2 Brian Hildebrand, Neil Watson.

4B1 Martin Kelly, Keith Sherling.

4B2 Keith McConnell, Aileen Strachan.

4B3 Shirley Byrne, Jeremy Dickson.

3— Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize: Clare Dowling.

McNay Prize for English: Deborah O'Neill.

Parents' Association Prize for Mechanical Drawing: Jeremy Chipperfield.

Miss Michell's Prize for Art: Neville Cobbe.

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes: Adam Jewell, Alan Taylor.

3A1 Annalee Fennell, Emily Doherty.

3A2 Brian Bird, Jeremy Sargent.

3B1 Kenneth Heslip, Eric McCarthy.

3B2 Hazel Babington, Neal Parker.

3B3 Carol Moore, Jonathan White.

2— McNay Prize for English: Naoise Griffin.

Parents' Association Prize for Woodwork: Philip Blythman.

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Alex Kearney.

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes: Bruce Murphy, Stuart Luke.

Dorothy Blakeney Prize for Biology Project: Rory Timlin, Dominic Merriman.

2A1 Ruth Dowling, Helen Finch.

2A2 Aoife Davey, Fiona Campbell.

2B1 Louise Gobbett, Emmett Rogers.

2B2 Rebecca Griffin, Timothy Cains.

2B3 Gwen Le Lu, David Vora.

1— Etheline Brady Prize: Sarah Rowell.

Jellett Memorial Prize for Irish: Catherine Loane.

1A1 Simon Stroughair, Anthony Lock.

1A2 Steven Edge, Heidi Kinsella.

1B1 Richard McCrae, Samantha Giusti.

1B2 James Watson, Niall Coghlan.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship: Ross McCulloch (Rathfarnham National School).

Scott Cooper, Rathfarnham National School.

Eamonn Gallagher, Ballyroan National School.

Garret Lyons, Ballyroan National School.

Naomi Smith, Zion National School.

Music Scholarships: Philippa Wilkes, Kildare Place School.
Isolde Carmody, Kildare Place School.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 1989

Paul Allen, Melissa Alexander, Vicente Alonso, Elizabeth Armstrong, John Armstrong, David Bailey, Lynne Beamish, Tara Bell, Alison Blackmore, Ingrid Blain, Derdriu Bloomer, Kinny Bolton, Richard Boyd, Cliona Bradly, Catherine Brosnan, Dermot Brosnan, Melanie Brown, Gary Brunker, Lisa Buttner, Mark Byrne, Ruth Byrne, Graham Campbell, Graham Caulwell, Seng Heng Chee, Bee Yin Chua, Lisa Coggins, Duncan Cole, Rachel Coleman, Carol Conway, Joanne cooper, Sharon Dalgetty, Andrew Darby, Selena Darby, Sarah Dawson, Philip Doherty,

Jocelyn Douglas, Sarah Douglas, Sonya Dowsett, Alan Duffy, Cormac Duncan, Andrew Dunne, Kerry Dunne, Max Egan, Leonard Foster, Stuart Fox, Moira Fraser, Tracy Freeney, Stuart Gamble, David Gibson, Stuart Hibson, Elida Goldwater, Gillian Hare, Philip Harbron, Christian Hartung, Cedric Heather, Susannah Helme, Robert Heslip, Neil Hewson, Jessica Hickson, dawn Hildebrand, Mark Hildebrand, Ashley Hill, Wendy Hill, Yumi Hoashi, Kitty Holland, Meriel Huggard, Glenda Hughes, Nigel Jenkinson, Deborah Jobling, Avril Johnson, Peter Johnson, Stephen Johnston, Sarah Kavanagh, Wendy Keatinge, Simon Kennedy, Nicola Kilroy, David Kutner, Mia Kutner, Sarah Lamb, Linda Ca Nee Lau, Ronan Le Lu, Ching Nei Ling, David Ling, Diane Lowe, Trevor Lowry, Janine Lyons, Micheal Lunny, Eve McAulay, Katherine McClatchie, Trevor McCarthy, Andreas McConnell, Craig McGeeney, Helen McNab, Sandra Mahon, Aoife Mannix, Simon Meldrum, Mark Meredith, Deborah Millar, Rory Miller, Simon Molloy, Guy Molyneaux, Amanda Moody, Edward Moore, Simon Moore, Alison Murdock, Juliet Nash, Augustus Nichols, Audrey Nicholson, Simon O'Brien, Daniel O'Doherty, Tracy Ormiston, Fiacre O'Sullivan, Gareth O'Sullivan, Anne-Sophie Pedersen, Keith Pinkerton, Jonathan Pratt, Fiona Reeves, Miriam Reid, Simon Ridley, Mark Riseley, Heather Robinson, Kevin Rodgers, Trudi Rothwell, Lynn Ruddle, Fiona Ryan, Christian Scheffer, John Senior, Alan Shaw, Robert Shaw, Alison Shellard, Victoria Singleton, Derek Sinnamon, Karen Sloan, Brian Spendlove, Neil Squires, David Stevenson, Jason Stuart, Conor Sweeney, Paul Swords, Gregg Taylor, Michael Taylor, Susan Tidey, Kim Troy, Carol-Ann Veale, Rebecca Walker, Joy Warner, Drusilla Watson, Gavin Weaire, Mark Wilkes, Louisa Wood, Barry Woods, Adrienne Wynne, Hua Tang Yong, David Young.

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Joanne Cooper, Philip Doherty, Stephen Johnston, Deborah Jobbling, Simon Ridley, Mark Riseley, Trudi Rothwell, Robert Shaw, Drusilla Watson, Adrienne Wynne.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE 1989

Desmond Armstrong, Alexander Bacik, Rachel Ball, Vanessa Barcroft, Justin Barrett, Roy Beattie, David Neere, Sandra Bell, Derek Bradshaw, Sara Brown, Neil Brownell, Shirley Byrne, Pascale Caillabet, Leanne Campbell, Peter Clements, Neil Cogan, Peter cogan, Jennifer Coleman, Ross Cooper, Ander Corish, Trevor Craven, Rachel Crebbin, Wesley Darlington, Karen dawson, Jeremy Dickson, Amanda Dixon, Lynn Doran, Barry Douglas, Julie Douglas, Jennifer Dowling, Susan Dowling, Nigel Eakins, Robert Edge, Suzanne Fahy, Mark Farrell, Colm Flood, Andros Florides, Nathan Fox, Wendy Freeney, Michael Frost, Clodagh Galway, Sean Gilmour, Sarah Giltrap, Dylan Giusti, Trudi Goldberg, Simon Good, Ada Gregory, Iris Gyves, Darryl Hagan, Robert Hall, Gary Hanan, Peter Hanan, Avril Harris, Peter Hayes, Tanya Hempenstall, Lucinda Hickson, Brian Hildebrand, Pearl Hunt, Trevor Jobling, Benjamin Johnson, Karen Johnson, Matthew Jones, Robert Jones, Martin Kelly, Avril Kilbey, Jason Kilroy, Simon King, David Knott, Alexandra Lamont, Kyra Laughlin, Stefano Lindsay, Peter Lowe, Keith Lowry, Vivienne Luke, Keith McConnell, Jacqueline McCoy, Paula McGurdy, Stephen McNeill, Barnaby Morton, Justin Morton, Dagmar Mull, Clare Mulroy, Geoffrey Needham, Derek Neilson, Alan Nixon, Naomi O'Callaghan, Peter O'Leary, Cian O Maolchoille, Emma Phillips, Alan Poynton, Clifford Redmond, Jonathan Reid, Andrew Robinson, Graham Robinson, Aoife Robinson, Ian Rowell, Geoffrey Sargent, David Senior, Leslie Shaw, Victoria Shaw, Keith Sherling, Jack Slattery, Keith Swift, Linda Taylor, Ciaran Timlin, Joshua Walker, Grahame Walsh, Jonathan Walshe, Samantha Warbrick, Shirley Warnock, Neil Watson, Robert Wilkes, Emma Wilkie, Mark Wilkinson, Owen Williams, Mark Williamson, David Willis, Sarah Willoughby, Melanie Woods, Dilys Wright.

Young Home Economist of the Year



Left to right: Denise Sweeney (NDC), Deirdre Gyves 3B, Louise Gobbett 3B, and Frances Wilson at "The Young Home Economist of the Year" competition sponsored by the National Dairy Council.

In October of last year, Deirdre Gyves and I heard from Miss Wilson that the National Dairy Council were holding a project competition and after looking through the titles which included "The Teeth", "Dressmaking for Myself", "The Facts on Fast Food" and "Embroidery", we picked "The Role of Milk in the Menu". We prepared our project by sending away for information to the various dairies and gathering together as much information between us and we each did an equal amount of work. It took us about two months to finish it completely. We prepared six dishes using milk and milk products, which included Lasagne with yogurt topping, Sole a la creme, Leek soup and milk shakes! The regional finals were held in the Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire on Saturday, 27th of January, where we displayed our project. We enjoyed a lovely lunch supplied by Bord B  inne and then a panel, judged all the projects. After their decisions we all received a certificate. At the end of the day it was a very enjoyable experience.

*Louise Gobbett (3B1)
Deirdre Gyves (3B1)*

IN MEMORIAM

RACHAEL GIBNEY
Died 23rd March, 1990, aged 13



This photograph was taken with Archbishop Caird on the occasion of Rachael's Confirmation.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The Third Session, Thessaloniki, Greece,
November, 1989

In September, 1989, High School was asked if it would represent Ireland at the Third European Youth Parliament (E.Y.P.) in Thessaloniki, Greece, in November. Mr. Wallace agreed to take responsibility for gathering a delegation worthy of this task. He also realised that money would be a major problem, so, as soon as thirteen people had been chosen, we set about finding a solution.

The conclusion we came to was that money would have to be raised through sponsors and a fund-raising event. After a few weeks of tactfully badgering large firms we had managed to raise almost all the money we needed. Amongst our sponsors were many household names, including Smurfits, Shell and Nokia, but firms also provided large sums of money, such as Pension and Investments Consultants and Royal Life Ireland. Naturally, the Old Boys' Union and the Parents' Association were behind us; with their help and the pupils and friends who participated in the Table Quiz in the school, we were able to raise all the money.

With the money raised, our next task was to research the topics we would be discussing in Greece. This we did with the help of The European Parliament Library and many of the delegates were later praised on the comprehensiveness of their research. MEP, Mrs. Mary Banotti spoke to us about the work of the Parliament.

The delegation to the 3rd European Youth Parliament arrived into Thessalonik Airport at 4.00p.m. (together with two other delegations) on Friday, November 3rd, to a warm welcome from the Greeks. These courteous people were the perfect hosts throughout our stay.

The delegation consisted of twelve "diplomats" (who each had a committee and a topic to discuss in the parliament) one of which was an "ambassador", (with responsibility for the delegation as a whole) and one journalist, whose job it was to publish a newspaper dealing with the activities of the E.Y.P.

Once each delegate had found his or her "host family" they returned to their hosts' homes, to meet again in the morning. I think it is true to say that most of the Irish delegation got on very friendly terms with their "host-brother" or "host-sister" very quickly. These people were of a similar age to us and they soon helped us to "explore" Thessaloniki in the company of other delegates from the twelve countries involved. One has only to talk to the delegation to learn that this trip was not only educationally beneficial but was an enjoyable social experience!

When we all met again the first morning at Anatolia College we felt rested and refreshed, despite the noise during the night from the canvassers for the National Parliamentary Elections. It was a two hour coach journey from Anatolia College to Aghios Nikolaos, where the Outward Bound weekend took place, and we spent this time talking with the delegations on our committees from other countries, who were on the coaches with us. The scenery in the areas we passed through was breathtaking and beautiful (and apparently also typically Greek). Upon arrival we were introduced to our Outward Bound instructors (from various countries around Europe); generally one, but sometimes two, for each committee.

Basically the Outward Bound weekend consisted of a series of team-building and confidence-building tasks, starting on the Saturday morning with the relatively simple, such as standing on a long bench and, without touching the ground, rearranging everybody into alphabetical order!, and finishing on the Sunday afternoon with the extremely difficult task of each committee trying to organise and present a concert item of some sort! These items were mostly very amusing (particularly the ones that didn't go quite according to plan!) and all contained the message that we had enjoyed ourselves. Everybody was exhausted upon their beds with not a thought for the morrow.

Monday morning was a whole new experience. The delegations met at Anatolia College again and were presented with folders

containing information on Anatolia, Thessaloniki and the programme for the week. We then had the Opening Session of the European Youth Parliament during which the president of the 3rd E.Y.P., Frank Carr-Allinson, the President of Anatolia College and the 12 ambassadors each made a speech. After a short coffee break it was straight down to committee work.

The task of the committees was to reconcile each delegate's view on the committee's topic with each other delegate's view, in the space of just three days, and to produce a resolution from these combined views. There were twelve committees each with two topics, only one of which could be discussed in the General Assembly at the end of the week. The topics finally discussed were the rain forests, Europe and Lebanon, aid for the Third World, disinformation in the media, trade between Europe and Russia, A.I.D.S., ecology and agriculture, racism, nuclear energy, the new poor, external economic relations and equality of qualifications. The committees worked well under the tremendous time-pressure and produced well thought-out resolutions.

The journalists succeeded in publishing three newspapers in five days, of five, nine and eighteen pages respectively. The subjects for most of the articles were the same as those discussed in the committees, although there were some articles on other topics such as the political problems in Greece, the problems some delegations had raising finances for travel costs and even a three part series of Greek lessons (very useful for our night-time activities!!).

The first three days of the week were used by the committees to put together their resolutions for presentation in the General Assembly. Most committees had their resolutions complete by lunch-time on Wednesday, and so were able to take part in the organised Basketball and Volleyball matches in the afternoon. These were highly enjoyable and renewed the feeling of a "combined youth of Europe" which was present throughout the week.

Thursday morning brought us to a new venue, that of the National Exhibition Centre, where the General Assembly took place. It was here in particular that the Irish delegates excelled, showing their strong debating skills and general willingness to participate. It was here, too, that we heard the wonderful news about the opening of the Berlin Wall; an emotional occasion, for the West Germans in particular.

A "Euroconcert" took place, on the Thursday evening, at which delegates from several E.C. countries performed solos on various instruments (of their choice). This was a great success and we even got a chance to see some traditional Greek dancing which we might otherwise have missed.

Friday, November 10th, saw the completion of the 3rd E.Y.P. and the continuation of the General Assembly. The majority of the resolutions proposed by the committees — there were only two exceptions — were approved by vote, and I think everyone was pleasantly surprised by the high standard of debate. A sight-seeing tour of Thessaloniki was organised for the afternoon and this showed us much of interest in the town. The final organised event of the week was the party/disco on Friday night where everyone had a good time despite the tearful farewells.

We were all sad to leave our "host-families" and indeed Greece. The Greek people had been most kind and helpful and we were only too sorry that we had so much to do during the E.Y.P. week that we could not see much of that wonderful country and its equally wonderful people.

The delegation is indebted to Mr. Wallace's ingenuity and dedication; without him and our sponsors the trip would not have been possible.

The delegates were: Simon King (Political), Matthew Jones (External Economic Relations), Trevor Craven (Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), Timothy Hawkins (Energy, Research and Technology), Mark Wilkinson (Development and Co-operation), Stephen Douglas (Legal, Citizen's and Women's Rights and Ambassador), Andros Florides (Education, Youth and Culture), Clifford Redmond (Public Health), Ian Rowell (Information and Media) and David Willis (Journalist). The 3rd E.Y.P. was a great challenge and its success depended not only on the good organization and support of the event, but also on the delegates who, throughout their stay, were (in my opinion) true representatives of European Youth. Thanks again to all those who were involved.

David Willis

Fourth Session Fontainebleau, March, 1990

"Have fun!" This is the 10th and last rule of the European Youth Parliament and one which we could not help obeying strictly. The Irish delegation was sponsored by Murray Telecommunications Ireland and involved three pupils from The High School: Trevor Craven on the Committee for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Rachel Crebbin on the Committee for Legal, Citizen's and Women's Rights, and Stephen Douglas as Chairperson for the Political Committee and Vice-President of the European Youth Parliament.

The Parliament returned to its headquarters in the beautiful town of Fontainebleau, with its famous Chateau and expansive gardens. The first weekend of the Parliament takes the form of an adventure course of team building and co-operation exercises. Committees meet and are put into often difficult roles to make them learn to listen to each other's ideas and to overcome their

problems by working together and helping each other through situations. These weekends are organised by the International Outward Bound Schools and are the key to the success of the whole Parliament. As St. Patrick's Day fell during the outward bound days we organised a céilí. Everyone had great fun as we promoted our culture in Europe!

On Monday morning the less fit delegates stuck out like sore thumbs, or maybe sore limbs is a more appropriate metaphor. Ambassadors introduced their delegations at the opening ceremony and our young president, Frank Carr-Allison welcomed us all. During the week topics for discussion ranged from the fairly predictable like 'E.C. Aid to Eastern Europe' and 'Promotion of the European Spirit through Education' to the rather more radical such as 'The Legalisation of Soft Drugs' and 'The Reduction of Agricultural Subsidies'. Evenings were spent mostly in the small cafes scattered throughout Fontainebleau, returning then to our wonderful host families.

The real action began with General Assembly on Thursday and Friday. Here the committees would present their resolutions to the other delegates and hope for approval. Debate was usually civil but never docile. Questions and speeches were as varied as those which you might expect from Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, Leader of the U.S.S.R., and Frank (Ooh Betty) Spencer of *Some Mothers do 'ave 'em!* Eleven resolutions were passed and only one rejected. These have now been forwarded to the European Parliament for reading and discussion, and if we are lucky, some for adoption.

During the week we enjoyed speeches by Mr Perez Royo, Vice President of the European Parliament, and Mrs Jessica Levivier, Dutch M.E.P. A key element in her speech was to tell us how important we are, the youth of Europe preparing for the future, your future.

The E.Y.P. is a fascinating and truly life changing experience. Anyone who is given the opportunity to take part should do so. Remember, it's our future. Carpe Diem.

Rachel Crebbin

Fifth Year Fashion Aid

The idea for this Fashion Show came at the end of last Summer. The hope was to involve as many people in 5th Year as possible, to put together a fashion show using clothes from the Oxfam shops in Dublin. Funds raised would go to the Overseas Development Programmes taking place in the Third World countries.

Our first meeting took place in September 1989; at this stage clothes were already being collected. People signed up with whichever department they wanted to work in: modelling, production, make-up artistry, dressing, music, lighting, stage & set construction or publicity.

Very soon we organised fitting sessions with the models and some walking practice. Models were put into groups, and the first of their clothes were stored away for later use. Publicity were already hard at work, writing letters asking for raffle prizes and sponsorship. A production team was set up which consisted of Tanya Hempenstall (stage manager), William O'Connell (publicity), Paula McGurdy (backstage), Trevor Craven (stage sets, etc.), Vickey Shaw (female models) and Nathan Fox (male models).

Everyone was battling to beat the deadline of January 25th. When we returned to school after Christmas some serious work took place. This was, as with all good events, carefully camouflaged by chaos. Clothes were finalised, routines practised, repractised, scrapped and rewritten. Everyone became edgy as the big date approached. We encountered the problems which go along with an event like this, but these were overcome by our excellent teamwork and swift talking.

The show was to start with ethnic clothes from countries such as Peru, Gambia, India, Malaysia, England and Ireland. Some of

these countries may need the help of Oxfam. The show went on with casual clothing and through into scenes from "Gone With The Wind" and "Out of Africa". Other scenes were: "City Slickers", "Rock 'n Roll", "Punk", "Flares", and then our totally original "90's Clothes". The show drew to a close with our



Presenting the cheque to Oxfam.

stunning bridal wear and then the Finale in which everyone took part.

Fifth year Fashion Aid was a complete success, thanks to the hard work of all those involved. We reached our target of £2,500 and hope that we have increased the awareness of Oxfam's work for the Third World. Thanks to Mr. Benson and all the teachers

who helped us, and especially, to Sally-Ann Kinahen and Helen Hempenstall from Oxfam who helped us with clothes and generally aided the smooth running of the event. Thank you to everyone who took part in the Fashion Show and made it what it was.

Tanya Hempenstall (Producer) (5)



Some of the members of the 5th Year fashion aid at a press conference in the Oxfam Shop, King Street.

The Japanese Visit

The Japanese visit was, to put it mildly, a great success. It was mainly due to the organising ability of Yoshi Ishii and the Dundrum/Leopardstown Junior Chamber of Commerce. Yoshi Ishii is Japanese, has lived in Ireland for the past ten years and is director of her own company, the Japan Ireland Connection, with which she hopes to forge strong links between Japan and Ireland (she was also our translator during the visit). The cultural exchange with the Japanese had been simmering for the past two years, until Matsue city in the north of west Japan found cause to celebrate its centenary. One of its most celebrated historical figures was a secondary school teacher called Lafcadio Hearn of Greek-Irish-American descent but brought up in England. This was enough of a reason for Matsue officials to include Ireland in a European tour on which it hoped to send the cream of its youthful Matsue Society. Once Ms. Ishii and the Junior Chamber heard about this, they, without hesitation, organised an official cultural exchange. The race was then on to find the elite youngsters to avail of this trip of a lifetime. A newspaper ad. drew its youth from all Matsue's corners and after rigorous eliminations which included interviews and tests, thirty of the city's best delegates were chosen from eleven of Matsue's junior high schools.

High School was honoured by the Junior Chamber when they

were asked to participate in the exchange and host the Japanese. Volunteers were then asked to host a visitor and from a "menu" of Japanese which included their names and hobbies, the visitors were chosen, to specification. Little more was heard from them except for letters of introduction and photos sent to and fro' to identify and inform each other so that we would not be complete strangers.

On Friday the 26th May, 1989 we prepared for their arrival while Miss Williams, Keith Edgely, Janet Veale and Niamh Lunny welcomed them at Dublin Airport. Keith was of particular interest to the Japanese, as diminutive people are admired by them and red hair is considered extremely unusual, as Japan's population is predominantly and monotonously black haired. These two factors raised Keith to an almost deity-like status when welcoming the Japanese!

On arrival the thirty delegates, three teachers, five civil servants and six journalists (in the process of making a documentary about the visit) disembarked and were warmly welcomed by Mr. Brook and the rest of the school.

Firstly we gave them, as quoted by the "Southside Express", a "slap-up feed" or "a traditional Irish lunch of chips, burgers and beans" which was gratefully eaten after their long journey. We



The Japanese on arrival.

then, having to fill in time, guided our visitors around the school and inevitably led them to the lower pitch where, having annexed a group of playful Sixth Upper's football, proceeded to have a game through the truly international language of soccer (no language barrier so far!)

After this we were shown a marvellously compiled Bord Fáilte propaganda video by Mr. Swan as they would see very little of Ireland during their visit and the video gave them a rough idea of what rural Ireland is like. At 2.00 p.m. we were completely stunned when, in the Reynolds Hall, the Japanese unpacked dozens of examples of Japanese culture, such as calligraphy, origami and tea making. We then heard a speech from a representative of the mayor of Matsue (all spoke in distinct and perfectly intelligible Japanese, fortunately Ms. Ishii translated), followed by a choir and soloist, a karate expert and a strange "dance routine" involving hollow tubes with money in them. All in all an excellent afternoon's entertainment; now for the tricky bit! We then had to take home a person of a completely alien culture and language to ours, and entertain them for the evening.

Funnily enough, not many people had problems entertaining them although the variety of methods of entertainment is too vast to cover in depth or even at all in this article, so we leave it in the hands (or rather the heads) of the readers' imagination. (Not too imaginative please, but if you do happen to think of something excessively imaginative, send it to the Surrealist Banana!)

The following day after our/their (delete where applicable) ordeal on Friday we brought them to the school from where they would travel into Dublin city centre. There they, and a few High School representatives, were given a civic reception by the then Lord Mayor, Ben Briscoe, at the Mansion House followed by a quick tour of Dublin. With hardly a breath in between, they went on a tour of Glendalough.

The ever enthusiastic pupils, parents and teachers met the Japanese in the evening to give a short demonstration of our Irish traditions. After yet another game of soccer and some refreshments, the school orchestra conducted by Mr. Wisener, gave a commendable performance which was much appreciated. Following this was some spectacular Irish dancing by Janet Micks, who, Fourth Year are ashamed to say, is in Fifth Year, which shows our continued shameful lack of dedication to our own culture.

The evening was concluded with "thank-yous" by representatives of both sides. The Japanese were extremely

complimentary of our method of hosting them and they were generally impressed by Ireland.

The following Sunday, at the rather uncivilised hour of 7.30 a.m., we brought our visitors to the school for their final departure. We exchanged stories of the incredible generosity of the Japanese shown by the boxes of presents given to us, making most of us feel very humble and prompting our ever faithful parents to rush out for us, hunting for a plastic leprauchan or suitable tea-towel to reciprocate the compliment. Many tears were shed during the difficult farewells, but this showed the extent of our new found friendships. We were the only country in which the tour would stay in a "traditional home", but their tour was not over yet. In the next week, they hoped to go to Paris, Geneva and Athens, taking in as much as your average American could, while touring Europe in a week, but to be fair, their visual and photographic coverage of the tour was extensive, both with personal cameras and the journalists' fully fledged T.V. cameras, which recorded both short concerts, interviews, soccer games and . . . and as a matter of fact, as much as they could record!

Special thanks must go to Miss Williams, Ms. Ishii, the other teachers and of course all those in the school office, who organised the event, and to the everfaithful parents.

That wasn't the end though! In December 1990, the High School was officially presented with the Lafcadio Hearn Award valued at 1,200 punts! With it was bought a Personal Computer (a Sanyo!) which was presented by Yoshii Ishii and a Japanese Cultural Attaché. It is hard to find words for the gratitude we felt towards the people of Matsue after this token of their appreciation.

The Lafcadio Hearn Award was particularly apt as it was he, a mixed breed of anything but Japanese, who wrote such descriptive works about Japan, just as we have helped foster communications between Japan, a nation anything but Irish, and Ireland.

Stuart D. Kinsella (4A1)

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European Action for the Environment

This year form 3A1 in co-operation with two Northern schools (Knockbreda High School, Belfast, and St. Columbanus, Bangor) won the European action for the environment award. This was a project involving about thirty schools throughout the island. It was organised jointly by the Curriculum Development Unit in Trinity College, Dublin, and the Department of Education, Northern Ireland. The aims of the project were to increase environmental awareness and promote cross-border co-operation. The award marked the end of a year's project work.

The Dodder Valley Project

In our project we studied three main areas: History, Science and Geography. The History section of the project concerned a study of Milltown in the Nineteenth century. We concentrated on Transport, Mills and Bridges, National Schools, Census returns and the Dublin Laundry Company. Our sources varied from monuments, ruined buildings and commemorative plaques, to delving into the depths of National Archive and National Library material.



In the Science project we studied three types of pollution: air, land and water in the Milltown area, concentrating on the area surrounding the nearby Dodder. The air quality was found out using lichens as pollution indicators. Pollution on land was calculated through observations of the presence of litter and various organisms. Finally the pollution of the Dodder was measured through observations and tests on water samples. We concluded that the quality of the air and land in the area were relatively clean, but that the water in the Dodder was more polluted than average.

In the Geography aspect of the project, we studied six sites regularly spaced along the Dodder, from its source in the Dublin/Wicklow mountains on the northern slope of Kippure to the suburban areas of Dublin. At each of these sites we measured velocity, depth and width of the river, then with the aid of diagrams and graphs we compared the sites and made assumptions from our results.

The purpose of the visits between the schools was to share the results of the project.

Visit of Northern Schools to the High School Danum

On Wednesday, 8th November, 1989, there was pandemonium in the Reynolds Hall as we set up our exhibition in anticipation of the two northern schools arriving at noon. We were organised into groups of four and went into lunch which was prepared by the canteen staff. During lunch and a post-lunch walk we acquainted ourselves with our northern counterparts.

We reassembled in the Reynolds Hall in the afternoon for introductory speeches from pupils and teachers. The two

northern schools presented Mr. Brook and the school with plaques to mark the visit.

Our visitors completed a questionnaire on our project compiled by the class. After this we headed for Dublin Castle where we were brought on a tour of the building. In the castle we observed that preparations were well underway for Ireland's presidency of the European Council of Ministers. We then had an hour and a half of free time during which we brought out northern friends to the St. Stephen's Green shopping centre.

Fond farewells were made by all and 4A1 were eagerly awaiting the return trip to Belfast.

The High School Visit to Knockbreda High School, Belfast

After an early start, the journey north to Belfast, on 13th December, 1989, was livened up due to the presence of party balloons courtesy of Malcolm R. J. Tyrrell. After a warm greeting by St. Columbanus and Knockbreda High School, we were entertained by games of pool, darts, table tennis and bowls in their common room. We got to know each other better over lunch in their canteen. Speeches were delivered by Clare Dowling and Keith Edgely who then presented plaques to the northern schools. Numerous photographs were taken much to everyone's delight!

During the afternoon, we were taken on a very interesting tour of Belfast City Hall which was also amusing as our guide could well be described as "a character". Following this, the Lord Mayor, Reg Empey, invited us to tea and presented Mr. Brook with a plaque to mark the occasion.

After the tour we were given a couple of hours to shop in Belfast. We met back at our coach and said a final farewell to the northern students and their teachers.

A tired and happy party made their way back to Dublin after an unforgettable day with our new friends from the north of Ireland!

The Exhibition in Dublin and the Winning of the Award

On Sunday, 21st January, 1990, a group of hopeful and cheerful High School pupils awaited the arrival of seven visitors plus two teachers from the two northern schools. The train arrived at 8 p.m. and we brought our visitors to the "Green Room" in the North Star Hotel. Refreshments were provided and following this the visitors went to stay in the homes of High School pupils. On Monday morning the visitors attended Assembly and were formally greeted by Mr. Brook. Last minute preparations were made and the party headed for the Riverside Centre in the school minibus to set up the project for the exhibition. Many schools from all over Ireland were represented there. The project was set up, taken down and set up again many times before it looked "right".



North, South co-operation... Geraldine Murray (left), St. Columbanus's High School, Bangor; Alan Cooper (centre right), Knockbreda High Street, Belfast; and Ruth Boyd, The High School, Dublin, receive their prize for winning the European Action for the Environment project from Mr. Joe Hogarty of Trinity College, Dublin. Also included in the picture is Councillor Ivan Thompson, Mayor of North Down, and Mrs. Anne Thompson, who hosted the reception in Bangor Castle. More than 70 schools, in groups of three from throughout Ireland, took part in the competition.

We were given an hour for lunch and then the whole project was officially opened by Mary Banotti, M.E.P. By this time the rest of the class had come in, to view the exhibition being displayed.

The judges walked around the various projects talking to the teams and, after about an hour, order was called to announce the winners. We won first prize and received a certificate and a cheque for £500 to be used for further Co-operation North ventures within the school.

When the school heard the news, Mr. Brook and Mr. Benson very kindly gave us all the opportunity of a meal funded by the school. The "Bad-Ass Cafe" was chosen and a great feast was had by all. We presented each of the teachers from the northern schools with a book on the history of Dublin.

It was a sad time saying goodbye at Connolly Station. Addresses were exchanged and many promises to write were made by all.

Following the project we have all been made conscious of the quality of the environment around High School. We developed friendships and understandings with the pupils from Knockbreda and St. Columbanus High School. Form 4A1 would like to thank a number of people: Mrs. Geoghegan (Science), Mr. Irwin (History) and Mr. Swan (Geography), who helped us compile our projects, Mr. Benson who provided local knowledge on the Milltown area and much needed practical help and Mr. Brook for his keen interest and support throughout the year. Finally, the project would not have been possible without Mr. Irwin's unfailing enthusiasm.

Claire Dowling
Ingrid O'Callaghan
Stuart D. Kinsella
Simon Fitzpatrick (4A1)

Urban Plunge

The aims of the Urban Plunge are to learn a greater awareness of other communities' culture, build bridges and friendships between the people of both communities and to observe how the Church responds to problems of poverty and injustices.

From Wednesday 1st November to Friday 3rd November, Julie Kirkham and I stayed in a home for battered wives in Donore Avenue. We got to know some of the women staying there who were very friendly.

On Thursday we went to the Four Courts where Julie and I were shown around the prison cells and later met the Justice. We then listened to some of the court cases. After that we went to see some social workers who showed us around the place where they worked and told what was involved in their job. We then went back to the home and had a good old chat with some of the women. We had to be in bed at 9.30 but unfortunately we had to be up just as early, around seven thirty. After I had my breakfast which consisted of porridge, bread and tea (I just had tea) one of the nuns brought me to Brendan's Hospital to visit a woman who had stayed in the home before. Every door we went through was locked after us. It was awful. We talked to the woman for a while and then we went to James' Hospital where I met a man who had AIDS. We stayed for about half an hour and then went back to the home. In the meantime Julie had gone to visit some old people in their flats.

We spent the afternoon making Christmas cards which the nuns asked us to do for the parishioners. At about 4 o'clock we said goodbye to everyone and went home.

It was an enlightening experience and it was only after it that I realised how lucky I really am in my lifestyle in suburban Dublin compared to the lifestyle of those living in the inner city.

Julie Douglas (5)

Tree Planting Scheme

In February we were invited by the Irish Wheelchair Association to take part in their Tree Planting Partnership Scheme, which was launched this year as part of their 30th birthday celebrations. This fundraising scheme gave High School the opportunity of enhancing the environment by planting trees, while at the same time helping the Wheelchair Association.

Students throughout the school enthusiastically set to work collecting as much as possible for the projects. By the end of the month we had managed to raise the excellent total of £582. Under the Partnership scheme we were given a deciduous tree for every £25 we had raised. The selection of trees chosen by Mr. Benson was mostly beech, birch and oak as these fit into the overall plan for the school grounds.



Deputy Alan Shatter planting one of the trees.

On Monday the 12th of March, Deputy Alan Shatter, T.D., Fine Gael spokesman on the Environment and an old boy of High School, along with Mrs. Miriam McNally of the Irish Wheelchair Association came to High School for a ceremonial planting of one of the trees. It turned out that High School donated more to the fund than any other school — a feat to be proud of.



Deputy Alan Shatter T.D., Ms Miriam McNally, the Headmaster and a group of pupils with the presentation cheque.

Mrs. Miriam McNally has also invited a delegation from the school to visit the Association's centre in Clontarf, Co. Dublin.

Enormous gratitude is due to the organisers of the project, Mrs. Davin and Mr. Irwin, to all those who contributed to the fund throughout the school, and to Mr. Benson and our groundsmen who planted the trees and have kept them watered ever since.

Simon King (5th)
Robert Hall (5th)



THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD



Fifth Year Drama Production 1989

It was late September when auditions for the "Playboy" took place and the lucky twelve "actors" were chosen. Then the work began. The rehearsals continued through October and November and it was interesting to see what Martin Maguire, our director, brought out of each actor and how they themselves developed their own characters. Although rehearsals were hard work, they were most enjoyable and all involved got to know each other very well, due to our director's schemes! But while the actors were working on the outward show, there was a lot of work going on behind the scenes also.

We had a fantastic "sets" crew who provided us with one of the best sets a High School play has ever seen. The costumes took time to put together but eventually they were completed and the whole cast fitted in very well with the "sheebeen". People involved in sound, lighting and publicity did a good job, too. It was due to this joint effort by the whole Fifth Year that the show was such a success, and, of course, to our Producer, Clare Mulroy, and Stage Manager, Trevor Craven, who made sure all the work was on schedule.

As the opening night drew near everything seemed to come together very smoothly. The dress rehearsal went well and this gave us extra confidence on the first night, which I consider was the best acted night. The three nights went without a hitch, apart from "Christy" hitting his head on one of the stage lights in between scenes, but fortunately he lived to go back on in scene two!

Finally, much praise must go to our valuable Director, Martin Maguire. The show wouldn't have been the success it was if it had not been for his enthusiasm and professionalism. We are very proud to have had a chance to work with him and are very sorry to see him go. Thanks a million, Marty!!

Dilys Wright, Asst. Stage Manager

CAST

(In order of appearance)

Margaret Flaherty (Peegen Mike)	Niamh McSweeney
Shawn Keogh	William O'Connell
Philly Cullen	Simon King
Jimmy Farrell	Jeremy Dickson
Michael James Flaherty	David Willis
Christopher Mahon	Ciarán Timlin
Widow Quin	Lucinda Hickson
Susan Brady	Alex Lamont
Sara Tansey	Paula McGurdy
Honor Blake	Vickey Shaw
Nelly McLoughlin	Aoife Robinson
Old Mahon	Wesley Darlington

Director	Martin Maguire
Producer	Clare Mulroy
Stage Manager	Trevor Craven
Asst. Stage Manager	Dilys Wright

Stage Construction: Peter Hanan, Warren Miller, Geoffrey Sargent, Sean Gilmour, Grahame Walshe, Jason Kilroy, Keith McConnell, Trevor Jobling, David Stephen, Cian O'Maolchoille, Jonathan Reid, Mark Williamson, Robert Jones, Leslie Shaw, Andrew Moffett, Vickey Shaw, David Beere, Trevor Craven, Dilys Wright, Lisa Sheehan, Ander Corish, Paula McGurdy, Alex Lamont, Robert Edge.

Artwork: Peter Hanan, Leslie Shaw, William O'Connell, Lucinda Hickson, Robert Wilkes, Dagmar Mull.

Costume: Avril Kilbey, Rachael Ball, Shirley Byrne, Rachael Crebbin, Tanya Hempenstall, Aileen Strachan, Eoin Williams, Lynn Doran, Sara Brown, Selen Donlan, Wendy Freney, Jacqui McCoy, Aoife Robinson, Pearl Hunt, Alex Lamont.

Make-up: Leanne Campbell, Dagmar Mull, Shirley Warnock, Ada Gregory, Lisa Sheehan, Julie Douglas, Pearl Hunt, Sandra Bell, Jennifer Dowling, Sarah Willoughby, Avril Harris, Rachael Ball.

Sound: Keith Spendlove, Peter O'Leary, Barry Douglas, Alan Poynton, David Senior.

Lighting: Karen Dawson, Naomi O'Callaghan, Andros Florides, Mark Wilkinson, Andrew Robinson, Carina Coleman, Jeremy Dickson.

Publicity: Sharon Moore, Jack Slattery, Suzie Fahy, Justin Barrett, Keith Lowry, Robert Wilkes, Matthew Jones, Roy Beattie, Grant Morton.

Front of House: Vanessa Barcroft, Kyra Loughlin, Pascale Caillabet, Janet Micks, Susan Dowling, Brian Hildebrand, Melanie Woods, Emma Phillips, Keith Sherling, Samantha Warbrick.

St. Andrew's International Model United Nations

High School entered two delegations for this session of the Model United Nations: Trevor Craven, Peter Hanan, Keith Sherling, Matthew Jones and Andros Florides representing The Netherlands; and Simon King, David Willis, Rachel Crebbin, Leslie Shaw and Mark Wilkinson as Democratic Kampuchea. The Conference was held in the R.D.S. from 18th — 21st April and was sponsored by Allied Irish Banks. Over 400 delegates from Ireland, U.K., Belgium, Germany, Finland and U.S.A. took part.

On 18th April the conference began with several hours of "lobbying" which consisted of circulating among the other delegations trying to gain support for your ideas which you

presented in the form of a resolution. On Thursday we attended an opening ceremony where we listened to approximately 80 speakers all saying the same thing. Quite frequently we heard: "Would it be in order for Madame President to have Democratic Kampuchea removed from this Assembly as they are Khmer Rouge Terrorists?"

During Thursday afternoon the various committees were in session. There were 3 political committees, 2 human rights, ecology and environment, economic and development, disarmament and, of course, the security council. Each committee had set topics to discuss ranging from the problem of the Antarctic to the continuing hostilities in the Middle East. The debates were ably chaired by the Parliamentarians, many of whom already had experience of chairing. The debates were often quite heated; the standard in most committees was very high. These committee meetings determined whether or not a resolution would be discussed in the General Assembly.

The General Assembly had at times some very good debate but sadly these times were few and far between. Some resolutions produced very good debate and were most interesting; others were not as good and made the days drag on somewhat. The last resolution, however, was perhaps the most significant. It was a security council resolution on the situation in the Middle East. This was supported by both the Arab States and the Israelis, and was passed almost unanimously.

We must congratulate Mr. Arthur Godsil for his excellent organisational work beforehand. Apart from the homeless Zaire delegation, this was a difficult task very well done. Thanks must also go to the sponsors of the event, A.I.B., for aiding this event. Thanks also to the R.D.S. for the venue.

Rachel Crebbin (5)

Mark Wilkinson (5)

Elefriends Report

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge "thank you" to everyone who participated in the Elefriends IVORY OUT pledge campaign. The chief aim of this campaign was to collect 100,000 signatures, one for every elephant slaughtered annually, and present these signatures at the C.I.T.E.S. (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) meeting in Lausanne last October. There a proposal was discussed to remove the elephant from Appendix 2 — which permitted limited trade in Ivory if it had not been poached — to Appendix 1, which applied an international trade ban. By September 1989 over 250,000 signatures had already been collected in Britain, establishing an all-time record for any charity. High School itself was responsible for about 500 signatures from staff and pupils alike. This was the record number of signatures in Ireland and we have received many thanks from Brendan Price, the organiser of the movement in Ireland.

However, the elephant has only received a reprieve, as there may be moves to downlist it again in two years' time. Countries such as Zimbabwe have audaciously claimed to have recovered elephant numbers and thus have elephants with ivory to spare! Ireland has not ratified C.I.T.E.S. so we must influence the consumer or buyer not to purchase Ivory in any form or sustain the market in other ways. Concerned readers can write to the Taoiseach urging the Irish Government to ratify C.I.T.E.S. and represent their voices at such meetings in the future. Thank you for all your help, please "keep up the good work".

Neville Cobbe (4)

Debating Society Report

1989—'90

The High School Debating Society commenced in 1989 with an already established set of speakers at its helm. Chaired admirably by Mr. Wallace with the highly capable Stephen Douglas as Auditor, the Society kicked off excellently with the first debate "That no Irish Representative should play sport in South Africa". A somewhat biased audience in favour of the motion did not hinder the debate, even though the motion was eventually carried.

A problem that soon arose, however, was the lack of attendance during what were extremely high standards of debating. I would put this down to ignorance towards the society as a whole. It is not, I assure you, an impenetrable 'clique' nor a gathering of bores! Rather it is a highly sophisticated way for someone to air their views, often with controversial and humorous results.

The annual 'Old Boys Debate' took an interest in the environment this year with the motion 'That the Conservation of the Natural Environment is more important than Economic Stability'. The debate was chaired — most enthusiastically as it turned out — by Mr. Trevor Sargent of the Green Party. It was won by the present pupils team of Stephen Douglas (Captain), Maurice Citron, Mark Wilkinson and Simon King who proposed the motion, but we must not forget the stimulating speeches by Gavin Weaire and Philip Doherty of the Old Boys.

The Society was rich in excellent speakers this year and people such as Mark Wilkinson, Ian Rowell, Brian Bird, Rachel Crebbin, Maurice Citron, Timothy Hawkins and Stephen Douglas have such a talent for speaking that when applied to a debate the results are magnificent. Nor must we forget the 'regulars' who will always be willing to speak and who prove themselves to be fine debaters. These include Keith Sherling, David Willis and Carina Coleman.

The winner of the Annual Old Boys' Debating medal is Simon King.

Simon King (Secretary)

The Junior Debating Society

The Junior Debating Society was started last year by Mrs. Conway. This year, the society met again every Monday, with a small but enthusiastic attendance each week. We had debates — some very heated, on stimulating motions such as "The Women's Lib Movement is a Worthwhile Association".

The most important event of this year was the inter-schools debate run by the Irish School of Ecumenics, in which we were invited to take part. Our intrepid team consisted of Brian Bird, Deborah O'Neill, Alexander Kearney and Helen Finch. We were told that the motion for the first round would be, "That the Churches have neglected the Green Issues". This debate was duly held, with High School and Rathdown proposing, and De La Salle opposing the motion. The debate was highly entertaining and very lively, with High School's team being declared the winners. The next debate was the final, to be held in the School of Ecumenics itself. This time the motion was to be "That women have been shamefully neglected by the Churches", and we would oppose — not so easy, we thought. Actually, arguments to support this motion were very easy to find, and the debate against Alexandra College held on the 23rd January, was fast and furious. The adjudicating panel had a hard time deciding who would be the overall winners, but Alexandra won — just about! However, the debates had been great fun and very informative, and we all enjoyed them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Barcroft and Mrs. Conway for their invaluable help and support.

Helen Finch

Careers Library

The Careers Library in Room C12 is open to all pupils at Break Times. Here they may consult and borrow folders giving information about careers, prospecti giving details of courses in different educational centres — in fact, as much printed information as we can get about the options open to all school leavers.

Mr. Miller will always be glad to hear from any parent or past pupil with information about courses, career prospects, or activities of firms, which can be put in the Library.

Career Talks

The High School is most grateful to the following who gave up their time to talk to members of the Fifth Year in the past year.

Summer Term 1989

Estate Agency: Mr. P. Newman, Douglas, Newman, Good.
Photography: Mr. I. Epstein, Entertainments Unlimited Ltd.
Biology: Ms. E. ni Lamhna, Consultant, Terenure.
Acting: Mr. R. Smith, Second Age Productions.
British Polytechnics: Mr. G. Ward, Hatfield Polytech.
Marketing: Video shown.
Going for Interview: Mr. R. Miller, High School.
Hotel Industry: Mr. C. McPeake, Orwell Lodge Hotel.
Psychology: Ms. M. Kenny, St. John of God Family Centre.
Employment Agency: Mr. J. Ellis, Joan Morrison Personnel.

Autumn Term 1989

Going to University: Mr. A. Kelly, The High School.
D.I.T. College: Mr. R. Miller, The High School.
Law: Mr. G. Richards, Matheseon, Ormsby and Prentice.
L.S.B. College: Ms. J. Kilcullen, Language, Secretarial & Business College.
Young Ireland Movement: Ms. M. Donovan, Oatlands College.
Banking: Mr. C. Mangan, Bank of Ireland, Terenure.
Engineering: Mr. R. West, T.C.D.
Languages/Marketing: Dr. D. Denby, Dublin City University.
Medicine: Dr. P. Armstrong, Templeogue.
Video/Film Industry: Mr. L. Marcus, Producer, Terenure.
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Nursing: Ms. H. Marchant, Irish Nurses Organisation.
Accountancy/Marketing: Ms. M. Flood, College of Management Studies.
Music Industry: Mr. K. Donald, Arts Council.

Spring Term 1990

Journalism: Ms. C. Murphy, Irish Times Ltd.
Chartered Accountancy: Mr. R. Ensor, Richard Ensor & Co.
Science Technician: Mr. V. Litera, U.C.D.
Architect: Mr. P. Roberts, Scully Roberts Architects.
Social Worker: Mr. C. Fallon, Probation Service.
Business Courses: Mr. P. O'Farrell, Institute of Education.
Travel Agent: Mr. G. Benson, Easy Travel Ltd.
Stockbroker: Mr. D. Lowe, Goodbody, James, Capel.
Computers: Mr. P. Faull, Computer Learning Centre.
Civil Engineering: Mr. T. Lloyd, John Paul Construction Ltd.
Animal Nurse: Ms. A. Britain, Bainbridge Veterinary Clinic.
Starting Own Business: Mr. J. Murphy, Ulster Bank.
Physiotherapy: Ms. S. Nichols, Sandycove.
Foreign Affairs: Mr. R. Montgomery, Civil Service.
Advertising: Mr. B. Ross, Bell Advertising Ltd.
Defence Forces: Captain S. Fox, F.C.A., Bray.
Church: Revd. P. Willoughby, Glenageary Parish.

Christian Union

We have been meeting each Tuesday and Thursday since September in our usual haunt, the room behind the stage. Unfortunately our numbers have dwindled this year and we have been reduced to about seven regular attenders. We are hopeful, however, that this trend will be reversed next year. Our activities have ranged from Bible studies to word-games and Bible 'trivial pursuit' and at Christmas we went carol singing and raised over £140 for TEAR fund. We would like to thank the speakers who have generously given up their time to come and speak to us during the year and we hope that many of them will return to us next year.

Mark Wilkinson

The Orchestra

The Orchestra has been playing very well this year despite a large change of personnel. As well as doing the Department of Education Orchestra Exam, where they were highly praised by the examiner, receiving 137 marks out of a possible 150, the orchestra also performed during the school Prize Giving and at the Carol Service.

We were sorry to lose Melanie Brown who as leader provided such a driving force, and wish her well in her music course at T.C.D. Duncan Foster and Conor Sweeney, both very loyal members left in June '89. Melanie has been replaced as leader by Nicky Sweeney and we also welcome our first two music scholars, Isolde Carmody and Phillipa Wilkes. Louise Geoghegan and David Falconer from 6U have also been very useful and welcome additions to the orchestra during their year in H.S.D.

M.W.

The International Maths Olympiad

Last July, at the International Maths Olympiad (IMO) in Braunschweig, one of the six members of the Irish team was Andrew McMurphy from High School. The Olympiad lasted eight days, during which there were two exams. The rest of the time was spent sightseeing in Lower Saxony. China came at the top of all the 51 countries participating — Ireland came near to the bottom. Andrew McMurphy obtained the most points on the Irish team, missing a medal by only three points.

Only four people from High School went in for the IMO this year and two of them got through the first exam. These were Andrew McMurphy and Julian McCrae who came first and fourth in the Dublin area respectively. Mark Wilkinson and Karen Dawson also entered for this exam. There will be two further exams sometime in April and three people from Ireland will be chosen to go to China in July. A second exam, shortly after the preliminary one, narrowed the number of participants to ten in the Dublin area — both High School entrants are included in the ten.

Andrew McMurphy

6th Form Dance

The venue for the annual 6th Form dance was a decision of much deliberation and controversy for much of the early part of the year. A variety of hotels was possible, all of varying price and of equally varying quality. Eventually, after being put to the vote, democracy prevailed and the Hilton Conrad was chosen by what appeared to be an overwhelming majority. However, it must be said that during the time leading up to the dance, there existed much "anti-Conrad" feeling among the year contrary to the strength of feeling reflected in the vote.

Provisional bookings were made and the onerous task of finding a partner was soon to begin. By the end of the Easter term and after much rejection and acceptance partners were established. Slowly people's minds began to turn towards April 18. On the assigned evening, after various pre-dance gatherings, one

hundred and fifty-six glamorously dressed individuals descended upon the Conrad Hilton for an evening which is sure to leave a lasting impression on everyone concerned.

Photographers, girls screaming and panicking, young men feeling decidedly uncomfortable in starched tuxedos. Yes, this was the night we had all been waiting for... The High School Dance. After a short reception, which some parents attended, we gradually made our way into the splendid ballroom. Mahogany panels, gilt mirrors, the room was truly fabulous. An excellent meal was served and was then eaten, with appreciation.

As the tables were being cleared, the band struck up a tune and the first few couples jumped to their feet. The band was excellent, not only playing the old classics, but also a few of the more 'trendy' numbers. The music continued until 2.30 a.m., interrupted only by a few 'select' competitions which were well rewarded!!

Very much the worse for wear, we, the Sixth Formers, ventured north of the Liffey to La Mirage night club. Here we were to spend the next four hours bopping and dropping to the latest sounds. All too soon light dawned on Dublin and it was time to say goodbye. Drifting off in our separate directions, we had at least the memory of a wonderful evening behind us.

Finally, thanks must be conveyed to Mr. Benson and Mr. McMullen for their hard work and careful supervision throughout the year, and to the organising committee whose hard work often went unappreciated.

Sorley McCaughey (Head Boy)
Rosemary Garth (Head Girl)

The High School, Dublin, Parents' Association

The annual general meeting of the HSPA was held in October and the following members were elected to the Committee: Alan Foster, John Timlin, Kay Brosnan, Joyce Brownell, Audrey Craven, Marie Danaswamy, Frank Free, Gerard Moody, Gloria Robinson and Trevor Walsh.

The November meeting on the subject of AIDS was addressed by Dr David Freedman. The talk, which was well attended, was both informative and thought-provoking. The Committee intends to arrange at least one talk each academic year on matters of current concern, particularly to parents of higher form pupils.

During January the Chairman attended a seminar given by the National Parents' Council on Alcohol and Drug abuse. The seminar highlighted the major problems in this area and following consultation with the Head Master a letter has been written to all parents alerting them to the very real dangers of alcohol and drug abuse and asking for their support in helping to alleviate the problem.

The annual Beer, Wine & Cheese party took place in March. There was an excellent attendance of close to 200 and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. It was pleasant to see so many parents of "new" High School pupils. A modest profit ensued from what is traditionally the major social event of the HSPA calendar: sincere thanks to those who made the evening a success.

To date the parents have played one hockey match against the staff which, following in last year's tradition, was drawn. In this skilful match both sides showed that it is possible to combine competitiveness with sportsmanship: at least nobody was sent off! Tennis and cricket matches are currently being organised and dates will be notified in due course.

Gloria Robinson is this year's representative on the NPSSPA where she provides a valuable link between the HSPA and those parent associations operating in other Protestant secondary schools.

Finally the committee would like to thank all who attended meetings throughout the year. Parents who would like to make suggestions in regard to possible topics for meetings or discussions might like to get in touch with the Hon. Secretary.

Trevor Walsh, Hon. Sec.

The Nineteen-Eighties in High School: A Retrospect

Pupil Opinion

The end of a decade seemed a good time to look back on changes in the school. What follows is based on a series of interviews. When compiling my research for this topic, I grew increasingly surprised as to the similarities in answers that I was receiving from the various students that I interviewed.

On the question of the school's general appearance during the Eighties, all students were agreed that the school grounds were looking better than they have ever done before and this, I was informed was due primarily to the influence of Mr. Benson when he took the position of school Bursar in 1984. On the subject of teachers and school conduct the interviewees responded that the teachers have become less strict on pupils and that their attitudes became more liberal. Students were again unanimous on the subjects of uniform. It has deteriorated! Surprisingly they all expressed dissatisfaction at the abolition of the blazer. An interesting comment was made by Maurice Citron (6th) who stated that 'uniform standards have become more lax while they should become more rigid; yet there should be some space for individualism'.

When it came to discussing sport in High School during the Eighties, lack of success in Rugby was put down to the advent of Hockey for boys plus restraint in discipline from the trainers. Several 6th formers were vehement that Rugby should have been kept compulsory for all boys. 'We must keep up the dignity of the school', they said, 'and we must make sure that sports such as Hurling, Gaelic Football and Soccer are never introduced'.

Hockey triumphs were seized upon by the girls as their most distinguished feat of the Eighties and both boys and girls cricket successes were agreed to be 'a fine reminder of the High School's tradition'.

All students were keen to point out that the excellent standard of teaching and education has not deteriorated during the 1980's; in fact, if anything it has improved. Irish, however, was dismissed as irrelevant by most students. Stephen Douglas (6th) was more concerned over the matter: 'The standards of Irish during the 1980's were in no way comparable to those of a Catholic school', he said. Many people affirmed the fact that High School had given them an all-round high level of education during the 1980's. High School's extra curricular activities such as Rock Climbing, Mountaineering, Caving, Drama, Debating and many more were said to be unique to the school and, because of these, 1980's students left the school with a broad range of abilities.

Simon King (5th)

Teacher Opinion:

Among the decade's most welcome developments, in the view of the staff, is the transformation of the school by Mr. Benson. Although this was helped by the large resources, his arrival is seen to have increased expenditure. While staff differ in examples given, the consensus is that the school has improved dramatically, not least in appearance.

Reminiscences concentrate upon the Junior School, whose closure was widely condemned. One teacher called it "the worst

decision in the history of the school". Departure of the Student Council proved another divisive issue; many staff thought it unworkable, others felt it important for students to discuss issues concerning them. One sensible point is that a Student Council would be unnecessary in a school with the pupils' best interests at heart, and useless in any other.

Relations between staff and pupils are thought to have improved; however, some teachers have noticed an increase in indiscipline, insolence, disrespect and selfishness. They consider pupils less conformist and increasingly apathetic about their school, (here the decline in attendance at matches was cited). Some state that this is due to a lack of commitment, others to a busier life-style. However, many teachers regard the pupils of today, despite their confident (possibly arrogant) and self-centered appearance, as being more caring than those of ten years ago.

The apparent loss of staff "character" saddens some; others claim a rise in standards. The entire staff feel that their values and priorities have changed. Opinion was divided on whether the staff-room atmosphere had become more friendly. The most significant change would appear to be the growing youth of teachers.

Teachers are passionately divided on the issue of uniform. Most favour it due to its removal of class distinctions; others felt that failure to enforce the uniform should cause its abolition. This is similar to the prevailing view of school rules, where it is felt that lack of clarity and ridiculous requirements reduced effectiveness. Some also consider necessary a change of surrounding for older students in the form of leaving the school at lunch breaks.

In conclusion, the school is perceived to have developed into a very pleasant environment during the decade, surely a good prospect. The apparent rise in academic standards may undoubtedly be attributed to increased pressure on today's students.

William O'Connell (5th)

The Future: High School, Dublin in the 'Nineties'

As regards the elimination of tradition, High School has always been a little bit Conservative. And why not? Most traditions may be petty, but fighting for their demise is far pettier. Yet despite this tremendous inertia at the minutest levels, the school is, strangely, quite "freewheeling" on the major issues, for example, the "Education for Living" programme — instituted in the middle of the 1980's and a relative success. At staff level there is a wide variety of activity, not because the Management decreed it, but because they gave the staff a carte blanche, and a certain amount of school resources, to follow up their pursuits with the pupils. This has been a good thing, and, in an era of great change towards greater freedom on the global political scene, it would be strange to assume that the powers-that-be should tighten up on their "delegation". In fact, I and many others, feel that the school will give even more freedom to the staff.

Generally the awakening of freedom in the school could be termed "Americanization", along with the inevitable reduction in the formality in most pupil-teacher relationships. The school will become freer and freer, until it becomes a mini-university (and we all know what universities are like), but without so much money! Government policies and parents' opinions will undoubtedly influence these developments also.

Wesley Darlington (5)

Erasmian Review:

The last ten 'Erasmians' detail a decade which, while not as changing as its predecessor, marked a great advance in the variety of services offered by the school. Improvements to the grounds and facilities in the face of growing cutbacks formed a consistent theme in the Headmaster's speeches of the period.

Cutbacks were only part of a new educational policy. The compulsory reduction of the Intermediate cycle was thought fair,

but the prospect of a mainly non-academic Transition year caused alarm; doubts about the year postponed it until 1991. Initial curricular reform pleased most; the prospect of the Junior Certificate, however, has caused concern over standards. Academic distinctions such as four T.C.D. sizarships in 1988 paralleled overall success in national examinations. The change of Upper Sixth's aim from Entrance Scholarship Examinations to repeating the Leaving Certificate attracted pupils from throughout Dublin. Finally, a milestone in the School's history came in 1984 with the end of a great institution — the Junior School.

The argument about boys' hockey exemplified that over the future of sport. Opponents predicted a drop in competitive success, supporters, an improvement for the individual. Growth in such sports as badminton and basketball accompanied the demise of boxing and soccer. The zenith of rugby's decade was the 1981 Senior Cup semi-final experience; by contrast, girls hockey improved immeasurably, the 1st XI winning the League in 1989. Benefitting from huge numbers, boys' hockey was most successful in 1989/'90. Cricket gained particular success in 1986 and 1989. Notable individual performances came in tennis and gymnastics.

The decade saw also the emergence of talent in music and drama. The Orchestra prospered, members gaining recognition in Feiseanna Ceoil and in other orchestras. Dramatic productions ranged from "Our Day Out" to "Juno and the Paycock". A revival of the Debating Society was among the expansion of clubs and societies. The 'Erasmian' itself improved in presentation and commented on many issues in the school. Its feature of 1988 on its own history showed its importance as a record of school life.

Ian Rowell (5th)

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SPORTS REVIEW



1st XI LEAGUE WINNERS 1990

Standing: P. Conway, V. Dowse, L. Campbell, K. Sloan, W. Moffett, R. Boyd.

Seated: E. Ball, A. Harris, K. Heaney (Capt.), S. Lamb, G. Mellon.

Absent from photo: P. Caillabet, V. Barcroft, K. Dawson, T. Hempenstall.

Hockey Report 1989-90

1st XI

The High School 1st XI was captained this year by Katherine Heaney. At the beginning of the season only three players remained from last year, but after a lot of switching and swapping a team was finally fixed. This team included two talented junior players, Elaine Ball and Patricia Conway, and also Sarah Lamb who, after some persuasion, decided to make a come-back. This mixture of 3rd years to members of sixth upper proved to be a successful combination.

The defence was solid with Elaine in goal and Pascale Caillabet, Vanda Dowse, Karen Sloan and Karen Dawson out on the field. The skilful forward line was made up of Leanne Campbell, Patricia, Sarah, Avril Harris and Tanya Hempenstall, all proving equal on goal scoring ability.

In early October the league began and we found ourselves in a section with Our Lady's, Terenure, Loreto, Beaufort and Alexandra College. We won against both Our Lady's and Beaufort, 1-0, with goals from Sarah and Tanya. The match against Alexandra College was a scoreless draw, which meant we had to replay them for a place in the semi-final. This match was the best match we played all season and we won 3-2, all three goals being scored by Sarah Lamb.

The semi-final match was against Loreto, Dalkey, the first meeting ending in a 0-0 draw. However, the reply proved different with a goal from Patricia to give us a 1-0 win. The 1st XI had reached the League Final for the first time. Newpark was the opposition and the result of the match was a draw of 1-1. The

replay fell two days later and during the second half we were awarded a penalty flick which Leanne Campbell took and scored, giving us the title once again of League Champions.

It was unfortunate, however, that the cup draw had us playing against Newpark in the first round. This match was tough with both teams determined, but Newpark was stronger and won 1-0. Due to injury Vanessa Barcroft and Ruth Boyd played in the cup match. At this stage I would like to thank our substitutes, Wendy Moffet and Anne Goulden, and also all the supporters and staff who followed our matches.

This year's hockey tour went to Edinburgh with very much a mixed group of senior players. Two matches were played, both with 0-0 draws, but one being against the Scottish Cup winners. A good time was had by all and on behalf of those who went I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for an enjoyable tour.

This year Pascale Caillabet, Avril Harris, Leanne Campbell and Sarah Lamb received Leinster Trials and Sarah, Avril and Leanne all secured places on the Leinster squad who became the verall winners in the Interprovincial Tournament. Wendy Moffet, Elaine Ball and Patricia Conway all received U-16 Leinster Trials; both Elaine and Patricia gained places and also became overall winners of the U-16 Interprovincial Tournament. Special congratulations to Patricia Conway for her fine achievement of being chosen to represent Ireland in the U-16's Seven Nations Tournament.

At the end of the season the 1st XI and 2nd XI played in an indoor tournament at St. Andrew's College. Here High School had a victory of 3-1 over Newpark and a draw with St. Andrew's and became overall winners of the tournament. Also the 1st XI played

the S.C.T. XV, the staff and the 1st XI boys hockey.

I would like to thank Vanessa Barcroft who had the difficult task of hockey secretary this year and managed to have matches for most teams every Wednesday and Saturday. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon who had put in hours of coaching and dedication to the season. I would also like to thank the members of the team who made this season both an enjoyable and successful one.

We send our congratulations to Richelle Flanagan, past pupil, who has just been awarded an Irish Cap, making her the first High School girl to achieve this honour.

Congratulations also to Patricia Conway for being awarded two Irish Caps.

Katherine Heaney (Captain)

INTERMEDIATE XI

The intermediate A had quite a successful season this year, losing four out of our twenty four matches, drawing or winning the rest. We met Wesley and St. Anne's in the league. We beat St. Anne's 4-0 but unfortunately lost to Wesley 2-0 in a very hard game. We wish to thank Mr. Walker and all our supporters who came to watch our matches throughout the season.

Aileen Strachan (5th)

3rd XI

The 3rd XI had a very enjoyable year. We won most of our matches but failed to reach the second round of our league. We would like to thank Mr. Walker for all his efforts and encouragement.

Suste Coote (6th)

JUNIOR A XI

The Junior A XI had a very successful season in 1989-'90. We reached the final of the junior league against Holy Child, Killiney. We were, unfortunately, beaten. This match was extremely tense because Holy Child managed to score in the first five minutes. We were all put under pressure and were unlucky not to score on our many attempts on goal. The final result was 1-0.

We had a tough match against King's Hospital in the semi-final of the league and eventually won after a hard struggle. The final result was 2-1. During the season the Junior A only lost one match which was the final.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Andrew Walker for his support and coaching throughout the season and all the parents and others who supported us.

Wendy Moffett (Captain)

JUNIOR B XI

The Junior B XI had a successful season this year winning most of their matches. We played three matches in our section of the league, but unfortunately won only two being beaten by Wesley 1-0 in the third match. The team had a season of enjoyable hockey, and on behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for all her help and support throughout the year.

Anne Goulden (Captain)

MINOR A XI

The Minor A XI had quite a successful season this year losing only five matches. They improved as the season went on as was shown by the match at the beginning of the year against Our Lady's, Templeogue, which they lost 0-2 and at the end of the year playing them again, they drew 1-1. In the cup they got through to the third section but unfortunately lost 2-1 in the second half of the extra time to King's Hospital. Well done to the team for all their time and effort, and thanks especially to Mrs. Mellon.

Nicola Slack (Captain)



2nd XI 1990

Standing: N. O'Callaghan, A. Dixon, L. Sheehan, S. Moore, R. Campbell, A. Walker.

Seated: J. McCoy, R. Boyd, V. Shaw, A. Strachan (Capt.), J. Micks, S. Fahy.

MINOR B XI

The Minor B XI were unfortunate to be knocked out of the Cup after a replay against Muckcross in the first round. The team drew many of their matches and lost a few. The standard of playing improved during the season as some of the later results proved.

Nicola Rafter (Captain)

MINOR C XI

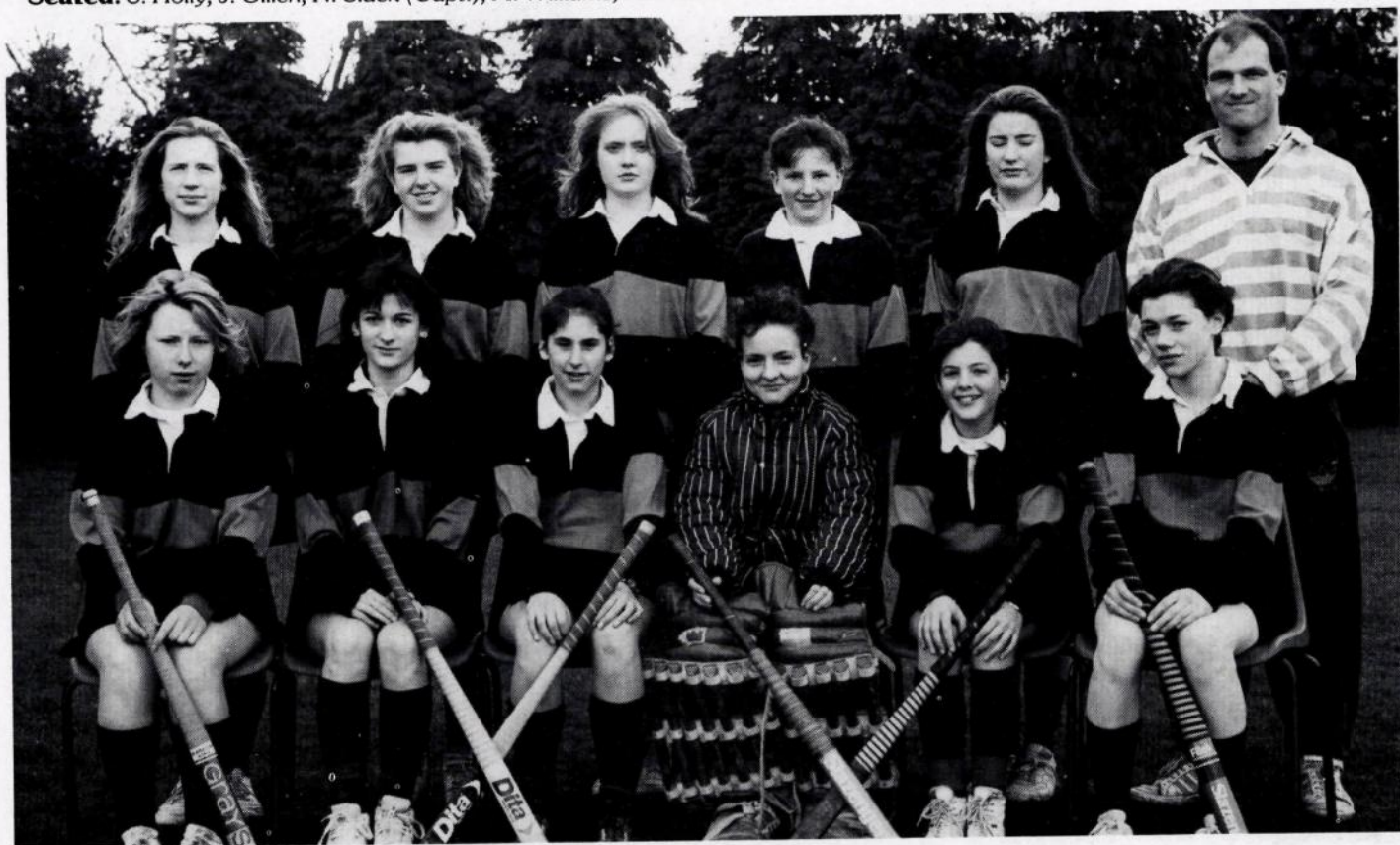
This year the Minor team got through to the 3rd round in the cup. Unfortunately we were beaten by Loreto, Foxrock. Until this match we had a very good season, winning most of our matches. I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for all her coaching and thanks to all of our supporters.

Jennifer Rowan (Captain)



MINOR A 1990

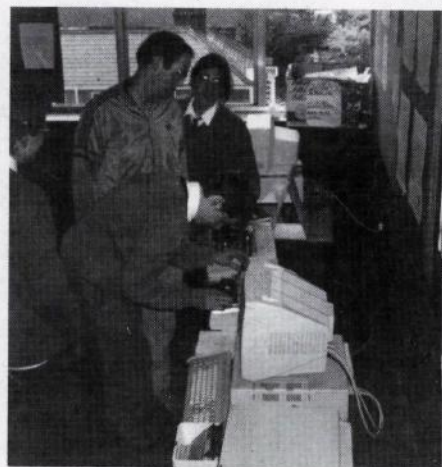
Standing: S. Treanor, B. Griffin, S. Johnston, S. Whiting, S. Guisti, S. Massey, G. Mellon.
Seated: S. Holly, J. Gillen, N. Slack (Capt.), M. Williams, M. Fletcher.



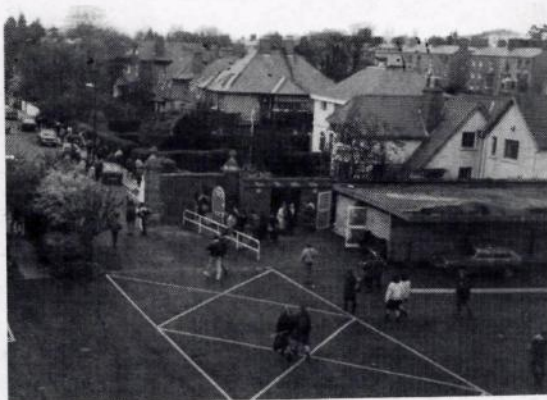
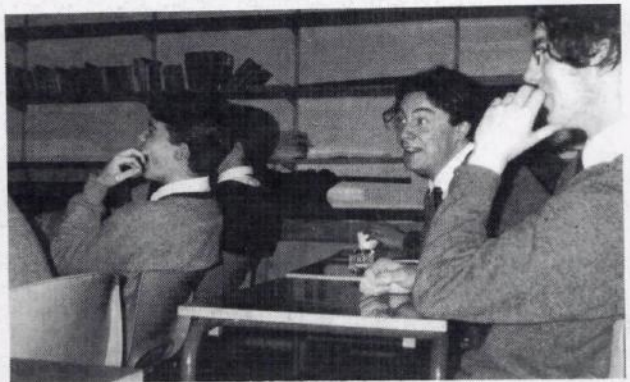
JUNIOR CUP FINALISTS 1990

Standing: R. Gageby, M. Griffin, A. Warbrick, C. Keatinge, F. Campbell, A. Walker.
Seated: P. Conway, D. Walsh, W. Moffett (Capt.), E. Ball, S. Lloyd, C. Moore.

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Boys' Hockey 1989-'90



BOYS' HOCKEY: SENIOR CUP TEAM — LEAGUE FINALISTS

Back Row: G. Clarke, G. O'Mara, S. Rooney, S. Shaw, S. McCaughey, G. Murphy, G. Morton, G. Needham, Mr. Blackmore.
Seated: A. Ryan, B. Harley, M. Vincent, M. Harris (Capt.), N. Hillis, D. Harris, G. Lloyd.



BOYS' HOCKEY — JUNIOR CUP TEAM

Back Row: A. Taylor, M. Johnston, D. Curtis, S. Swift, D. Plummer, J. White, M. Tyrrell, M. Wilkinson, Mr. Blackmore.
Seated: B. Johnson, R. Bailey, K. Edgeley, G. Murphy (Capt.), B. Harley, J. Walshe, J. Chipperfield.
Front Row (sitting on ground): E. Sinnamon, G. O'Mara, D. Armstrong, J. Molins.

1st XI:

This year saw the Boys' XI team, captained by Mark Harris, reaching their first ever League Final after being outclassed in the Senior A League last year. Mr. Blackmore wisely chose to enter us in the B League this year.

Our League season got off to a bad start with our match against King's Hospital where we lost 0-3 with all the goals coming in the last ten minutes. We next met with stern opposition in the form of Sutton Park whom we eventually overcame, winning 1-0 after a fine goal from M. Vincent, our top goal scorer. There were also fine

performances from A. Ryan and S. Shaw at the back. Ballymun, our next opponents, did not offer much resistance and we scored a 4-0 victory, with goals coming from M. Vincent (2), G. Murphy, S. McCaughey. Our arch rivals Wesley were next to be beaten, 3-0, after a splendid team performance with a fine hat trick from M. Vincent. Newpark were dealt with in the same fashion in a match which we won 3-0, thanks to a fine game by D. Harris and G. Lloyd and goals from M. Vincent (2) and G. Murphy. Drogheda proved to be our toughest match yet but goals from M. Vincent and G. Murphy brought us from behind to win 2-1 and keep us in the League. This result meant that we had to play off for the League

title against King's Hospital. The venue for this match was the astro-turf in Grange Road. This proved to be a thrilling match with the two sides locked together at 0-0 after extra time. Our success was largely due to fine performances by N. Hillis, B. Harley, G. Clarke (in goal) and G. Murphy who was injured during the game. The match was then decided by penalty flicks with King's Hospital winning eventually 7-6 in sudden death after 24 penalty strokes. This was a creditable result.

The Cup unfortunately did not yield the same success and, after a weak performance against a far superior Newtown side, we lost 0-2 in the first round. This year also saw us entering the 7-a-side indoor tournament in U.C.D. which featured such teams from the A League as King's Hospital and St. Andrew's. This tournament proved to be very successful with fine team performances which provided great fun. This match also served as a useful pre-Final warm up.

Finally, I would like to thank all the team (especially K. Brady, M. Vincent, N. Hillis, G. Murphy and G. Clarke) for their commitment throughout the season, and on behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Blackmore for his enthusiasm and encouragement in this fulfilling year.

Mark Harris (Captain)

JUNIOR XI:

The Junior Boys' Hockey team had a reasonable season this year. Although lacking in experience, the team always played well and with spirit. The team played in the Leinster Schools Junior B League. Our first match was against King's Hospital, we lost 3-0. We then gained a creditable draw 1-1 with Wesley, Molins scoring for High School. We then travelled to play Sutton on the Astroturf where we went 3 goals down, but then recovered to 3-3 by half-time with goals from B. Johnson, D. Plummer and G. Murphy. Unfortunately we tired later, eventually losing by 5-3 in a very exciting match. By this stage of the season we had gained in experience and confidence, and this showed up in our results. We scored twice through J. Molins in the last two minutes against Dundalk to earn a 2-2 draw. We then beat a strong Newpark team 2-0 (J. Molins, B. Johnson) with our wingers B. Johnson and D. Plummer having excellent games. We lost narrowly by 3-2 (J. White, G. Murphy) and 2-1 (G. O'Meara) to St. Mark's and St. Gerard's respectively in our remaining league matches.

In the Cup we drew Wesley who had a very strong squad. High School dominated for most of the match, but failed to score with J. Molins and T. Walsh going close with fine efforts in the final 10 minutes, High School legs tired and Wesley scored 4 goals with G. O'Meara pulling one back for High School to leave the scoreline a flattering 4-1 to Wesley. Alan Taylor had an excellent game in this match and we wish him all the best when he goes to England this Summer.

Jason Molins was the top scorer for the season with 6 goals. Glyn Murphy and Bruce Harley also played for the Senior Cup Team and received medals after the league playoff. Congratulations to Gareth O'Meara and Glyn Murphy who gained Leinster Trials.

Finally, the team would like to thank Mr. Blackmore for his dedication and coaching throughout the season, and also to those who supported us during the season.

Glyn Murphy (4th)

Barker Tour '90

On 5th March, twenty-five pupils from Barker College, a mixed bilingual secondary school in Argentina came to High School for three days. There are approximately seven hundred pupils in the school which is situated in the suburb of Lomas de Zamora, some twenty kilometres south of the capital city Buenos Aires.

Barker College embarked on this tour for two reasons: firstly to introduce their pupils to Irish people and to show us their country,



The Argentinians on stage.



their way of life, their cultural heritage, their schools and educational system and secondly to practice intensely the use of English as a means of expression and exchange.

Before they arrived we were a bit apprehensive about communication and compatibility. But our fears were soon dispelled, they were just like ourselves!

Tired after travelling through France and England, this was to be their first taste of European family life and sure as we say, no better country to start with!

Everyone assembled in High School at about 8.45 the following morning. At nine they all departed on a city tour including Trinity College and the Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Phoenix Park and finally they had a traditional Irish lunch in McDonald's. That afternoon, most of them went and supported High School in the Junior A final and in the evening we descended on "Fat Freddy's" for a pizza.

Next day, we re-assembled in High School at nine and they left for a scenic tour of Glendalough. In the afternoon there was the all-important hockey match between them and us. Unfortunately, the visitors were not successful on this occasion, losing 2-0.

Wednesday evening was the highlight of their stay with an excellent presentation of the dramatic differences between climate, culture, landscape, people, dialect, dance and music; from the regions of the "Carnavalito" in the Northwest to the world-famous "tango" of the port of Buenos Aires. They gave us a presentation with the aid of slides and an impressive range of vocabulary in which they showed us their school, their country and their way of life. As we saw their country through their explanations, there were dances with vivid contrasting costumes and songs performed, to give examples of their traditional folklore. We were also invited to listen to eight varying songs, from their classical, modern and traditional Argentinian choral repertoire.

At the end of the evening their headmaster Senor Jimmy Cappanera showed us his dancing skills, dancing the "Tango" with one of his pupils, much to the amusement of the audience. After this informative and originally descriptive evening, High School presented Barker College with a small book about Dublin beautifully inscribed by William O'Connell. They presented us with a miniature ceramic Barker Tour Bear, which was their mascot for the tour. Once again, Mr. Benson excelled himself by organising welcome tea and scones afterwards.

On Thursday morning we sadly said "Adios" so they could continue on their tour of Ireland and Britain.

I was proud of the way High School extended a warm Irish welcome to our Argentinian visitors. On behalf of the hosts, I would like to say how much we enjoyed their stay and we have mutually gained a better understanding of each other's way of life.

Eva Slack (6)

Cricket Review 1989

This was an historic year for High School Cricket. Over the years, the School has had its share of success in reaching finals and winning them. However, never before has any Leinster School won five Leinster Cups. High School won at Senior, Senior Second, J.C.T., Under-14 and Under-13 levels and the Girls Senior XI were also champions. There were many fine individual performances which are recorded below but special thanks are due to the team captains, to Mr. Benson, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Bates and Mrs. de Lacy, the team coaches, all of whom contributed to the ongoing enjoyment and success of the game within the school. I would also like to thank the Governors for the hospitality shown at the Celebration Dinner which was held in the school, attended by all the High School teams, Coaches and Representatives from all the schools which we played in the various finals. At this Dinner, tribute was paid to the sportsmanship displayed in both winning and losing.

Finally, anyone connected with High School cricket will particularly wish to thank Mr. R. H. Fennell. Even he, as a Maths teacher with his penchant for figures and statistics, would find it difficult to reckon the number of hours spent over the years coaching, organising, umpiring and, above all, encouraging.

R. McM

S.C.T.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
8	6	1	1

This season was a very successful season for the S.C.T. as we won the Leinster Schools' Senior Cup.

We started the season well with a friendly against St. Columba's. Batting first we made 201 for 6. M. Citron (42), G. Taylor (36), S. McCready (52). St. Columba's found this total too much and were bowled out for 38. S. McCready (5 for 10). We next played a friendly with a very weak team against Belvedere. We were all out for 83, S. McCready (50). Belvedere reached this total very easily.

Our first league match was against Sandford Park. Batting first we made a good effort in reply but thanks to fine bowling from E. Moore (2 for 30) and S. McCready (5 for 37) Sandford were all out for 125. Next came the annual match against the Old Boys. This was a special one as they were celebrating their Diamond Jubilee year. The school batted first and made 167 for 3, including a fine century from E. Moore (107). The Old Boys made a good reply of 127 but it was not enough.

The next league match was against Wesley. Wesley batted first and as a result of some good bowling from E. Moore (2 for 6), G. Taylor (2 for 6) and G. Clarke (3 for 16), Wesley were all out for 59. High School chased this total easily and won by 9 wickets.

Then followed a friendly against Coleraine A.I. Again we had an under-strength team but thanks to M. Vincent (17 n.o.) and J. Molins we managed a draw.

Our final league match was against St. Columba's. Batting first we made a most impressive total of 255 for 3 in 35 overs. This was mainly due to fine batting from E. Moore (82) and S. McCready (98 n.o.) St. Columba's never looked like getting such a large total and made 129 for 9 in 35 overs. We had claimed our place in the final against Belvedere College.

On the 30th June at Park Avenue, Belvedere won the toss and surprisingly elected to field. This looked like proving a good decision as we suffered as early blow losing one of our key batsmen, E. Moore, for just (8). But G. Taylor and J. Kilroy set about a recovery and put on 153 runs before Kilroy was out after playing a fine innings for 35. A fine innings from G. Taylor (of 125) and S. McCready (26) took High School to an impressive 234 for 4 in 50 overs. Belvedere batted very well but good allround bowling and fielding from High School kept their score to 188. The cup came back to Danum. G. Taylor was rightly awarded the Man of the Match award for his superb innings.

Finally after such a successful season for the S.C.T. I would like to thank, on behalf of the team, Mr. Peter Prendergast for his encouragement and dedication throughout the season.

S.R.S. McCready

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CRICKET: 1st XI 1989

Standing: Neil Squires, Rory Miller, Mark Harris, Maurice Citron, Jason Kilroy, Stuart McCready, Dick McMullen.
Seated: Stephen Rance, Grahame Walsh, Eddie Moore, Greg Taylor, Mark Vincent, Gordon Clarke, Peter Prendergast.



CRICKET: 2nd XI 1989

Standing (from left to right): J. Forrest, S. Moore, M. Harris, S. Sexton, S. Rance.
Seated: D. Cole, N. Squires, D. Harris, M. Taylor, M. Vincent, P. O'Leary, R. McMullen.

SENIOR 2nd XI

The Senior 2nd XI had a very successful season in '89, winning all seven matches in which they played and in the process took the Leinster Second Eleven League title back to Danum.

They started off the season with a friendly against St. Michael's at Danum. High School batted first and made 72 for 8 in their 20 overs. In reply St. Michael's made 44, bowled out by fine bowling from N. Squires 2 for 8, M. Taylor 2 for 10 and M. Citron 4 for 14. High School thus won by 28 runs.

The first league match was away to Wesley. Wesley batted first and started well, at one stage they were 60 for 2, but excellent bowling from Neil Squires (3 for 15) and Peter O'Leary (3 for 12) meant that they were all out for 82. High School reached this for the loss of only 4 wickets with N. Squires making 44 n.o. and D. Cole 19.

C.U.S. were High School's next opponents and were beaten easily by 8 wickets, with fine performances from W. Bell (4 for 10) and N. Squires (34 n.o.) A comfortable 45 run win over Sandford Park meant that if High School were to beat King's Hospital in their last league match they would qualify for the semi-final.

High School's hopes were to become true, a fine all round performance by the team resulted in a 66 run win: High School 138 for 4 (M. Taylor 23, M. Vincent 24, D. Cole 63 n.o., M. Harris 19 n.o.) King's Hospital 72 (M. Harris 3 for 13, M. Vincent 4 for 7). The highlight of this match was Duncan Cole's maiden fifty scored (from 60 deliveries) in a thoroughly entertaining, if not exactly cultured, way.

They were to meet Terenure in the semi-final which was always going to be a very tough match, especially with Terenure's interprovincial opening batsman on hand. High School were sent in and made 91 for 6 from their 20 overs with M. Taylor making 17 and N. Squires 24. Terenure in reply could only muster 53 for 9 thanks to fine bowling from M. Taylor (2 for 6) and M. Vincent (2 for 6). How different this match could have been if Stephen Sexton did not pluck out the ball from deep within his stomach after Terenure's interprovincial had square cut a ball from Michael Taylor. Sexton was about eight yards from the bat and it was a miracle that surgery wasn't needed to remove the ball!

High School faced arch-rivals Belvedere in the final, which was played at St. Columba's. Belvedere batted first and were all out for 68 due to superb bowling from Michael Taylor (3 for 12), Neil

Squires (3 for 29) and also from Warren Bell (3 for 17). High School reached the target for the loss of only four wickets. This was largely due to a magnificent knock from Neil Squires who made 42 not out with 8 fours and a six scored from only 25 balls.

So, Michael Taylor received the cup from Mr. Harry Hill, the President of the L.C.U. and the cup was back in Danum for the first time since 1980. Thanks to Mr. McMullen for all his work during this successful season.

M. Vincent

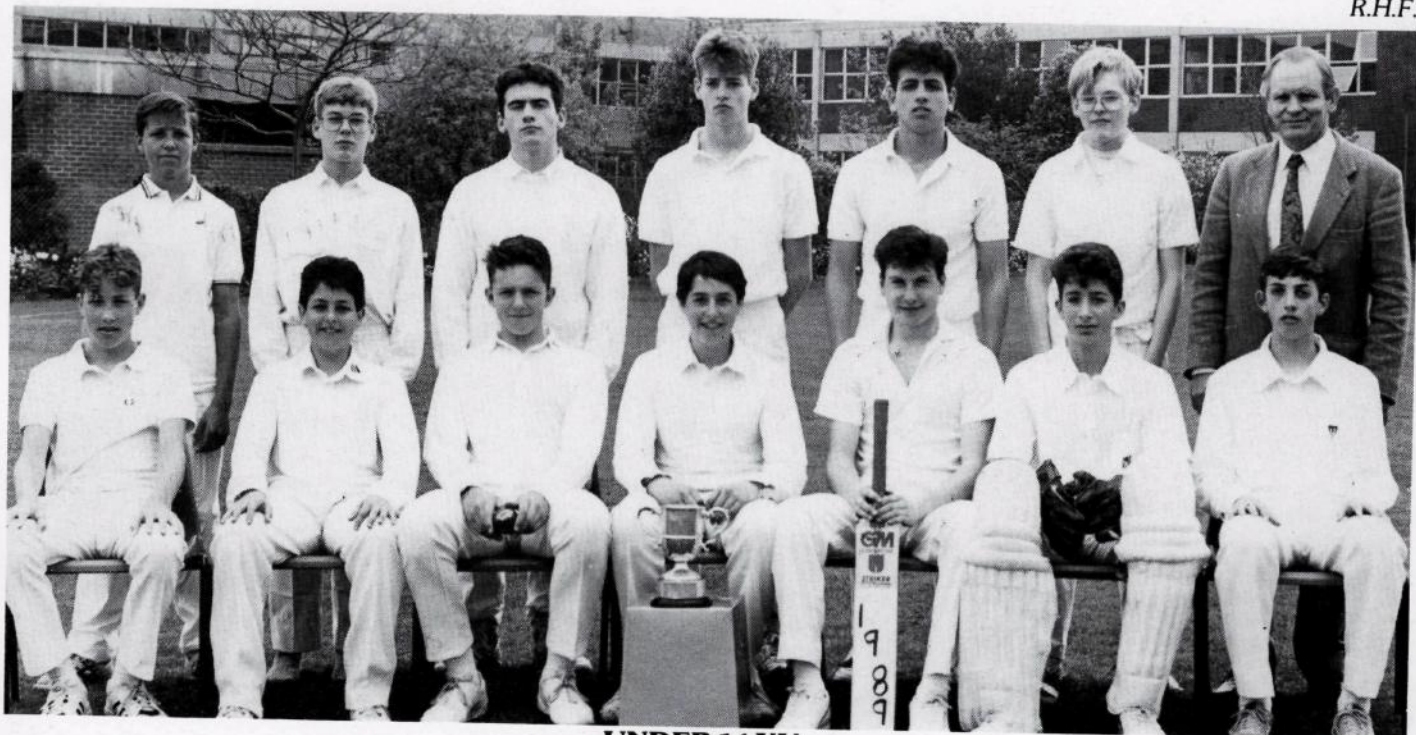
UNDER-14

1989 was again a great year for this age group which retained the Leinster Under-14 Cup. The team was very strong in both batting and bowling. They played seven matches and won them all convincingly. The statistics below speak for themselves.

Date	Type of Game	The High School Score	Opponents Score
15/4/89	Friendly	68 for 1	Wesley 67
19/4/89	Friendly	57 for 6	St. Columba's 44
6/5/89	League	235 for 1 J. Molins 100 n.o. G. O'Meara 94	St. Mary's 71
10/5/89	League	182 J. Molins 51 G. Molins 65 n.o.	Gonzaga 55
17/5/89	League	241 for 0 J. Molins 100 ret. G. O'Meara 98 n.o.	Wilsons 31 G. Molins 5 for 10
24/5/89	League	42 for 2	Sandford 40: G. O'Meara 5 for 8 J. Molins 4 for 13
2/6/89	Cup Final	181 for 4 J. Molins 104	Belvedere 115 D. Walsh 2 for 23 J. Molins 3 for 39

It was a great pleasure and honour to be one of the six cup winning teams in this historic year of 1989. Congratulations to all concerned but especially to Jason Molins on his fine performance with bat and ball during the season.

R.H.F.



UNDER 14 XV

Standing: R. Price, J. Carson, C. Wynne, S. Robinson, R. Govender, N. Fennell, Mr. Fennell.

Seated: R. Staunton, G. Molins, G. O'Meara, J. Molins (Capt.), D. Walsh, B. Jackson, D. Micks.

J.C.T.

The first match of the season was against St. Andrew's which we won by 6 wickets. The next was our first league match against Mount Temple. Mount Temple batted first scoring 63 runs all out, J. Molins taking 6 wickets for 17 runs. We won by 8 wickets with good batting from G. Murphy (34). We went on then to win the next 2 league matches against Gonzaga and C.U.S.

Our next league match was the semi-final against Sandford Park. We batted first and scored 131 for the loss of 5 wickets. We got Sandford all out for 67 with good bowling from J. Molins (3 for 12) and G. O'Meara (2 for 18). In the final against Belvedere, we lost the toss and Belvedere elected to bat. We had them all out after 47 overs, when they had reached a total of 129 runs. We went into bat and won with the loss of only 5 wickets. Good batting came from all batsmen, especially J. Molins (59).

Alan Taylor

UNDER-13

The season began badly. Wesley defeated us in the opening game in mid-April by 7 runs. Gavin Miller showed his potential

as a bowler by taking 4 wickets. Duncan Micks and Greg Molins were the only batsmen to score. We defeated St. Columba's easily in the next fixture and then beat Wesley in a return match.

We had several other games before we met St. Mary's in the quarter final of the cup. We had a bye in the first round, Johnny Carson took four wickets in dismissing St. Mary's for 37. Good batting by Rory Timlin helped win the watch by 7 wickets. The most exciting game of the season was the semi-final encounter with a strong Belvedere side who had beaten us earlier in a friendly. Belvedere scored 75, Bruce Murphy taking 3 wickets. Greg Molins in a fine steady innings of 22 and ably supported by Gavin Miller, 19 not out, saw us pass the Belvedere total with 4 wickets remaining.

In the final (played after High School had won all four other boys' cups) St. Andrew's made 62. High School won by 4 wickets. Star of the match was again captain Greg Molins who took four wickets and scored 23 n.o. The U-13 Harry Risk Cup was thus won by High School for the 3rd time since its inception in 1979.

B. Quinn



JUNIOR CRICKET XI

Back Row (left to right): J. White, P. O'Leary, M. King, D. Plummer, K. Johnston, J. Walshe, N. Kirby.
Front Row: G. Molins, J. Molins, G. O'Meara, A. Taylor, D. Walsh, R. Govender, G. Murphy.

CRICKET TROPHIES WON IN 1989





UNDER 13 XV

Standing: S. Edge, B. Dodd, G. Douglas, B. Murphy, J. Carson.

Seated: Mr. Quinn, C. Rice, H. Miller, G. Molins (Capt.), D. Micks, D. Harris, Mr. McMullen.

Missing: K. Kinch and R. Timlin.



High School Cricket 1989 group photograph taken prior to celebration Dinner.

Girls Cricket 1989

Under the captaincy of Diane Lowe, the 1st XI Girls cricket won the highly competitive Schools Senior Cup. Victories over King's Hospital, Santa Sabina, Alexandra College and Wilson's Hospital set the scene for the final against Mount Anville at Claremont Road. Some excellent bowling by Tanya and Avril, brilliantly supported in the field especially by Jenny, Patricia, Leanne and Vanessa, contained the Mount Anville total to 67 off the 20 overs. The High School replay was fast and furious, scoring 68 off 11 overs which included 3 sixes by Diane Lowe.

The successful season was the result of a high sense of commitment from a most enthusiastic and dedicated panel of

players. Congratulations to Leanne, Pascale, Avril and Diane who all got Leinster trials and to Diane who captained the winning South Leinster side (with a score of 85 not out) and who won the best bowling average award.

Many thanks to Mrs. Mellon and Mr. Fennell who coached and supported us throughout the competition.

Diane Lowe (Captain)

Congratulations to Diane Lowe who finished her last of seven seasons on the first XI with a cup medal.

R.H.F.



SENIOR 1st XI CUP WINNERS 1989

Standing: G. Mellon, K. Sloan, S. Willoughby, D. Walsh, A. Blackmore.

Seated: P. Conway, A. Harris, T. Hempenstall, D. Lowe (Capt.), P. Caillabet, V. Barcroft.

SECOND XI:

Once again the 2nd XI had a highly successful season. It was captained by Alison Blackmore.

They confidently won all their league matches, including one memorable game against King's Hospital in which Sandra Mahon scored over 50 runs, including eleven 4's. This gained them a place in the final of the league which was played against Mt. Anville on 25th May at the Y.M.C.A. ground. Despite excellent bowling from Alison, Sandra Johnson, Rachel Crebbin and a good batting standard set by Sandra once again, Janet Micks and Sharon Moore, Mt. Anville were the eventual winners, yet the team did not lose their good spirits and the season ended as enjoyably as it had begun.

Many thanks to Mrs. Mellon and Andrew Walker for their coaching throughout the season and also a big thanks to all our supporters.
Alison Blackmore and Sharon Moore

UNDER-15 XI:

The Under-15 team had a very successful season. We won our first few league matches and reached the semi-final. We played King's Hospital in this match and beat them in a close match. Then we faced Rathdown School in the Final. We were unlucky to lose this close match but the team tried its hardest.

We would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her coaching and encouragement during the season.

Patricia Conway (Captain)

CRICKET — UNDER 15 FINALISTS 1989

Standing (l-r): G. Mellon, W. Moffet, F. Campbell, H. Deegan, S. Johnston, M. Rance, C. Keatinge.

Seated: S. Wright, R. Gageby, D. Walsh, P. Conway (Capt.), A. Warbrick, C. Moore.





2nd XV CRICKET FINALISTS 1989

Standing: G. Mellon, S. Hutchinson, R. Crebbin, A. Fennell, R. Boyd, J. Micks.
Seated: S. Moore, S. Brown, A. Blackmore (Capt.), C. Dowling, S. Johnston.

Rugby Report — 1989-'90

1st XV

In terms of results this was a disappointing season but one which I was enjoyed by all involved. It was a season of "What could have been" with the difference between winning and losing in almost all our matches being only a few points, notably in the cup match against St. Paul's.

Although this was a new and young team (10 of the 1st XV are eligible to play next year) the season began well and we were unlucky to lose close matches against Newbridge 4-6, Gonzaga 10-13 and St. Mary's 8-12; however, a win was secured against Wesley 11-6.

The pack was ably led by the strong and versatile Andrew Greenlee who alternated between prop, second-row and No. 8 all season. Although the forwards generally found themselves lighter than their opposition, good technique, especially in the front row from Matt King, Colin Dunne and Gary Hanan, enabled us to hold our own. Strength also lay in the line out where Guy Molyneux, Colin Harris and Julian McCrae dominated regularly. This was complemented by the speed and determination of Robert Jones and Keith Spendlove in the back-row. Enterprising running skills and astute kicking were shown by the half-backs Grahame Walsh and Stuart McCready. In the centre Stephen Sexton and Kevin Sheehy tackled bravely and Sexton led his side by example with some memorable breaks. Due to injuries, the wing position changed hands regularly, but with Alan Nixon, John McNally and Warren Bell, pace and skill were evident. Completing the team Hillas Smith at full back was strong in the tackle and fearless under the high ball.

Of this year's team Stephen Sexton, Grahame Walsh, Andrew Greenlee, Guy Molyneux, Hillas Smith and Stuart McCready received a trial for Leinster with Sexton progressing to a final trial at Donnybrook.

In the period before Christmas competition for places was keen and performances improved. We beat St. Andrew's 12-4 and narrowly lost to the eventual cup finalists Clongowes 9-13.

In the new term intensive training began with the inception of "the dreaded two mile run" to aid fitness. Going into the cup, morale was high after impressive performances against fancied Pres. Bray side 22-30 (in which Andrew Greenlee scored the try of the season with a deft side step) and St. Mary's 12-13, in which, unfortunately, Gary Hanan broke his foot and John McNally dislocated his shoulder ruling them out for the cup campaign.

Changes were made and with a bye into the second round we met St. Paul's, Raheny, at Jones Road. Playing with a strong wind we led at half time due to a well taken try by winger Alan Nixon. In the second half, superb tackling allowed Paul's to breach our defence only once. The score remained 4-4 and four days later we returned for the replay. This time, despite having the better of the play we trailed 0-6 at half-time. This deficit was reduced to 4-6 early in the second half when Warren Bell dived over in the corner after good work on the blindside. There followed a period in which High School launched numerous attacks but no more scores were forthcoming and we made a premature exit from the cup. The score 4-6 typified our unlucky season.

The season finished on a high note with a crushing defeat of Aberystwyth, a prominent Welsh team, 30-0 and in an exciting game against the Old Boys' XV in which a 15-15 draw was a deserved result for both sides.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Cole and Mr. Wright for the time, energy and commitment that they gave to the team throughout the season and whose skill and expertise in coaching added considerably to the side.

Grahame Walsh



1st XV RUGBY

Standing: K. Sheehy, H. Smith, M. Boyd, G. Molyneaux, R. Beattie, P. Clements, P. Lowe, W. Bell, R. Jones, M. King.
Seated: Mr D. Wright, A. Nixon, S. McCready, A. Greenlee, S. Sexton (Capt.), G. Walsh, C. Harris, K. Spendlove, Mr D. Cole.
On ground: C. Dunne, J. Kilroy, K. McConnell, S. Rance.

SENIOR RUGBY TOUR '89

The tour this season took us to Wimbledon in England where our hosts were King's College, Wimbledon. We stayed with this school as part of an exchange. We had played and hosted the same team in Dublin during the previous week and were now on a return journey.

Having taken the ferry from the East Wall to Holyhead, a crossing which had adverse affects on several members of the team, we progressed to London by train. An enjoyable night was spent in a small hotel. The next day, Sunday, was occupied with visiting the many interesting sights of the English capital. That night, having met the families with whom we were to stay, we spent an entertaining evening in Wimbledon.

The only match we were to play took place on the Monday. Eager to avenge our 4-12 defeat in Dublin, the match was preceded by a serious trianing session, but to no avail, as a strong King's College team took control of the game, winning 26-4.

The journey back to Dublin on Tuesday was a long and uneventful one. The tour succeeded in creating a strong bond between the team members and coach which was to last for the remainder of the season.

On behalf of the team we would like to thank Mr. Cole for organising and undertaking the tour on his own.

*Grahame Walsh
Stephen Sexton*

SECOND XV

The Senior Seconds XV enjoyed a good year with a large squad. Brian McNeilly was named captain but after an injury which kept him from playing for a couple of months, Jason Kilroy took over for a while. The team didn't get much chance to play together due to Second's players moving up to the first XV, and vice versa. The team played well in all matches, however, although the results don't show it. The best game of the season was by far the match against Wesley. We lost 15-12 in the end but High School scored three tries by Matthew Jones, Keith McConnell and Stephen Douglas. One of our wins was against King's Hospital (away), which is always a difficult fixture. We won 19-9.

Our league campaign started at the end of February. We only

played two of our matches. Blackrock beat us 44-0 but we then beat Gonzaga 10-6. All in all the 2nd XV had a good season. I would like to thank Mr. Cole and Mr. Wright for their training through the year and for sticking with the team. I would also like to thank Mr. Walsh for coming to every match and for his brilliant half-time talks.

Jason Kilroy 5th

JUNIOR XV

The J.C.T. had a successful season reaching the quarter finals of the Junior Cup.

The 1st round match was played against Kilkenny College in Terenure. The match was played in atrocious conditions on a pitch that was like a quagmire. They only reason it was played was to accommodate Kilkenny who had travelled such a distance with their supporters. All the scoring was done in the first ten minutes, Andrew Allen in the outhalf position scored a good try under the posts. He missed the conversion. A penalty shortly afterwards completed the scoring: High School 7, Kilkenny 0.

The second round match was against St. Andrew's College in Williamstown. After a scoreless first half the match livened up in the second half. St. Andrew's pressurised our line in the first fifteen minutes nearly going over at one stage when Graham Jones denied their full-back a try with a slightly high tackle a few metres short of the line. From the resulting penalty Duncan Micks made a tremendous tackle on one of their forwards stopping a certain try. In the process he injured himself, breaking his nose. Once we cleared our line we began to dominate. Towards the end of the game Andrew Allen drop kicked the only score of the game.

The quarter final match was against Terenure College in Donnybrook after an evenly contested first 30 seconds Terenure settled down totally to dominate the match. The final score was 39-0 in favour of Terenure. The physique of their pack was such that we were unable to obtain good possession of the ball going forward. Such differences in physique occur at Junior level. They tend to even out by Senior level. Despite the large score line High School kept their heads up throughout the game. They tackled bravely throughout and took their defeat well after the game.

Throughout the season this team trained exceptionally hard, sometimes as much as 5 times a week. Such dedication will hold them in good stead in the future as they reached a high level of fitness and acquired many skills.

The captain Reuben Govender was an excellent example to all the players. He is a forward of great ability and will be a good prospect for the Senior XV next year.

Ross Staunton at scrum-half developed a good passing action which was accurate and quick. Andrew Allen performed well in his new out-half position. Rory Timlin tackled well as a first centre. In Graham Carroll we have a centre of exceptional pace. Craig Wynne at full-back was safe under a high ball. The wingers

Stephen Rowan, Manus O'Donnell, Duncan Micks and Ian Hermon all performed well.

The front row of Emmet Rogers, Neil Kelly and Warren Grant, while being a bit light had good technique. The second row consisted of Ivor Young and Andrew Skelton. Ivor was a key player in the rolling maul. Andrew developed into a fine lineout jumper. The back row players of Nicholas McMurry, Reuben Govender, David Walsh and Graham Jones were very mobile and had good handling skills. Players like Naoise Hardiman and Richard Price were very adequate replacements.

I would like to thank Albert Manifold for his invaluable assistance in training the forwards, although our philosophies of



JUNIOR RUGBY XV

Standing: J. Carson, G. Jones, N. Kelly, I. Young, S. Robinson, I. Hermon, C. Carroll, C. Wyne, J. Govender.

Seated: Mr. Mills, N. Hardiman, S. Rowan, A. Allen, R. Hovender (Capt.), A. Skelton, R. Timlin, R. Staunton, E. Rodgers.

On ground: W. Grant, R. Price, D. Micks, N. McMurry.



UNDER 14

Standing: M. Kinch, G. Jones, A. Dunne, S. Lipson, Mr. Fennell, A. Thompson, J. Connolly, B. Murphy, R. McCrea.

Seated: G. McCarthy, J. Carson, N. McMurry, R. Timlin (Capt.), D. Micks, B. Dodd, W. Conlon-Grant.

In front (seated): C. Rice, D. Harris.

the game did not always coincide. Albert believed in giving the ball to the forwards and ignoring the backs. His reason for this was that passing only messed the game up! Once again the J.C.T. 'B' had a successful season, this year under the captaincy of Karl Richardson. Their success was guaranteed as they were in the capable hands of Mr. Irwin.

K. Mills

UNDER-14 XV

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST
A XV	17	9	2	6
B XV	9	5	0	4

As you can see, this year's U-14 season was a fairly successful one. The A XV was unable to field at full strength for many of its matches as Graham Jones, Warren Grant, Nicholas McMurry, Duncan Micks, Jonathan Carson and Rory Timlin were all involved with the J.C.T. However this did not prevent the A XV from putting in many brave performances, the majority of which they won.

The season started well with a 20-4 victory over Newbridge, a 7-7 draw with King's Hospital, a 14-14 draw with Blackrock and an 8-0 victory over C.U.S. After a lightly unlucky period we regained our winning form after Christmas, beating De La Salle, Churchtown (36-0), St. Columba's College (14-4), Templeogue College (22-4), Stewart's Melville (12-8), St. Paul's (16-4), C.B.C. (17-3) and Gonzaga (8-6).

The B XV had an equally good season with many well fought games, which included victories over Blackrock, C.V.S., Templeogue, St. Paul's and Gonzaga.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Fennell, Russell Fennell, Mr. K. Davies and Mr. R. Davies for training us and refereeing our matches throughout the season.

K.T.

UNDER 13 XV

	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN
Under-13 A	19	8	11	—
Under-13 B	12	4	8	—
Under-13 C	2	1	—	1

It is unfortunate that our early season fixtures are all against strong opposition as most of this age group are new to the game of rugby. The season began in late September with defeats by Blackrock, St. Mary's, Terenure, Gonzaga and Newbridge. But after mid-term there were good wins over St. Paul's (14-0), Carlow (24-18) and a very close game with Wesley (0-6).

After Christmas the A XV developed into quite a useful team and had good games with Stewart's Melville (20-0), C.B.C. (22-0), Kilkenny (20-3), De La Salle (16-12) and (16-0) and S. Benildus (16-8).

The B and C XV games were sportingly contested and good fun for all concerned. The group as a whole will improve greatly next season and will be a good match for most oppositions.

I would like to thank Mr. Richard Davies and Russell Fennell for all their help during the season.

R.H.F.

UNDER-12 RUGBY:

This season was most encouraging for the Under-12s, winning over half their matches. In the first match they were beaten by a more experienced Gonzaga side 19-10. In this match Hugh Molyneux scored his first try in an incredible total of 15 in ten matches. Following this defeat, the team steadily improved with every game, having fine wins over Wesley 36-4, St. Andrew's 26-4 and in the last match against Clongowes, coming back from a 12-0



UNDER 13

Standing: Mr. Fennell, M. Good, A. Mahon, G. Lyons, M. Hessian, J. Green, A. Finlay, G. Hopkins.
Seated: M. Wilkinson, J. Free, J. Tanner, G. Douglas (Capt.), K. Williams, M. Williams, N. Beattie.
In front (seated): K. Thompson, D. Gould.

deficit at half-time, to win 14-12. The other prolific try scorer was Julian Callaibet, who scored an impressive 8 tries, the first of these against Wesley. Also well done to David Bell who captained the side very well and was also the place kicker, successful with 13 attempts.

One of the high points of the season was a visit by Stewart's Melville, Scotland. Needless to say, the under-12s won their match against them, 8-6! Overall it was a very satisfying season, helped a lot by the enthusiasm and encouragement from Mr. Quinn and Mr. Swan.

Rose McCullogh (1A)

Leinster Schools Tour of Zimbabwe

Firstly Paul and I would like to thank all the High School/Old Wesley people who contributed to our costs on the Zimbabwe tour. Particularly Don Lewis, Alan Chapman and David Wright who organised everything. A three week tour is very expensive when you are not earning, even in a country as hospitable as Zimbabwe.

This was the first overseas tour made by Leinster Schools so nobody quite knew what to expect. However, with the advice of Dave Priestman, an expert in these matters, we loaded up with whiskey, ties and Irish linen and set off on a 12 hour, non-stop, no video flight to Harare. Next morning, after two steaks for breakfast and a swim in 'Cizek' family pool we were ready for anything.

We were to play six matches — all with romantic sounding names: Matabeleland, Zimbabwe Under-19, Zimbabwe Midlands and Zimbabwe Schools. The test games were Zimbabwe 19's and Zimbabwe Schools. Everybody was very keen to be selected for these games. Everybody played on one of the first two games and after that the selection was on merit. We both played in the two 'tests'. Paul was the top scorer of the tour, but because props are not allowed score I had to be content with four push-overs in the two tests. Training and thinking about Rugby everyday, the team got better and better. It was a real joy to be part of such a talented group of boys. We won all our matches scoring 183 pts. for and 50 against, defeating the Zimbabwe Schools 46-7 in the last game.

Before this tour, my impression of Africa was of a larger version of the lion enclosure in Dublin Zoo. True enough, there were animals there all right except that they look bigger when there are no bars in the way. In one part we were chased up a tree when a bull rhino charged at us. We had to wait until a lady rhino came to put his mind on other things!

The white population in Zimbabwe is relatively small and somewhat isolated from Europe. Because of this we were popular as a touring party and gradually acquired our 'groupie' following of girls.

The Midlands team was the only one which was all black. Picture us after the game swapping 'rebel' songs in a pub in the middle of Africa into the small hours of the morning.

Duncan Cole,
Paul Allen

Swimming Report



SPONSORED SWIMMERS

Back Row (from left to right): David Steven, Sarah Willoughby, Dara Loughlin, Karen Johnson, Jacqui McCoy, Sarah Giltrap, Geoffrey Needham.

Middle Row: Robert Edge, Rachael Crebbin, Naomi O'Callaghan, Vanessa Barcroft, Jonathan Reid.

Front Row: Rhonda Jenkinson, Janet Micks, Aileen Strachan, Avril Harris, Tanya Hempenstall, Sara Brown.

Swimming this year was held on Wednesday evenings at Terenure College. 6.00 — 6.45 for 1st and 3rd years and 6.45 for 1st and 3rd years and 6.45 — 7.30 for 4th to 6th years. This years gala took place on the 14th November. The main event was won by David Stephen for the Senior Boys Champion (Liffey Cup). Well done to the winners and participants. Many thanks to Mrs. Brook who distributed the prizes.

Also last year, a sponsored swim was organised by Jacqui McCoy (5th year). 16 swimmers took part mostly from 4th and 3rd Years and they raised a total of £450. These proceeds went to The Childrens Research Centre, Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin. Many thanks to all the helpers and well done swimmers.

On behalf of all the swimmers I would like to thank sincerely Mr. Swan, Mrs. Davin and Mrs. Mellon who contributed much of their free time to take swimming classes.

Suzie Fahy (5th)

The Decline and Fall of Soccer in High School

It is with great sadness and regret that I have witnessed the gradual elimination of soccer in High School. Soccer has played a part, to varying degrees, in the High School for the best part of ten years. Sadly, soccer now ceases to play any role in the High School's sporting calendar.

Until the school year 1988/'89 soccer was available as an alternative to rugby and athletics during the winter season, and as an alternative to cricket and athletics in the summer term, to boys in the 5th and 6th form. Unfortunately this is no longer the case; as a result a vast number of boys are deprived of the chance ever to represent their school in soccer.

In an effort to appease the growing number of boys wanting to represent their school in soccer, permission for a two year involvement with the Leinster Senior League was granted in the years 1987-9. High School performed admirably in both years but failed to progress to the knock-out stages on both occasions. However, a glance at the records of other sports offered would lead one to believe that the success of a team does not affect the choice available to the individual.

No official reason was ever offered for the "banning" of soccer but it seems clear that those in authority would prefer not to be associated with the soccer playing schools of Dublin and with the somewhat marred image of soccer in general.

This is a sad situation and one which I hope in years to come will be rectified. In conclusion, I would like to ask the School, which prides itself on the wide range of sports available to the individual, to reconsider the role of soccer in the school, particularly in this year of Irish football history when the interest and enthusiasm for football has never been greater.

Sorley McCaughey (6)

Basketball



UNDER 19 BASKETBALL

Standing (l. to r.): Ciarn Timlin, Julian McCrae, Neil Cogan, Gavin Dodd.

Sitting (l. to r.): Chris Sykes, Joshua Walker, Peter Walker, Robert Jones.

The Basketball season was very successful with High School winning their first Leinster Cup at U-16 level and reaching the final at U-19 level.

U-19 League Matches:

High School, Dublin	74	St. Finian's, Mullingar	41
High School, Dublin	70	St. Paul's	45
High School, Dublin	80	Athlone	54

Semi-Final: High School beat Dundalk C.B.S.

Final: High School lost to Portlaoise.

U-16 League Matches:

High School, Dublin	146	Westland Row	79
High School, Dublin	88	Celbridge	47
High School, Dublin	75	Lucan	47
High School, Dublin	92	St. Michael's	30
High School, Dublin	80	St. John's	62

Semi-Final: High School beat Kildare

Final: High School beat Mullingar.



UNDER 16 BASKETBALL

Back (l. to r.): Garrett Lyons, Peter Walker.

Front (l. to r.): Gavin Dodd, Joshua Walker, Bruce Harley, Eamonn Gallagher.



Under 16 captain, J. Walker, receiving the trophy from Fr. Horan.

The outstanding performer in all of these matches was Joshua Walker who is a player of exceptional promise. I have never known a player who is so dedicated to the game and trains so hard. Other players who have improved so much are Gavin Dodd, Peter Walker, Christopher Sykes, Julian McCrae and Neil Cogan.

The U-13 team is a team for the future. Such players as Garrett Lyons, Mark Williams, Terry Frost and David Bell show a lot of promise. Also in Eamonn Gallagher we have a player of tremendous ability.

C. Mills



UNDER 13 BASKETBALL

Standing (l. to r.): Garrett Lyons, Gavin Douglas, Rory Kavanagh, Nigel Moody, Constantinos Florides.

Seated (l. to r.): Terry Frost, Mark Williams, Brian Davis, David Bell, Gareth Staunton, Simon McMullen.

Badminton Report 1989-90

GIRLS:

The three teams who were entered in the Leinster Schools League this year, had an enjoyable but not very successful season, due to tough competition.

The U-18 team, captained by Tanya Hempenstall, consisted of Janet Wilkie, Melanie Hill and countless others who subbed for us throughout the season, competed against teams such as Old Bawn School, Muckross, Wesley and Our Lady's, Templeogue. We drew two matches but lost the other two.

The U-16 team was captained by Karen Johnson this year, and consisted of Emma Wilkie, Gillian Dowling and Sinead Johnstone. They were also drawn with good teams but they enjoyed the season anyway.

The U-14 team, captained by Sandra Johnson played very well, but did not manage to get through into the sections of the League.

Thank you to Mr. Sheridan and Mrs. Turpin for their help and encouragement throughout the season.

Congratulations to Jonathan Carson on being chosen for the Irish Under-14 Badminton team to play in Wales against other Home Countries.

Tanya Hempenstall

BOYS:

The U-18 Boys, captained by Noel Prendergast, had a good season. They faced very tough competition but did well, drawing two matches, winning one and losing three. Special thanks must be given to Christopher Sykes who substituted many times for the team.

The U-16 team, had a good season, winning two matches and losing two. The U-14 team did extremely well this year, reaching the semi-finals of the cup. It is a very young and promising team and we hope that they will have a very successful future.

I would like to thank Mr. Sheridan and Mrs. Turpin for their active participation in the Badminton season.

Andros Florides

Tennis

BOYS:

The boys' Minor team was entered in the strong section of the cup this year and they performed well at this higher level. Greg Molins, Ross Staunton and Gordon Harris all distinguished themselves as singles players and the team came very close to beating Gonzaga in the deciding match in the section. We lost 3-2 and so missed the opportunity to progress to the semi-finals. The team will have benefitted from the experience of playing against players of a higher standard.

The Senior team, captained by Graham McElhinney played St. Michael's in the cup and lost 4-3. There was some compensation in the Plate competition beating King's Hospital 5-1. The team is a young one and all of them will be back next year.

The annual fixture against the parents was closely contested and we played some friendlies towards the end of the term.

We would like to thank Rathgar Tennis Club and Brookfield Lawn Tennis Club for the use of their courts.

L. McClure



MINOR & JUNIOR TENNIS 1989

Back Row: G. Mellon, F. Campbell, R. Gageby, H. Deegan, T. Bell, H. Glynne.

Seated: S. Johnston, W. Moffett, D. Walsh, A. Warbrick, C. Moore.



Hillwalking

Despite wild and windy weather the club has been out in full force regularly throughout recent months. There has been good participation from all years and hardly any complaints!

Our first walk of the season was the now traditional assault on Lugnaquilla. Despite the long hard slog for some relative beginners, the summit was reached in good time, the last hundred metres or so proving unexpectedly easy for tired legs.

A record twenty-five pupils turned up for the introductory walk for 1st Years which took place in the Glendalough region. This walk had plenty of variety including rock-hopping, mini-caving and river-crossing. A good time was had by all.

The wet weather did not put off participants in the night walk in December. We climbed Kippure in miserable conditions — it was misty or raining most of the time — good testing ground for our waterproofs and boots. Another very wet day found the minibus disgorging a large crowd of High Schoolers at Glendalough car park. (The only other people there were a couple of scuba divers! Why they were there no knew but there was no doubt that they were the more suitably dressed!) Not to be deterred from our chosen task we set off up Lugduff taking in Mullaghor and Derrybawn ridges. It was extremely windy and we spent much blown over. In fact the only reason that some of the lighter participants didn't take off into the wind was that the whole group clung together like a giant multi-legged beetle and walked in one body.

More recently we again tackled Lugnaquilla via Camera Hill. Again it was wet but good time was made in spite of the weather. We were interested to note a discrepancy in the new 1:25,000 map of Wicklow. One can never be too careful.

Other walks included a lovely day in the Mullaghleevaun region where we also tackled Duff Hill. We explored too Djouce and Maulin, descending by way of Powerscourt Waterfall; and a further rainy day was spent on Corrig Mountain.

The hillwalking trip this year was to Galway, and as usual was great fun. The weather was fine which meant we could see the views clearly.

The first walk was around the Derry-Clare Horseshoe and ended at the back of the Binn Leitri Youth Hostel, where we stayed. Dinner cooked that night was boil-in-the-bag fish and powdered potatoes. Other walks we did were to the Maum Turks.

We would all like to thank Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Cryan, Mr. Gardner and Alison Blackmore for bringing us and making the weekend such a success.

Janet Faull

Canoeing

Canoeing has proved to be as popular ever in the past season. Regular river trips on the Liffey throughout the Summerterm were very well supported, and enjoyed by all those involved. All participants in the annual Schools Liffey Descent did very well; hopefully we will be equally successful this year. Suzie Fahy won the Canoeist of the Year Award, Jonathon Blain the Form 1 Canoe Cup and Alan Thompson the Liffey Perpetual Trophy.

Many thanks to all those involved and especially to Mr. Swan, for all the time and effort spent making canoeing possible. If the enthusiasm of the beginners on the Dodder this year is anything to go by, 1990 should be more successful than ever.

Sarah Dawson

Rock Climbing



By having sessions in Dalkey Quarry on Friday after school as well as on the traditional Saturday morning/afternoon. We gave more pupils than ever an opportunity to start or to develop in this little understood, exciting but essentially safe, sport.

Some very promising climbers emerged from the outgoing sixth year pupils amongst whom could be named Michael Lunny, Alan Duffy, Dermot Brosnan, Duncan Foster, Simon Molloy, Cedric Heather and Tara Bell. Some of these have already indicated that their continuing enthusiasm by getting an early start to this season and we hope they will have the time to be able to assist with instructing the pupils this Summer term, which is a very short one.

Our sincere thanks to past pupils and others who came to our help last year and obviously did a really good job as the increase in serious interest testifies: John Armstrong, Niklas Price, Colm Kirkham and the occasional wayfaring stranger who would be "roped in".

I. Blackmore

Caving



The first of this year's speleological excursions led by Cockie, Collie, Steve, Hasko and Eddie, took place in September when a contingent of cavers sped Clarewards in order to participate in some potholing.

On the first day, the group split into two, one half doing Pollnua, while the other disappeared down Upper Pollnagollum. On the second day, those masochists not put off by the first interment strode purposefully (led of course by the usual fearless, etc.) into Cullaun Two, where they beheld diverse strange sights and visions, such as the Bloody Guts and The Tongue.

November found a group of sixth year speleologists sloshing around Pollnua and Lower Pollnagollum on the first day. Caving on the second day was cancelled, due to sub-zero temperatures coupled with an attack of apathy.

In February, a group comprised mainly of beginners arrived in Clare and immediately swamped by the realisation that anyone not equipped with waders was going to have a pretty soggy time. Nevertheless, our highly experienced team of leaders judged it safe to go down Cullaun Two. Everyone enjoyed this immensely (after a brief moment of confusion where a road was taken for a river). Everyone was up early next morning, ready to embark upon the second cave of the weekend, but worsening weather and rising flood waters sowed terror among the troops, and the day was spent touring the Burren — dolmens, etc.

The most recent trip of the year was Paddy's Weekend, which took us to Yorkshire (after an interesting roller coaster voyage). We stayed in Giggleswick, where, in complete contrast to the last trip, we were in imminent danger of sunstroke. This year, we ventured down Calf Hole — Browgill, where Collie played a great trick on his group by pretending to get lost. We also did Long Churn as far as Alum Pot. This is a fun cave with a nice mixture of water slides, booby traps and the cheese press. No-one screams in the Cheese Press due to the fact that most of the air needed for verbal description of the place is squeezed out of one's lungs.

Well here ends (if somewhat abruptly) this year's report. We are all grateful to whoever fixed the hole in the roof of the minibus, as we can now get high on diesel fumes again.

Juliet Nash (6U)

Athletics Review 1988/'89

The track and field season of 1988/'89 proved to be the most successful for a number of years. This was due to a relatively small but dedicated group of athletes who worked hard to achieve success at the very level of competition in the Leinster Championships. In both the zone and Leinster final stages all our athletes performed to their full potential by either winning medals or reaching the final of their event.



MINOR RELAY TEAM

Richard McCrae, Stephen Lipson, Duncan Micks, Warren Conlon-Grant.

New ground was broken in the Leinster Senior Boys 100 metres final when Mark Hildebrand was the first High School boy ever to win the gold medal and championship cup in the sixty years it has been competed for. Mark recorded the record equalling time of 11.1 seconds and subsequently went on to record the excellent time of 10.4 seconds during the summer at the B.L.E. National Senior Championships in Cork.

The Minor Boys Relay Team excelled in finishing second in the 4 x 100 metres event. This was a most notable achievement considering the number of schools throughout Leinster competing in the event.

Other notable performances were produced by Michael O'Dwyer who finished second in the zone final at 1,500 metres, and Jack Slattery who finished a fine 3rd in the Intermediate 800 metres.

The members of the minor relay team were:

Stephen Lipson; Warren Conlon Grant; Richard McCrae; Duncan Micks.

Other athletes to reach the final stages of their events were Neil Cogan in the High Jump, Duncan Micks in 80 metres and Long Jump and Andros Florides in the shot.

The Senior Boys and Girls team finished a close third in the annual Hall Copper trophy held at King's Hospital. This is one event High School have yet to win. This is a competition for co-educational schools where High School would like to break the stranglehold that Newtown, Wesley and Kings Hospital have held on the event since its inception about twenty years ago.



Mark Hildebrand, Leinster senior 100m champion.

SPORTS CUP WINNERS — 1989

100 metres Taylor Cup	— M. Hildebrand
200 metres Moore Cup	— G. Molyneaux
400 metres Cornick Cup	— J. Slattery
800 metres Southam Cup	— J. Slattery
1500 metres Walker Cup	— J. Slattery
High Jump Travers Cup	— J. McCrae
Long Jump Sloan Cup	— G. Jacobs
Javelin	— S. Moore
Shot	— A. Florides
War Memorial Cup	— J. Slattery
Cunninham Cup	— D. Micks

GIRLS

100 metres	— Sarah Lamb
200 metres	— Sarah Lamb
(Belgrave Cup)	
400 metres	— Sarah Dawson
800 metres	— Avril Harris/Sarah Dawson
High Jump	— Sarah Lamb
Shot	— Sarah Lamb
Discus	— Sarah Lamb

J.T.

Golf



GOLF TEAM

Left to right: N. Eakins, G. Walsh, D. Beere.

It was an experimental year for High School golf. The team comprised three Fifth Years; Grahame Walsh, Nigel Eakins and David Beere. Two competitions were entered and against strong opponents the team battled well, both times finishing middle of the Table. There is a promising future for High School golf and in the coming year, with this experience, the team will, we hope, put High School on the map. Thanks must be expressed to the Castle Golf club who allowed the team to play their course and to Mr. Brook for his giving of a school day. Special thanks to Mr. Eakins for the Greystones trip (there and back!) and to Mr. Kirby for organising the team.

Competitions: 9th April: Newlands Golf Club: Schools Championship — Qualifier; 19th April: Greystones G.C.; Irish Schools Championship — Qualifier.

David Beere (5th)

High Jump Report

There was quite a good turnout for the High Jump coaching sessions, from all age groups. It was especially popular with the 1st Year pupils, some of whom showed great promise. All who took part would like to give special thanks, to Mrs. Travers for giving up so much of her spare time to coach us.

Neil Cogan

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THE HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION

President's Letter

Dear Members,

Greetings to all our members, both at home and overseas.

I would first of all like to say how proud I was to be elected President at the start of a new decade. I trust I can fulfil my duties in the same exemplary way as my predecessors.



John D. Ridgeway

After our Diamond Jubilee Year it was back to normal happenings. One of our main aims is to help the School in a positive way. This we did by some financial assistance to a group who were elected to represent Ireland at the European Youth Parliament which was held in Greece last November.

We also had a request for two new sports cups — one for badminton and one for table tennis — which we were delighted to provide. These will be presented to the first recipient during the summer months.

Our bi-annual London dinner was held on the eve of the rugby international in the Gloucester Hotel and attended by 84 Old Boys and wives (or girl friends). My thanks are due to Harry Booker for his excellent organisation, my speakers, Mr. Frank Sowman and Rev. Symes, my principal guest, Mr. Ian Lewis and Mr. Maurice McDonough for his musical interludes.

The date of the Dublin dinner was changed to 10 February and it was held in the School. By all accounts it was a great success. A packed 290 Old Boys and guests enjoyed excellent entertainment provided by Maurice McDonough and his musical guests and superb speeches by Mr. David Rowell, the Headmaster, and our principal guest, Mr. Vere Wynne Jones from RTE. I would like to make special mention of our dinner committee — Harry Booker, Robin Miller and Wayne Sheridan — and thank them for organising such a memorable experience.

The annual debate against the School was held in mid-February and, once again, the OBU came second.

It is very encouraging to see the number of new boys joining the Union and we have, in fact, two very new Old Boys on our committee.

I would appeal to all members to support the various functions and events during the year. I would make special mention of the AGM (Friday, 19 October).

Although halfway through, I am enjoying my year in office very much. Here are some events to come, which I hope you will support.

1. Annual golf outing at Rathfarnham Golf club (25th May).
2. Cricket match (date to be announced).
3. AGM (19 October).

Finally, may I take this opportunity of thanking Robin Miller (hon. sec.), Ernie Frith (hon. treas.) and George Keegan (hon. reg.) for their tremendous work in making the President's task so much easier.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN D. RIDGEWAY

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT 1989-90

THE final event of the Diamond Jubilee Year was the Dinner on September 29th, 1989. This took place in the School, and was attended by 158 members, their wives and friends. All agreed it was a successful and enjoyable evening, with a high standard of entertainment provided by Frank Dunne and William Young, accompanied on the piano by Alison Young. The principal guest was the British Ambassador, Sir Nicholas Fenn, who was presented with a pair of cut-glass brandy goblets by the President, W.F. Wilson. These carried the school crest with the motto: "High School Dublin Old Boys' Union Diamond Jubilee 1928/29 — 1988/89". This emblem can be put on other items by Dublin Crystal Ltd. — for further details, contact the Hon. Secretary.

There was a smaller than usual attendance at the Annual General Meeting held on October 20th, 1989. This is disappointing as the A.G.M. is an opportunity for members to influence the policies that will be followed during the forthcoming year, and perhaps even be elected to the Committee! We hope that members will note the date of the next A.G.M. — October 19th,

1990, at 7.45 p.m. in the School — and attend if they possibly can.

The following officers and committee were elected for 1989/90: Patron, W.G. Booker; President, J.D. Ridgeway; President-Elect, M.F. McDonough; Vice-President, A.P.R. Brook; Hon. Secretary, R.J. Miller; Hon. Treasurer, E.W. Frith; Hon. Registrar, G.W. Keegan; Assistant Hon. Secretary, W.M. O'L. Sheridan; Hon. Auditor, D. O'Maolchoille; Hon. Sports Secretaries, J.D. Ridgeway (Cricket); W.M. O'L. Sheridan (Rugby); B.G. Priestman (Golf); Committee: J.K. Bailey, M.G. Brambell, T. Gaidoni, D.B. Haine, C.J. Heather, M.P. Hildebrand, W.A. Ingram, N.H. Kerrison, S.A. O'Riordan, J. Wright.

The London Dinner was held in the Gloucester Hotel on Friday, January 19th, 1990. The President attended along with 84 members and guests. Mr. W.I. Lewis replied to the toast of the Guests, proposed by Mr. F.E. Sowman.

This year, because of the dates of Rugby Internationals, the Annual Dinner was held later than usual on Saturday, February 10th, 1990. Mr. David Rowell proposed the Toast of the Guests, and the principal guest, Mr. Vere Wynne Jones, replied. The musical guests, led by Maurice McDonagh, included Brian Hoey

and Philip Byrne. As usual, there was a full house with 290 dining, and we congratulate the President, Mr. John Ridgeway, on one of the most successful dinners in recent years.

Despite the fact that an Old Boy, Mr. Trevor Sargeant, was Chairman, the annual debate against the School was again lost. The Old Boys' team was opposing the motion "That the conservation of the natural environment is more important than economic stability". The annual rugby match was a closely fought contest and ended in a 15-all draw. The Old Boys played with their traditional mixture of flair and casualness, but this was matched by the skill and endeavour of an energetic school side. Two other sporting events, The Golf Outing and the Cricket Match, will be held before the Sumer holidays.

As you are, I hope, aware, you received this copy of the Erasman because your name is on the Mailing List. Those members whose subscriptions will expire on August 31st will find enclosed a letter informing them of this fact. We ask them to renew their subscriptions promptly please, £6 for one year or £25 for five years.

Robin Miller

THE HIGH SCHOOL AND DIOCESAN
OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

Greetings and best wishes to you all! This, my first as President of the Association, has been an enjoyable one — though I must say I am glad it is a two-year term of office. The first year is something of a learning experience; during the second, one would hope to carry out one's duties with more confidence and with an even stronger sense of what it means to hold this honour.

My first duty was to go into the school to talk to the 6th year girls about the Association — my thanks to Miss Jane Williams for her help in this. We were very pleased to see some of those girls at our first meeting last September.

In October I attended the Prize Distribution and had the pleasure of presenting the Jean Scott Memorial Rosebowl to Trudi Rothwell.

Earlier this year I was invited to the Beer, Wine & Cheese evening run by the Parents' Association. This proved most enjoyable as I met many people I knew, as well as renewing some old acquaintances.

Another of my presidential duties has been to chair the Hockey Club A.G.M. As a past member of the Club, I found this most interesting and was pleased to see the Club continue to flourish. Congratulations to the 1st XI on winning their section of the league and on their subsequent promotion.

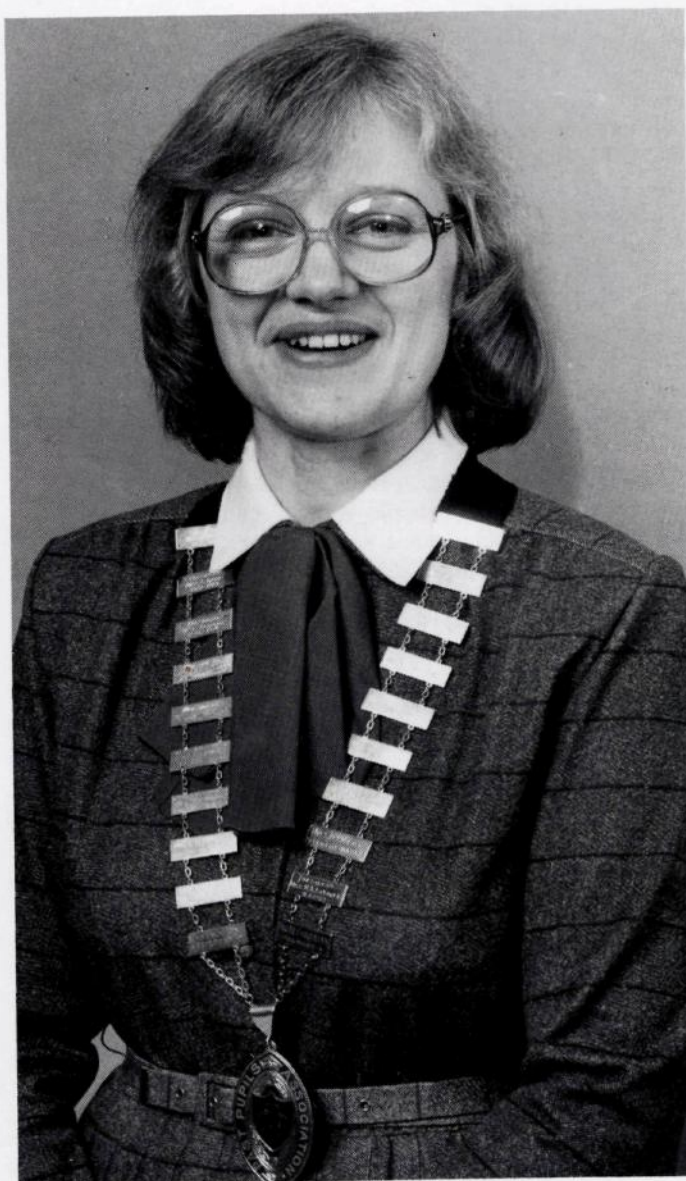
There has been much talk, particularly among school leavers in the recent past, about a joint past pupils' association. I have little doubt but that this will come about in the not-too-distant future. Indeed, I think it is imperative that it does.

While acting as a means of keeping in touch with former classmates, and of giving a helping hand with the elderly, with employment or wherever else it may be needed, surely such associations exist mainly for support of the school and its present pupils in whatever way may be most necessary?

At the moment we have two associations, long in tradition, strong in experience and active in support of the school. I feel that they can both only be strengthened by joining together members who have given long and faithful service as well as to younger members and recent school leavers, without whose support neither association can continue to survive. To conclude, I would like to thank members of the committee for their support and hard work during the year. Many thanks also to Mr. Book, David Benson and all those who help in the smooth running of our meetings.

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Smith



Gillian Smith

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1989 — 1990

President: Ms. Gillian Smith; *Chairperson:* Mrs. Ruth Farrell; *Hon. Treasurer:* Miss Judith Wilkinson; *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs. Daphne Bell; *Committee:* Miss Carole Bardon, Mrs. Iris Beatty, Mrs. Patricia Guard, Ms. June Leach and Mrs. Cherry Ruane.

I am pleased to report that our 1989-1990 season has so far been very successful and our meetings well attended.

A Welcome Supper in September started off our year and each member was asked to bring along a past pupil who does not normally come to meetings. Old school photographs were requested also! It was an excellent night and a very good supper.

Our next meeting was a Table Quiz held in November. It was a great night thanks to a lot of hard work by the committee and as usual a lovely supper was supplied.

We had two outings in December — the first was a visit to Superquinn in Knocklyon, where we had a most enjoyable evening learning about different cuts of meat and fish and sampling various foods and wines. Everyone was given a couple of items of food to bring home with them.

The second outing was Carol Singing in three Nursing Homes in the Rathgar area — Rostrevor, Eastwell and Oak House. This was greatly appreciated by the ladies in the Homes and enjoyed by those who took part in the singing. Afterwards we returned to the School where we had supper.

Modern Health Night was the title of our January meeting and was a talk on Reflexology given by Ann Power, a past pupil of our School. This was a most interesting evening and enjoyed by all present. In keeping with the theme of the evening we supplied a very nice savoury supper.

Our February meeting was another talk — this time on Home Decor given by David Wilkie. He was most helpful on colour schemes for our homes and answered many questions on the art of painting etc. He also showed us a film and gave us samples of paint and colour booklets to bring home, which were much appreciated.

Last month we had a Microwave Cookery Demonstration by Sheila Moore of the E.S.B. This was a very informative evening and we were shown how to cook lovely food in the Microwave and given some useful tips. We also were able to sample some of the foods that were cooked, as well as having our usual supper.

This month we are holding our Annual Dinner in The Green Isle Hotel, Clondalkin and are hoping for a good attendance as it will be our 30th Dinner. Our guest speaker this year is Miss Eileen Mansfield, the Matron of The Adelaide Hospital and we are looking forward to meeting her.

Our season ends with The Annual General Meeting and Supper in May. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible and hope that from September onwards, when our new season starts, we will welcome many school leavers.

On behalf of the committee and Association, may I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Benson and all those in the School who help prepare for our meetings.

Daphne Bell

"Records and Recollections"

As from June 1990, remaining copies of "Records and Recollections" will be in the care of Mrs. Heather Boate (Tel. 956549), Halycon, Sandyford Road, Dundrum, Dublin 16.

Diocesan Hockey Club Report 1989-90

Our 29th season began in the middle of August. Membership remained as usual — about 55 playing members, so four teams were entered in the Leinster Ladies' League. We were pleased to welcome Adrienne Wynne who had just left school. Adrienne played on the third team and was voted "most improved player" on her team at the end of the season.

We had a very successful season — our 1st Eleven winning Intermediate 'A' league by 3 points over our nearest rival. We look forward next year to joining the ranks of Senior 'B' teams alongside Trinity 1st, U.C.D. 1st and Maids 1st. We also qualified for the May Costley tournament for the Intermediate league winners from the provinces. This was held in Cork at the end of April.

Our indoor team having gained promotion to Senior league this year finished third out of five teams and were justly pleased with themselves.

Cheryl Evans and Miriam Grealy played for Leinster on the Intermediate team and Cheryl was elected vice-captain.

We had a Christmas party in the Queen's Restaurant in Dalkey in December and held a Table Quiz in February which was most enjoyable. We organised a Fashion Show jointly with Old Alexandra Hockey Club, when some of our members modelled the clothes.

We would like to thank Roy Horsfield and Denise Crosse for coaching our teams and also our chief umpire Stan McCready.

Next year our goal must be a place in Senior A league. New members are always welcome and especially those who are leaving school.

Committee: Chairperson, Ethni Seymour; *Hon. Secretary,* Ethni Seymour; *Hon. Treasurer,* Carol Scully; *Team Secretary,* Elaine McCready; *Indoor Secretary,* Sara Jordan; *Team Captains,* Cheryl Evans, Sylvia Bryan, Edwina Scanlan, Hazel Mercer.



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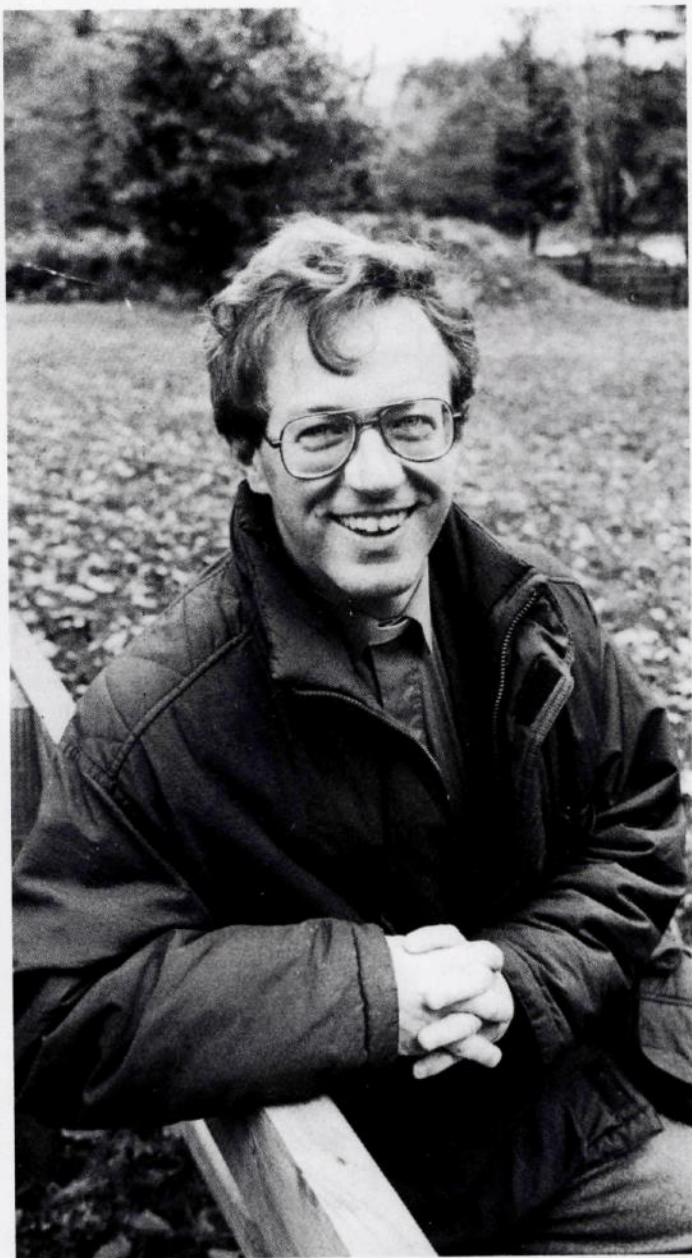
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IN MEMORIAM

Stephen Hilliard

It very quickly became apparent to me and to the rest of the class of '86 in the Church of Ireland Theological College that Stephen was a remarkable person. Remarkable, because he was able to work, full time, as a sub-editor in the 'Irish Times' while simultaneously studying for Ordination in the Church of Ireland and for a Bachelorhood in Divinity with London University. Remarkable, because he still found time to be involved in many, many other areas where his love and care for other people shone through. Remarkable, because despite his dreadful speech impediment, once you became his friend you never noticed it at all — all you did notice was his warmth, his good cheer and his boisterous sense of fun.



Rev. Stephen Hilliard

Thinking back to that awful January day when we heard that Stephen had been so tragically killed it seemed so out of context, so horribly wrong, so inconceivable that someone so full of life, so concerned for others and so loving and caring could have their life ended in so brutal a way. The memory of that time, the pain and the grief are still vivid to his family and many friends. What comforts all of us now are our memories of him as a close friend, a

caring pastor, a faithful Priest, a loving husband and father, and as a wonderful eccentric with a great sense of humour.

One of Stephen's most endearing qualities was that he never quite understood money. He was content to leave all financial transactions to his wife. On one occasion he decided it was time to get involved in family finances and went to the bank to negotiate an overdraft. The manager asked what his salary was. Stephen replied with a figure to which the manager replied 'is that per week or per month?' Stephen asked if he could ring his wife to find out! The bank card and cash dispenser to Stephen were totally unrelated to what he earned. The fact that they seemed to dispense copious quantities of £20 notes was a wonderful mystery to him. It meant that friends who had fallen on hard times or needy people who called to the Curate or Rectory were presented with crisp new notes in large denominations. This was so typical of Stephen — he would give all that he had with total disregard to his own personal needs.

Stephen was a wonderful mimic. Often at Social gatherings or Weddings he would sing 'The Wild Colonial Boy' in the style of Brendan Behan (as a drunk). To those who knew him it was a constant source of great amusement. To those who did not, it was a source of distress that 'a man of the cloth' could get into such a state! One elderly lady was heard to remark on such an occasion 'well, he certainly didn't come here straight from the Church'. I thought I had heard his full repertoire until one evening in the chapel of the Theological College. It was a solemn occasion and Stephen had been looking forward for three years to singing in Evensong. He could not read music so he had learned the music by heart from a tape recording. He, quite unintentionally, sang in the style of Ronnie Drew. It brought the house down.

That was Stephen, intentionally and unintentionally, absolutely hilarious and wonderful company. His warmth permeated everything he did. One was always aware of his high calling to help others and to ensure that his life was dedicated to right triumphing over wrong. There are no words that can express our feelings to his wife Betty, his daughter Catherine and his family. All we can do is assure them of our thoughts and prayers always. Some favourite words of Stephen come to mind when I think about him, written by St. Juliana of Norwich: '... all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well'. (Revelations of Diving Love).

P.M.W.

17th April, 1990

Frederick J. Fox

An Appreciation

With the passing of Freddie Fox, Dublin has lost a great raconteur and one of its foremost characters.

The family tobacco business at the bottom of Grafton Street had been established by his grandfather in 1881. With his brother, who perished on a mission with RAF Bomber Command in 1942, Freddie inherited one of the best known retail houses in the trade, but wartime restrictions stimulated him to add an importing arm to the firm. His involvement in the supply of duty free tobacco to transatlantic carriers at Shannon Airport led to the development of the duty-free shop in Shannon — the very first of its type.

Under Freddie's guidance the firm added branches in London's Bond Street as well as in Jersey in the Channel Islands and, by the time of its centenary, had provided employment for 24 members of the Fox family with Freddie and Hilda's 16 grandchildren poised to enter the scene.

But Freddie Fox was far more than just a successful businessman, for his delightful sense of humour, his warm generosity and his love of rugby football led to friendships with many generations on on many continents. He was a proud supporter of the Irish team, led by Eugene Davy, which toured Australia in 1967 and 11 years later accompanied the Irish

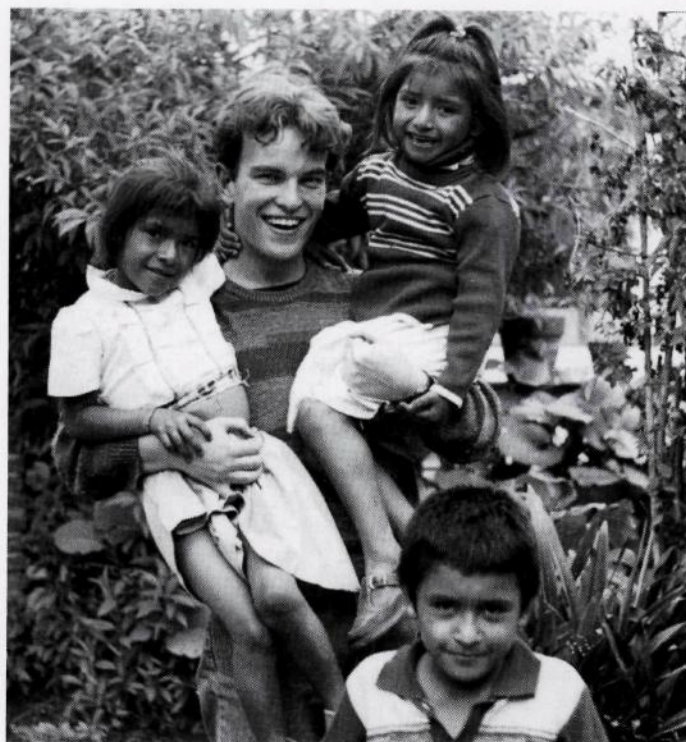
Universities combined side, captained by John Robbie, on tour in New Zealand.

Spanning the age gap was no problem to Uncle Freddie (as the students good humouredly called him) and together with Cyril Boyle and Sarsfield Hogan he made up a formidable, if eclectic, trio of supporters of Irish Universities rugby.

Baggotrath, his home in Newbridge Avenue, was always the scene of convivial gatherings after international matches at Lansdowne Road. Freddie was an unforgettable man who left an imprint on all who knew him. Surrounded by the family he loved and by his many friends his generosity and bonhomie knew no bounds. Those who were privileged to be part of that circle share his family's loss and offer their heartfelt sympathy.

T.T.W.

(Courtesy: 'Irish Times')



Jonathan Blagbrough

Living Rough — Children In Mexico

Plaza Garibaldi was bustling — mariachis trying to solicit romantics to give them money in return for a song or two, a few tourists wandering around, sampling the sights and sounds of the world's largest city.

It was here that I first met Miguel Angel, an aloof, rather impenetrable looking 14-year-old who seemed more troubled by our presence than he would admit. It was with this lad, after years of work with various people and months of preliminary counselling specifically for our project, that we started the residential/transitional part of the street child project.

The project house is sited in Puebla, a city of 3 million inhabitants, 120 kms to the east of Mexico City. Its situation is no accident; Puebla is a major transitional city for migrating families and children. A few statistics are important at this point. Mexico has a very young population, 50% of the 80 million inhabitants are officially minors (i.e. under the age of eighteen). UNICEF reports that of these 40 million children, 11 million live in conditions of extreme poverty: below the minimum wage of 8,000 pesos, approximately £2 per day. Half of these, about 5 million children, either work or live on the street. They are to be seen in every town and city throughout the country.

Miguel Angel has problems common to many other street children of his age. At six he became one of the breadwinners for his family — along with his seven brothers and sisters. From that point onwards his preoccupation with money became inbuilt.

Parents will fix their children a quota of money that must be brought home at night; short of this quota these young boys and girls will be chastised, beaten, and often refused entry into the house for several hours or even the night. These children are left with a strong sense of their lack of value. "With money, I'm important; without money I don't exist". Thus begins the life of a working child.

This parental dependence on their children for financial support is not unique to Mexico. Birth control is not widely practised, partly for religious reasons and because Mexico has a male-dominated society, but also because of the strongly held belief that the more children there are in a family, the more financial support will be gained.

It is frightening to think that many millions of people, due to lack of education and a colluding socio-economic situation, firmly believe that the key to their financial improvement lies in the earning potential of very young children. From the first day that parents send their children out to work on the streets they begin to lose them. Many street children were once working children — the climax of a disintegration of the family structure.

This situation is even more significant in Mexico than elsewhere because of the importance attached to a close family (parents and children) and an extended one (grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins etc.) Prospective street children tend to leave their homes at the age of about ten. Domestic violence is one of the major causes of this (as is alcoholism) — fathers, stepfathers, and sometimes mothers direct their violent feelings towards their children.

The results are horrific — two brothers, Juan (12) and Miguel (11), who lived with us for a short time, left home three years ago after deciding that they could not continue living with their father. They had been subjected to scaldings with boiling water, systematic whippings and beatings and being burned with cigarette butts.

They told of one occasion (after much counselling) when seated at the dinner table; Juan (7 at the time) was a little slow to start. His father picked up a knife and threw it at him. It caught him just below the eye, between his cheek and nose and has left a permanent scar both on his face and mind.

They live a highly unpleasant life now, but will never return home. All the children that we have encountered have had physical and mental scars of some kind.

Miguel Angel's street name is "el Quevedo". (Miguel Angel de Quevedo was a famous Mexican writer whose name has been immortalised in the name of a street where many street kids live). Street names are just another barrier erected to hide the reality of their lives.

Almost as soon as he entered street life he got into drugs. The locally concocted drug "activo" is especially popular among street kids. It is a potent mixture of paint thinner, glue and cement extract; these three ingredients are used because of their cheapness and accessibility. It provides them with a quick 'high' and an escape from reality. Miguel Angel has been on and off this drug for almost 4 years which damages the brain and dulls the sense of smell and taste.

Abuse of all kinds is commonplace on the streets. Many street boys have been homosexually abused from as young as ten. Miguel Angel has almost certainly been homosexually abused. They are also used by prostitutes and the police both for sexual satisfaction and financial gain.

Some children continue to be prostitutes, not really for the money, but for the feeling of being needed and loved. The sad fact remains that for the abusers those are the last two things on their minds. The recent question of AIDS (SIDA in Spanish) has further endangered these street children. In one drop-in centre for street kids (both boys and girls), a medical examination for each one was provided and it was found, alarmingly, that 30% (30 out of the 100 checked) either carried AIDS or were in the process of developing it.

Government organisations, significantly, will not comment (but the official line at the moment is that AIDS doesn't exist among children). A booklet produced by two organisers of the Joe Homan project (in their previous jobs) explains to children in their own street language and in cartoon form the dangers of AIDS and how it can be avoided.

Robbery continues on a daily basis. This provides the children with all their daily needs and keeps the fear of "I don't exist without money" away. The kids don't think they are doing anything wrong. Violence and the taking of personal possessions has been shown to them all of their lives; that is their way of life.

It is no wonder that the child then becomes confused and angry when society dictates to him norms and values alien to him. "Establishment" people continually say "no" to things that he does, but, on the other hand, the same people are allowed to violate, abuse and hate him without any visible comebacks. There is little point in saying to him that robbery is bad without leading by personal example — and the children haven't had anyone to provide them with that example.

The street is a hostile and dangerous public place — nowhere on the streets is theirs and theirs alone. It is an environment for survival where kids learn to use others the way that they have been used, and lose their childhood in the process.

THE JOE HOMAN TRUST

Joe Homan had the original aim of establishing Boys' Towns and Girls' Towns in India for the rehabilitation and education of destitute youngsters; this he has been doing successfully for the past 25 years. This objective has now been widened to include many aspects of rural development. The three key areas for help are education, health care, and employment.

The Mexican situation differs in one important aspect from those in India; children in the Boys'/Girls' Towns are from predominantly rural communities but in Mexico the street child problem is an urban one.

The aims of the Mexican street child project are to earn the trust of the children, to introduce an element of stability, affection and discipline into their lives, and to encourage them to start looking to the future.

A rented, transitional house in a central area of Puebla has been established and street children from Mexico City have been accepted since the end of June. As expected, there has been a high turnover of children — about 50 in all have lived with us for varying periods of time and there are now 17 in the house, ranging in age from 9 to 16.

Two are currently in full-time employment: one has been working for about one and a half months as a supermarket packer, the other as an assistant to a telephone engineer. Children below the age of fifteen are not officially allowed to work and so we are looking into the possibilities of apprenticeships with local craftsmen (carpenters, bakers etc.) in order to provide them with the feeling of achievement, self-confidence and a useful skill.

During my work in Puebla I began English classes for both street and working children and found them both interested and amazed at the idea of another language.

The Fundacion has started to build a hostel for about 100 street children in Puebla earlier this year. This will then form the final part of the joint project with two other organisations — IPODERAC, a home for destitute children, and Fundacion Fuad Abed Halabi — providing money and advice on many different aspects of the venture.

The project is called "Caminando con los niños" — "Walking with the children", and begins with children as young as 5 entering IPODERAC, moving through the transitional stage at 13 and then heading for the hostel at 16. (They can also enter and leave the process at any time).

By the end of their time they will all have had work experience and/or permanent jobs, they will have gained more self-respect, more self-confidence and have experienced real, unconditional affection and be prepared to take the final step to reintegrate into the society from which they have been outcast.

Jonathan Blagbrough (1982-88)

Working in Armenia

In February, 1990, five Irish members of a medical team were rewarded by the Soviet Government for their personal courage and were presented with medals by the Russian Ambassador in the Embassy in Dublin. They were amongst 164 people throughout the world who, following the Armenian disaster, qualified for the highest honour given to foreigners by the Soviets. One of the five Irish was Miss Vivienne Moffitt, a physiotherapist and an ex-pupil of the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls. We are very proud of Vivienne, and most grateful to her for supplying the following statistics and fascinating story:

On December 7, 1988, at 11.42 a.m., a devastating earthquake occurred in Armenia — the smallest Soviet Republic. Between 25,000 and 45,000 people were killed, — accurate figures are difficult to ascertain as there were many refugees from Azerbaijan. An area of 80 kilometres in diameter was affected and 680 kilometres of roads were destroyed. Over 514,000 people were made homeless, and 120 villages suffered serious damage, some being destroyed. Relief work was made very difficult, as 34 hospitals were destroyed and many medical personnel killed or injured, 224 Clinics and 380 Institutes of Education were also destroyed.

On December 8th, representatives of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies arrived in Yerevan, capital of Armenia. By early January 1989, a fact-finding mission of the Red Cross had discovered that over 300 people had suffered severe spinal injuries. At that time, no facilities for rehabilitating patients with such injuries occurred in Armenia. Consequently, in co-operation with the Red Cross, it was decided that an International Medical team would be sent to establish a centre in Yerevan. This first team consisted of 1 doctor, 10 nurses, 4 physiotherapists.

National Societies from all over the world were contacted and after interviews, etc., the first team was chosen from 1,000 applicants. All have experience in treating patients with spinal cord injuries or had worked previously in developing countries. In the original team of fifteen, four were Irish, two therapists and two nurses. Two months later, two occupational therapists and one orthotist (to make walking braces) joined the team in Yerevan.

The Red Cross Unit was situated in an established centre in Yerevan, with 32 beds and several offices and treatment areas, and the Physiotherapy space was shared with Armenian Colleagues. Vivienne writes: "As well as treating patients from the earthquake, our work included training local personnel to carry on the Rehabilitation programme". Receiving training were:

20 Armenian graduate nurses who began a years post-graduate course in Rehabilitation nursing.

2 Armenian doctors to work full-time on the unit.

1 Plastic Surgeon,
1 Orthopaedic Surgeon
1 Neurosurgeon

to be trained in
specialised techniques
in their fields related to
spinal injuries.

6 Physiotherapy
post-graduates

Due to lack of medication, personnel and specialised nursing techniques, most of our patients arrived with very severe complications, the most serious being pressure sores and joint contractures. Our initial treatment was spent treating these complications before we could begin the rehabilitation programme.

There were many difficulties experienced — including:

- 1) lack of equipment
- 2) No rehabilitation philosophy
- 3) Patients with psychological problems
- 4) Relatives with psychological problems
- 5) Frustration due to our lack of knowledge of Soviet bureaucracy
- 6) Lack of Infrastructure into which our patients could be absorbed — so much of the country had been destroyed.

As the same time, there were many joys experienced by the Red Cross team —

We found

Warm-hearted generous people who were usually extremely kind to us.

- b) A challenging and stimulating work environment.
- c) An opportunity to learn from our Soviet Colleagues and share some of our skills. We were the first International Medical team to work in the Soviet Union.
- d) An opportunity to visit a fascinating part of the world".

Vivienne says: "We were blessed with a team of language students who worked with us, voluntarily, for six months, as well as trying to complete their studies. We could not have achieved anything without them".

Her tour of duty lasted from March to December 1989. During her stay, over 100 patients were treated and many of them were able to return to temporary homes in their villages. Some outpatient clinics were established in Spitak and Leninakan to review these patients and assess their progress at home.

An enormous project is being undertaken by the Soviet Government. Already, all permanent housing has been provided by variety of Aid Agencies. There are future plans for a new purpose-built Centre to be built by the League of Red Cross Societies and administered by the Soviet Red Cross. This Centre is to include a unit for amputees, and is to be completed in 1992. There will be an International Red Cross presence for six months, following the completion of the Centre.

The Irish recipients of the Soviet honour were all extremely proud to accept these awards, not only for their own sake, but making donations to the Red Cross funds.

Examination Results

For many years "The Erasmian" has published the examination results of past pupils in Trinity College, Dublin, and other institutions. These were compiled, with meticulous care, by Dr. Victor Graham. Unfortunately Dr. Graham has been seriously ill and so has been unable to record this year's results. In sending him our best wishes for a full recovery, we send him also our thanks and appreciation for all his work for the magazine over a long period.

News of Past Pupils

Terence Dixon (1974-'83) has been appointed an account executive with Crawley Haskins and Rodgers, a public relations firm based in Philadelphia, U.S.A.

Maeve Douglas (1965-'72) is a member of the Dublin Stock Exchange, the first woman since 1954 to attain such a position.

Alison Laing (1965-'72) (née Smith) is a Senior Radiographer in Charing Cross Hospital, London.

Gillian Smith (1962-'68) is Senior Library Assistant in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Gordon White (1979-'85) is working on engineering projects for Concern in the Sudan.

Judy Wilkinson (1964-'72) is Administrative Secretary in the National Bible Society.

Deaths

Olive Fuller. 5th July, 1989 in Dublin.

Cynthia Taylor (née Tate) December, 1989.

Fox, Frederick James — March 29, 1990 in Dublin.

Hilliard, Rev. Stephen — January 9th, 1990, in Rathdrum.

McNeill, David Hogg — January 24, 1990 in Dublin.

Noyk, William Martin — November 10, 1990 in Dublin.

Savage, Robert S. — September 17, 1989 in Dublin.

Walker, William — September 17, 1989 in Dublin.



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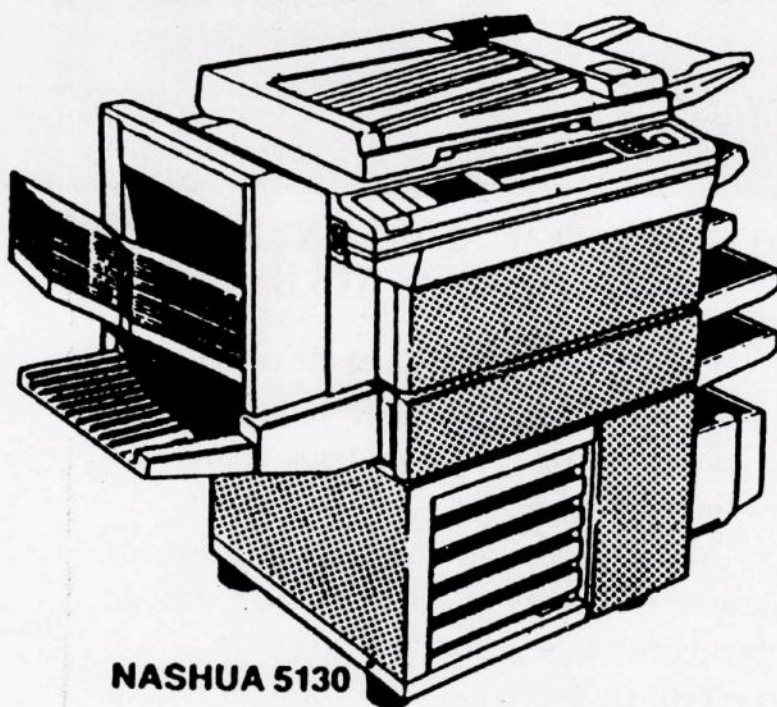


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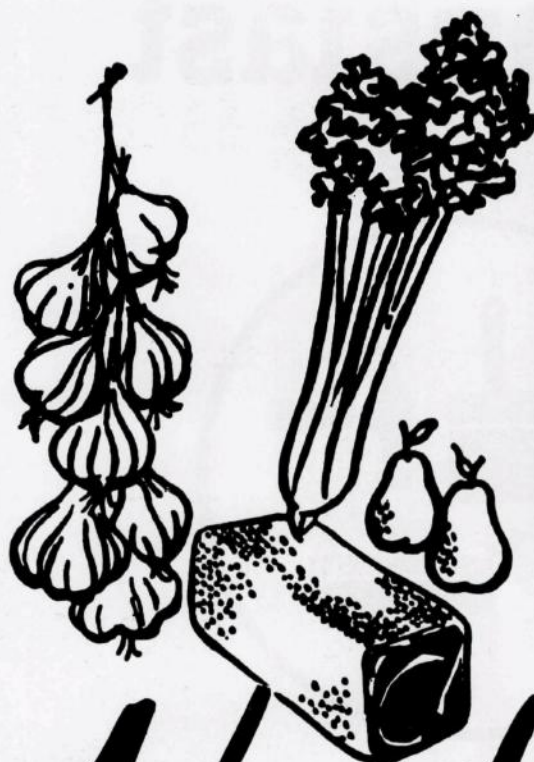
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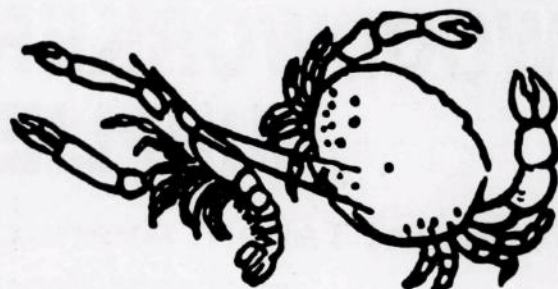
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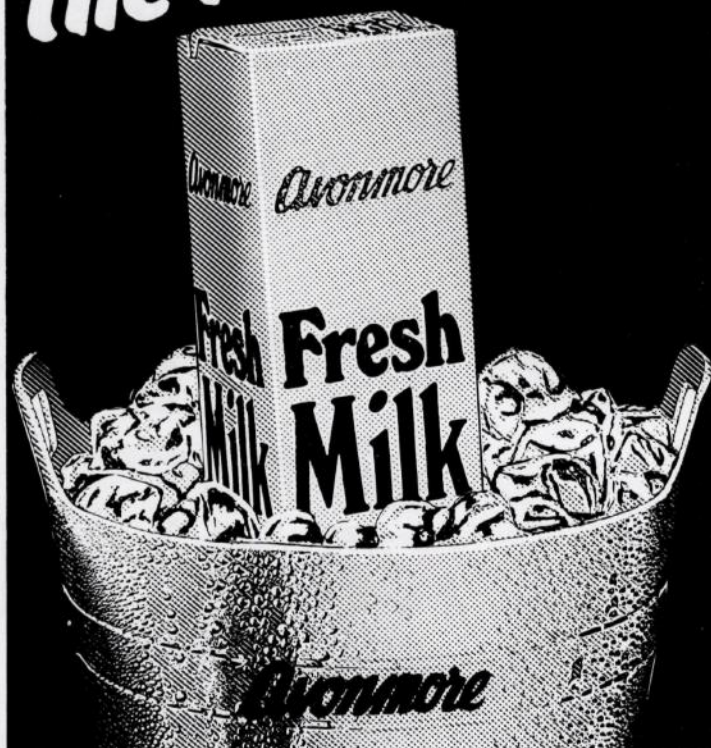
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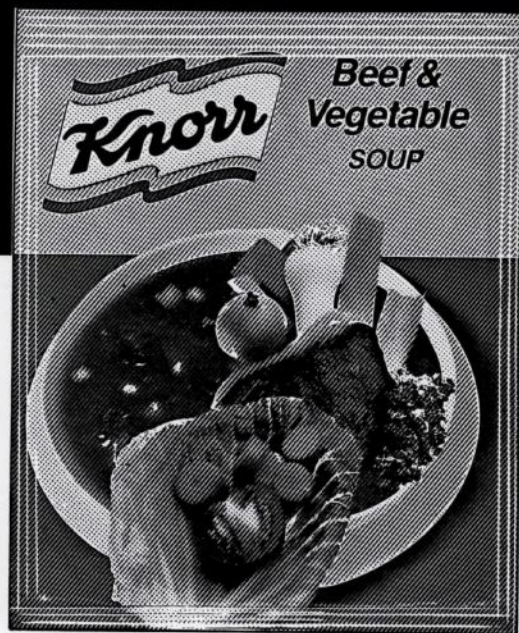
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