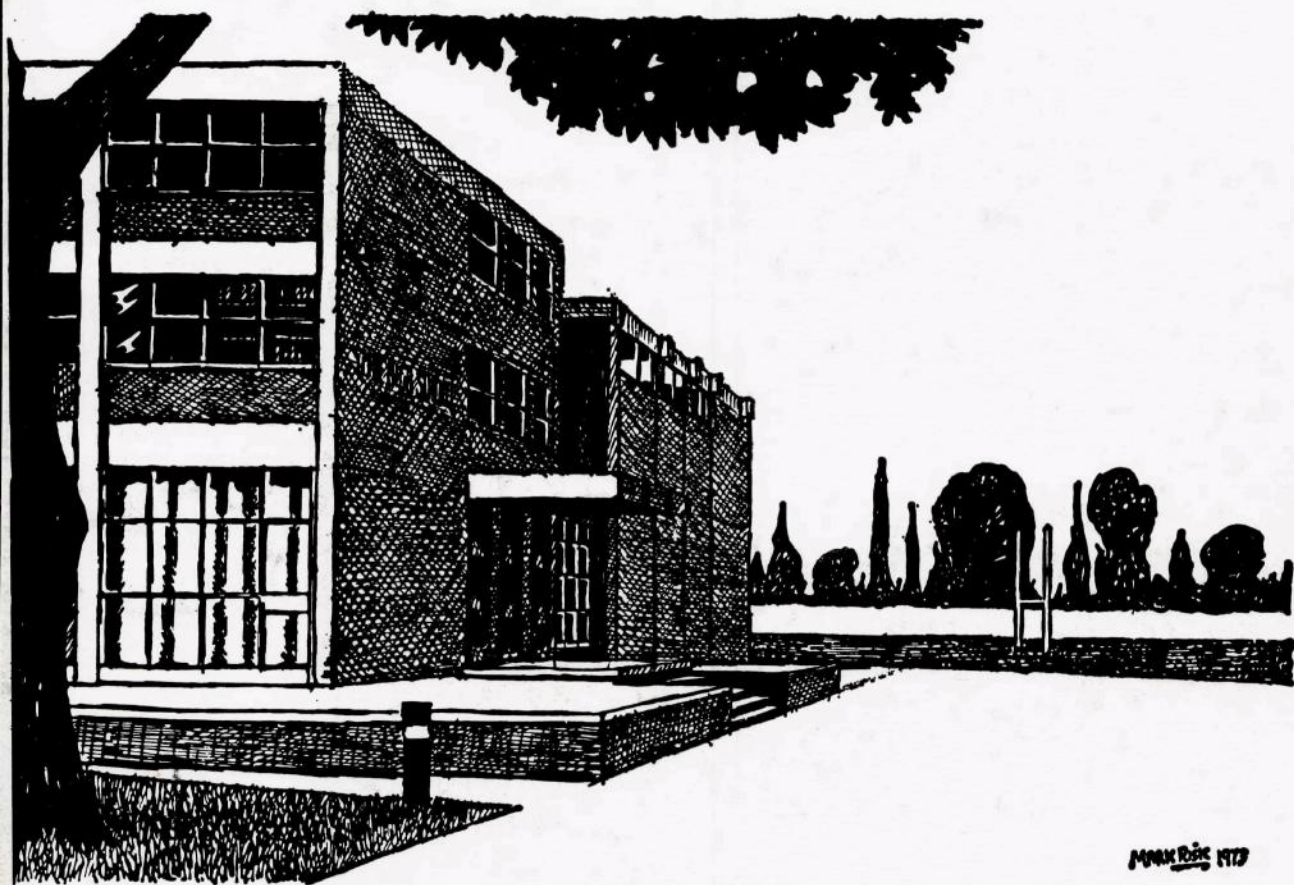


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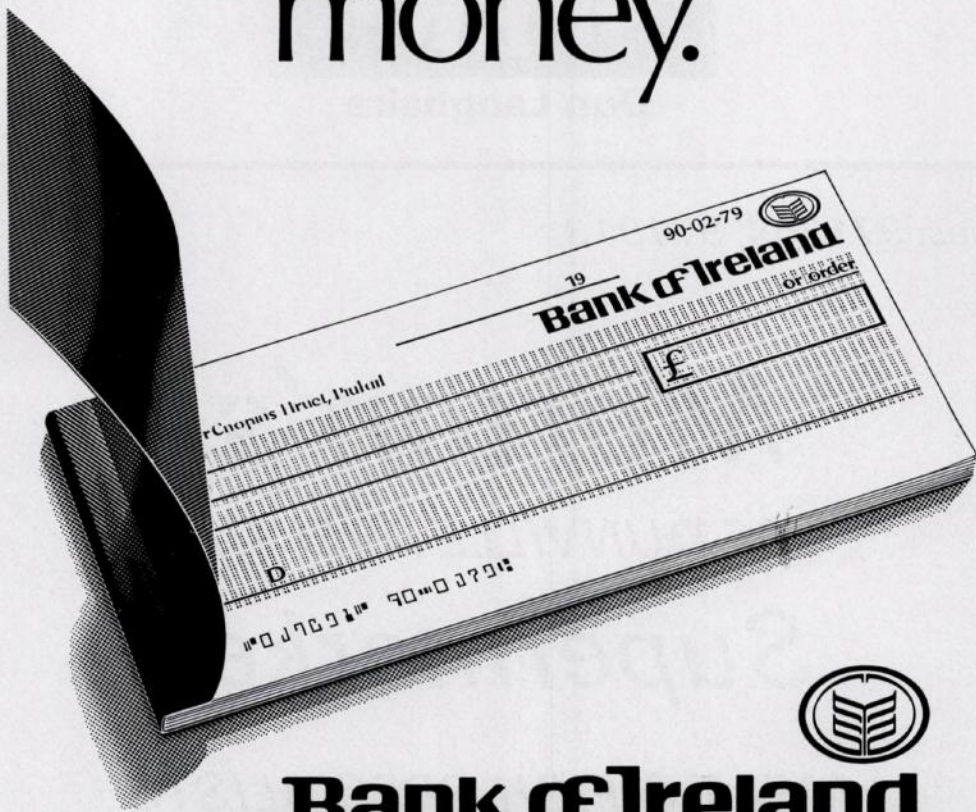
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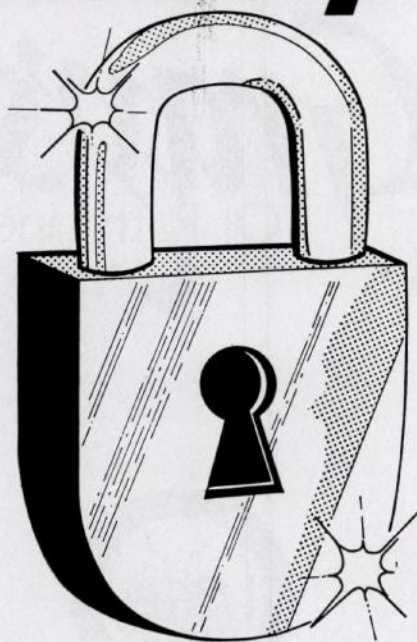
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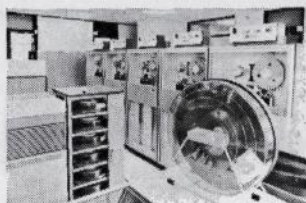
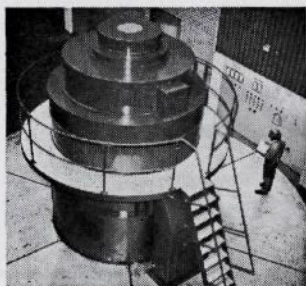
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EDITORIAL

The High School Dublin gains yearly in stature as the school moves towards new levels of unity, understanding and achievement. Previous editors have written of the successful merger of the Diocesan School and the High School, and there is an increasing pride among all pupils in belonging to an institution established over one hundred years, yet which is still developing and increasing its position in the life and influence of our city. This sense of pride is not that which is 'the never failing vice of fools', but a deep-seated sense of contribution and involvement in all aspects of school life.

This participation has been fostered and encouraged by the masters and governing bodies who map the road the school follows as it moves from year to year. It is pupil involvement that brings the full reward to all concerned with the efforts expended to improve the school in all fields. One notable example during the year was the revival of interest in theatricals with the stage production in the school of 'The Dark Tower' by Louis MacNeice. This was very much due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Crowe, by whose encouragement large numbers of staff and pupils gave their time and effort to what was truly an excellent production.

Academically, the importance and value of application and involvement is now recognised by pupils and teachers alike. This attitude can readily be seen in what is the latest, and what I feel is the most important, development in teaching in High School in recent years — the teaching of technical subjects. In the woodwork laboratory, pupils, under the guidance of Mr. Cryan, have shown their interest and commitment by forming a club which meets twice a week after school and enables the pupils to develop their creative skills.

One area where pupil involvement has always been

a significant factor in school life is sport. Here again, pupil participation in administration and organisation has been expanded and developed in recent years, with the help of teachers, parents and friends of the school. Our thanks are specially due to the Parents' Association whose hard work in fund-raising provided the finance for two high quality hard tennis courts, opened officially on the first Saturday of this school year. It is also good to see a High School soccer team, coached by Mr. Kirby, playing matches against other schools. The new interest in soccer, gymnastics and judo has also been accompanied by success in badminton, table-tennis and athletics.

Rugby and hockey are still, however, the principal sports and both Senior 1st teams did extremely well in reaching the semi-final stages of their representative Leinster Cup competitions. The 1st Rugby XV were beaten by Blackrock College, while the 1st Hockey XI were defeated by Muckross Abbey. Again, pupil and parent involvement, by way of support at the matches, providing transport, etc., was very much in evidence, and gratefully appreciated by the teams.

Another important development in school life this year is the new interest shown by pupils in musical activities, and the forming of a school brass band. Our thanks are due to Miss Binions that the musical talents of our young pupils are now being realised.

This is a formative period in the life of the High School. Advances into new fields in technical subjects, sport, music and drama are to the credit, and act as encouragement, to all. In order to move further along this path of development, it is necessary for the responsible involvement of pupils at all levels, not only to be continued and encouraged, but wherever possible to be further expanded to foster to the full the inherent pride in being a pupil of the High School, Dublin.

SCHOOL RECORD

We congratulate Mr. Martin Hilliard on his marriage to Miss Maryln Moorehead. Mr. John Swan on his engagement to Miss Jo Greene, and Miss Jean Binions on her engagement to Mr. Willie Woolmington.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. R. Carson on the birth of a son; Mr. and Mrs. P. Feeney on the birth of a son; Mr. and Mrs. D. Massey on the birth of a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. I. Blackmore on the birth of a daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Toomey on the birth of a daughter.

High School was honoured when both Miss Nic Aogain and Mr. Broad were awarded Schoolmaster Fellowships to T.C.D.

Mr. McMullan was awarded a scholarship to a teachers' summer course in Munich, and Miss Barcroft was awarded one to Grenoble.

We send our warmest good wishes to Mr. Broad and Mr. Lowry during their illness; they are greatly missed in the school.

We regret to note the departure in June 1978 of the following staff: Miss Stevenson (now Mrs. Duff), Mrs. Stillman, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Iversen, Mrs. Feeney, Mr. Gleeson, Mr. Carty, Miss Torrans, Mr. McNamara, Mr. O'Duffy, M. Minot. In Autumn 1978 we welcomed to the Staff Mr. Kelly, Mr. Cryan, Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Quinn, Mrs. Larkin, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Dowds, Miss Gill, Miss Brown, Dr. Woods, Mr. Kingston, Mrs. Bourke. During Mrs. Massey's maternity leave we welcomed Mrs. Dowsett in her place. Miss O'Hanlon is taking the classes of Mrs. Hanson, who left before Easter as her husband was taking up a new appointment in England. Mr. Begley is taking the classes of Miss NicAogain who is now on leave of absence in T.C.D. Mr. Carr and Miss McCormack have come to take the classes of Mr. Broad and Mr. Lowry in their absence.

We welcome Mr. Gene Draper as our new sergeant.

Andrew Blair won the Old Boys' Cup and Janet Dalby won the Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl.

Graham Day was chosen as captain of the Irish Under 16 seven-a-side rugby team. David Borton and Carolyn Burges were chosen to play on the Leinster Under 16 Schools Badminton team.

Chantal O'Sullivan, Susan Fitzsimons and Kate Coleman reached the final trial of the Leinster Girls' hockey team.

Chantal O'Sullivan played on the Leinster Senior Girls' golf team.

Alan Hunt reached the Ireland final trial in rugby.

Sylvia Bailey (2A2) came third out of 112 candidates in the Father Matthew Feis Under 13 piano competition, and Julie Lowry (1B1) came first in the Under 14 singing competition in the Feis Ceoil, and second in the Under 14 Singing and third in the Action song in the Father Matthew Feis.

A past pupil, Peter Scott, gained one of the eight places in the T.C.D. School of Music.

Another past pupil, David Taylor, who is attending the University of Arkansas, where he is at present studying for a degree in marketing, has achieved some very notable successes in the athletics track — the most recent and most important being his winning of the 1500m in the Drake Relays meeting, where he recorded the excellent time of 3 mins. 44 secs. It should be remembered that this time is just two seconds short of the Olympic qualifying time for the 1500m next year, and if he continues making this rate of progress next year he must stand an excellent chance of being selected for Moscow. Dave also won the All-Ireland Junior (under 20) 1500m title last July, before his departure for the U.S., in a time of 3 mins 52 secs.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Jelley, Colin (3A2) and Gordon (1A2) on getting through the first round of the Ask The Family contest on B.B.C. television.

We express our thanks to Mrs. Jane Hanly for presenting a cup, to be known as the Hanly cup, which will be awarded to the captain of the team which wins the Junior School Rugby League.

We also thank Mr. Donald Poole for presenting a cup for the Canoeist of the Year which will be awarded in June of each year on the overall results of various canoeing competitions, white water, long distance and slalom, over the academic year.

The Senior School Prize Distribution

The Senior School Prize Distribution took place on 8th November, 1978. In his annual report, Mr. Brook said that by September, 1979 it was expected that there would be five classes in each of the four year groups up to Intermediate Certificate, and that by then there would be some 720 Secondary pupils, which would be close to the maximum size the Secondary School was expected to attain. The present streaming system of two parallel ability A forms and three parallel B forms would be maintained, as this had generally proved satisfactory. So too had the system of Year Teachers, which ensured that each pupil was personally known, and guided by, the teacher concerned. Furthermore, youth counsellors from the Marriage Guidance Service were leading discussion groups among third and fifth year pupils, covering topics under the broad heading of personal relationships. Mr. Brook spoke of the large number of pupils in the Sixth form in 1977/78, and paid tribute to the contribution made by overseas students to the life of the School. He also spoke of the new full-time Staff appointments in the important areas of music, woodwork and mathematics, and went on to describe the splendid fund-raising effort of the Parents' Association which, with the help of the Governors, had provided two high

quality en tout cas hard tennis courts. Other School activities included the formation of an Astronomical Society and a Dramatic Society. In conclusion, Mr. Brook gave an account of the splendid academic successes of pupils, past and present, and expressed his gratitude to Governors, Staff, parents and pupils for all they had done to make 1977/78 such a successful year.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. Roly Meates. In his address, Mr. Meates said that he was shortly to become President of the O.B.U. in this its Golden Jubilee year. On 22nd November, 1928, 120 former pupils of High School had met together to form the Old Boys Union. While their names would now convey little to the majority of those present, what was important to remember was the fact that these former pupils had fostered a concern and affection for the School which had continued right up to the present day. The late Sam Meyer, Past President and Patron, had written about this in the Erasmian many years ago: "The success of our Union has been due not to individuals but to a wonderful team spirit". Mr. Meates commended this team spirit to all pupils when they would leave the School. He went on to note the pressures of the examination system in a competitive age, and expressed his concern that there should also be sufficient time for the pursuance of sporting and cultural interests. He was pleased to see that in High School there was not only a very high academic record, but also many opportunities for these other interests. Along with all this, he hoped there would always be time for maintaining worthwhile standards and attitudes to life. When travelling to New Zealand with the universities' rugby touring team, he had been greatly impressed by the hard work, honesty and friendship within this team, many of the members of which were only 19 or 20 years old. He felt that this was a very good reflection on the attitudes of young people today.

The High School, Dublin Parents' Association

The 35th Annual General Meeting was held on 9th October, 1978 when the following Committee was elected: Mrs. J. Armstrong, Mrs. D. Cole, Mrs. C. Fraser, Mrs. P. Frith, Messrs. S. Davies (subsequently elected Chairman), W. Free, R. Lowe, A. Sainsbury. Mr. D. Bockett was elected Hon. Treasurer and Mrs. J. Elliott Hon. Secretary.

On Saturday, 9th September, 1978 the new tennis courts were officially opened by Mr. Liam Nolan of R.T.E. As a result of two years' hard work by the Committee, we were able to donate £4,000 from the Parents' Association towards the cost of the courts.

We were delighted to have Mrs. Pamela Fegan with us at our November meeting. Mrs. Fegan captivated

her audience with her talk entitled "Some Antiques I Enjoy Collecting", which she based on a number and variety of antiques which she had brought with her. In January Mr. John Crowther, a food technologist, spoke on the interesting and topical subject of "Food Preservation" and showed us a film on food processing. Station Officer L'Estrange from Dublin Fire Brigade Headquarters spoke at our March meeting on "Fire Prevention in the Home". This was a very informative and helpful talk.

Despite the appalling weather, over 350 parents and friends enjoyed the Beer, Wine and Cheese Party which was held in February.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the annual sporting fixtures: Tennis — mothers v pupils Golf — fathers v staff and cricket — fathers v staff.

Jean Elliott, Hon. Secretary.

The Diocesan and High School Old Girls Association PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Member,

How quickly the year has gone since I wrote my first President's letter for your magazine, and it is a great pleasure to be called upon again to write a few words on the past year's events.

The year has been rather successful, for all our meetings were well attended and enjoyed by both our new, and valued regular members.

As President I have to attend several functions — this is one of the more pleasant sides to the position.

My first invitation was to the Annual Dinner Dance, this seemed very successful for it brings a lot of people together on a yearly basis, maintaining old friendships and developing new ones.

Another of the President's duties is to present the Jean Scott Memorial Trophy at the yearly Distribution of Prizes. This, as I said last year, is fascinating, for one can judge the developing character of the school.

The Parent Teacher Association's Wine and Cheese Evening was on one of the worst days of winter, but despite this the attendance was good and the cold gave more spirit to the gathered party.

Our Annual Dinner was last month, it was again held in the Zoological Gardens. Some of our members came from the country to join the happy and lively group. Our Guest Speaker was Her Excellency Miss Ruth Dobson, the Australian Ambassador to Ireland.

Now that my duties are coming to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Old Girls and my committee for their help and support during my two years in office and I know they will continued to help both our association and the school in the years ahead.

Ruth Farrell.

Diocesan and High School Old Girls' Association

President: Mrs. Ruth Farrell.
Chairwoman: Mrs. Dorothy Warbrook.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Irene White.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Olive Tuach.
Committee: Mrs. Hanna McConnell, Mrs. Edie Goodwin, Mrs. Sue Colin, Mrs. Phyllis Harris.

- Another year has passed, and once again, I take this opportunity to let you know of the association's many and varied activities during the past year.

Our season opened in October with a Fashion Show, Bergin's of Terenure supplied a selection of their Winter Clothes and the models - including two children - came from our own membership. Later in the month we arranged a bus outing to the Turlough Hill station for members and their friends. It was an informative and entertaining day, made even more pleasant by the brilliant sunshine.

The Annual Dress Dance, held in association with the O.B.U. took place in the Dublin Sports Hotel on Friday, 20th October, 1978, an event which was enjoyed by all who attended. During the evening our President, Ruth Farrell, presented the Spot Prizes.

In November, Mrs. Hilary Robinson gave a Coffee morning and Bring-and-Buy Sale in aid of our fund-raising event. In the same month, Mrs. Henry, a member of the Guide Dog Association for the Blind gave a most interesting talk, including a film which shows how dogs are trained to assist the blind.

Our December meeting took the form of a demonstration, given by Mrs. Sheelagh O'Donoghue, on how to ice and decorate a Christmas Cake. She also showed us how to lay a festive dinner table.

In January we held a Party Night which started with a Beetle Drive and ended with a Fork Supper which was greatly enjoyed by members and their friends. For our February meeting, a demonstration in the art of making sweets was given by Mr. Flanagan, chef of the R.D.S. - a most entertaining evening.

"Spring in the Air" was the title of our March meeting and we were entertained with a Fashion Show from Katie's Boutique in Blackrock, an excellent Show which presented us with the latest in suits and dresses for Spring.

The Annual Dinner was held once again, in the lovely surroundings of the Royal Zoological Gardens. We were honoured in having as our Guest Speaker, Miss Ruth Dobson the Australian Ambassadors.

Our Season finished on the 4th May with the Annual General Meeting.

It is hoped that the current School leavers will take an interest in the Association and join with us in the forthcoming Activities.

Olive Tuach Hon. Secretary

Old Diocesan Hockey Club

We were glad to welcome school leavers Shirley Cowan, Janet Dalby, Caroline de Lacy, Avril Kidd, Glenys Mundy, Carol Pollock, Janet Smith and Esme Worrall to the club in September.

The season began with coaching and training sessions both indoors and out each Tuesday evening run by our trainer Les Beagan, for which the use of High School Gym was very much appreciated during the winter months.

Our three teams enjoyed a successful year culminating in the winning of the Middle league by the 1st XI after an exciting three way play off, and also being runners-up in the Badges final. These results make us eligible for promotion to the Intermediate League next season.

On the social scene we had a variety of activities including a sponsored cycle, a Disco, and a travelling dinner to finish off the season.

We hope players leaving the school this year will join us and help to make next season as successful as this one has been.

Finally our thanks are extended to the Board and Staff of High School for the use of all the facilities and for their help throughout the year which we appreciate very much.

Sylvia Bryan, Hon Secretary.

Births

BROWN - July 12th 1978 to Elisabeth (née Elliott) and Kevin - a son.

KERR - December 31st 1978, to Peggy (née Moyse) and Robert - a son.

KENNY - May 1978, to Grace (née Evans) and George - a daughter.

HODGINS - to Naomi (née Faulkner) and Rodney - a son.

FARRELL - to Susan (née Hamilton) and Howard - a son.

GLOVER - to Audrey (née Dobson) and Thomas - a son.

EVANS - February 3rd 1979, to Dorothy (née Calder) and Lance - a son.

PRIESTMAN - February 14th 1979, to Avril (née Gargan) and Norman - a daughter.

FOX - February 7th 1979, to Carol (née Gaw) and Donald - a son.

HOURIE - February 14th 1979, to Jasmin (née Gaw) and William - a son.

STOKKE - February 6th, 1979 to Tonya (née Ross) and Stein - a daughter.

LOCKHART – February 6th 1979, to Barbara (née Strachan) and Stephen – a son.

LLOYD – February 26th 1979, to Jane (née Wells) and Stuart – a daughter.

ROBINSON – February 28th 1979, to Hilary (née Chapman) and David – a daughter.

HODGKINSON – March 2nd 1979, to Glef (née Gick) and Frank – a daughter.

GRIFFIN – March 22nd 1979, to Adeline (Née Gordon) and Don – a son.

STEADMOND – to Dorothy (née Pasley) and William – a son.

Engagements

Lynda Large to Alan Winston.

Lynda Espey to Clive Slattery.

Olywyn Crosse to John van Zwol.

Lynda Nicholl to John McLean.

Christina Attwood to Stewart Morris.

Louise Welch to Graham Shaw.

Avril Payne to Clive Waller.

Vivienne Coates to Alistair Grimason.

Hilary O'Neill to Derek Bennett.

Kathleen Blennerhassett to Michael Kenny.

Marie Michie to Cliff Kirker.

Hilary Switzer to David Craig.

Daphne Hughes to Jan Bos.

Zenia Caplin to Motti Effratt.

Hilary Holmes to Paul Thompson.

Marriages

Eleanor Rowe to Godfrey Neale in February 1978.

Daphne Singleton to Noel Gethings on March 11th 1978.

Sandra Moore to Colin Hodgins on March 31st 1978.

Wendy Farrell to Dennis Price on April 1st 1978.

Pamela Darling to Alan Nolan.

Jacqueline Doyle to Ian England on June 17th 1978.

Muriel Jackson to John O'Dwyer on June 23rd., 1979.

Deirdre Packham to George Young on July 1st 1978.

Olive Sloper to Clifford Savage on August 25th. 1978.

Karen Mellor to John Martin on October 6th 1978.

Shirley Eades to Christopher George on October 7th 1978.

Siobhan Kelly to Thomas Tulloch on October 26th 1978.

Yvonne Dawson to Leo Traynor on January 20th 1978.

Linda Gaw to John Harrison.

Avril Styles to Brian Morrison.

Joy Hemingway to Derek Sutton.

Susan Ingram to Mervyn Galbraith.

Sylvia Parminster to Henry Thompson.

Death

January 25th 1979, in Johannesburg, Estella Matthews (née McClements), former member of staff.

News of Diocesan Past Pupils

ELIZABETH MAHON gained a 1st class honour in her final examination in the Church of Ireland College of Education, and is now teaching in Sandford National School.

VIOLET MOULTON graduated in T.C.D. and is teaching in Taney National School.

CAROL LINNEY is serving with I.B.M. in Paris as a bilingual secretary.

GILLIAN JACKSON has been admitted to membership of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

JOYCE TAYLOR is giving a year's voluntary service with the Leprosy Mission at the Schieffelin Leprosy Research Sanatorium in South India.

DAPHNE CUNNINGHAM is working with the National Trust in Northern Ireland furnishing the Trust's properties with period furniture.

ZENIA CAPLIN is a student in Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv, doing a course in English and Education.

HAZEL BYRNE, Bank of Ireland, Bray Branch.

EMILY TORRANS is teaching English in Montreux.

The High School Old Boys' Union

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Member,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to put in writing my thanks to the Members of the O.B.U. for electing me President in this the Gold Jubilee year of the Union. I am conscious of the honour and hope that I can contribute to the success of the year.

The Annual dinner held on the traditional date in January attracted a capacity attendance and appeared to be enjoyed by all. It is indeed unfortunate that many who wished to attend could not be accommodated.

Jack Cowle and Robert McCullagh have been dining with us at High School for over forty years, and I was pleased to make a presentation to them on behalf of the Union. A small gesture in recognition of their great support of the Union over so many years. My personal thanks to Harry Booker, Ian Hunter and Adrian Moran for their efforts in running the dinner.

May I appeal to all to give similar support to our other Golden Jubilee function – notably the Banquet on Saturday 29th September and the commemorative Church Service in Zion Church the next day.

Finally, my thanks to the Committee of the Union for their consistent support and encouragement during my year of office.

Yours sincerely,

T. W. R. Meates

Old Boys Union

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

The annual general meeting was held in the school on Friday, 10th November 1978, with the President, H. L. Drew in the chair. This meeting marked the beginning of the Union's Golden Jubilee Year and 38 members attended. The following officers and committee were elected for 1978/79.

President, T.W.R. Meates.

President Elect: N. S. Montgomery.

Vice-President: A. P. R. Brook.

Hon. Secretary: A. P. Moran.

Hon. Treasurer: C. B. Craven.

Hon. Registrar: F. J. Leach.

Hon Auditor: R. S. Browning.

Committee: N. Beresford, A. Blair, T. R. M. Cobbe, G. Heather, W. I. Hunter, N. C. Smith, B. R. Wilkinson, A. V. S. Wright.

Subsequent to the annual general meeting, G. Bell was co-opted to the committee as Assistant Hon. Secretary.

Sports and Social Secretaries:

Rugby: D. K. Poynter.

Cricket: I. Burns.

Golf: M. F. McDonough.

Athletics: D. Cornick.

Dance: R. McConnell.

Dance

The annual dance was held earlier than usual in 1978, on Friday, 20th. October. The venue was again the Dublin Sport Hotel and, in accordance with the now established tradition, was run jointly with the Girls' Past Pupils Association.

Annual Dinner

The Golden Jubilee annual dinner was held at the School in Saturday, 27 January, 1979, with a record attendance of 297 members and guests, and a long list of disappointed late applicants. The toast to the guests was proposed by Bob Willis and the reply was by Sarsfield Hogan. The format of the evening was in keeping with the well established and much loved tradition, one small break being a presentation to Jack Cowle and Bobby McCullagh who have led the annual dinner entertainers for so many years.

Champagne Reception

Although this edition of Erasmian and Diocesan Times goes to press too early for a report, plans are now finalised for a Champagne Reception at the School to follow the annual Old Boys Union v School cricket match on Friday, 18th May, 1979.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Golf Outing: September (date not finalised) at Rathfarnham Golf Club.

Jubilee Banquet: Saturday, 29th September.

Commemorative Service: Sunday, 30th September in Zion Parish Church.

Annual Dinner: Saturday, 26th January 1980 at the School.

Adrian P. Moran.

Deaths

LEOPOLD J. D. RICHARDSON (Reekie) (1904-1912). March 19, 1979, of 1 Howell's Crescent, Llandaff and 75 Wellington Road, D.4. Emeritus Professor of Greek, University College, Cardiff.

CHARLES D. WILDING (1911-1915), November 9, 1978, late of 8 Woodlawn Park, Churchtown.

Obituary

PROFESSOR L. J. D. RICHARDSON *An Appreciation*

(Courtesy of the Irish Times)

The death of L. J. D. Richardson in his 86th year has deprived Ireland of one of her best-known classical scholars and has brought a deep sense of loss to his many friends at home and abroad. As a schoolboy he began to show his outstanding talents in Greek and Latin studies by winning many prizes at the nursery of celebrated classicists, the High School, Dublin. Entering TCD in 1912, his success in carrying off almost all the available awards and medals in classics was, so far as the present writer knows unsurpassed. In addition, he won prizes in Hebrew and Sanskrit and graduated with a gold medal in philosophy as well as in classics.

In normal circumstances such a triumphal march as an undergraduate would soon have led to a fellowship of the college, and that was what Richardson wished for most of all for his future career. Unfortunately, the 1914-18 war and its consequences — for a while there were sheep grazing, it is said, in the almost deserted College Park — delayed the next fellowship examination in classics until 1929, when he was an unsuccessful candidate. Meanwhile, he taught in the Queen's University, Belfast and in University College, Cardiff. He became professor of Greek at Cardiff in 1946, and in 1963, to his immense gratification, Trinity made him honorary professor of classical literature. Two years later he was elected a member of the Royal Irish Academy.

His contributions to classical studies showed a high degree of versatility and originality, combined with a remarkably wide range of reference. For 15 years he was a co-editor of the important annual *Studies in Mycenaean Literature and Dialect* published by the

London Institute of Classical Studies. For 20 years he served as the very active and popular honorary secretary of the English Classical Association, and, during most of that time, edited its *Proceedings*. For these and other public services he was awarded the OBE in 1965. In one branch — now almost totally defunct — of classical scholarship he had few rivals — that is, in classical composition. His *Ta Indika*, a long account of the Indian Mutiny in impeccable Herodotean prose published by Blackwell, Oxford in 1929 is one of the most remarkable *tours de force* ever produced in this genre.

In addition to his professional talents Richardson had a fine academic wit and an agile literary and linguistic imagination. This was ingeniously illustrated in the series of fantastic "Episodes in the History of Trinity College" which he contributed to the *College Miscellany* for several years over the pseudonym "El Jadir" (L. J. D. R.). If a comprehensive anthology of neo-classical humorous verse and prose is ever published several of his *jeux d'esprit* will certainly deserve to be included in what should be a large Hibernian contribution.

His many friends in Ireland and abroad always called him by the affectionate nickname "Reekie" (perhaps from the powerful aroma of his pipe-tobacco). His lively humour, his subtle use of language and his inexhaustible store of anecdote and allusion made him a most stimulating and agreeable colleague and companion.

Those who had the good fortune to be among his closer friends will cherish the memory of his generous warm-hearted, sympathetic and considerate spirit.

W.B.S.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Andrew C. Boyle (1961-1969) who was planning assistant in Co. Louth is now a planning assistant with Dublin Corporation.

Peter J. Boyle (1964-1972) has returned from a year-long tour of Australia, New Zealand and America and has joined the family firm.

John P. Colton (1970-1977) has been climbing at Yosemite and has sampled a variety of the Valley's routes ranging from super slab to ominous overhang.

A. C. Crosland (1971-1977) is in Barclay's Bank in London.

H. Leslie Drew (1939-1949) is Chairman of the Irish Packaging Institute for 1978-1979.

Roger N. Dungan A.C.A. (1952-1965) is Financial Controller with Munster Simms & Co. Ltd.

Dr. Gordon W. Flewett (1961-1968) is a Production Engineer with Ecco Ltd., Electronic Components, The Demesne, Dundalk.

Roger E. Frith (1970-1977) is in Barclay's Bank in London.

F. Michael A. Gardner (1965-1972) was appointed a Director of Ad Make-Up Limited last August.

A. Norman Jeffares (1930-1939) has received the Honorary Degree of Docteur de l'Université from the University of Lille, France.

Duncan F. Kennedy (1964-1971) who is a Research Student at St. John's College, Cambridge has acted as a Temporary Lecturer in Latin in T.C.D.

Barbara E. Lee (1974-1978) was invited to the prestigious International Debutante Ball in New York last December. She is the first girl from Ireland to receive such an honour in ten years.

Professor G. F. Mitchell (1922-1936) has been awarded a Boyle Medal by the Royal Dublin Society in recognition of his unique contributions in the field of geology and archaeology. This award was initiated in 1895 and Professor Mitchell is the 25th Recipient.

Philip A. Orr (1961-1969) played in all four Home Rugby Internationals as well as against the visiting All-Blacks. He was invited to play for the Barbarians against the All-Blacks and had to retire due to injury.

Brian Priestman (1967-1973) is a Car Sales Representative in Watson and Johnson of Greystones. He was formerly with Caveys.

Preyasen Rungasamy (1971-1973) has obtained his T.C.D. Colours for Squash against Queen's University.

Ivor A. Shaw (1968-1974) is an Engineer with McCarthy & Partners, Ballygriffin.

C. Richard Tinsley (1958-1964) has been appointed Second Vice President, Mining Division, with The Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago.

Dr. Norman Toms (1953-1963) is Vice-President of Coyne Associates Limited, Systems Consultants, Montreal.

Dr. Wong, Hok John (1969-1970) is now working in England.

During the Irish Universities Rugby tour of New Zealand a reception was held in Auckland by the Honorary Irish Consul — Rodney Walshe of H.S.D. Others present were Captain John Robbie, Coach Roly Meates, Secretary T. T. West, Chief supporter Freddie Fox.

David Tough undertook a sponsored cycle run to Belfast for the purpose of raising funds for the Church Missionary Society. Last summer David joined a C.M.S. work party in Kenya, and his particular project now is to raise funds to assist a party of Kenyans to visit this country this year.

J. C. ROBBIE (1963-1973). Johnnie was captain of the Cambridge University 1st XV for the season 1978/79.

Valete

Form Upper 6th

ANDREW C. BLAIR – T.C.D. Engineering School.

S. GARY COLCLOUGH – T.C.D. Special Honour Mathematics.

ALASDAIR G. DEEVY – T.C.D. History.

RONAN A. DUFFY – U.C.D. Engineering.

PHILIP M. KATZ – T.C.D. Natural Sciences.

G. KERR LIVINGSTON – T.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.

JAMES A. L. MAHON – T.C.D. School of Engineering.

SUZANNE D. SOLOMONS – Spending a Year in Israel.

LIM, SEOW TOK – U.C.D. Architecture.

LUI, CHUEN SHUN – U.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.

Form 6

EDWIN L. ABRAHAMSON – T.C.D. Pre-medical Year.

R. JOY ADAMS – T.C.D. Natural Sciences.

M. ANTHONY AHERNE – Trainee Film Camera - man.

PETRINA J. K. ARMSTRONG – T.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.

ANDREW S. D. BAIRD – T.C.D. Faculty of Economics and Social Studies.

MICHAEL T. BAKER – T.C.D. Philosophy / Sociology.

MARGARET E. BEATTIE – Secretarial Course, Rosse College.

IAN H. D. BLOOM – Fur Modes Limited.

AVRIL A. BRISLANE – The Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.

DENISE V. BROWN – Rosse College.

PHILIP R. BROWNE – T.C.D. Natural Sciences.

IAN M. BUCHALTER – College of Surgeons Pre-Medical Year.

HUGH P. CHALONER – T.C.D. Engineering School.

MARK A. CHAMBERS – Ringsend Technical School.

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JANET DALBY – Allied Irish Bank, Dundrum.

RAYMOND H. M. DAVIS – Gurteen Agricultural College.

YVONNE K. E. DAWKINS – T.C.D. Faculty of Economic & Social Science.

CHRISTOPHER J. DOYLE – T.C.D. Legal Science.

NIALL J. DUDGEON – T.C.D. Natural Sciences.

MERVYN R. EATON – Storesman, William Gaw Ltd.

MICHAEL A. T. ENSOR – Our Ladies Hospital, Crumlin.

ANN I. FITZROY – Bank of Ireland.

PATRICIA J. FULLERTON – Children's Nursing, Royal Victoria Hospital.

GEOFFREY J. GAMBLE – Apprentice Carpenter.

CHARLES D. K. GANLY – Gilbert Leon White.

ALEXANDER J. GERSH – Salesman.

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DELWEN A. GILES – U.C.D. Psychology.

JANET E. GILL – T.C.D. Natural Sciences.

BARRY G. GLASS – Rathmines Technical College.

SHEENA J. GRAHAM – The College of Commerce, Dundrum.

S. RICHARD GREEN – Spending a Year in Israel.

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GAY K. HERMAN – Hartwell House, Aylesbury.

ROY E. HEWSON – Eindhoven, Holland.

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CHRISTINE E. HUGHES – T.C.D. Modern Languages.

JEREMY M. JACOBS – T.C.D. Faculty of Economic and Social Studies.

KEITH A. JAMESON – Pre-University Centre.

ELIZABETH F. d JONG – U.C.D. First Arts.

CYNTHIA V. L. KANE – Occupational Therapy, St. Vincent's Training Centre.

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 Hamilton, Hamilton Phillips Ltd.

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DANIEL PENDLETON — Pilot in Canada.

MARK S. PEYTON —

CAROL A. POLLOCK — Bank of Ireland, Baggot Street.

NIGEL W. C. REID — Sunlife Insurance Co.

KENNETH R. SCOTT — Callaghan Enterprises.

PETER J. D. SCOTT — T.C.D. Honors Music.

STEPHANIE R. SHARPE — T.C.D. Pre - Medical Year.

RUTH L. SHERN — T.C.D. Natural Sciences.

PETER SIGGINS — Structural Engineering. Bolton
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 College.

STEPHEN H. STEIN — Pre University Centre.

STUART N. STEIN — T.C.D. Legal Science.

JENNIFER G. STUBBS — Alexandra Secretarial
 Course.

JONATHAN R. TAYLOR — Dan Ryan Truck Hire Com-
 pany.

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GEOFFREY W. THOMPSON — T.C.D. Engineering
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 Year.

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 College.

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PAUL M. WILLOUGHBY — T.C.D. Faculty of Economic
 and Social Studies.

JULIAN WILSON — Secretarial Course.

ESME WORRALL — Pre University Centre.

YEOH, GUAN CHEAM — T.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.

Examination Results

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN MODERATORSHIPS

HISTORY — Class I (First Place) G. A. Ford.
 LEGAL SCIENCE — Class II 1: H. R. Dockrell; Class II
 2: M. T. Story.

GENERAL HONOR MATHEMATICS — Class II 1: R.
 Ryan.

MICROBIOLOGY — Class II 1: B. A. Crowe, Class II 2:
 A. H. Andrews.

GEOGRAPHY — Class II 2: A. S. Mc W. Dowds.

GEOLOGY — Class II 1: N. T. Monaghan; Class III: D.
 M. Robb.

OTHER DEGREES

B.A. — D. C. Aikins, J. D. Chaloner, S. Chetty, D. S.
 Delmonte, M. N. Eppel, Lim Kwee Kock, N. V.
 Ludgate, S. Richards, P. Rungasamy, I. A. Shaw, I.
 Slager, R. J. Wayman (discp. schol.), Yau, Jen Yee.

M.B., B. CH., B.A.O. — Class II: D. S. Delmonte, M. N.
 Eppel, G. A. Chadwick, J. D. Chaloner, Surendra
 Chetty, R. H. D. Wormell.

LL.B. — H. R. Dockrell, A. P. Walker.

B.Arch.Sc. — M. J. Duffy.

B.A.I. — Class II: I. A. Shaw, R. J. Wayman (discp.
 schol.), Yau, Jen Yee, N. V. Ludgate.

B.B.S. — Class I: R. Rigby-Jones; Class II: G. K. N. An-
 drews, H. L. Block, R. N. Goodwin, C. L. Gray.

M.A. — D. R. Ramiah.

M.CH. — D. J. Fitzpatrick.

PH.D. — N. E. C. Gamble.

LL.D. — D. Orr (Equus Auratus) Honoris Causa.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP 1979

HISTORY — R. J. Montgomery.

NATURAL SCIENCES — Kingsmill Jones Memorial
 Prize awarded to the best unsuccessful candidate:
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J. P. Sloane, holder of an entrance award who has ob-
 tained a second class honors will receive his com-
 mons free of charge for the next two years.

Junior Sophisters

Economic and Social Sciences — D. A. Baker II2.
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 S. Haslam III, D. S. King II 1, Knee Hock LIM III, I.
 V. Slattery II2, C. G. E. Sullivan II2, Bing Chen
 Teh II2, Kok Ping Tsang II2.

Classics — S. E. Hinds (Sch) I. K.M. Davis II2.

Natural Sciences — H. Joan Lennon II.

Modern Languages and Literature — Mod. Part I,
 L. Jane Luce II 1.

Philosophy — D. A. Siev II2.

History — R. S. Hanan II2 M. N. H. Risk II 1.

General Studies — Joyce Williams.

Engineering and Mathematical Sciences — A. P. Bannister, E. W. Gordon, J. P. Huissoon, C. L. Mahon, Sui Chai ong, D. W. Skelton, G. S. Willoughby.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland

1977 Winter: Foundation Exam. 11 — G. A. Fish (R.O.P.). Professional Exam. II — D. S. Mackey (R.O.P.).

1978 Summer: Foundation Exam II — A. M. Cole, G. A. Fish, J. G. Blair (R.O.P.). Professional Exam I — R. S. G. Ensor, Valerie J. Henderson, D. K. McGarry, D. W. T. Strong, I. R. Jones (R.O.P.). Professional Exam II — D. S. Mackey (A.C.A.), S. G. Wright (A.C.A.).

Winter: Foundation Exam. II — J. G. Blair. Professional Exam. II — D. E. Hunt (A.C.A.), R. G. Woods (R.O.P.).

R.O.P. means referred in one paper.

To bring this section up-to-date we must record the astonishing performance of Richard George Noble who passed the examination when it had 5 parts I, II, III, IV, V in 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974. In the move to Danum he was 'lost'. Our apologies.

Medical School

Medical fourth year: Final Medical Part I — D. J. Barton (Hons. in Social Medicine); Naik Soo Tick, G.A. Roebuck (Hons. in Social Medicine); C. J. Surgenor, A. B. West (I Hons. in Social Medicine).

Medical third year: M. B. Buchalter (II Hons. in Pathology and Therapeutics), N. F. Couse (II Hons. Pharmacology, II Hons. Pathology and Therapeutics), N. C. Hargovan.

Medical second year: P. C. Bowe, A. M. Gill, M. E. Lee, K. Mealy, A. G. Moore, Teh, Siewlay.

Medical first year: D. P. Moore (Distinction in Anatomy).

Pre-Medical year: Fionnuala Leddy.

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SPORTS REVIEW

HOCKEY

1st XV

This year's 1st XI team, captained by Chantal O'Sullivan, moved up to Senior level and so encountered some very tough matches. During the season we played many top senior teams and gained a well needed experience, also gaining some good results.

In the Senior Cup we reached the semi-final having ousted some very good teams. In the first round we travelled down to play Arklow, who were noted for their League successes, and beat them 3-2 in a very exciting match. We had to play Wesley College twice in the next round before beating them 2-1. In the quarter-final we came up against one of the favourites for the Cup, Our Lady's School, Templeogue. It was a very hard and exciting match in which our defence held off attacks successfully and enabled our forwards to make beneficial darting attacks at the opposition's goal. We won this encounter 2-1, scoring in the last few seconds. In the final we came up against Muckross and went down 1-0 in a very close match, with our shots at goal being stopped by a very competent opposition goalie. One of the outstanding players of the team was Freda Harbron, whose work in defence enabled us to go far and whose fitness showed throughout the year.

In the League we did well and were only beaten by one point to reach the semi-final.

During the year four of our team obtained Leinster Trials, these being Freda Harbron, Kate Coleman, Susan Fitzsimons and Chantal O'Sullivan, with Kate Susan and Chantal going forward to a second trial but unable to gain places on the Leinster Team.

On our yearly visit to Cork we played Bandon Grammar and Ashton Comprehensive having good results at Bandon, but due to weather, outdoor hockey was unable to be played in Ashton. We are grateful for the hospitality shown to us by the Bandon Girls.

The Bandon team visited us later in the year but were unable to play us due to weather conditions.

On our tour to Wales we played three schools, winning two and narrowly losing the third. Travelling over on a bad crossing we first encountered John Bright School at Llandudno. We won this match 2-0. The next morning we went shopping, leaving at lunch-time for Eirais High School. We also won this match 4-0. After tea, we returned to our hotel in Llandudno. The next day while travelling up towards Holyhead to get the boat home we stopped at Bangor to play Bangor High School but were narrowly defeated 1-0. We

returned home that day after enjoying a delightful hockey tour.

I would like to convey my thanks from the team to Mrs. Mellon and Mr. Brook for ensuring that these tours were enjoyable. I would also like to wish next year's 1st XI all the best in the Cup. I am sure they will do very well.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI, captained by Joyce Harte, were a very united team, and it showed in most of their games. Having moved up into a higher level of the intermediate section, they won their first round cup match comfortably against Dominican Wicklow 7-0. Unfortunately their captain, Joyce Harte, who was a driving force behind the team's successes, was injured and had to retire for the rest of the season. In the next round they met Glengara which produced a really good match, but High School undeservedly lost 2-0. The team's performance was good, and many thanks to Joyce Harte who captained them so enthusiastically. A special word of thanks to Heather Haskins who took over the captaincy of the 2nd XI so admirably after Joyce Harte was injured.

3rd XI

The 3rd XI, captained by Patricia Macken, consisted of a young team of mainly fourth years. In the cup they were beaten narrowly by Notre Dame's 1st team.

In the plate they beat St. Andrew's but unfortunately were beaten in the next round by St. Walstain's, Celbridge, at Celbridge. On that day they had an unforgettable journey home, being delayed for hours by snow and frost.

Junior A

The Junior A this year was captained by Dorothy Smith who also played games for the 1st XI. They had a good team with a strong set of forwards which show promise. In the first round of the cup they played Loreto, Beaufort. They had to play twice before High School were ousted. It was a very exciting match with a rather undeserved result.

In the plate they won the first round and lost their second round to Loreto Dalkey 1-0. It was unfortunate as on that day the team had to field five substitutes for the match.

Junior B

The Junior B was captained by Avril Poff who had a difficult job as we just about had the eleven players, so when players were absent Avril had a problem. However, there were a couple of promising players on the team who may show some good hockey next year.

Minor A

This team was captained by Alison Ruttle and proved to be a very united and successful team. It was a team that turned up regularly for practice and this enabled them to work steadily at their game, and gain good results during the year.

In the cup they beat Skerries 7-0 in the first round and then went on to beat Balbriggan 7-0 comfortably also. In the quarter-finals they came up against Wesley College and were narrowly defeated 1-0.

Minor B

The Minor B was captained by Peta Harrison. Due to the fact that there are very few girls in 2nd year, this team mainly consisted of 1st year pupils, apart from Peta herself. At the beginning of the season they found it difficult but they improved greatly towards the end of the season and show a lot of promise for the future.

Pupils v Staff Match

We rounded off the season with our annual staff v pupils match. In this year's event the pupils were more successful. With a strong pupils' team, and some of the

boys showing considerable skill, we chose a team consisting of a mixture of S.C.T. and 1st XI.

In the first half the pupils' defence was outstanding, and the score at half time was 1-1. But in the second half the stamina of the teachers was not up to standard and the pupils strolled into a 2-1 lead which was kept till the final whistle.

In conclusion I think the hockey season was successful with High School now having moved up to the top level of hockey. But still there is a need for more attendance at practice, as practice is the only key to success.

I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her continual support and instruction, without which we could not have gained any of our successes. I would also like to thank the school itself for all its support throughout the year for every team.

I think that a special word of thanks to Sharon Dudgeon is due. Her dedication to her job as Hockey Secretary was superb throughout the winter when many matches had to be cancelled due to weather.

Chantal O'Sullivan,

Hockey Captain.



MINOR CUP TEAM

Back row (left to right): N. Jackson, A. Blain, L. Ringland, Mrs. G. Mellow, Briggs, M. Borton, M. Fitzpatrick. Front row: L. Cooney, M. Cathcart, A. Ruttle (capt.), K. Browning, G. Smith.



JUNIOR CUP TEAM

Back row (left to right): Helen Ryan, Nicole O'Sullivan, Sandra Marshall, Mrs. Mellon, Roslyn Campbell, Yvonne Lowe, Carolyn Burges. Front row: Julie Oakes, Julie Ingram, Dorothy Smith, Susan Worrell, Diana Jacobs.



2nd XI INTERMEDIATE CUP TEAM

Back row (left to right): H. Haskins, K. Poff, J. Rogan, Mrs. G. Mellow, J. Free, S. Cloughley, C. Spencer. Front row: Y. Fyfe, S. Downes, J. Harte (capt.), S. Dudgeon, S. Griffin.



SENIOR CUP TEAM

Back row (left to right): F. Harbron, S. Fitzsimon, G. Strong, L. Hughes, A. Jackson, P. Tough. Front row: Mr. Brook, A. Maltby, C. Coleman, C. O'Sullivan (capt.), I. Ormsby, D. Smith, Mrs. G. Mellon, (J. Fox absent).

RUGBY ACTION



RUGBY REPORT

S.C.T. ('78-'79)

The early season activities were marked by Mr. McMullen's appointment as assistant coach to Mr. Cole, and this proved to be a most successful partnership throughout the season. Although a lack of experience was evident from the start within this team, our captain, Andrew Potts instilled a spirit into it which soon countered this failing, and by the end of the season, we had learned to respect him for his attitude both on and off the field. The team gained confidence from some early season results, and the arrival of Paul Clinch from Belvedere College added greatly to our attacking potential. The team settled quickly and secured many fine wins as we approached the half-way stage of the season, playing a brand of rugby complimented by many rival coaches.

Nevertheless, a notable feature of our play up to this stage in the season was the absence of a reliable goal-kicker, a vital necessity in the modern game. The rare defeats the team had suffered was due to the lack of a goal kicker, and this problem was rectified by the promotion of Graham Burleigh to the 1st XV. His arrival sparked off the start of an unbeaten sequence of games lasting right up to just previous to the beginning of our cup campaign. During this time, some of our notable results were: St. Mary's (19-4), King Edwards, Birmingham (17-0) and De La Salle, Churchtown (10-4) and a splendid draw against Trinity Under 19's (13-13).

In the cup we were drawn against Newbridge College, a team fancied by many experts to win the cup outright. The match was played out in Williamstown, Blackrock, and in this match we were to live up to our potential shown throughout the season. The first half of the match was marked by tension as neither team settled. But on the re-start, with the Hunt brothers, Alan and Gary, dominating the line-out, another notable feature through the season, we gradually began to dominate. Graham Burleigh opened our score with a fine penalty and this was followed by a fine try from Sam Smith following some excellent work from Boyd Gale and Andrew Potts. The match finally ended (12-4) in our favour and the relief was immense as we had surmounted a most talented Newbridge XV.

The team were in tremendous spirits prior to the

next cup-match against St. Michael's College and were optimistic of gaining revenge for the previous season's defeat. The game was played in a strong gale and at half-time we led through another try by Sam Smith following a brilliant break by Andrew Potts. The game was secured early in the second-half when Boyd Gale crashed over the line, following a loose ruck. It was in this game that High School began to show that the Cup was there to be won by them. The back-row and Paul Clinch, along with the jumping in the line-outs of the Hunt brothers, notably Alan, were the success stories of the cup campaign.

Indeed, it was the back row of Hunt, Love and Watson together with Clinch which accounted for Wesley in front of a packed audience at Donnybrook in the next round. It was in this match that Mr. Cole showed his astute knowledge of the game by placing Watson astride the scrum on the opponents' put-in, a move which not alone countered the threat of a much-talked about back row, but made the most knowledgeable of rugby people sit up and take note. The game was won by seven points to nil with Paul Clinch scoring a classic try.

Alas, all good things must come to an end and so it proved as High School ran out against Blackrock College at Lansdowne Road on Friday, March 9th. A lack of concentration at vital times against a most professional outfit which contained many internationals and interprovincials proved to be our downfall and thus we made our sad exit from the Cup, with only the knowledge that Blackrock had performed with such distinction that no team in the country would have beaten them on that day, to console us.

I cannot express enough the team's gratitude to Mr. Cole and Mr. McMullen for their guidance throughout the season and I will end by extending congratulations to Alan on being chosen for the Final Irish Trial, an outstanding achievement, and also Graham Day for being selected for the Irish Under 16 Seven-a-side team which played at Twickenham.

Finally, I will finish on an optimistic note that a bright future lies ahead in next season's campaign due to the youth of this team.

Stanley Watson (5th Form).

Best wishes to all our readers

Rugby Tour — 1978-79

Perhaps this was not the longest tour ever attempted by a High School S.C.T. but surely it must rank as one of the most successful. A quiet crossing to Holyhead followed by a long journey to Birmingham by train set the tour on its way. The following day we visited the grounds in the morning on which we were to encounter King Edwards the following afternoon. Despite the bad weather conditions in England, the ground was in superb condition as we ran out that afternoon. It was in this match that we played some of our best rugby of the season to defeat the strong Birmingham side 17-0.

We then moved on to Wales following our departure from Birmingham where we again defeated our annual rivals, John Bright School, Llandudno (27-13). This trip was a most enjoyable one and I would like to express much gratitude to Mr. Cole for all the arrangements he made in order to make the tour such a success.

Stanley Watson (5th Form).

RUGBY RESULTS

	P	W	L	D	F	A
1st	25	18	6	1	316	145
2nd	15	7	7	1	185	235
3rd	10	0	9	1	141	245
J.C.T. 1st	24	10	13	1	239	290
J.C.T. 2nd	16	7	9	0	195	251
U. 14	12	3	8	1	110	142
U. 13	12	2	8	0	136	166
U. 12	16	6	9	1	104	135

2nd XV

The 2nd XV, although having had a rather lean season, displayed, at times, a great amount of potential. The forwards competed well with other packs, which, more often than not, were much bigger. The rucking tended to be very loose and a lack of commitment was evident. Even so, the forwards worked well, David, Garrett, Russell Sheridan, Peter Jackson and Alan Mullen in particular.

The backs, although possessing ability, lacked penetration and opportunities were often wasted. This could be put down to the unsettling of the backs by constant changes due to the needs of the 1st XV and it was only late in the season when the half-back partnership of Kenny and Cottell could fall into place.

The draw for the 2nds league provided a reasonable opportunity for a good string of results, but, due to bad form, the necessary points did not appear.

The lack of commitment mentioned before was partly to blame for this, and showed itself in a weak

defence, although full-back Alan Browning was consistently steady under pressure throughout the season.

Junior Schools Rugby, 1978-'79

The Junior School, in spite of the bad weather, had a successful season. A total of seventeen matches was staged, resulting in only five defeats. This year we played teams mostly from within the School and from Primary and Preparatory Schools. The games turned out to be more evenly balanced and hence more enjoyable.

The highlight of the season, however, was the competition for the Hanly Cup. This new, annual event, involved all players in the Junior School and six teams competed for the trophy. In a splendid final Trevor Burns' team beat Ian Powers' team. We would like to thank the Hanly family for donating this trophy and all other parents for their kind help and support.

Under 13

This was not a wholly satisfactory season for the Under 13 teams. There was plenty of talent in the team, but a lack of commitment to team practice prevented the results being as good as might have been expected. Injuries, sickness and bad weather also took their toll.

On the bright side, some team members had an outstanding season. Ossueta in the centre and the captain, Wilson, lock forward, played extremely well throughout.

Under 12 (A's)

The under 12's rugby team did quite well overall in the 1978/9 season. The team played 16 matches; 5 matches were cancelled because of bad weather.

In the first term, the players on the team had not settled down together and did not play as well as we could. We had two wins and six losses. We improved during the second term and our result was four consecutive wins (against Gonzaga, Castleknock, St. Mary's, De La Salle, Churchtown) one draw against Willow Park and three losses.

Our best win during the season was against Clongowes. In this match we beat them 28-0.

Matches played — 16; wins — 6; draw — 1; losses — 9; points for — 104; points against — 135.

J.C.T. Report 1978-79

The season started on an optimistic note with two victories against C.B.C. Monkstown and Wesley College. But lack of scoring ability among our backs was evident, and if it were not for John Gills' superb and consistent place-kicking the team might not have done so well. In spite of being such a light pack the forwards played well throughout the season, although in the set scrum they often found themselves in retreat. Among the forwards the power of Haroom Docrat and the determination of Keith McMullen were evident and at times Docrat was capable of taking on some packs in the loose alone!

In the backs, however, no great attacking players were present and although all tackled well, the power of Kelly and the technique of Strachan were notable. The half backs were consistent even though diminutive, 4½-stone Deryck Vincent proved remarkably brave throughout onslaughts by some extremely large forwards.

The team spirit throughout the season was magnificent and everyone enjoyed being part of the team, even in defeat.

The season came to a disappointing close with a 7-3 defeat by St. Michael's in the Junior Cup at Terenure College on the 14th February. Faced with the largest pack we had faced and also the freezing conditions, which forced Vincent to be carried off with exposure, we took an early three point lead through a classic penalty-goal by John Gillis. But this was cancelled out by a try in the last minute of the first half and the St. Michael's side finished the scoring with a penalty goal two minutes into the second half.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Fennell for a very enjoyable season throughout and I know his knowledge of rugby brought this team to a fine standard after last year's disappointments.

Paul Wilson (4A2)

Under 14 Rugby

The Under 14 team began to show signs of improvement towards the end of the season. The opposition was nearly always bigger and stronger but the determined defence of the High School team was admirable. Vincent and Kilroy proved to be a most promising half-back combination while Dagg, Croly and Garth played many fine matches.



RUGBY UNDER 14 1978-'79

Back row: T. Little, J. Doyle, K. Croly, P. Gregory, A. Morton, R. Strong, T. F. Smith, S. Giltrap, P. Fish, J. Miller. Middle row: Mr. Cole, A. Sheil, K. Meldrum, P. Dagg (capt.), S. Rennicks, A. Brown, Mr. McClure. Front row: G. Kilroy, D. Vincent.



RUGBY J.C.T. 1978-'79

Back row: G. Willis, R. Henderson, G. Kelly, H. Docrat, A. McAulay, J. Gillis, D. Weston, S. Flower, G. Burns, A. Gill. Middle row: Mr. Fennell, G. Strachan, M. Webb, P. Wilson (capt.), K. McMullan, D. McCarroll, Mr. Cole. Front row: D. Vincent, I. Frost.



RUGBY - SENIOR CUP TEAM 1978-'79

Back row (left to right): Mark Turner, Nyall Jacobs, Stephen De Courcy, Howard Tracey, Alan Hunt, Gary Hunt, Sam Smith, Alan Mullen, Russell Sheridan, Mr. McMullan. Middle row: Mr. Brook, Stanley Watson, Boyd Gale, Andrew Potts (capt.), Paul Clinch, Simon Fraser, Mr. Cole. Front: Graham Day, Graham Burleigh.

Tennis, 1978

The 1978 season was perhaps the most encouraging season yet for High School Tennis. In September, the new courts were officially opened by Liam Nolan, sports commentator from R.T.E. Brookfield L.T.C. provided two exhibition matches for the occasion. This was a very successful social event and tea was provided afterwards in the school.

In the Leinster Schools Senior Cup we were drawn against Clongowes, a school noted for its tennis tradition. After a long hard battle we were defeated.

The team was: Roy Cooke, Sam Smith, Gary Colclough, Richard Green, Niall Jacobs, Martin Morrison.

That the team showed promise was proved in our annual fixture against the mothers which for the first time was held in the school and history was made when the wealth of experience of the mothers which had previously proved too much for us was finally overcome by a promising and much improved school team. The match was as always most enjoyable and tea was served in the school afterwards.

In our own school Championships the entries were very high and the tournaments proved very successful, unfortunately the new courts were not ready for the main part of the championships but the finals were played on them.

Yet again Roy Cooke and Matilda de Jong were the people to beat and Roy won his third successive Senior Boys' Singles Championship.

The winners were as follows:

Senior Girls Singles: Matilda de Jong.

Senior Boys Singles: Roy Cooke.

Junior Girls' Singles: Dorothy Smith.

Junior Boys Singles: David Borton.

Minor Boys Singles: Rudolf Ossuette.

Girls Doubles Championships: Gwynneth and Dorothy Smith.

Boys Doubles Championship: Sam Smith and Gary Colclough.

Mixed Doubles Championship: Roy Cooke and Mathilde de Jong.

The prospects for 1979 look very good indeed; there are many young enthusiastic players coming up the school and for the first time we will be entering a Girls team in the Leinster Schools' Cup. The new courts will be in constant use and under the watchful eyes of Mr. McClure, Mrs. Mellon and Mrs. Turpin who coaches the beginners, the standard will keep on rising and put High School on the tennis map.

Sam Smith, 6th Form.



TENNIS S.C.T. 1978

Richard Greene, Peter Herman, Mr. McClure, Alan Browning, Niall Jacobs, Gary Colclough, Roy Cooke, Sam Smith.

Girls' Badminton Report 1978/79

This season's badminton has been a very enjoyable and fairly successful one. We entered four teams in the league: one under 18, one under 16 and two under 14.

Although the under-18 team did not achieve the results we would have liked, they were enthusiastic and tried their best.

The under-16 team, however, did better. They won three of their matches but were narrowly beaten by Alexandra College and Wesley College. They were placed third in their section of the league.

We had great success with the under-14 'A' team. They won all their matches in their section of the league and beat Drogheda Grammar in the semi-final. They played St. Joseph's of Cluny in the final, but lost by a very close score. This final was an excellent

match and could have gone either way, unfortunately, it went the wrong way. Congratulations to Meriel Borton and her team for doing so well in their first year together as a team.

The under-14 'B' team were very enthusiastic, but again did not get the results we had hoped.

This year we formed a first year team which played Holy Faith, Clontarf in a friendly. They lost, but I feel that this match gave the girls some experience for future years.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mrs. Kelly who coached the beginners week by week. Also to Mrs. Carson, although she did not coach this year, for her help 'behind the scenes'!

Ruth Gyves (Badminton-Captain and Secretary).

Boys Badminton

There was a big increase in numbers playing badminton this year, especially in the lower forms and the standard improved tremendously.

There were five teams entered in the schools competition, one in each of the boys' age groups U.14, U.16 and U.18. The under 14s did extremely well to reach a semi-final but the other two teams were eliminated in their first round groups.

Two mixed teams were entered in competitions also. Both teams did well. The U19 reached the semi-final only to be beaten 2-3 by a strong team while the

U15 retained their competition with a fine 4-1 win in the final.

On behalf of all the badminton players in High School I would like to thank Mr. Sheridan for all his help and co-operation and Mrs. Turpin for her help.

This year we had the distinction of having two players picked on the U.16 School's Team who travelled to Nottingham. These were, David Borton and Carolyn Burges.

*Alan Borton, Captain.
David Borton, Secretary.*



BADMINTON UNDER-15 MIXED CUP VI 1978

Guy Kelly, Andrew Burges, David Barton, Gwen Smith, Carolyn Burges, Dorothy Smith.

TABLE TENNIS

Chairman: M. Deevy. *Hon. Sec:* M. Halliwell.
Hon. Treas: G. Cottell.

This year we entered four teams in the Leinster Schools' League: Senior 1st, 2nd, Under 15's, and Under 13's. The first team won their section, beating both St. Benildus and D. L. S. Churchtown by the margin of 8-1 in the process. In the play-off for the division, however, the team of P. Clinch, D. Borton, L. Jackson, W. Stahl, G. Cottell and M. Deevy met a very strong D.L.S. Raheny side and had to be content with the runners-up spot, losing 6-3.

While the other teams did not prove as successful, they are all the better for the experience.

It is encouraging to see so many junior players taking advantage of the good facilities the club has to offer.

Meldan Deevy,
6th Form.

Boxing Club

This year there was a greater majority of younger members in the boxing club, but still there was the same enthusiasm as in previous years. Overall there were about twenty members who attended regularly every week and who made the year very successful.

The year was highlighted by the boxing championships which took place in the Main Hall on Tuesday, 3rd April and I would like to thank the officials who made the evening possible. I would also like to thank Mr. Peters and his section of 5th form for their hard work in erecting the ring. On the evening there were seven bouts and the results are as follows:

1. D. Egan beat C. Doyle.
2. N. Harbron lost to R. Mitchell.
3. M. Ganga beat C. Restan.
4. P. Bowen lost to P. Furney.
5. J. Casey beat P. Delaney.
6. G. Matthews lost to D. Lynch.
7. R. James beat G. Willis.

Roger James won the Jackie Stafford Shield.

I thank Mr. Miller and Mr. Hilliard for their hard work through the year and for the championships. Boxing will restart next September and new members will be gratefully accepted.

Robert Love, Captain.

Swimming

Swimming this year for pupils was held in the Terenure College Pool every Tuesday from 6.00 – 7.30 p.m. The classes, divided into two sessions, proved successful. The first session from 6.00 – 6.45 included Junior School, First and Second years who

were very enthusiastic and showed great promise. The second session involving Third Year and upwards was divided into training and leisure sections. The swimming captains this year were Lorraine Hughes and Barry Callanan.

The Annual Swimming Gala took place on March 27th after a cancellation on March 20th due to certain circumstances. As always, the event proves to be very popular as shown by the support given by teachers, who are on duty, parents, who watch sons and daughters, and pupils, who cheer on friends.

This year the main prizes were won by the following:

100m. Boys Senior Champion — Liffey Cup: Peter Thompson.

75m. Boys Junior Champion — Dodder Cup: Harold Eppel.

Inter house relay — Brooke Shield: Galway.

Most Improved Swimmer — Morris Cup: Peter Alexander.

This year McKee Vouchers donated by a past pupil were won by Karen Eppel – Senior Girls Champion and Peter Thompson – Senior 75m. Backstroke.

The Past Pupils proved successful winners over present pupils in both girls' and boys' relays. It was a very enjoyable event and we thank Mrs. Kilroy for presenting the prizes.

Finally we thank Mrs. Mellon, Mr. McMullen and Mr. Kirby for their great work in promoting swimming in the school.

Lorraine Hughes, 6th Form.

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1978 Cricket Report

SCT

The Senior team had six members of the 1977 team and therefore had quite a good team. But during the season some of the team missed important matches and as a result the team had a few very poor results.

In the first match we lost to Wesley College but against the Trinity Ramblers in the next match the team scored 103 runs and the opposition's reply was only 82 runs all out. with D. Medcalf making 54 runs for the Ramblers and R. Cooke taking 6 wickets for the School. In the annual Leprechaun's match the team came up against stiff opposition. The opposition made 161 for 4 declared while the School could only manage 47 runs all out. G. Cottell scored 21 runs for the School.

In our League match with St. Andrew's College the team were put in to bat in wet conditions. We scored 55 all out and lost by 9 wickets. The School lost decisively against St. Columba's College in the League, but won the last two matches against Wesley (by 9 wickets) and against Masonic by 40 runs (A. Blair 64). Throughout the season A. Blair, N. Henderson, R. Cooke, and D. Kenny bowled well and I. Bloom set a good example as captain.

The Old Boys v School annual match was played over two days and was drawn. During May a combined Sandford Park High School team played Coleraine at Sandford. Although our combined team lost we enjoyed their visit. I would like to thank Sandford for arranging the match.

5 members of the Senior team were invited to go with Sandford Park to Coleraine and Ballymena for a two match tour. The first match against Coleraine, was drawn and the second won. Again I would like to thank Sandford for their invitation. I would also like to thank Coleraine and Ballymena for their hospitality.

A. Blair, N. Henderson, I. Bloom and G. Cottrell were picked for the Leinster Schools trial. Both A. Blair and N. Henderson were available for selection for Leinster v Ulster.

SCT 2nd

* The second team was split into a 2nd (A) and 2nd (B) team for the first team this season. Both teams entered for the Seconds League. The 2nd (B) team however failed to win any of its matches whereas the 2nd (A) team had a strong team and reached the final of the League without suffering a defeat. They beat Sandford Park, St. Columba's, Clongowes Wood and Wesley College before playing Stratford College in the League Final. Batting first High School scored 81 for the loss of 7 wickets with D. Temperley making 20 runs. B. Glass 14, G. Ryan 13 and S. Fraser 10 runs. This was a good score in a 20 overs - a - side match but Stratford College replied with 82 runs for no wicket in their 20 overs (M. Cohan 50).

JCT

This Junior team was not as successful as the two previous teams and on many occasions throughout the season played under 13 and under 14 players. This team did, however, possess two good players in G. Burleigh and K. Davies and on occasions these two held the side together and enabled it to reach a reasonable score.

High School were in the same section of the League as Gonzaga, St. Marys, St. Andrews, St. Columba's and Belvedere College.

High School won the first League match against Gonzaga and also won a very exciting match against St. Marys. St. Marys batted first and made a good score of 141 for 7, but High School, thanks to G. Burleigh (45) and C. Haine (49) not out, reached 150 for 8 wickets. In another very good match the School scored 100 all out, but St. Andrew's batting first won by 27 runs. St. Columba's College then played the JCT in another high scoring match. Batting first St. Columba's scored 157 for 3. High School, although batting well could only manage 99 runs for 8 wickets. In the final League Match the juniors lost by 7 runs to Belvedere in a good game. Burleigh making 32 and Haine 27.

Under 14

This team had a number of players on the Junior Team and had good players in Aldis, Vincent, Henderson, Garth and Haine.

The first League match against Sandford Park ended in defeat; as did the second against Terenure College. The third League match brought our first League win, against Kings Hospital. High School beat Wesley College by 72 runs, C. Haine taking 7 wickets for 10 runs. In their final match of the season the U16 beat Terenure College with P. Aldis taking 5 wickets in 5 balls and ending with figures of 6 for 8.

This team looks to be a very good prospect and should do well next season.

Under 13

The under 13 team played 10 matches during the season, winning 5 of them. This team has a number of good players especially Vincent, Garth, Kilroy, Blair and R. Davies. This team should make a good under 14 team next season. The two best games of the season were against S. Columba's, winning by 42 runs, and against St. Mary's winning by 18 runs in a high scoring game.

Under 12

The under 12 team played nine matches during the season. This is a large number considering the difficulty in getting fixtures at this level. They played Belvedere College three times, winning just once, and Sandford 4 times winning two of the matches. The team turned out well at practice.

Junior School

The Junior School team played four matches this year and won all of them. Three of the matches were



UNDER 14 1978

Graham Byrnes, Roger Davies, Paul Wilson, Mr. Fennell, Jonathan Garth, Stephen Willoughby, Glen Kilroy, Colin Haine, Peter Aldis, Richard Henderson (capt.), Daryck Vincent, Stephen Flower.



J.C.T. 1978

Colin Haine, Jonathan Garth, David Barton, Paul Aldis, Richard Henderson, Stephen Flower, Glen Kilroy, Mr. Brook, Paul Harrison, Graham Burleigh, Keith Davies (capt.), Daryck Vincent, Raymond Walker, Mr. Fennell.



S.C.T. 1978

Keith Davies, David Kenny, Boyd Gale, Roy Cooke, Graham Burleigh, David Booker, Mr. Brook, Nigel Henderson, Andrew Blair, Ian Bloom (capt.), Simon Fraser, Geoffrey Cattell, Mr. Kirby.



SENIOR IIA 1978 BEATEN CUP FINALISTS

Gary Maltby, Stephen de Courcy, Gary Ryan, Boyd Gale, Robert Love, David Booker, Mr. Fennell, David Temperly, Peter Vincent, Simon Fraser, Christopher Egan, David Kenny, Mr. McMullan. Barry Glass (capt.) absent on the day of the photographs.

against Rathgar Junior School and the fourth against Sandford Park. There was a lot of enthusiasm for cricket in the Junior School during the season thanks mainly to Mr. Willoughby who arranged and umpired matches as well as taking practice. An internal Junior School competition was held towards the end of term. This was to get Junior members of the School interested in the game.

I would like to thank Mr. S. Davies for giving the prizes to the winning team in the "Davies Cup" competition. This event was very popular, once again, and was won by S. Rennick's team.

Thanks are also due to Mr. J. Dawson and Mr. J. Malone, our groundsmen, who worked very hard to keep the pitches and nets in excellent condition.

Geoffrey Cottrell
(Hon. Secretary)

Cricket Scores 1978

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
S.C.T.	9	4	0	5
S.C.T. 2nd (A)	6	4	0	2
S.C.T. 2nd (B)	3	0	0	3
J.C.T.	8	4	0	4
Under 14	10	6	0	4
Under 13	10	5	0	5
Under 12	9	4	0	5
Junior School	4	4	0	0

Girls' Cricket

The 1978 season was a very successful one for the Girls 1st XI Cricket team, captained by Freda Harbron, in this only our second year of competition. We played three matches, two of which were against Kings Hospital. We narrowly beat them the first time, but the second time we played them we beat them decisively. We also played a boys team from Sandford, and were very unlucky not to win this match. The game was in the balance right until the last over.

We are very much looking forward to the next season when the team will be entertaining the Schools Girls League, where they will certainly meet tough opposition.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon who helped and encouraged us all through the season. I would also like to thank Mr. Fennell and Mr. Kirby who encouraged and supported us in our bid to be successful and we are looking forward to the 1979 season with great enthusiasm.

Freda Harbron, 6th Form.

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ATHLETICS (Boys and Girls)

Judging from results, last year saw a very noticeable improvement in athletics' standards from recent years. The individual performances were extremely good but we still lacked the depth in some areas, especially field events. Hopefully, this will be rectified in the coming year, as the numbers actively involved in athletics in the school have grown. This increase will provide the needed strength to improve the team standards. The inter-schools' meetings have provided a great source of enjoyment to the participants and the competition has stimulated many to greater achievements.

The School's annual Cross-country Championships were held on March 21st, with Simon Burbridge, Evan Kevelighan, Simon Fraser being victorious in the Junior School, Junior, Senior titles respectively.

The School Sports were held in very pleasant conditions on the 20th May.

CUP WINNERS

Senior Championship War Memorial Cup: John Lawson.

Senior Championship Taylor Cup: Lorraine Hughes.

Taylor Cup, Senior 100m: John Lawson.

Moore Cup, senior 200m: John Lawson.

Belgrave Cup, senior 200m: Lorraine Hughes.

Southam Cup, senior 800m: Simon Fraser.

Cornick Cup, senior 400m: Niall Dudgeon.

Walker Cup, senior 1500m: Trevor Willoughby.

Sloan Cup, senior long jump: John Lawson.

Travers Cup, senior High jump: Gary Hunt.

Junior Championship, Cunningham Cup: Graham Day.

Intermediate Championship, Staff Cup: Tracey Hughes.

Second Year Girl with most points, Diocesan Cup: Dorothy Smith.

First Year Girl with most points, Mathers Cup: Leslie Cooney.

Magill Cup, junior 100m: Graham Day.

Whyte Cup, field events: John Lawson.

Fraser Cup, Junior House Relay: Belgrave House.

Evan Cup, Senior House Relay: Harcourt House.

The Jean Scott Junior Hockey Cup: Susan Downes.

The Jean Scott Senior Hockey Cup: Janet Dalby.

In the Leinster zone championships field events, Sola OI Ohiwate and Gary Hunt achieved very high standards with Sola reaching the All-Ireland finals in the Triple Jump. However, Gary just failed to gain All-Ireland status, finishing 4th in the Leinster final. In the school sports, he broke the school record with a jump of 6'1". On the track Lorraine Hughes, Graham Day and Euan Kevelighan reached the final of the 200m, 400m and 1500m in their respective Leinster zone championships.

I would like to avail of this opportunity in con-

gratulating our past pupil, David Taylor who, after having been selected to run for Ireland in the World Cross-country Championships in Glasgow, distinguished himself, finishing a very fine 26th. Now training in America, Dave has been, and is, a source of inspiration and encouragement to those involved in athletics in the School.

Finally, thanks to Mr. Toomey for his present support and enthusiasm, without which the Athletics Association could not hope to be so strong.

Euan Kevelighan (School Captain) (5th).

Spelaeological Society

We have had two field excursions in the current school year. The first one was a weekend in Clare and the second was a day trip to Fermanagh.

The weekend in Co. Clare took place from Friday 10th to Sunday 12th November. Leaving Dublin on Friday night, five cars made their way via Moate, Ballinasloe, and Loughrea to Doorus Youth Hostel. Saturday morning saw us heading for Faunarooska Cave above Fanore. The water level was unusually high and the numerous cascades made the trip exhilarating and wet. So after a thrilling, yet wet day, we returned to the Hostel for a hot meal by 6.30 p.m.

Sunday was spent exploring Pot-an-Ionain Cave, in which there are large caverns. One contains the largest free-hanging stalactite in Western Europe, which is 38ft. long and weighs 44 tons. It is a fantastic sight by lamplight! Returning to Dublin on Sunday night completed a successful weekend.

I would like to thank Mr. P. Durant, Mr. R. Mossop and Mr. S. Dowds for leading us and Mr. Durant, Mr. Mossop, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Hilliard and Mr. Gardner for providing transport for the eighteen enthusiasts who participated. Unfortunately, the limited availability of transport restricted the numbers.

The second expedition was on Saturday, 10th February, 1979, and was a one day trip. Three carloads of enthusiasts left the School early on Saturday morning for Fermanagh via Cavan, Belturbet, Ballyconnell and Swanlinbar. The group went in from the car park on the Florencecourt — Blacklion Road. Underground, they explored several side passages and went as far as Legnabrockey Way, where they had to turn back as melted snow has raised the level of the underground river. Some pools were chest deep and very cold. Safety precautions were over-emphasised for training purposes and this slowed down movement in the cave. There was only one ladder pitch of about ten feet, well within the ability of the party. Coming back to the cars, near the river, there was plenty of water to wash in, but sleet showers made changing difficult.

I would like to thank Mr. S. Dowds (Staff) and Mr. P. Mills both members of the Dublin University Pothol-

ing Club, for leading us and the three parents who provided transport: Mrs. U. O'Leary, Mr. Gardner and Mr. Harbran.

The problem for schools in the Dublin area is finding a suitable cave within easy reach of Dublin. Clare is too far for a one day trip. Mitchelstown is too muddy and access is not always guaranteed. Many of the best Fermanagh caves are too wet or too difficult e.g. long ladder pitches going on, difficult squeezes and deep water make them unsuitable for novices.

The thanks of the School are due to Mr. Dowds, who has organised the excursions and revived the Spelaeological Society.

Jonathan Young,
Records Secretary.

Mountaineering Club

The current school year has been a successful one for the club. We have had seven hill walks and the annual long weekend to North Wales. The year began in September with a walk to Two Rock and Prince William's Seat, past the new T.V. transmitter, and a highly successful walk in October to Moanbane and Mullaghcleevaun in which three reasonably difficult peaks were reached. In November, we had an introductory walk especially for juniors. Forty - three attended when we hired a small coach, which was a great help, to go to Glendalough and Lugduff. This was the only hillwalk on which the weather was not delightful. It was overcast and drizzly. December saw us climbing Seahan and Slievenabawnogue. We had an interesting look at the Bohernabreena Reservoir when returning. The first walk of the New Year was early in February, again to Seahan, but this time via Killinarden Moor. The snow made it all the more enjoyable. In late February, the Tibbradden - County Boundary walk was enjoyed again because of the snow. The boundary dyke, 3ft. and in places 10ft. deep, was completely filled with snow: A remarkable sight. We had an unexpected visitor near Raven's Rock, in the form of an Irish Air Corps helicopter. It flew over us twice and hovered within 10ft. above us on the second pass. I'm sure it was the closest any of us have come to seeing a helicopter in flight. Apart from the "Junior" walk, the weather for all the walks has been sunny and very good for Wicklow.

The Wales excursion took place between Friday 16th March and Tuesday 20th March and was enjoyed by every one (see separate report).

The last hillwalk, in late March, took place to Mullaghcleevaun and its East Top. The recent snow and rain made the going very difficult, but everyone enjoyed the day, which was cold and cloudy.

The limitations of city bus transport make access to the hills difficult without a long and often tedious "walk in". Most of us would like to explore deeper into

Wicklow but this seems unlikely unless we have our own transport.

I would like to thank, on everyone's behalf, Mr. Gardner and Mr. Blackmore for their time, their patience and their endurance, which alone make hill-walking possible.

Jonathan Young – Records Secretary

Hostelling Excursion to North Wales, 1979

The Club's annual long weekend was to North Wales. It took place from Friday 16th to Tuesday 20th March.

We gathered at the Passenger Terminal of the Sea-link Ferry in Dun Laoire at 8.00 a.m. The 'Avalon' (5142 tons) sailed, half an hour late, at 9.15 a.m. We then experienced one of the worst crossings of the winter, from which few of us were spared the inconvenience of sea travel! Having survived the crossing we made our way to a wet and cold Bangor where provisions were bought for the weekend. The snow continued to fall and we got on a scheduled service to Bethesda. At 6.00 p.m. we left Bethesda, heavily laden with extra food, for Idwal, five miles away along the A5. There was already two feet of snow in Bethesda and the A5 was closed shortly after we left Bethesda. We walked on, with the only hazard the occasional large powerful snow plough, to which we became accustomed during our visit. We stayed on the A5 as it grew dark and the weather deteriorated into a blizzard. A section of the road had collapsed and the emergency traffic lights there threw some beautiful hues on the enveloping snow. We reached Idwal at 7.30 p.m. where a most welcome dinner was, and I am understating, devoured.

On Saturday the snow continued to fall and we left the hostel in a mild blizzard to walk the six miles along the A5 to Capel Curig. The wind was in our faces all the way there and we could only look ahead by turning away from the wind. The lower slopes of Tryfan loomed out of the night on our right and it would have been dangerous and foolish to do anything other than walk along. We had been advised by the Mountain Rescue people to stay off the mountains and the B.B.C. broadcast Police warnings to people to stay indoors. Reaching Capel Curig we lunched, sitting in two feet of snow. As we returned to Idwal the weather improved enough to give a few glimpses of the surrounding hills. Dinner was prepared and eaten and several members of the party returned to their scrabble board.

We arose suddenly on Sunday because we had forgotten about British Summer Time, and were an hour behind. We walked with heavy packs to Bethesda and turned West along and up narrow country roads. Having logged up these, with the snow

growing deeper with every foot, we lunched at the top, which formed a broad plateau stretching into the adjoining Llanberis Valley. Continuing after lunch with the snow generally 4ft. deep, but with drifts of 8ft. We walked along the roads, at the side where the snow had been trampled or along the tops of the walls. Eventually we crossed into a field where there was little snow and the going was easier. We trudged on, and reached the village of Deiniolen where the roads had been cleared. We had to go back up into the snow to get to Mafodfy and then down via walled "zig zags" to Llanberis. We arrived at Llanberis Youth Hostel, tired and sore, at 6.00 p.m. and the hot (!) shower was a welcome luxury.

Monday dawned bright and clear. We breakfasted and set off back down to Llanberis as the hostel was up quite a steep hill. We joined the main road and turned off it along the path to Snowden, having passed the Snowden Mountain Railway's Llanberis Station (The railway was closed but an engine, with "steam-up", was to be seen in the yard). We started up the broad path and admired the waterfall beside the railway track before entering the now well known snow filled roads. Coming round the corner in the track to where we could see the shoulder of Snowden we were whipped by a strong cold wind. We lunched in the partial shelter of a stone wall and some of us got quite chilled. After lunch, we walked on until the track crossed beneath the railway and then we continued along the railway itself, as the path was impassable. It was interesting to see the central toothed rail packed with snow. This, along with the numerous drifts, made the track impossible for trains. We continued a short way beyond Clogwyn to point out the extremely dangerous condition of the ground which prevented us from continuing further up Snowden. On the way back, slightly below Clogwyn, we climbed a small hillock and had a superlative view of the Llanberis Pass. The leisurely return to Llanberis was followed by the always welcome dinner and the inevitable game of Scrabble.

Tuesday was cold and gloomy compared to Sunday and Monday and we arrived in Bangor at 11.10 a.m. by scheduled bus to a cold, wet train station. We all went shopping and had some lunch before catching the 13.28 to Holyhead. We were greeted by the sight of the "Avalon" whereupon some of us became apprehensive. All the apprehension was completely unnecessary because there was not a wave to be seen during the entire crossing. The ship docked successfully in Dun Laoire despite the P.A.Y.E. strike and we were glad to be back home, even though we enjoyed the trip immensely.

Our warmest thanks to Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Gardner and Miss Nic Aogain for taking such good care of us all and we don't really blame them for the weather!

**Jonathan Young
Records Secretary**

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Once again in this school year, 1978/79, usually on Thursday afternoons at 4 o'clock, teachers and class representatives met in the library to discuss the points brought forward by pupils of the School. This year's Council consisted of Mr. Brook (Chairman), Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. Conway (Secretary), Mr. Keegan, Miss Binions, Mrs. Cummins and Mr. Toomey, and from the pupils Geoffrey Bockett, Nigel Heather, Shelley Eppel, Billy Ormsby of 4th year; Trevor Willoughby, Barry O'Keeffe, Christopher Egan, Susan Griffith, Leslie Warren of 5th year; Lorraine Hughes, David Jones, Robert Love, Iris Ormsby, Mark Shankey, Simon Fraser (Head Boy), Mathilde de Jong (Head Girl) of 6th year; and finally Michael Balbirnie of 6th Upper.

Although this school year has been a relatively quiet one for the school council, without many far-reaching changes being agreed upon, it must be stressed strongly, that as a democratic body, problems brought forward by teachers as well as pupils, have been openly discussed. A wise decision about a certain issue cannot be made unless both sides of the case are heard, and its pros and cons weighed. This is why these meetings between staff and pupils are so important.

There were some minor developments which are all the more invaluable, as they pass unnoticed, as part of the continual progress of the school. For instance, the provision of new chairs which replace the older, and less resistant ones, the fixing of the various watertaps which sometimes fail to operate, and also the problem of heating the school building is being looked into by experts. Prince, the new guard-dog, has been trained to adapt himself to a new environment, after some unexpected incidents. Sport facilities on the school grounds during the summer holidays and a dance for the Senior school seemed to have become more of a reality in the near future. Also more bins have been placed in those areas where the litter problem was most obvious, but their effectiveness is solely depending on the attitude taken by the pupils with regard to school property.

A special word of thanks and appreciation is due to our Headmaster, who led the meetings with great skill and understanding, and also to Mrs. Conway, who recorded the minutes of each meeting and distributed them afterwards to all members.

Mathilde de Jong (6th Form).

The Hobbies Exhibition 1978

The exhibition was held in the school on Saturday, May 27th. Once again pupils had a chance to display items, into many of which, a great deal of work had

gone. We thank those pupils who took the trouble to enter. We also thank the parents who ferried exhibits to and fro.

The standard of the entries was very high. A large number of history projects were on display, and we congratulate Miss Graham and her pupils on the excellent work they did. We also congratulate 3B1 whose project on Monastic Ireland won the Evan's Cup for the best class project submitted.

We must say thank you to the judges who, as ever, did Trojan work in sifting through the entries. We must also pay special tribute to the willing fifth formers, who so readily agreed to take time off their lessons, in order to assemble, and indeed, disassemble the Exhibition. Finally, to Mrs. Coulter Smith who distributed the prizes, we are very grateful.

J.H.

Leinster School of Music and Drama

Silver Medal: Middle 2 Grade – Ann Godsil, 97%.

Silver Medal: Middle 2 Grade – Jonathan Sharpe, 97%.

Bronze Medal: Jun. 1st – Terence Dixon, 97%.

Special Book Token: Jun. 1st – Gavin McAulay, 96%.

THE CAROL SERVICE

The annual Carol Service has become quite a tradition in High School, and so on the second last day of the Christmas term the pupils filed up towards Zion church to take their places in the pews.

The Service was conducted by the Revd. R. Warke and followed the same pattern as those of previous years, with the lessons being read by a pupil from each year, the Head Boy and Girl and the Headmaster.

Particularly enjoyable was the singing of the school choirs, conducted by Miss Binions. Accompaniments on the organ was provided by Alfred Potter and Mr. Dungan. We were treated to a great variety of unusual carols, some of which were very modern, while another dated from the sixteenth century. The congregation was not neglected, however, and we all joined in singing some of the better known hymns of Christmas.

The collection was for a past-pupil, Naoime Hodgins, who is doing missionary work in Africa, and for Dr. Raymond Williams who is working in Zaire.

The Carol Service was a happy beginning to the Christmas holidays.

Jane Gray (5th).

Canoeing Club

The dominant feature of this year's Canoeing has definitely been the clubs' efforts to improve its own equipment. This has been achieved in two ways: firstly, by repairing and trying to keep the canoes in good condition and, secondly by replacing canoes which had outlasted their usefulness. Early in the year, Mr. Broad, seeing a good bargain, bought a Sprite racing canoe. Later on in the year, we had our sponsored paddle. This was a great success. Twenty miles were paddled, and £106 raised. I am sure I am speaking for all when I thank Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Dowds and all the parents involved for all the help they gave us. This money, coupled with the money gained from selling all three old canoes, enabled us to get three more canoes, one of them being a hunter KI. Again, Mr. Broad was able to get them at very keen prices.

The club went on as many river trips as possible last summer. We also entered for several races. David Fitzpatrick got first place in the KI event on the upper Boyne, while Guy Kelly and Keith McMullen consistently got very high placings. The best results of the year must go to Keith McMullen who came first in the Under 13 Liffey Schools race.

We should like to thank Mr. D. H. Poole for his generosity in presenting the club with a Canoeist of the Year Trophy. Finally, this report would be incomplete without thanking Mr. Broad. Without him there would be no club, and for no reason other than goodwill, he has introduced an exciting new sport to many, and worked tirelessly to improve the Club. Our thanks go to him and to all those parents and other members of staff who have helped throughout the year.

Niall Sweeney,
5th Form

THE CHESS CLUB

It had been hoped to enter a senior team for the Leinster Chess League, but instead a junior team was entered. This team consisted of Mark Webb, Jeremy Price, Roger Davies, David Finkel and John Armstrong, with Ian Carson playing early on in the season.

The year started off reasonably well, but as the year went on, interest in playing chess began to decline. Eventually, due to exams and other distractions, the team was unable to play all the matches, so it was withdrawn from the League. We hope that next year the interest in chess will have increased, so that another team can be entered for the League. We should like to thank Mr. Hilliard for his continued interest in the club.

Mark Webb (4A1).

T.C.D. Societies and Clubs

Dublin University Central Athletic Club – Chairman: T. T. West Ph.D.

College Historical Society – Librarian: R. J. Montgomery.

College Theological Society – Auditor: M. A. McCullagh.

Archaeology and Folklore Society – President: G. F. Mitchell, D.Sc.

Choral Society – Librarian: H. Joan Lennon. Treasurer: C. G. Wheeler.

Christian Union – Vice-President: Joyce Williams.

Classical Society – Auditor: S. E. Hinds Sch.

History Society – Secretary: Virginia Davis. Publicity Officer: M. N. H. Risk.

Physical Society – Treasurer: P. A. Sterne Sch.

Trinity College Labour Party Branch – Publicity Officer: R. S. Hanan.

Trinity News – R. S. Hanan et al.

Cricket Club – President T. T. West Ph.D.

Football Club – Senior Treasurer: C. A. Boyle.

Lawn Tennis Club – Treasurer: P. Rungasamy.

Climbing Club – Treasurer: D. R. Lowe.

Fencing Club – Captain: L. Jane Luce.

Judo Club – Men's Captain: Kenneth Mealy.

Orienteering

The High School orienteering club has had quite a successful year. The numbers orienteering in the club are not great, but the standard has improved tremendously. The club attended nearly all the schools events, which were held mainly in Wicklow.

We had about ten competitors from High School competing in the Irish Junior Championships held at Donadea Demesne on October 14th, 1978, with two relays competing on the Sunday. We had some very good results on the Saturday. In the M15 class, David Fitzpatrick came sixth, in the M13 class Roger Davies came seventeenth and Terence Dixon came twentieth. In the W13 class Judith Williams came second. In the W15 class Ruth Williams came second and Roxanne White came fifth.

In the Schools events, Roger Davies has just moved up to M15, and is doing well, Terence Dixon is also doing well in M13. Judith Williams has also moved up to W15 and doing quite well in a very competitive class.

Next term we hope to hold a 'come and try it' for the school, which, we hope will promote interest in orienteering in High School again.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Hickmott for helping with orienteering in the school and the parents who have given up their time to provide transport for us.

Ruth Williams. (4A1)

The Careers Library

The Careers Library in Room C.14 is open to all pupils at Break Times. Here they may consult and borrow leaflets and folders giving information about careers, prospecti giving details of courses at different educational centres — in fact, as much printed information as we can get about the options open to school-leavers.

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

CAREERS LIBRARIANS 1978/79

Nigel Dawkins, Jillian Gibson, Ruth Gyves, Trevor Willoughby.

CAREERS TALKS

The High School is most grateful to the following who gave up their time to talk to members of the 5th Form in the past year.

SUMMER TERM 1978

Psychology: Mr. D. O'Briain, St. John of God Child Guidance Clinic.

Insurance: Mr. R. Blythman, Blythman & Associates.

Motor Industry: Mr. G. Fildes, Geo. A. Dagg Ltd.

T.Cadmissions: Mrs. S. Bannister, Trinity College.

Post-Secretarial openings: Mrs. S. Brady.

Biologist: Dr. A. Gibson, Dept. of Fisheries.

Gardai: Sgt. P. Dunne, Bean Garda B. Wymes.

Electrician: Mr. L. Mantle, Electrical Wmpesalers (I) Ltd.

R.T.E.: Mrs. J. McManus.

Animal Nurse: Miss H. Dunn, O'Scannell & Partners.

Interviews: Miss H. Andrews, I.D.A. Messrs D. Oakes: M. Kirwan, A. Guinness & Son, M. Devlin, Player & Wills Ltd.

CHRISTMAS TERM 1978

Going to University: Mr. D. Montgomery, T.C.D.

Secretarial College: Mrs. Penny, Alexandra College.

Apprenticeships: Mrs. A. Martin, ANCO.

Banking: Mr. D. Dky and Miss A. Timon, A.I.B.

Architecture: Mr. K. Hunt, M.R.I.A.I.

Veterinary Medicine: Dr. C. Hatch, Veterinary College.

Merchant Navy: Captain M. Langran, Irish Shipping.

Law: Mr. A. Graham, Matheson, Ormsby & Prentice.

Medicine: Mr. D. Moore, Mater Hospital.

Computers: Mr. R. Stevens, Stevens Consulting Ltd.

Accountancy: Mr. D. Reynolds and Mr. W. Wampbell, Stephen & McHugh.

Nursing: Miss H. Marchant, An Bord Altranais.

Natural Sciences: Dr. C. Stillman, T.C.D.

Hotel Industry: Mr. T. Brown, C.E.R.T.

Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs Engineering: Dr. S. Ruttle.

Sales Representative: Mr. P. Paxton, Reckitts Ireland Ltd.

Journalism: Mr. V. Doyle, Evening Herald.

National Teacher: Dr. K. Milne, C of I College of Education.

V.E.C. Colleges: Mr. M. Rice, Kevin Street.

Demonstrator and Salesman: Mrs. O. Hurley, 3M Ltd.

Art School: Mr. C. Factor.

EASTER TERM 1979

Biology: Dr. A. Gibson, Dept of Fisheries.

Company Structure: Mr. J. Hoblyn, Irish Biscuits Ltd.

Defencer Forces: Comdt. G. Kirwan, Irish Army.

R.T.E.: Mr. M. Brennan, Head of Design.

Engineering: Dr. J. Reid and Mr. C. Higgins, Cramp-ton Ltd.

Fashion Design: Miss W. Vincent, Grafton Academy.

Medical Laboratory Science: Miss N. Horner, Meath Hospital.

Electrical Engineering: Dr. J. Fisher, Kevin Street.

P.E. Teacher: Mrs. R. Thompson, Newpark Comprehensive School.

Occupational Therapy: Miss D. Fincher, St. Vincent's Training Centre.

Gardai: Sgt. J. Quinn and Bean Garda B. Wymes.

Industrial Chemist: Dr. E. Markham, A. Guinness & Son Ltd.

Pilot: Capt. S. Lyttle, Aer Lingus.

Business Studies: Dr. G. McKechnie, T.C.D.

Psychology: Miss L. Moore, U.C.D. student.

MOCK INTERVIEWS

This year the interviews for 6th Formers were held on the evening of May 9th. We thank the interviewers (Miss Hilary Andrews, Mr. Brian Herman, Mr. Jim McCaughey, Miss Hilary Marchant) for the time and advice which they gave.

LEINSTER SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Piano Examinations

CHRISTMAS, 1978

Grade III:	Roger Davies	Pass with Merit
Grade II:	Alison Gardiner	First Class Honours
Grade I:	Patricia Metcalf	First Class Honours
	Rhona Sloane	Pass with Merit

Preparatory:	Peter Boles	First Class Honours
	Nicola Lett	First Class Honours
	Timothy Markham	Honours
	Colin Heather	First Class Honours
	Brett O'Brien	First Class Honours
	Wendy Kilroy	First Class Honours
Primary	Diane Jacobs	First Class Honours

EASTER, 1979

Grade IV:	Nicola Jackson	Honours
Grade II:	Tracy Mooney	Pass with Merit
	Douglas McCormack	First Class Honours
Grade I:	Morgan Sheridan	Pass with Merit

Alliance and Dublin Consumers'
Gas Company

Results of Gas Co. School Exam.

March 1979
PRIZEWINNERS

6th YEAR SOC. AND SC.

1st – Carole Spencer

2nd – Wendy Clarke

6v YEAR, GENERAL COURSE

1st – Avril Willoughby

2nd – Gail Quill

Consolation – Lorraine Hughes

5th YEAR

1st – Jillian Gibson

2nd Amanda Cloughley

3rd – Whai Ann Ho-Tan

Consolation – Dainne Day

4th YEAR

1st – Janice Troy

2nd – Dorothy Wright

3rd – Keith Jones

Consolation – Ivor Hemingway

Consolation – Joy McConnell

3rd YEAR

1st – Avril Willoughby

2nd – Jennifer Pedlow

3rd – Roslyn Campbell

2nd YEAR GENERAL COURSE

1st – Linda O'Leary

2nd – Paul Brennan

3rd – Sharon Kilbey

Consolation – Sandra McConnell

On 25th April, 1979 Averil Bates represented High School in the Dublin Gas Co. at an Inter Schools Gas Co. Competition. There were 18 competitors and Averil was awarded a consolation prize.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Last year several pupils agreed that a Dramatic Society should be formed in the school. A meeting was held and a large number of people said they were interested.

Mrs. Crowe was approached and she agreed to take position of head and organiser of the society. She proposed that the group put on a play and suggested 'The Dark Tower' by Louis MacNeice.

This was warmly welcomed and in due course cast, back-stage organisers and costume people were selected.

Many staff, pupils and friends showed great generosity of time and effort in helping and we were very fortunate in having Mr. Brian Grimson to compose incidental music specially for the play.

Rehearsals went quite well and a lot of work was put into the visual side of the play, which was written as a radio play and had never been performed on stage before.

Time flew as rehearsals precipitated towards the 21st of February. Soon the night came and the Assembly Hall was filled to capacity.

The cast enjoyed the excitement and the bright lights. Backstage was bustle and hustle dashing about. People were warned not to stand in Mr. Hickey's basins of dry ice. Wrapping of trees were cast about. All sorts of things cropped up at the last moment.

But to the audience the play ran smoothly and excellently, the applause at the end a fitting tribute to the immense hard work of Mrs. Crowe and to the talents of the acting group.

The Dramatic Society's interest has continued and Drama Workshop is held after school on Mondays. The members are enthusiastic and look forward to providing talent and entertainment for the rest of the school, as well as having an enjoyable time themselves.

Alison Gardner (5th Form).

The Debating Society

The Officers for the year were:

Auditor: Peter Herman

Secretary: Jane Gray

Committee: Gail Danker, Tracey Hughes, Jonathan Sharpe, Alison Gardner, Roger Dowds, Mandy Vincent, Janet Free.

The Debating Society has continued to be successful with regular debates held in the

Demonstration Theatre at lunchtime. Topics for debates varied from Divorce to Blood Sports.

A team from High School took part in a debate at Sandford Park School, while an Inter-School's debate was held between Terenure College and High School at Danum. Two competitors, Alison Gardner and Jonathan Sharpe, took part in the Trinity Historical Society's Debate, and found it good experience to speak before such a large audience.

The Junior Debating Society made swift progress under the guidance of Roger Dowds and Alison Gardner, and we hope to see many enthusiastic young speakers taking part in future debates.

We thank Mrs. Conway for all her help throughout the year and all the staff who acted as chairman during lunch-time debates.

Jane Gray 6th Form

Bible Union

The Bible Union is an interdenominational group of young Christians who meet each Tuesday during the lunch hour for times of Bible study and discussion, prayer, praise, and sharing of experiences which members have had in coming to know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord of their lives. All the meetings are open to everyone and are informal with everyone encouraged to participate and share their views and opinions on the subject under consideration for that week.

Some of last year's highlights included a visit from some of the members of the Christian Union at Trinity who provided a very interesting and varied programme for us. Also last year the Bible Union took two day's assemblies just before Easter. More recently some of the subjects tackled have included: 'What is a Christian?' and a question closely connected to that 'How does someone become a Christian?'. The authority of the Bible was investigated and positive reasons for believing it to be God's word put forward; and then leading on from that talks were given on the place of the Bible in the Christian's life and how to interpret the Bible, this latter talk was given by Chris Robinson, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Pearse Street. Other subjects dealt with at some length included prayer in the Christian life and how a Christian is guided in decision making. Another recent highlight to the programme was the visit of a full time Christian worker from the London City Mission. He showed slides of the work going on in London and gave us a real insight into the many needs represented by that city and how the L.C.M. is working to alleviate some of them.

The Bible Union is really looking forward to the year ahead with all the potential and exciting prospects it offers and undoubtedly contains.

*Hugh D. Morrison
5th Form*

Report of The High School Astronomical Society

The Astronomical Society was formed early in September by interested members of the School under the supervision of Mr. Blackmore. Meetings were held almost fortnightly after school on Fridays to discuss the interests of members and find out what the Society should organise. The eclipse of the moon, shortly after the formation of the Society, was a disappointment for most people, due to the weather, but the announcement of the discovery of a new nova (exploding star) compensated for this. The nova is in the constellation of Cygnus and should be visible to the naked eye.

The Society arranged a visit to Armagh Planetarium on Saturday, 4th November, 1978 and 60 people came and enjoyed it very much (see separate report). A lecture was arranged next day by three members of the Irish Astronomical Society (Dublin Centre). They came on the night of Wednesday, 15th November. Mr. Collins delivered a lecture (with slides) on the History of Astronomy. Mr. Smyth delivered a lecture (with slides) on General Observing and Mr. Harvey delivered a slide lecture on the Space Shuttle Programme now being carried out in America. The three lectures were very interesting and a good attendance was recorded. Three films were shown after school on Friday, 8th December and proved interesting and informative. Again a good attendance was recorded and it is hoped to have more films in the future. Another lecture was organised for Monday, 29th January and this was delivered by Mr. Ansbro of the I.A.S., who brought a partly finished 6" Newtonian reflector, which he was building. The lecture was very interesting, if a little too technical but, unfortunately, the attendance was poor at this lecture.

Future plans for the Society are to set up a simple observing programme and to visit Dunsink Observatory. Next October it is hoped to organise a trip to Armagh and this time we hope to see the Observatory as well as the Planetarium. Thanks are due to Mr. Blackmore and to Mr. Tony Kelly, who took over supervision of the Society after the Armagh visit. The size of the Society is large for a school (approx. 40-45) and I hope that the Society will continue for many years.

Jonathan Young (6th Form).

A Visit to Armagh Planetarium

For the inauguration of the Astronomical Society a visit to the Armagh Planetarium was planned. On an October Saturday morning the coach departed from

the school around 10.30 a.m. with four teachers and approximately 50 pupils.

We arrived in Armagh around two o'clock and after parking behind the Planetarium, we had lunch.

On entering the Planetarium we found ourselves surrounded by modern technology which included several models of spacecraft all finely detailed. These models included Sputnik One, Soyuz, Mariner, Luna 9 and Gemini 8. There were also several manually controlled machines which displayed planet routes, the breaking down of white light and a radio transmitter for picking up radio signals in space.

On one section there was a large video screen where twenty years of exploration in space was televised, from the launching of Sputnik 1 to the landing of Viking on Mars last year.

The highlight of this visit was the star show which featured the Cosmic Connection in which we were supposed to be the alien visiting a galaxy with a sun and nine planets. It is a fascinating and weird experience to visit one of these shows.

The visit to the Planetarium was very successful and with the great interest everyone showed, it won't be long before the Astronomical Society decide to visit there again. Our thanks go towards Mr. Kelly, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hickey and Mr. Blackmore.

DONALD IRVINE. 5th Form.

Visit of Astronaut James B. Irwin

On October 4th, 1957, Sputnik I, an unmanned artificial satellite, was sent into orbit by the USSR. Man, himself, entered space for the first time on April 12th, 1961. This was the beginning of an era which would reach a climax with man walking, and carrying out experiments, on the moon, and this amazing feat was finally accomplished by Apollo 11 on July 21st, 1969, when Neil Armstrong became the first man ever to walk on the moon.

The school year, starting in September, 1978, was hardly underway, when the school was very proud to receive a visit from Astronaut James B. Irwin. He paid this surprise visit on Friday, 7th September and told us of his experience of walking on the moon, and he answered questions by pupils as to what space travel is like. He was received with great enthusiasm by the pupils, who enjoyed his interesting lecture. Mr. Irwin was presented with the High School crest in the form of a plaque by this year's head boy and head girl, Simon Fraser and Mathilde de Jong. Mr. Irwin, in return, very kindly presented Mr. Brook with a model of the 'genesis' moon rock. This rock had been brought back to Earth on the Apollo 15 mission, on which Mr. Irwin had been a member of the crew.



The Headmaster, Mr. A. P. R. Brook, being presented with a photo of the moon landing by astronaut Mr. James B. Irwin.

The Apollo 15 mission to space began on July 26th, 1971. Mr. Irwin was one of the team of three astronauts, David R. Scott and Alfred M. Warden, being the other two. Their mission was to carry out experiments on the moon and was to last 12 days, 7 hours. On this mission for the first time the Lunar Land Rover was used. It was the most costly car ever built, and it enabled the Astronauts to travel much further over the moon's surface. Once back on Earth, they received a 'ticker-tape' motorcade drive in New York city, after which they went to an award ceremony, and received the Medal of Honours of the City of New York.

As a result of Mr. Irwin's visit, a new society has been formed in High School – the Astronomical Society – which has gained popular support from the pupils, and has already arranged a trip to Armagh Planetarium, which was very successful.

We are indeed most grateful to Mr. Irwin for paying a visit to High School during his tour of the British Isles.

Malcolm Fraser (5th Form)

Stratford-on-Avon, 1978

On Monday, 18th December, 1978, the Sixth Form trip to Stratford-on-Avon set off from the North Wall, after an hour's delay. We arrived in Liverpool, after a calm crossing at 7.00 a.m. Our coach and driver were waiting for us, and we left immediately.

The drive to Stratford was punctuated by an hour's stop in the mediaeval town of Chester, to enable the group to observe the amazing Tudor architecture – the fact that it was eight o'clock in the morning and – 10°C made it all so real.

On reaching Stratford, we had a meal and went on a sightseeing trip, visiting such places as Anne Hathaway's cottage, and Shakespeare's birthplace. In the evening, there was a splendid production of 'The Taming of the Shrew' at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre; this was enjoyed by all, even if it did mean enjoying the privilege of having shoes, legs of mutton and glasses of wine thrown at us (they call it audience participation!)

The next morning and afternoon were spent travelling to London, once the coach had been defrosted. Lunch was had en route, in Oxford. We reached London at 6.30 p.m. found our lodgings, and went to the National Theatre to see a production of 'Macbeth'.

After a quick morning sightseeing tour of London, the coach set off on the long journey back to Liverpool, which, despite arctic weather conditions, was reached in time for the Dublin sailing. On behalf of everybody who went, I would like to thank Mr. Wallace and the other members of staff for their time and patience in organising a very enjoyable trip.

*Andrew Hogan
6th Form*

Visit to the Boyne Valley

On the 30th of May, 1978 1A1 and 1A2 set off on a day's outing to Newgrange, Mellifont and Monasterboice. Passing through Dublin we saw Christchurch Cathedral and left the city via Finglas. Soon we were travelling through the plains of Royal Meath. Not far distant but just out of sight was the Hill of Tara from which the High King saw the Paschal fire lit by Saint Patrick on the Hill of Slane. As we approached Slane we could see the Hill on the other side of the River Boyne.

Slane is a tranquil picturesque village in which we saw the arched entrance to Slane Castle, the four Georgian houses supposedly owned by the Conyngham sisters and the cottage home of the famous Meath poet, Francis Ledwidge.

Our next stop was Newgrange, probably the best example of a pre-Christian passage grave in Europe. It was interesting to see the four chambers inside the cairn. A guide explained to us about the Winter Solstice when the sun shines right through to the chamber on the 21st of December. We passed Knowth and Dowth and also King William's Glen.

On our arrival at Mellifont we enjoyed lunch and then toured the abbey.

We were interested in seeing the crosses and the round tower at Monasterboice. We passed through Drogheda and saw the historic archway of St. Lawrence's Gate.

We arrived back at High School after a most enjoyable day.

On behalf of 1A1 and 1A2 I should like to thank our Year Head Miss Graham, Mrs. Massey, and Mr. Twomey for organising a most successful and educational tour.

John Hatch 1A2.

Annual 6th Form Dinner Dance

On Thursday, 4th April, 1979 our annual 6th form dinner dance was held in the Shelbourne Hotel. The M.C. was Paul McElearney, an "Old Boy" and music was provided by "Carl Gill".

The function was attended by members of the 6th year, their friends and members of staff. There was an attendance of almost 150. There was a draw for raffle prizes and numerous spot prizes.

The committee wish to thank all those who donated spot and raffle prizes, the pupils and staff for their co-operation in our sponsored Hockey Match especially Mr. Hickmott, Mr. Kirby and Mr. McClure, and Mrs. Geoghegan. All expenses paid, we managed to raise £135 for the Simon Community. A very special thanks goes to Mr. Wallace for his help and hard work in organising the Dance.

Sandra O'Donnell, 6th Form.

Film Review

On Tuesday, 20th February the 6th Form English Sets went to the New Metropole Cinema to see "Murder in the Cathedral". Before the main film we saw a film on vintage cars which was quite interesting. Then "Murder in the Cathedral" began. It was made in 1951 which accounted for it being in black and white. The screenplay was by the writer himself T. S. Elliott. The role of the Archbishop was played by a priest and not a professional actor. This may have added to the saintly atmosphere of the film but it caused the long speeches to be very tedious. The film had won an award for its costumes, but by our modern standards they were not terribly impressive. Certain speeches and scenes were omitted from the film and this caused annoyance to those students still paying attention. With the film over, most of us were more than pleased to be returning to school.

In complete contrast to this was the film version of

"Macbeth" made in 1971. John Firch and Francesca Annis both played their parts as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth to perfection. The action, dramatic scenery and superb costumes held the attention of the large student audience till the last. The film adhered closely to the play and so was very beneficial to the Leaving Certificate students.

Finally a word of thanks to Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. Conway, Mr. McClure, Mr. Blackmore and Mr. Wallace for arranging these trips for us.

Linda Seymour, 6th Form.

The Covenant Players

On Tuesday, 13th February, the Covenant Players gave a performance in the Assembly Hall to members of R.E. and drama classes, from first year to sixth year.

This American Company was made up of five players from all over the U.S. from Dallas to New Orleans. Their leader Pan Dennis introduced the players and explained how these groups of actors perform in many places throughout the world, in Churches, Schools, Prisons and Sunday Schools. She said that the Group had no props, so the success of their plays depended largely on each individual's powers of imagination.

The plays had an ethical meaning and were all well done. They varied from a play about gambling to a take off of a cartoon with the characters of Snoopy. Each play conveyed a simple message about behaviour in everyday life.

Everyone enjoyed their plays and would like to see the players back again in the future.

Stephen O'Riordan and Robert Elliott. 2A2

Sponsored Silence

I am writing on behalf of 3B2 who held a Sponsored Silence last October. We stayed silent from 9 a.m. to 3.55 p.m. We got sponsors from the teachers, pupils and many of our relatives.

Altogether we raised £79.50 which was sent to Oxfam for the relief of the disaster area in India. We found the silence hard to keep when we were changing classes and especially at breaktime. Often pupils would come to ask us questions and would expect us to answer them. But unfortunately we could not, and so they went away thinking we were just being awkward. We owe a lot of thanks to those who sponsored us, and to all the pupils and members of staff, who were very co-operative throughout the whole day. We would also like to thank Miss Barcroft who organised the silence for us, and who helped us to raise the money for Oxfam.

Karen Chambers 3B2.

ESSAY COMPETITION

Last autumn, the Parish Magazine of St. Joseph's Church, Terenure organised an essay competition for schools in the Terenure area. The prizes were presented by Cripps Footwear, Terenure. Fr. Downes of St. Joseph's brought the good news that Lilian Ellis (6th Form) had been awarded second prize for her essay on "The Role of the Church in a Changing World", and Cheryl Sargent (3B2) had won third prize for her essay on "My Neighbourhood". A class prize was presented to 3B2 for the essays which they had all entered. Printed below are extracts from the two prize-winning essays:

The Role of the Church in a Changing World

In our world, everything is changing rapidly about us. The views and ideas of society are changing from generation to generation, or even from day to day. We cannot condemn change, for it is sometimes for better as well as for worse. Even now, from one country to another, there are differences and changes. In the East of our world, people are living in conditions of overpopulation, starvation and malnutrition, whereas we, in the West, have mostly got plenty to fulfil our needs. All over the world, there have been, and still are, wars being fought, disputing national lands, laws, and differences in culture and religion, amongst other things. Regarding this, it has been said, "If man does not put an end to war, war will put an end to mankind".

This may give quite a gloomy picture of our world today, but we must remember that God is still watching over us, and trying to have His people living peacefully and happily in a beautiful world which He made for us. God is the only one who can lead people to solve the problems of our world. These people, gathered together are called "The Church". Many people think of the Church as being the building in which we praise God every Sunday. But the Church is, in fact, the People. To prove this statement, we must glimpse back into the life of the earliest Christians. These people spent their time taking part in fellowship, and sharing in the breaking of bread and praying. The Christian community continued to grow, and the members shared their belongings, and generally helped one another. Many things have changed since then, and the Church has split into different sectors and denominations. To examine what the role of the Church is in our society of today, we must forget the differences, and remember that the Church is the people of God . . .

Nowadays everyone in our society is striving to get a better job, higher wages, a bigger house and a larger car. We have to "keep up with the Jones's". We may think this is not true of us, but so many times we have

ideals to reach without even thinking of the consequences of our actions. "The world has enough resources for every man's need, but not enough for every man's greed". This was said by Gandhi. We are not prepared to live simply from day to day, we are "storing up treasures on earth". We seem to forget that this life on earth is not eternal in its form. The Church should be expectant, and waiting for the Lord's return. An expectant Church has the will to serve, love, care for and give to those in need, spiritually and physically.

The very immediate social role of our Church today is to make people realise that other people beside themselves exist, we all have a right to live, to have a job, to have a proper education, to peace, to marry and bring up a family, to a name and nationality, to learn to be a useful member of society, and to enjoy these rights regardless of race or colour, creed, nationality or social origin. God looks on all of us as equal, so the Church should have a concerned outlook, willing to change with the times.

Lilian Ellis 6th Form

My Neighbourhood

My neighbourhood is Templeogue. It is situated in South County Dublin, at the foot of the Dublin mountains. The actual village is on the main road to Tallaght, Firhouse Road and Blessington.

Two hundred and fifty years ago, Templeogue was the centre of great social activity. There was a spa which was so famous that it attracted many people, rich and poor, to its famous waters. For a time, it had its own newspaper, the Templeogue Intelligencer, a weekly which flourished for a short time and then died. The purpose of the Templeogue Intelligencer seems to have been to provide a little agreeable banter for the Beaux and Belles of Dublin, who frequented the spa to drink the water, because it provided everlasting health. The Intelligencer was very small in size, the pages measuring 12" x 8", which was normal at that time; it consisted of eight pages, its price was three halfpence, which in those days was very expensive. The paper used probably came from Templeogue as there were a number of paper-mills including Templeogue and Tallaght situated along the Dodder river.

There were many old houses in this area at this time, one was Fir House, then written Fur House; it was the residence of a family named Fierdagh, some of whom traded with Norway for timber, the name originally derived from their family or their occupation. Some of the family are buried in Tallaght churchyard. The house was later taken over for use as a Carmelite convent

Last century, Templeogue was a stop for the Blessington Steam Tramway. Its journey took it up Templeogue Road through the village of Templeogue which was the typical country village with small cottages lining the roadside. These cottages are now

boarded up, except for one which is a bicycle shop. The tram from this point crossed Templeogue bridge, which was built in 1798, but before the bridge was built, the tram continued along the line for about another quarter of a mile; it then crossed the river by means of the old ford. The tram then had a straight run to Blessington. At that time the Dodder river was much wider than it is now, its bed having been restricted by the Drainage Commissioners

Nowadays, Templeogue is a completely different place to what it was many hundreds of years ago, there are houses everywhere, with new estates being built each year The amenities in Templeogue are exceptionally good, there are plenty of shops, churches, parks and schools in the district. Recently the Ladies' Club did a project on vandalism in the area; it was an extremely good effort, pointing out defects in our community. Also our Residents' Association was delighted to report that we had come third in the Tidy Districts Competition. This is my neighbourhood, and I am very proud to be a resident in it, and to live my young life happy and content with never a dull moment.

Cheryl Sargent (3B2).

HIGH SCHOOLS FIRST C.I.E. ESSAY COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to Lucy Paxton who won 2nd Prize (£25) in her section in the C.I.E. Essay Competition. Lucy wrote the essay after an educational tour to the Boyne Valley in March 1978. We hope that her success will act as an incentive to others in the future.

P.G.

"Me"

When I went to High School I
started in J4J
I didn't know whether to love or
be dreading the day,
So in my bag I only put one book,
but this did not matter at all
as it was soon time for tuck.

Now I'm a great Scholar
As all will agree
for now I've progressed to 1B3
I play Rugger and tennis
and all kind of things
I'm longing to start the trampoline
and go up and down on the springs.

We go to Pictures and tours
in 1B3
And maybe some day we'll
go down to the Sea.

Mitchell J. Sheridan, Form 1B3.

THE BRASS BAND

The brass band has become firmly established this year under the expert tuition of Mr. Noel Stronge of the Army School of Music. Pupils are taking lessons in cornet, trumpet, euphonium and trombone and are showing enthusiasm in both learning and practising at home.

Towards Christmas, a wish was expressed to learn woodwind instruments, and so we were very pleased to welcome Mr. John O'Neill and Mr. Leo Byrne, also of the Army School of Music, to teach clarinet and saxophone respectively.

With the expanding numbers of pupils, and so of instruments needed, fund-raising has been — and continues to be — essential. We would like to thank the Governors and the Old Boys' Union for their generous support in this respect.

Pupils have now attained proficiency for group-playing to begin. Some members of the band played in the Orchestra which provided music for the School play, "The Dark Tower".

*Roger Armstrong,
5th Form.*

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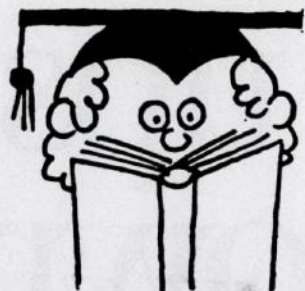
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