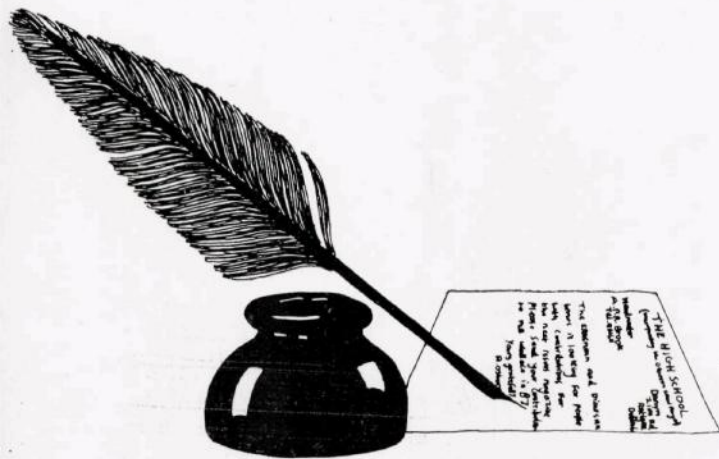


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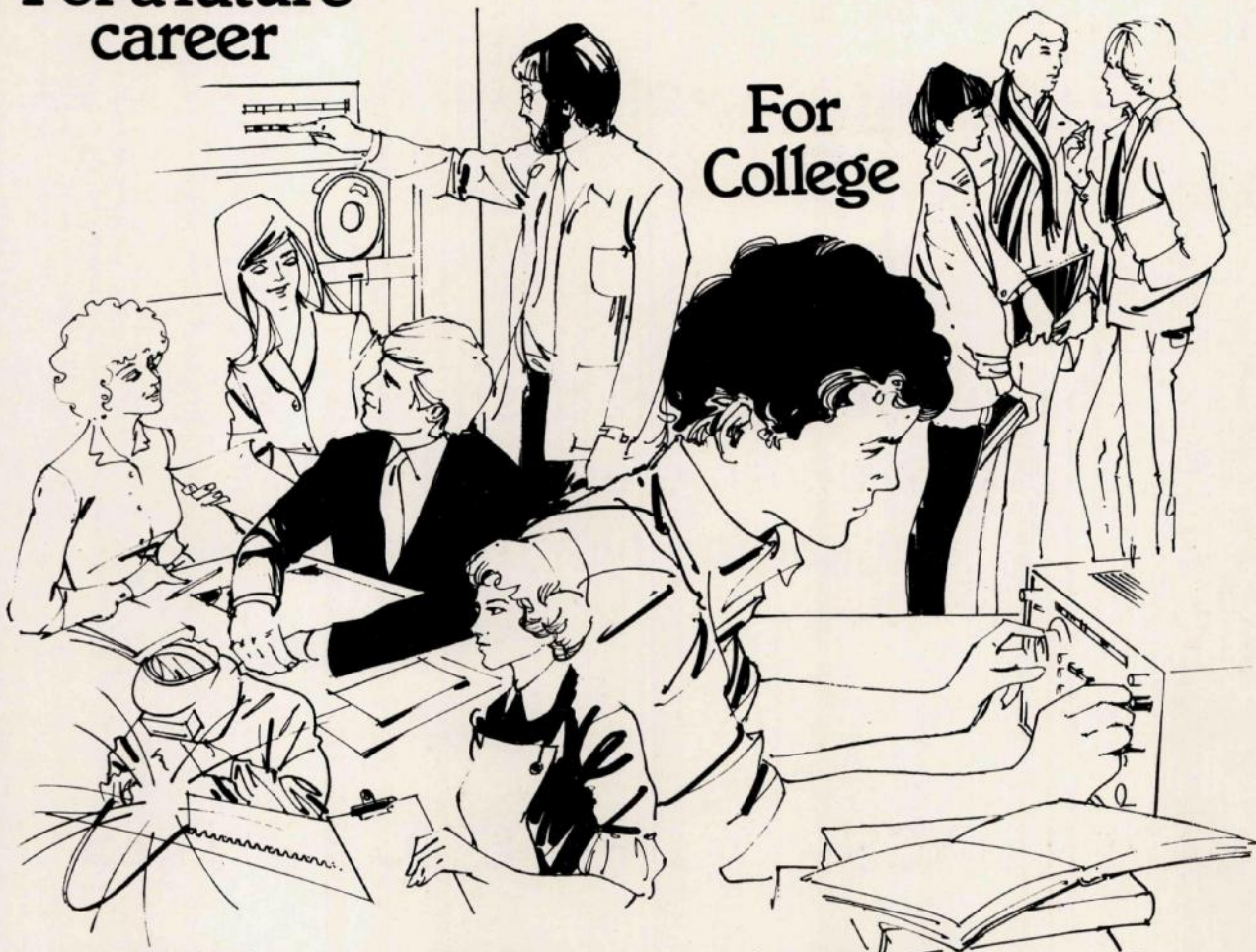


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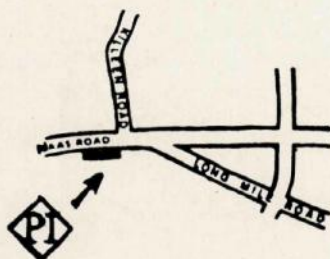
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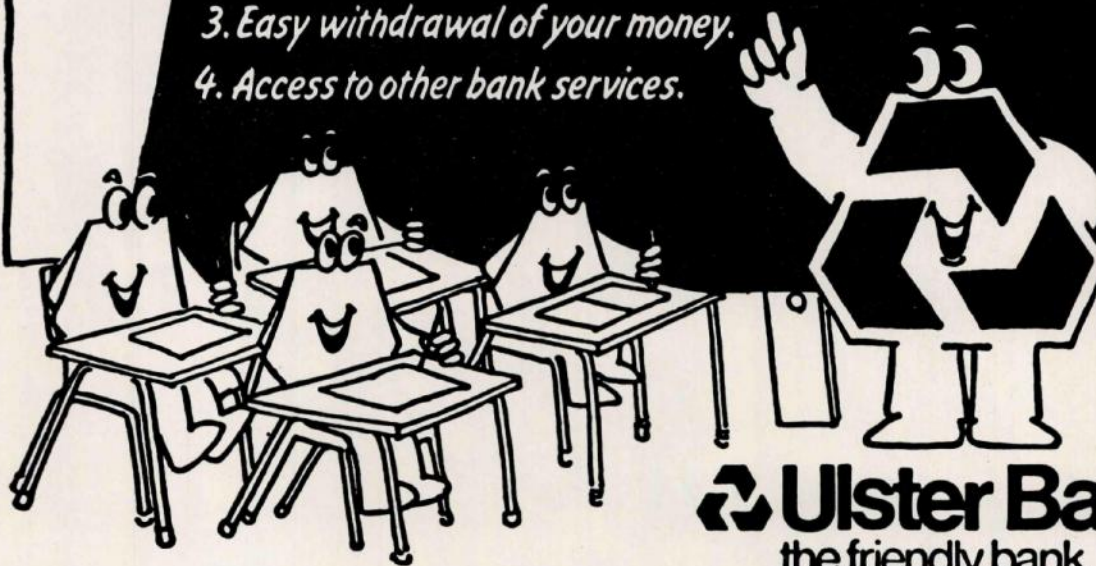
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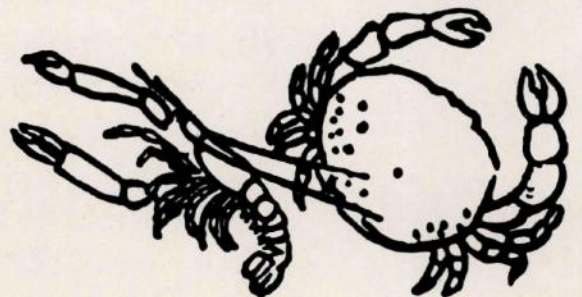
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EDITORIAL

This past year has seen green and white paper proposals regarding Secondary School education. The most definite change in regulations which will affect secondary schools in September, 1986 will enable pupils to spend up to six years overall in a post primary school. High school belongs to a minority of schools in the country which have always had a six year cycle. However, we will be affected because the Junior cycle will be of three years duration, instead of the present four years. The senior cycle will consist of two years to Leaving Certificate. This leaves one year which can be used as a transition year between the two cycles, or for repeating the Leaving Certificate or for a Vocational Preparation and Training course.

Our present Junior cycle has enabled teachers to develop their subjects more fully with their classes. It has also allowed for the revolving options in arts and other subjects in first year and time for class excursions to vary the methods of learning. The new three year cycle will leave less time for everything other than the Intermediate Certificate course.

The implications of the changes after the Intermediate are not so clear. Each option has attractions and snags. The transition year is primarily designed to act as a bridge for students to move "from a state of dependence to a more autonomous and participative role with regard to their own future". It will have a personal development programme which will cover a wide range of topics much on the lines of the present Education for Living Programme. The academic content of the year will provide a foundation for Leaving Certificate. The Department guidelines suggest less than 50% academic content but this seems very much too low for schools like High School which traditionally aim for academic excellence.

Other than the transition year, the choices are a repeat Leaving Certificate or VPTC. The first already exists in the school in the upper 6th, and so presents fewer unknown factors. The VPTC is intended to be geared towards pupils who would like to improve their career opportunities; for many High School pupils that might involve areas of business like marketing and work creation. The expertise gained in Danum Enterprises would be useful here.

All in all the future courses in the school will be very different for those entering the school now than they were for those of us now leaving.

Stephen W. Doak (6th.) Editor.

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Report issued by the High School Toothpaste Board

300 pupils and 41 members of staff have been asked "What toothpaste do you use?", since before Christmas. It seemed that most brands of toothpaste on the present Irish market had been used at some stage.

The most popular toothpaste in the school is Colgate, 83 pupils and 11 staff members use it. Second is Crest, used by 39 pupils and 7 staff members, and third is Macleans, 77 people using it altogether.

The least popular is Zendium B, used by only 2 pupils. Some more original substances are also used, such as soot, salt and lemon juice. Mr. Kelly uses soap and Mr. O'Connor was adamant that he uses buttermilk. Both Mr. Brook and Mr. Willoughby use Crest. A certain member of 6th Form believes that fluoride is bad for adult teeth so he only uses water. But,

proving the ads are not always wrong, a lot of people who use Macleans & Colgate have never had a filling in their lives".

Mr. Hickmott and Mr. Mills never notice what toothpaste they use. The most definite statement was from Mr. Wallace, who claims to have been using Euthymol for the past 20 years. We calculated that in that time he has waded through 17 litres of Euthymol. In fact, the average person brushing regularly for 70 years would use a phenomenal 59 litres of toothpaste.

Finally, we would like to thank everybody we asked and you may like to know that it is again safe to walk around H.S.D. without being asked "What toothpaste do you use?", at least for now.

Mark Wilkes (3A2)
Melanie Brown (3A2)

The Fall Of Serlon

Five hundred years had passed since the Elven King Leegros had led his people from the sunlit forest glades of Carbareet to escape from the Wars of Darwimleer between the Dwarfs and the armies of the Dark. To the wide plain of Serlonar he had led them across the Ur-Bard at the fords of Atrioch.

Now the Dwarfs were defeated and the Dark turned East and marched upon the Elves. Leegros was undecided as to what to do. Should he flee again or stay and fight? While he thought, others acted. Escalerilon, the king's general, took a large force from Serlon, the city of Leegros, across Serlonar to the Fords of Atrioch. With him went Ilmalas, a son of Leegros. They reached the ford within three days but already it was too late. The armies of the Dark led by Mora, Lord of Darkness had attacked only a few hours earlier and destroyed the small guard of the ford.

The new force of Elves attacked fearlessly but foolhardily for though only the van-guard had crossed the river the Elves were still outnumbered three to one. They were swept back in confusion and routed. Only Escalerilon and a few others returned to Serlon. Ilmalas and the rest of the company were never seen again.

The news of his son's death made up Leegros's mind for him. No more would he flee, but by the gates of Serlon would he stand and fight his enemies.

Scouts reported that Mora was a day from the city. Many of the people of Serlon were not prepared to fight for what was a lost cause. Leegros knew this and he sent Escalerilon whom he blamed for his son's death, and any who would follow him away East to the shores of Lake Nerenur and forbade them to return to his lands.

Mora came to Serlon ready to besiege the city but found there was no need. Leegros did not await his enemies within his walls but marched forth to meet them. It was a rash move but fury overcame Leegros's judgement. He charged headlong at his foes and drew from its sheath his sword, Marinar, which burned with a cold blue flame. None stood before his wrath and he clove deep into the ranks of the Dark. Yet around him his army was being routed.

Then Mora showed his true power. He let Leegros get far from help and then attacked himself. Leegros was mighty but rage blinded him and he made a lunge for Mora. The Lord of Darkness made a swift move to his right, caught the Elven King in his hands, raised him above his head and dashed his body on the ground, killing him instantly. So Leegros became the first of the Elven kings to meet with death.

There, also, would have died Leagros, Leegros's only surviving son had not Escalerilon returned with a small force to draw away the Dark's armies long enough to allow him to escape.

Thus fell Serlon, the city of Leegros, and in its place Mora raised a citadel of darkness.

Julian McCrae (2A2)

Just In Case

*I wrote this poem,
Just in case
You need it to fill
An empty space.*

*I hope it is
The perfect size,
To be seen
By many eyes.*

David Grimason (2A2)

A Night

*I dropped upon my bed and closed my eyes.
Presently all external sounds were blocked out,
And slumber seized me in its arms.
Soon a vision materialised before my eyes.
I saw a long, narrow road with dead houses
Lining either side of it, and from each
Blackened window, small children stared
Out of huge, dark, frightened eyes,
And I was moving quickly down this road
In a tank, crushing everything before me.
And then it was a dream no longer.
The small boys were soldiers in uniform,
With blackened faces, carrying guns.
Their sisters still crouched in the shells
Of their houses, trying to sew together
The fabric of their lives, which had been torn.
And then I was in one of their houses,
Squatting in a corner, watching an idle spider
Hang a fly, and I knew what was wrong
With the world today.*

*But before I could tell anybody of my idea,
My hour of experience was over. I was home,
And nobody guessed where I had been,
Or knew that I was gone at all.*

Melanie B.G. Brown (3A2)

Cricket

*Eager for a game of cricket,
All the players watch the wicket,
The bowler runs, the ball is thrown
The batsman swings with a forceful groan.*

*The ball is struck, it soars up high,
The fielders gaze into the sky.
Then it falls towards the land.
But it is stopped by a skilful hand.*

*The batsman leaves, another will come,
Amidst the cheers and the fun.
The game goes on without a doubt,
Until the eleventh player's out.*

Anthony Ryan (2A2)

The River

*I am a piece of silver foil,
Drifting through mud and oil,
Passing through the country green,
Where people dump empty cartons of cream.
A passing swimmer holds his breath,
As the freezing water bites his flesh.
Above me big black birds fly
As leaves on trees begin to die;
Buzzy bees begin to buzz,
Doggies' hairs are in a fuzz.
Suddenly I come to sea
Where other rivers follow me;
The waves begin to twirl and dance
And soon I will be in France.*

Jeremy Dickson (1B3)

The Eye

The eye is but a huge cavern
 Stretching back into the unknown mind
 With a shield of cascading water guarding the entrance,
 Blocking all intruders
 Keeping it mysteriously exciting.

But what if we were to explore it,
 Break through the shield with fear and anguish?
 To see the unseen, hear the unheard
 For every minute to be in peril of our lives,
 Watching, listening, waiting.

Stealing past huge rooms packed with information,
 Past rooms for storing dreams,
 Whence agonizing screams pour out
 And blood trickles from under the door
 Before hardening in the form of a claw;

Gazing at huge passages
 Spanning the length of the mind
 Leading to unknown rooms of things to come
 And of memories forgotten,
 Waiting to be unleashed.

But let us return to our world,
 Breaking through the shield once more,
 Escaping from all known and unknown,
 All seen and unseen
 Through the eye of mystery.

Gareth Lloyd (2A2)

Cricket Match

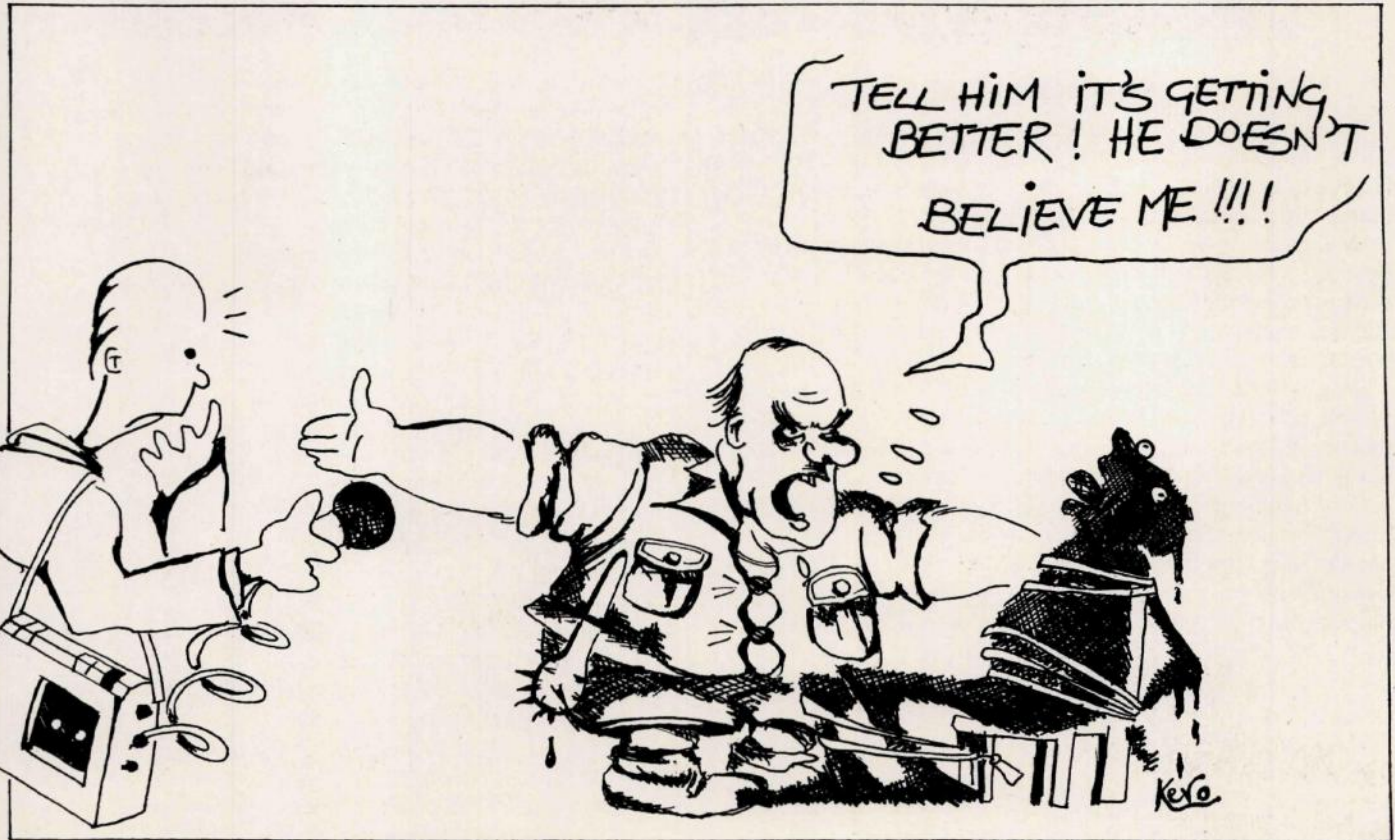
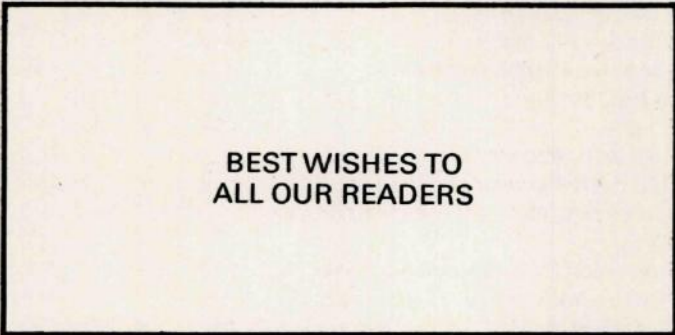
Tense, unmoving
 Players wait for the signal –
 A timeless moment lasting years;

Others waiting for their turn
 Hearts pounding,
 One by one they go

Last man in and three runs to claim
 Bangs the crease and stands firm;
 Waiting
 Waiting.

A joyful yell,
 Congratulations,
 They leap and shout at him –
 Hero of The Day.

Sarah King (2A2)



The Concert

*The low-pitched rumbling of the audience
Died away, and for a moment
There was quiet
Marred not by a single sound.
The atmosphere grew more and more
Expectant.
Like hunters stalking their prey.
The people waited hungrily for
The show to begin.*

*The sounds of the orchestra
As each member tuned an instrument
Made a sudden insight flash
Into the mechanism of an orchestra –
A machine, built of the makers of
Beautiful sounds.*

*Taking his cue, the conductor strolled
Into the spotlights, not caring
About anything but his orchestra,
And the music
Which was apparently produced
From a small stick which he held
In his right hand.*

*Like an ocean wave,
The overwhelming sound of music
Rolled over each person in the hall,
Until,
The baton was raised in a
Sharp, exuberant movement.
Silence reigned; the audience were shocked.*

And then the applause started. Melaine B. G. Brown (3A2)

Prefects

*Demons dressed in grey and green,
Parade all our corridors unseen,
Waiting, watching, standing by the walls,
Until some unlucky first year falls,
Into their clammy claws.*

Daithi Neligan (4A1)

Teachers

*Teachers, teachers, come and go,
Strict and easy, fast and slow,
Some are nice and some are bad,
Some keep looking very sad.*

*Teachers, teachers, come and go,
Some are funny, Ho, Ho, Ho.
Some get angry just like that,
I feel sorry for their cat.*

Ross Cooper (1B3)

Suggestion

I think school should finish early instead of five to four, we should go to school at 8 o'clock and finish at 3 o'clock.

Then we would have an hour to our homework and have two hours to ourselves.

Then we could get lots of fresh air and be healthy instead of sitting in a hot stuffy classroom.

So let's start early and finish in the afternoon instead of finishing late in the afternoon.

Shirley Warnock (1B3)

SCHOOL RECORD

Staff News

The school was saddened by the death of Miss Muriel Bell, in June, 1985, after a period of illness. She had taught Art in Diocesan School and at Danum since the amalgamation. An obituary is printed below.

Mr. Gardner retired at the end of last school year, having been Science Teacher and, latterly, vice-Headmaster. Happily his links with the school have not been completely broken as he still accompanies the hill-walking groups. Mr. Willoughby succeeded him as vice-Headmaster.

Miss di Renzo left the staff in June, 1985, and Miss Reeves in March, 1986. We welcome Mr. K. Mills and Mr. P. Irwin in their places. We also welcome two Modern Languages assistants: Madame Fabey from France and Frl. Wunram from Germany.

Congratulations to the following on the birth of children during the year: Mr. and Mrs. Chambers; Mr. and Mrs. Cryan; Mr. and Mrs. Wright; Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan; Mr. and Mrs. Walsh. Congratulations also to Miss Joyce Williams and Mr. Martin Maguire who announced their engagements during the year.

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Mr. F. A. L. Gardner An Appreciation

School "characters" live on in the memory of their schools long after their retirement. In June 1985 The High School formally said farewell to one of its great characters when Fred Gardner retired from the post of Assistant Headmaster after an association with the school that stretched back to his entry as a pupil in 1930. He was on the rolls for seven years before spending five years in Trinity College, Dublin, and commenced his forty one years on the staff at The High School in 1944, after a two year exile as a teacher at Rossall School.

As a Science Teacher whose early career was before the days of Department of Education equipment grants, he had a well deserved reputation for improvisation of equipment for practical science, and to his pupils' amazement some of his most Heath Robinson style creations worked, and worked well. But while orthodox Physics and Chemistry gave him satisfaction the great joy of his life as a science teacher was the fringe Chemistry area associated with explosives. He was in his element in those carefree days when a thud in the Harcourt Street area could be explained, according to decibel level, as a car backfiring or possibly a gas geyser blowing up, rather than a bank robber's shot or a terrorist bomb. To his credit and his pupils' surprise, no windows were blown out or in, and no limbs lost. Whether it was the greater pressure from pupils of the

seventies and eighties for steadily increasing academic results, or a desire not to disturb the rural peace of Danum, he disciplined himself to avoid bangs in his later years, so that his revelation of his enthusiasm came as a surprise to most pupils when he spoke to eloquently about it at his last assembly.

The pupils of the Danum era were more aware of his great interest in Adventure Sports, especially hill-walking. While he had cheerfully given good service as a games master in his early years, his love for nature, his interest in geology and his zest for the unpolluted air and water of the hills high above the smog of Dublin led him to turn to hill-walking later in his career. He completed his Mountain Leadership Certificate and from then on was a participant in hill-walking expeditions day or night, hail, rain or snow. The many pupils who shared these expeditions discovered sides of him that class situations rarely revealed: his ability to encourage when the going was hard, his understanding, his humour and wit, and his appreciation of a Creator's handiwork.

By nature he seemed ultra-conservative, or perhaps it was that he tried to give the impression that he was. He adapted well to co-education, and in his time as Assistant Headmaster organised many changes that helped in the efficient running of the school for fellow staff and pupils. He was always concerned that staff illnesses should not entail too heavy substitution loads for his colleagues, and took far more than his fair share of the burden. He used his organising talent and his practical skills to keep the public address equipment in good working order, and his considerable interest in photography kept the Photographic Club alive in those periods when pupil enthusiasm waned. Wherever there was a need he quietly came forward to meet it.

Whatever else about him pupils past and present will forget, all will remember his amazing facility and accuracy in the use of English. When riding off on a hobby horse and like all teachers he occasionally did so, he could express his ideas forcibly and effectively in the most perfectly assembled sentences; his punch lines were like sledge hammers and his logic hard to evade. And when pupils made grammatical or verbal slips they were corrected by a Science teacher who felt his responsibility for good expression as much as any English teacher.

His memory will live on in High School and amongst his past pupils, and we know that in an active retirement his many gifts will continue to be exercised for young and old alike.

A.P.R.B.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the retirement of Mr. Gardner from High School last June. In the three years that he taught us Science, we had come to regard him as a firm friend. His classes were always an occasion to look forward to. Mr. Gardner was a great character with a tremendous sense of humour. He always had an amusing story to relate and a joke to tell.

When not in the laboratory, Mr. Gardner was an active participant in many outdoor activities, and still goes on many of the outings of the Hillwalking Club. It is nice to see him taking a great interest in school events even now. Although a traditional part of the school has gone, we wish him well, and are delighted to hear that he is enjoying his retirement.

*Shirley Powell (4A1)
Owen Hills (4A1)*

Obituary Miss Muriel Bell

Miss Bell was appointed as a part-time Art teacher in the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls in 1953 by Miss Mildred Latimer — then Headmistress. She taught Art to all classes from 1st year to 4th year, and prepared candidates for the

Intermediate Certificate examination. At this time Miss Bell was coping with an exacting time-table, teaching in more than one School, and consequently having considerable travelling to do, and more than the usual number of pupils to meet and understand. Her standards of loyalty, of efficient work, of punctuality and of concern for her pupils were high, and she accomplished her demanding programme without fuss or complaint.

Miss Bell was the holder of the Art Teacher's Certificate from the National College of Art, and was well aware of the advantages of a centre-city School when introducing classes to Art Galleries and Exhibitions in Dublin. From 1969, Miss Bell had a full-time incremental post in the Diocesan School, as by then, all Senior Cycle pupils in the School were free to choose Art as an examination subject. Therefore, all classes in each of the six years had Art as a subject on their time-table. Reports of exciting Art classes have been recorded in some of the School magazines, when girls wrote of their pleasure in visiting the Municipal Art Gallery, the Irish Design Shop, the National College of Art or the exhibition of Light Environment where imaginations were stimulated by the effect of light combined with motion.

Most classes were in the classroom, however, and here, Miss Bell gave her pupils opportunity to use many materials and to experiment with three-dimensional construction work.

When amalgamation took place in 1974, Miss Bell accepted with interest and calm courage, the challenge and extra responsibility of the larger classes in Danum, and the fine Art room which has good facilities and storage space. Increased equipment provided greater opportunities for her pupils, and the care of this equipment was her constant concern. Throughout her years of teaching, she encouraged all her pupils to develop ideas and express them in Art, and especially, to observe the world around them and appreciate what is good. Her quiet co-operation was valued and trusted by her colleagues, and we are confident that she, too, enjoyed the friendship of her fellow-members of Staff.

M. M. Jagoe.

Prize Distribution and Parents' Evening

This year the Prize Distribution took on a somewhat altered format. No visiting speaker was invited and the emphasis was placed on providing an opportunity for Parents and Staff to meet. Mr. Brook's speech concentrated on educational policy and the report of the year's activities in the school, usually part of his speech, was included in the booklet listing prize winners. During the tea afterwards in the Reynolds Hall, the school orchestra gave their first public concert.

Headmaster's Address

Mr. Chairman, Governors, Parents, Friends and Pupils of The High School, Dublin.

Before I commence the task facing me this evening of presenting a forward looking report on the last year in the life of the school and on developments in the educational world outside the school, I have a pleasurable duty to perform. It is my privilege to say a word of welcome and introduction to a person who will otherwise go through his heavy load of work for the evening without a welcome or a word of thanks. I refer, of course, to our Chairman, Mr. Bob Willis.

The post of Treasurer and Chairman of the Governors of the Schools founded by Erasmus Smith Esquire comes up for election annually each December, and last December, following the retirement of Mr. Minchin Clarke after four years of

hard work and clear leadership, Mr. Willis took over the ultimate responsibility for the affairs of the Board and especially of The High School. He is an Old Boy of the School, entering with a Scholarship, and leaving with an Entrance Award into Trinity College, Dublin. He was President of the Old Boys' Union in 1961, and has been a Governor since 1953. As a past Chairman of two of the largest business enterprises of our country, he brings highly valuable skills and experience to the leadership of the Board at a time when the school, like all other second-level schools of the State, faces faster change and greater opportunities than ever before in Irish education.

I have started each of the past ten school years with an aim which I have failed to achieve. At the tenth attempt I have hit the target, and the evidence of my long overdue success is in your hands this evening as you consult the Prize Booklet. I am not referring to the colour of the document — green for nationalism, green from sentiment, or green as a tribute to the wet summer that has given us the greenest playing pitches on record. As far as I know this is the first time that a Headmaster of The High School, Dublin, has provided his Board and their shareholders, you, the parents, with a printed report at their Annual General Meeting, the Prize Distribution, or, as our Chairman will comment on in his remarks, the Parents' Evening and Prize Distribution. This success, after nine years' failure, is due to the efficiency and hard work of two people: my Secretary, Miss Valerie Coghlan, and our Bursar, Mr. David Benson. Both are gifted but unobtrusive organisers, and because of their tireless efforts I and the whole teaching staff are able to concentrate on our proper roles without being distracted and worn out by problems of administration. The availability of my written report supported by the information given about all the school's activities in our yearbook, The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, frees me to comment at somewhat greater length on the major developments and issues facing our schools.

In January 1984 our Minister for Education, Mrs. Gemma Hussey, put before each House of the Oireachtas and before the nation a Programme for Action in Education for the period 1984 to 1987. Nearly two years later it is a very interesting exercise to pick up the document and tick off the considerable number of listed objectives, some major, some minor, that have either already been achieved or will be achieved early in 1986. Within the short space of two years Mrs. Hussey's Department has brought about or has made the full preparations for as wide ranging changes in the Irish educational scene as there have been in any period of ten or more years in the history of the State. I feel it is timely to review some of these changes and to say how they are affecting or will affect High School Parents.

Since you form probably the largest part of our audience to-night it is right to commence with you, parents. You produce the children and you pay the fees that keep us in business, and many of you go well beyond the normal call of duty in your supportive actions for the work of the school. What has Mrs. Hussey promised and what has she provided for you? In paragraph 2.21 of her plan she said: "Recognising the primary role of parents in education and the important contribution they have made to educational development, parents will be facilitated in organising themselves into a Parents Council through which the views of parents may be expressed. The Department will consult with the Council, once established on a national basis, on matters relevant to educational development. The Council shall be broadly representative of all parents".

This Parents Council is now in action, and is constituted to give three seats on it to representatives of minority groups within the population. It will take time to discover whether this new body has a real impact on educational thinking and practice, or is just a device to channel many rightful but boat-rocking parental concerns into the oblivion of a muddy backwater. Whatever the future holds, the present position is that one of our High School parents is not only a member of this

first Parents Council, but has the distinction of being one of its three officers, holding the post of Honorary Treasurer.

This parent, who has already served the school well for a number of years by holding the offices of Secretary and later Chairwoman of our Parents Association, whom we congratulate on this further honour and wish every success in the hard work that lies ahead of her, is Mrs. Connie Fraser.

Governors:

Another section of our audience to-night is School Governors. What promises, or threats, has Mrs. Hussey for you? In paragraph 2.18 of the Action programme we read "Particular consideration should be given to educational management generally in order to make it as responsive as possible to local needs". Elsewhere there is mention of the need for parents' representation on some Management Boards, though the Minister is very careful to steer clear of direct connection with the stormy waters of the Management structures of the Voluntary Secondary Schools such as High School.

How well would your management arrangements in High School fare if subjected to ministerial scrutiny on the grounds of parental representation and ability to respond to needs. To start with, for many more years than Ministers of Education have been concerned about the matter, our Board has given a place at its meetings to the Chairman of the Parents Association, and has encouraged its Headmaster to have at least one fully frank and detailed meeting per year with the full committee of the Parents Association. Currently two of our Governors have children at the school, and six more have previously had children as pupils here. Six Governors are currently or have previously been involved in a variety of careers in full-time education. Amongst the other areas of career and expertise found on the Board are accountancy, architecture, business management, the Christian ministry, dentistry, engineering and building construction, insurance, law and pensions.

Pupils

What was in the Action Programme to affect another of the large sections in our audience to-night, you, the pupils? Out of much that I could refer to from the document I want to speak of two particular areas, one where action has obviously taken place and the other where sadly no hint of clear action has yet materialised. In paragraph 5.14 we read "Thus syllabuses and teaching methods in modern languages must enable the achievement of a greater communicative competence in these languages. Full-scale external oral examinations will be introduced as part of the Leaving Certificate Examinations in 1986". For many years modern languages has been one of the most disquieting areas of performance in our second-level curriculum. For large numbers of pupils it has seemed almost irrelevant to devote so much time and effort to literature, formal written translation exercises and grammatical detail, and after five or six years to leave school with a good examination grade and yet no personal confidence in speaking the language.

It would be correct to say that since the January 1984 promise was soon followed by effective action a new spring has come to the steps of our language teachers, and there has come for many pupils a greatly enhanced satisfaction from their modern language studies, coupled with a realisation of the significance of the change for both the working and the leisure aspects of their lives.

The disquieting area to which I refer is that of our national languages. The Programme made no recognisable mention of one of them, English, while it devoted four paragraphs, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7, to the other, Irish. Study of the subject syllabus and its examination procedures would lead an observer to believe that the only purposes were to develop literature appreciation and accurate written performance, totally neglecting the fact that for most pupils oral communication will be their main use of English once they have left school.

Coming to our national language, I make four carefully

selected quotations from the Action Programme. "The Government is committed to the greater use of the Irish Language". "A pilot programme of action research in the field of Irish language teaching is being developed". Concerns have been expressed about the position of the Irish language in schools. In the main, however, these refer to the standards of Irish at primary level, the drop-out in the numbers of pupils taking Irish after the Intermediate Certificate, and the lack of text books in Irish. However, the absence of a supportive environment outside of the school which could provide motivation for the children constitutes a major obstacle". "A task force will be set up in the Department to identify areas for action".

Language like this shows awareness of a problem of major dimension needing rapid and decisive action to prevent it becoming impossible of solution. But in this area sadly action has been slow. In September the Curriculum and Examinations Board published a discussion document entitled "Language in the Curriculum". This document has the merit of frankness. I quote: "Recent research undertaken into the state of spoken Irish in primary schools reveals that one-third of the pupils fail to make even minimal progress in relation to the fifth and sixth class objectives set in spoken Irish for these classes in terms of attainment and suitability. Statistical analysis of examination results by the Department of Education in second-level schools show the critical position of Irish in these schools. Of all the candidates for Group Certificate, Intermediate Certificate and Leaving Certificate in 1983 — the last year for which statistics are available — almost 40,000 students attained a grade E or lower in Irish or did not sit the examination at all. This is nearly one-third of all the candidates for these examinations".

The document goes on to lay the blame for the situation on outmoded curricula and the attitudes which are maintaining them. It speaks of course aims which are vague and unrealistic, of an over-emphasis on literature in the syllabus and of unsatisfactory teaching practices encouraged by the examination system. I trust that the recent publication of this fine and frank document will lead to speedy discussion and rapid action so that before long both our teachers and our pupils may be able to find that time spent studying our national language brings reward and job satisfaction at all levels.

STRUCTURES FOR THE SECOND LEVEL SCHOOLS

But the sentence in the Action Programme which has turned out to have the biggest influence on our school is one that could very easily have been overlooked. In paragraph 5.7 we read: "The question of the number of years to be spent at post-primary level and their distribution between junior and senior cycle will be the subject of a position paper to be circulated for discussion and consultation". The position paper entitled "Ages for Learning" was circulated soon after and in May 1985 the Minister published her response to the many submissions received in a document entitled uncompromisingly "Ages for Learning — Decisions of Government". What are these decisions, and what are their implications?

The first is "That as from 1st September 1987 no child will normally be admitted to first class in national schools unless it has attained the age of six years by 1st September of the year in which it is enrolled in that class". The effect of this on High School will not be felt until our 1993 entry when we will find that the average age of entry rises by approximately four months. We anticipate that compared with the effect of other proposals we will hardly notice the change.

Decision 3 is "That post-primary courses will be developed so as to enable pupils to spend up to six years overall in a post-primary school".

Decision 4 is "That the Junior Cycle will be of three years' duration in all post-primary schools — to be applied with respect to all pupils who first enrol in post-primary school on 1st

September 1986 and subsequently.

Decision 5 is "That the Leaving Certificate Course be two years in duration in all schools — to be applied with respect to all pupils who transfer to the senior cycle on 1st September 1986 and subsequently.

At first sight Decision 3 seems innocuous since most High School pupils do in fact spend six years overall in the school, but in fact it contains our biggest problem which I shall return to later. The combination of Decisions 4 and 5 means that we must make a major change in the way we have been running the school in September 1989 when our 1986 entrants will have completed their three-year Junior Cycle. What options lie before us?

The first is that all these pupils commence the two-year Leaving Certificate course, and at the end of two years we make available to as many as require it, the opportunity to repeat their Leaving Certificate here. The arguments against our adopting this course are, first, that for a majority of our pupils this would entail their leaving school for an increasingly competitive world a year younger and less mature than they do under present arrangements. Few parents or pupils would favour this. Secondly, the change would reduce our overall pupil numbers considerably, result in a reduction in our teaching force by about four full-time teachers, and as a knock-on effect cut the number of subjects we could provide in the curriculum. To cushion the effect we could introduce one or more Post-Leaving Certificate one-year vocational preparation training schemes at present part funded by the European Social Fund. These courses will be available for secondary schools such as ourselves, but at present are found exclusively in vocational and community colleges run by the V.E.C.'s. When I mention titles such as Secretarial, Catering, Engineering, Computing, Outdoor Pursuits you will realise how limited an appeal any two would have in a school such as ours, and how much capital outlay would be involved in introducing the courses. Again the extent and likely continuance of ESF funding is hard to predict, and in view of these problems the introduction of these courses to High School to supplement a Sixth Year Repeat Leaving Certificate strategy bristles with problems.

The second major option facing us for 1989 for our Fourth Year pupils is the introduction of a Transition Year, which, quoting from the list of Government decisions, "will allow for the development of broad general education, including academic study and elements of career education". After such a Transition Year pupils would either leave or commence a two year Leaving Certificate course. The Department of Education view is that most of the 100 or so second-level schools at present running four year Junior Cycles will opt for this latter course. Their prediction is based on the realisation that this would involve the least likelihood of a serious reduction in pupil numbers and consequently of loss of teaching staff, and would also entail the lowest capital costs for course and resources development.

Obviously the School Education Committee discussed the implications of these changes as soon as they were available. They felt that a Staff Seminar Day should be devoted to consideration of the problems, and while pupils enjoyed their sixth day of a mid-term break last Monday the full staff were in conclave. We listened to excellent detailed submissions from teachers from two schools that have been running very successful Transition years for some time, Newpark Comprehensive School and Our Lady's School, Templeogue, and then discussed in detail the issues in the context of High School. Much gathering of information and further discussion is essential before a final decision for 1989 is reached, but it would be fair to say that at this stage of knowledge a Transition Year strategy is the front runner.

But during the day two views were very strongly expressed. The first was that much of the excellent work incorporated in

the schemes of the two schools (but with the notable exception of job experience for two or three weeks) was already available within our present four year Junior Cycle arrangements or in Fifth Year. What advantage would change have for High School?

The simple answer is "Probably very little, especially as the one acknowledged major gain in Transition Year for pupils, that of job experience off the school site, cannot possibly be extended to ten times as many schools as at present in our current economic climate". Well then, why change? Answer, because the Government says so. Why should we willingly accept their decision? The last paragraph of the Ages for Learning Document says "These decisions provide for improvement of a fundamental educational nature which will be of great benefit to the future of our young people. The changes will also rationalise the structures within education and eliminate anomalies in the existing rules. They will also make the system more equitable as hitherto all pupils did not have equal opportunities, with the odds tending to favour the more privileged". We have been among the leaders. It is only fair for some catching up on our past standards and practices to take place. But I have the confidence in the High School team of pupils, teachers, parents and governors to assure you that the changed structures we must adopt will still keep us among the leaders in educational provision.

The other major concern voiced at our Seminar involved our Upper Sixth Form arrangement. Will we be allowed to continue this seventh year class of thirty to thirty-five pupils, about half our own pupils and the others mainly but not exclusively pupils from other Protestant managed secondary schools? Reading of the document suggests it will be a casualty of the Government decisions, and this causes the deepest anxiety, not least because it would affect our quota of teachers. Many parents have deliberately chosen High School for their children because it is co-educational, it is Protestant managed, it has excellent academic standards over a very wide range of subjects, it provides a first class careers and personal counselling service, it cares for its pupils, and it provides a really well run opportunity for the repeating of Leaving Certificate for able pupils who are aiming high but have just not managed to attain the very high standards required for so many third level courses.

We naturally rebel at the thought of the loss, not just to High School, but to our Protestant community, of a first class educational unit. If it is closed where will these pupils go? Undoubtedly some will go to those well run but highly expensive private establishments such as the Institute of Education and Newman College which are in no way accountable to the Department of Education. Others may find places at schools which have opted for a Leaving Certificate cycle immediately following a three year Junior Cycle and do not match the high standards associated with our school. In any case they will lose the link with the Protestant community which so many of our parents value highly.

LOCAL EDUCATION STRUCTURES

This morning saw the publication of a Department of Education Green Paper entitled "Partners in Education — Serving Community Needs". In her speech at the launching of this consultation document she emphasised the Government's commitment that "administrative structures within the education system will be reformed so as to make it more decentralised and democratic". The plan envisages the setting up of thirteen Local Education Councils to carry out the following functions:

- the provision, planning and development of second level education.
- coordination of second level with primary education.
- provision of an advisory and educational welfare service.

- payment of second level teachers and of grants to schools.
- provision and coordination of youth and adult education services.
- provision and coordination of training schemes for young persons.

In connection with the Boards of Management of Individual Schools the plan is that each individual second-level school would have its own Board of Management on which there would be representatives of the trustees, of teachers and parents as well as representatives of the Local Education Council.

Teachers and staff would be employed by the individual Boards of Management.

As with any Insurance policy it is the small print that counts, and none of the small print is available. It is the spelling out in detail of the implications of these broad outlines that could bring out the unacceptable features of the scheme if there were any. But on the broadest front I know that I speak for our Board and broadly on behalf of the Protestant schools of the country when I say that if this change means levelling down, restrictions on our freedom to innovate and respond, a slowing down of decision-making processes, and above all the making of our schools into a party political football we want none of it. Our present Board, as I have stressed earlier, contains through its wide membership of extremely professional people, talents that are essential for the proper management of a large school. To lose this freely given professionalism to make our Board fit in with a tidy Government pattern could be only a serious setback.

Ensure the small print is right in your final proposals, Madam Minister, and you could win our support!

List of Prizes

Old Boys' Cup: Colin Sheil
Jean Scott Trophy: Linda Kilbey

University Entrance Awards

Trinity College, Dublin

Mark Heaney (Natural Sciences) — 7th Place, Entrance Exhibition (£400).

Alexander Fraser (Natural Sciences) — 13th Place, Entrance Exhibition (£150).

Gordon Jelley, (History) — 14th Place, Entrance Exhibition (£150).

University College, Dublin

Guy Ridley (Applied Mathematics) Entrance Scholarship (£1,000)

Institute of Chemistry Medal

Fan Chei Wei (Highest Mark in Ireland in CHEMISTRY — Higher Level — in Leaving Cert 1985)

Form 6 Up.

High School Exhibition (£100): Derek Fish

Simon Eppel Prize for Science: Ann Caird

Class Prizes: Melissa Crivon, Patrick McLaughlin, Hugh Pheifer.

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Glorney Exhibition (£160) and Cup: Richard Boyle

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize (£100): Fan Chie Wei

Victor Graham Prize in Mathematics (£698): Mark Heaney.

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize (£70): Colin Hautz.

John Bennett Memorial Prize: Andrew Killeen.

B'nai Brith Scholarship: Estelle Kronn.
Alan Peters Memorial Prize: William Dawson.
Bessie Bury Prize for English: Keith Allen.
Dr. Warnock's Prize for Irish: Brian Adams.
Casserley Memorial Prize for English: Rosalyn Dixon.
German Government Prize: Cathrin Scheffer.
Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Rosalyn Dixon.
S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Brian Adams.
Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Gillian Crampton.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Conan McCabe.
Class Prize: Ross Ardill, Karl Bovenizer, David Costello, Jane Douglas, John Malkinson, Lynn Morrison. Gordon White.
O.B.U. Debating Medal: Simon Jones.

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Mitchell Scholarship (£60): Jonathan Wright.
Dr. Start's Prize for Chemistry: Janet Dawson.
Parents' Association Prize for English: Brian Sweeney.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Andrew Osborn.
Class Prizes: Kenneth Gibson, Priscilla Goldby, John Hagan, Ruth Hunter, Nicholas Jones, Lai Poon Fook, Eoin O Maolchoille.

4-
Rogers Memorial Prize: Patrick Browne.
Dr. Warnock's Prize for Irish: Graeme Knowd.
German Government Prize: Graeme Knowd.
Dillon Prize for Mathematics: Alan Conway.
Foster Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Deirdre Lloyd.
Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize: Alan Conway.
Emily Latimer Memorial Prize for English: Richelle Flanagan.
Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Aisling Byrne.
Casserley Prize for History: Rachel Smith.
S. S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Melanie Sheppard.
Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Adele Moody.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Deirdre Armstrong.
4A1: Ivan O'Brien, Owen Hillis, Andrew McDonald.
4A2: Serghios Florides, Robert Giltrap.
4B1: Aaron Deveney, Trevor Young.
4B2: Caoimhe Clarke, Valerie Needham.
4B3: Hereward King, Gareth Rennicks.

3-
Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize: Sarah-Jane Mitchell.
McNay Prize for English: Catherine Brosnan.
Parents' Association Prize for English: Steven Gray.
Parents' Association Prize for Mechanical Drawing: Duncan Cole.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Oisin Lunny.
Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes: Gordon Griffin, Paul Kane.
3A1: Avril Johnson, Neil Douglas.
3A2: Brian Mahon, Fiona Sheil.
3B1: Tara Morrison, Joyce Ryan.
3B2: Susan Gibson, Kenneth Jordan.
3B3: Mark Martin, Helen Dobson.

2-
McNay Prize for English: Joanne Cooper.
Parents' Association Prize for Woodwork: Simon O'Brien.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Mark Wilkes.
Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes: Nigel Jenkinson, Adrienne Wynne.
Dorothy Blakeney Prize for Biology Project: Meriel Huggard.
2A1: Sarah Dawson, Carol Conway.
2A2: Dawn Hildebrand, Simon Meldrum.
2B1: Robert Whelan, Christian Hartung.
2B2: Joy Warner, Graham Campbell.
2B3: Robert Shaw, Gary Brunker.

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Etheline Brady Prize: Linda Killeen.
Jellett Memorial Prize for Irish: Linda Killeen.

IA1: Julia Nielsen, Timothy Hawkins.
IA2: Julian McCrae, Gareth Lloyd.
IB2: Melanie Hill, Stephen Morrison.
IB3: Andrew Greenlee, Scott Rainsford.

Junior School

S. S. Evans Memorial Cup: Jason Kilroy.
Mitchell Prize: Fergus Sim.
Class Prizes: Ian Rowell, Avril Harris, Jason Kilroy.
Prize in Art: Charlotte Harrison.
Prize in Biology: David Stephen.

School Entrance Scholarships

Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship: Mark Wilkinson (Rathfarnham National School).
Karen Dawson (Rathfarnham National School)
Ciaran Timlin (Rathfarnham National School)
Graham Robinson (Lindsay Road National School).
Peter Hanan (Taney National School).
Wesley Darlington (Scoil Oilibhear).

Qualified for N.U.I. Matriculation

Keith Allen, Ross Ardill, Wendy Bailey, Karl Bovenizer, Sharon Cole, John Donohue, Chie Wei Fan, Linda Kilbey, Timothy Markham, Ailsa Prideaux-Mooney, Guy Ridley, Cathrin Scheffer, Jonathan Shankey, Peter Smith, Sunia Stringer, Beverley Thompson, Louise Williams.

Intermediate Certificate

Deirdre Armstrong, Rhonda Bailey, Robert Beattie, Kenneth Borwick, Patrick Browne, Craig Brownell, Aisling Byrne, Peter Cashell, Graeme Cathcart, Patrick Chambers, Garrett Childs, Caoimhe Clarke, Alan Conway, Sally-Anne Cooke, Nessa Corish, Avril Costello, Stephen Darby, Judith Davis, Heather Dawson, Aaron Deveney, Ultan Donnelly, Mark Dowling, Jenifer Eakins, Jayne Edmondson, Shane Egan, David Felton, Russell Fennell, Richelle Flanagan, Serghios Florides, Gerald Foley, Lynn Frost, Robert Giltrap, Desmond Glass, Peter Glynn, Olive Greene, Ruth Gregory, Richard Hagan, Andrew Hanan, Joy Hanlon, David Harbron, Robert Harrison, Stuart Hayes, Paul Heaney, Jason Henderson, Pamela Heslip, Owen Hillis, Joseph Hogan, Gary Hooper.

Natasha Hutchinson, Nicholas Jacobs, Ernest Kane, Clare Kavanagh, Karen Kilbey, Hereward King, Graeme Knowd, Mark Latimer, Michael Law, Michaela Laughlin, Deirdre Lloyd, Jennifer Lynch, Graham McCarthy, Kevin McCaughey, Trevor McCormack, Elaine McCready, Andrew McDonald, Struan McNeilly, Craig MacWilliam, Peter Maybury, Wendy Medcalf, Andrew Miller, Adele Moody, Kendal Mooney, Eleanor Murphy, Simon Murphy, Valerie Needham, David Nesbitt, Martin Oakes, Conor O'Brien, Ivan O'Brien, Neil O'Broin, Niamh O'Broin, Sarah Osborn, Keelin O'Siochain, Jordon O'Sullivan, Nigel Peard, Janet Poff, Shirley Powell, Craig Rainsford, Karen Reid, Gareth Rennicks, Jonathan Ridgeway, Karen Ringland, Carlyn Rungay, Theresa Rungay, Sally Ryan, Joyce Shaw, Melanie Sheppard, Michael Siebke, Catherine Siggins, Marna Sinnamon, Rachel Smith, Gordon Stone, Mark Sturdy, Duncan Styles, Thomas Swift, Kourosh Taherzadeh, Jill Taylor, Derek Trower, Carlos Tsoi, Sandra Veale, Ian Walsh, Michael Wann, Ivan Warner, Karen Watson, Graham Wilkie, Stuart Wilson, Dian Winder, Trevor Young.

Leaving Certificate

Emily Abrahamson, Brian Adams, Penelope Alexander, Keith Allen, Ross Ardill, Sherifat Asuni, Wendy Bailey, John Barron, Jason Baum, Elizabeth Beattie, Karl Bovenizer, Richard Boyle, Stephen Brown, Simon Burbridge, Ailish Byrne, Ann Caird, Susan Chambers, Tin Wai Chan, Peter Chin, Albert Chua, Tracey Citron, Oisín Clarke, Alison Coard, Sharon Cole, David Costello, Gillian Crampton, Melissa Crivon, Gavin Davey, Julian Dalby, Nigel Dawson, William Dawson, Janice Delaney, Rosalyn Dixon, Conor Donnelly, Jane Douglas, John Donohue, Fiona Dowling, Julie Dowsett, Chie Wei Fan, Lynda Farrar, Dermot Farrelly, Derek Fish, Derek Fitzsimons, Keith Fitzsimons, Eugene Flanagan, Alexander Fraser, Gillian Frost, Guiseppi Gaidoni, Michael Grant-Freemantle, Alastair Gray, Richard Green, Brian Haskins, Colin Hautz, Mark Heaney, Dominic Hegarty, Debra Heggie, Gregory Hopkins, Robert Hudson, Hazel Hughes, Gordon Jelley, Clive Johnston, Simon Jones, Tarah Jones, Fintan Keatinge, Linda Kilbey, Wendy Kilroy, Andrew Killeen.

Colin Kirkham, Simon Knowd, Estelle Kronn, Jonathan Kronn, Janet Latimer, Lorraine Lawson, Nicola Lett, Ian Lew, Kim Lum, Conan McCabe, Jonathan McNab, Joyce McCormack, Patrick McLaughlin, John McNeilly, John Malkinson, Timothy Markham, Samantha Marsh, Morgan Meldrum, Jonathan Miller, Robert Mitchell, Sara Moore, Lynn Morrison, Peter Motyer, Brennan Murphy, Linus Murphy, Benjamin Myers, Damon O'Shea, Carrie Passmore, Julie Pelley, Hugh Pheifer, Jacqueline Pomeroy, Ivan Powell, Iain Power, Niklas Price, Ailsa Prideaux-Mooney, Hazel Rea, Brian Richards, Martin Ridgeway, Guy Ridley, Anthony Rodgers, Claire Roycroft, Jennifer Ruttle, Peter Sainsbury, Adele Saunders, James Scally, Cathrin Scheffer, Jonathan Shankey, Caroline Shaw, Niall Shaw, Colin Sheil, David Sheppard, Andrew Skelton, Deirdre Smith, Peter Smith, Peter Smolenski, Neil Storey, Sunia Stringer, Lisa Suiter, Elaine Sunderland, Richard Sweetman, Andrew Tackaberry, Beverley Thompson, Kym Vincent, Judith Watson, Gordon White, David Wilgar, Brian Williams, Louise Williams, Neil Williams.

New Look in the Library

We are in gratitude to the Johnson family for the new look in the library. In memory of the late George Charles Johnson, who was a master at the High School from 1933—1970 and Vice-Headmaster from 1965—1970, we received a most generous cheque which enabled the school to have twenty-two reading desks, each fitted with its own strip light, made by the school joiner. The new desks are a very useful facility in the study area. Over the past couple of years the library has become a very busy place, not alone for checking in and out books, but also for



New desks in Library: part of Johnson family gift.

studying in. The study area now seats thirty-two times during the school day there can be from students working on projects, revising etc. All traffic through the library during break and evidence enough of its popularity with all ages.

The library is now providing a good and periodicals and weekly magazines, for example *Match*, *The Economist*, *Geographical*, *Wildlife* etc. Also it acquires a daily newspaper. The opportunity to thank the Board of Governors, the main source of library finance and the Parents' Association for their very generous cheque. Again, thank you to the school leavers who most generously contributed to the Library Appeal Fund, and to those who donated to cover the ever increasing cost of books these additions to the library allow for the purchase of extra items and they are greatly appreciated by the whole school. We would like to thank the library a most beautiful selection of books over the years. Miss M. Bell. Her books are an added bonus to the shelves.

"There is an art of reading, as well as an art of writing". — Isaac D'Israeli.

H.S.D. Debating Society

Unfortunately, this has not been the best year for the Society. Despite constant enthusiasm from the members we were unable to mobilise enough speakers to hold more than a couple of internal debates. Also, there was a clash of events which caused us to have to withdraw from the Inter-Schools Debating Contest, which was a disappointment.

However, there have been a few successes. Our team took part in an inter-schools contest but they didn't make it past the first round.

As in previous years, the Past pupils v. Present was the highlight of the year. There was a very lively and a high standard of debating on the motion 'The education system believes that our education system prepares us for the future'. Won by the pupils, who spoke against the motion. Congratulations to Kenneth Gibson, Nicholas Citron and Jonathan Shankey for a marvellous performance.

At the time of writing, there is a teacher/pupil strike yet to be held, and we hope for a successful success. I hope that next year will see the D.S. regaining popularity, and there should be a slight improvement in achievements for next year!

The Hobbies Exhibition

It was decided before the Easter holidays to establish the Hobbies Exhibition which had taken place last year. The overall aim of the exhibition is to highlight the work of different pupils in this area of arts and crafts.

Work started during the summer term — mainly by displaying around the school notifying the pupils of the forthcoming exhibition. The response was good to the encouragement the staff gave to the pupils. The result of not being held for a few years.

Naturally, for the exhibition to go ahead, funds were needed. The Parents' Association kindly donated the funds and our thanks go to them, for without their generosity the Exhibition could not have been held.

Entries were submitted in approximately seven classes by pupils from both junior and senior parts of the school. The classes ranged from cookery, class and individual projects to the complete rebuilding of a car.

The day prior to the exhibition dawned and v

was set up on the Friday with great assistance
cts and staff in setting up tables and arranging
y thanks go to Sally Tector (6th Year) and her
kindly made the beautiful floral arrangements

grateful to all people involved who helped to
successful exhibition and especially we would like to
who painstakingly examined the exhibits. We
involved.

ould like to extend our utmost thanks to Mrs.
st year at organising the "Hobbies" and it was

Susan Jones (6th)
Sylvia Macken (6th)

the Careers Library

Library in Room C12 is open to all pupils at
ere they may consult and borrow folders giving
ut careers, prospecti giving details of courses in
tional centres — in fact, as much printed
ve can get about the options open to all school

always be glad to hear from any parent or past
rmation about courses, career prospects, or
s, which can be put in the Library.

CAREERS LIBRARIANS 1985-86

Michael Lau, Mark Sturdy, Trevor Young.

CAREERS TALKS

ool is most grateful to the following who gave up
to members of the Fifth Year in the past year.

SUMMER TERM 1985

r. E. Moss, Charnwood Photography, Dundrum.

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Mr. E. Ronayne, Jurys Hotel.

Business: Mr. J. Miller and Mr. G. Wycherly,
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ochford, Dun Laoghaire.

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sity: Mr. A. Kelly and Mr. R. Miller, High School.

Mr. P. Sheedy, AnCO Training Centre, Tallaght.

Marchant, Irish Nurses Organisation.

Mr. A. Kelly and Mr. R. Miller, High School.

urses: Mrs. Y. McAuliffe, Fairfield Secretarial

ards, Matheson, Ormsby & Prentice.

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Kirkham, St. James Hospital.

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cine: Mr. M. Pratt, U.C.D.

: Capt. A. Gray, Irish Army.

Michael Cleary, Finglas.

Mr. C. Fallon, Probation Service.

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M. O'Halloran and Miss C. Kerr, Golden Pages

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ndicapped children: Mr. N. Davitt, St. Michael's

MOCK INTERVIEWS

writing, thirty-five Sixth Formers have attended
s. In previous years these were all held on a

certain evening in the school. This year in order to make the
experience more realistic, the candidates were nearly all
required to attend at the interviewer's place at work. The school
is very grateful to the following who freely gave their
professional help and advice: Mr. J. Ellis (Tesco Stores); Mr. B.
Herman (P.A. Management Consultants); Mr. G. Richards
(Matheson Ormsby & Prentice) Mr. R. Smythe (Delany, Bacon &
Woodrow); Mr. J. Wallace, Mr. G. Ryan, Mr. D. Kelleher, Mr. J.
Rooney (A.I.B. Rathgar); Mr. D. Wilkinson (A. Guinness & Son);
Dr. N. C. Smith; Mrs. M. Horner; Dr. J. Crocock; Capt. A. Gray.

The High School Parents' Association

The Parents' Association commenced their new year with the
Annual General Meeting in October, when the following
members were elected to the committee:

Mr. R. McNeilly, Mrs. S. Hillis, Mrs. J. Lloyd, Mrs. M. Poynton,
Mrs. T. Knowd, Mrs. C. Walsh, Olive Uí Mhaolchoille, Mr. R.
Dawson, Mr. C. Roche, and Mr. R. Dunbar.

The three meetings following were very varied, but all
immensely enjoyable.

The November meeting was addressed by Sergeant Joe
Dowling on the subject "Juvenile Offenders". He described the
work of the Gardai in relation to juvenile crime, through the
relatively recent Juvenile Liason Officer scheme which was set
up in Ireland in 1963.

The High School Orchestra and the Dramatic Society, under
the auspices of Mr. Wisener and Mr. Maguire respectively,
provided a memorable evening's entertainment for the
February meeting.

March found the Parents' Association being advised on their
dealings with adolescents by Mr. E. McHale. He spoke on the
topic, "The Family and Your Emotional Well-being".

The Annual Beer, Wine and Cheese Party was held on
Saturday, 22nd February and was once again a great success
— the numbers attending being about the same as last year.
This year all the beverages were obtained from Superquinn and
mention must be made with regard to their most co-operative
and helpful attitude.

Currently the annual tennis and cricket matches are being
arranged and at this point the committee would like to thank all
parents who returned their "green paper" on sport.
Unfortunately, the Golf match has had to be waived yet again
—but the list of names will be filed for use at a future date.

Finally, the Parents' Association extends congratulations to
two of its members, Mrs. Connie Frazer who was elected to the
National Parents' Council, and Mr. Ron McNeilly who has more
recently been elected to the committee of the National
Protestant Secondary Schools Parents' Association. High
School is well represented at national level!

Judith Lloyd
(Hon. Sec.)

Inter-Schools Quiz

Four schools took part in this event on the evening of 23rd
April, 1986 — Alexandra, Sandford, Wesley and High School.
The questions were many and varied and some involved use of
tape recorder, slide projector and television camera. The latter
was needed to allow the audience to watch on the monitor
screen the seconds ticking away as the competitors tried to
give as many correct answers as possible before they ran out of
time.

The school team consisted of Ivan O'Brien (5th year), Sarah-
Jane Mitchell (4th year), Elizabeth Barnardo (2nd year),
Grahame Walsh (1st year), but they were unable to match the
clear winners, Wesley College.

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Our thanks to Dr. Bryan Wilkinson who set the questions and acted as Quizmaster, to Mr. G. Heather and G. Keegan of the O.B.U. who kept the score and presented the prizes, and to the many pupils who assisted with the smooth running of the event. As a result of the evening the sum of £63 was presented to St. Michael's House Special School, Grosvenor Road.

R.J.M.

Drama Evening

The first group of 5th years began the Drama classes, offered as a choice in one of their options, in September. Mr. Maguire taught us to try and break down the inhibitions which are normally built up between people in everyday life, as this is necessary if you want to be a good actor. As we progressed, we were given scripts from different plays. Once these were learnt, we performed them in front of the video camera. Three of the scripts were chosen by Mr. Maguire to be performed at the Parents' Evening on Monday, 3rd February. After several rehearsals, the evening finally arrived. Sarah Osborn and Amanda Pim played a scene from "The Nightingale and not the Lark" by Jennifer Johnston. Shirley Powell and Karen Ringland then played a scene from "The Merchant of Venice". Finally, Trevor Young and Sheena Brown played a scene from "Waiting for Godot" by Beckett. The success of the evening is largely due to the work and enthusiasm put into the rehearsals by Mr. Maguire and on behalf of the rest of the group I would like to thank him for the enjoyment he gave us during the term.

Sheena Brown (5th)



Rehearsals - Derek Trower and Judy Davis.

Computer Club

Last September the computer club resumed after a break of one year. About 30 people attended the first few classes in which Mr. Hilliard explained how to use the computer. After that we met every Friday after school in C13. Then we got down to the actual programming. Week by week we were taught Pascal, a very static structured language. But as the year went by the numbers dropped down to about 10 people.

As we were taught new techniques we were given problems to solve like Pascal's triangle and the Fibonacci sequence, but in the end we would be shown a solution to these puzzles. Of course, this article would not be complete without thanking Mr. Hilliard without whose help and incredible patience this would not have been possible.

D. Foster (3A2)

Dodderside Mini Company

This year the Mini-co. was a great success. After a long discussion and market research we decided to manufacture three different products — ear-rings, engraved tags and washing-up liquid. After the first term we discontinued production of ear-rings to concentrate on the production of washing-up liquid and engraved items.

We are grateful to the school for hiring out the use of the engraving machine and C13 to use. We are all very glad to have had the experience of setting up and running the company as in future life we may benefit from our experience.

Though we do not currently have the final accounts available we are confident we have made a profit. Congratulations are in order for the managements who ran the company efficiently and for the co-operation of all involved and we would like to thank our advisers, Mr. Blackmore and Mr. McDonald (Nokia) for their help and encouragement.

R. Shaw, S. Conway (3A1)

The First Year Recorder Group

I would like to thank Caroline Senior for taking the first year recorder group. She has put a lot of her time towards it, preparing music and finding out about competitions. She has given up some of her free classes just to give us a recorder class.

We played on the night of the Parents' evening. We played a quintet. I think the parents enjoyed it. We also entered in a competition in Wesley College. We enjoyed ourselves thoroughly.

There are five people in the group and we have two descants, one treble, one tenor and one bass.

I hope there will be recorder classes next year as we enjoy it very much.

Suzie Fahy IB3

Music

THE HIGH SCHOOL, DUBLIN, ORCHESTRA

The year 1985-86 has been a very busy and fruitful one for the school orchestra. To celebrate the Tercentary of the birth of Bach, Handel and Scarlatti, 21st September was declared European Music Year Day, and the orchestra conducted by our venerable conductor, Mr. Wisener, gave a concert for the pupils and staff which was a great success. At the carol service, the orchestra provided accompaniment for the carols, and we hope that next year the pupils will not be so enthralled by our playing that they will forget to sing! We were invited by the Parents' Association to give a concert with the 5th year Dramatic Society which was much enjoyed by all. At the Wesley Interschools Music Festival, the orchestra came second in the orchestral competition. If there are any budding musicians in the school who would like to join the orchestra, they would be very welcome at the rehearsal on Thursday afternoons.

IRISH YOUTH ORCHESTRA

The Irish Youth Orchestra has residential weekly courses twice a year in the Christmas and Summer holidays. The members are drawn from all over the country, North and South, and range in age from 16 to 21. Having won places by audition, this year Gianni Gaidoni and Caroline Senior joined the orchestra, playing flute and cello respectively. The two works being studied were Tchaikovsky's 6th Symphony 'Pathetique', and The Rite of Spring by Stravinsky. The orchestra is conducted by Hugh Maguire and we rehearse for about 7 hours a day. We travelled to Belfast on 4th January, giving a concert in

the Whitla Hall, Queen's and the following day in the National Concert Hall, Dublin, both of which were a great success. It was a very enjoyable week, making new friends and playing music with other young talented musicians.

Caroline Senior (6th)

The Real Inspector Hound (1985)

The play last year (May 1985) was the earth-shattering climax of over seven months hard work and preparation by 106 pupils, only some of whom can be mentioned here. Firstly the person without whom the play would not have been run. Stage manager Lana Citron never shirked her task and she and her hardy troop of stagehands: Sally Tector, Adrienne Huggard, Sylvia Macken, Nicholas Jones, Sian Jacobs, Peter McDonagh, James Colville, John Hagan, Daniel Helme and Juliet Robinson to name but a few, hammered up a more than sturdy set. We are pleased to boast a non-sexist crew: the costumes designed and made by Mark Barron, Caroline Senior, Jackie Byrne, Steward Wilson and Brian Cox were exquisite masterpieces and later sold to the 'Project' by the many talented Michael Kirby. (You still haven't given us the money, Michael!)

Make-up as well was handled by professionals, long used to the art of self-decoration. Led by H. G. Arlene Blain (also in charge of crowd control) and followed by Sandra Hamilton, Brian Sweeney, Catherine Forrest, Graham Sykes, Brian Free and Kevin McCaughey. Many thanks to A. M. Kelly for lending eye-liner at a moment's notice. You must have noticed the programmes designed by Linda Blythman and Yvonne Gould and printed by Yoichi Hoashi of Hoashi — Blackmore prints!

Does anyone remember the dog howling? This was actually done by Emer Harrington who played Felicity. Other sound effects by: Bruce Burgess, Tony Mitchell, Bruce Argyll, Emma Reynolds and Janet McCracken (who provided ham-less sandwiches also). Lighting was flooded with bright sparks: Alex Redlich, Johnny Rowe, L. McClure, Joe Marcus and Spencer Conroy.

As for the actors, what can I say? (more to the point, what can I remember?). Priscilla's performance as a critic resulted in a job offer from the *Irish Times*. Miriam Gibson, Abigail Chipperfield, Malcolm Doak and Mark Bryans have been offered places in the Billy Barry School of Dancing. Keith Gamble has left acting and Dominic Dunbar has been undergoing personality problems since the production. Andrew Ellis has turned over a new leaf and is taking up acting. Hugh Siggins (the original corpse) had to drop out due to back strain.

Just to round up the loose ends. Thanks to Craig Douglas, Susan Jones, Ruth Hunter, Jenny Marshall and Mr. Benson who were invaluable in doing what they are so good at doing. The assistant stage manager, H. B. Eoin, was irreplaceable in his handling of the cast. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard for the use of their house to relax in after the play. Also to Billy Blackmore, Figs O'Sullivan and Nuala Prendergast for providing snippets of help. The director, Mr. Maguire, did his best considering he is a failed actor. But lastly, I kiss Fiona White's feet who was always ready to lend an ear and listen to my problems, day or night.

Andrew Blackmore (Producer)

The Christian Union

Nobody should go there — only religious fanatics with their noses stuck in Bibles attend Christian Union meetings. That would be the most boring way to spend your lunch time — or would it?

Christian Union meetings, contrary to the opinion of many,

are probably the liveliest meetings held regularly in High School. The C.U. in its history has had more lively discussions on Nuclear Arms and Pacifism etc. than any debate I have ever attended. Meetings, of course, have also been of a more conservative approach with guest speakers giving their reasons for certain aspects of their faith, which most of us find helpful but which nobody is forced to accept. Singing is by no means short at the C.U. and all are encouraged to sing in praise — not in fear of what the person beside thinks of your voice!

We are a group coming together once a week to praise God, to learn more about Him and ourselves. While this is serious, it should not be assumed that we do not enjoy ourselves — we do! There has been many a fun-packed meeting.

On behalf of the C.U. Committee may I extend an invitation to all to come along and join in to see for yourselves just how easy it is to enjoy yourself and praise God at the same time. I hope many will accept this invitation even if only for one meeting — as I said, nothing is forced on you and you are free to come and go as you wish.

Some have accepted our invitation already and it has been very encouraging to see an increase in the numbers attending this year. It must be said that this is partly due to the work of Mrs. Cox and Miss Williams with the Junior Scripture Union. As their members leave, they join us.

One new event in the C.U.'s diary this year was a Carol Singing session to aid Mentally Handicapped Children in Peacehaven, Greystones. On behalf of Peacehaven may I pass on thanks to all involved and say congratulations — Peacehaven have benefited to the tune of £81.

K. Gibson (6th).

High School Ski Trip 1986

On the 3rd of January at 2.30 a.m. twenty-nine enthusiastic pupils and four teachers left High School in pursuit of sun and snow in Austria.

When we arrived at Aldergrove airport, Belfast, we were whisked off almost immediately on a Boeing 757 which was very comfortable. We stopped off at Gatwick where we picked up a charming group of 10-year-old school children who wouldn't stop shouting. We arrived at Salzburg airport to chaos but managed to get a coach, only leaving eight people behind who got a later one.

When we arrived at Windischgarsten (the resort) those of us who were quick, alert and awake managed to get the apartments which were very well equipped with heated



On the slopes

bathroom floors, toilet seats that vibrated, washing machines — but as the instructions were in German they weren't used. The apartments also had televisions, telephones and cookers and the majority of parties and balloon fights were held in them. The remaining pupils and teachers were in the main hotel which was also very luxurious but not so well equipped.

At dinner we met our courier, Christine, who was a very cheerful lady: she told us where the nightlife was, so off we set.

An early start the next morning saw many people arriving "sur le piste" in rather a weary fashion and although the ski slopes were a twenty-minute drive by coach from the hotel, in the way that the Austrians drove, it took about five minutes. We were split up into three groups according to our abilities on the snow, our three instructors being Charles, Anna and Sammy who proved both patient and pleasant. Everyone gradually became very proficient on the slopes and we all received a certificate to prove that we could actually remain standing and not sitting in the snow! Yvonne Kane showed immense skill in breaking two pairs of skis in her week on the slopes!!!



The Homecoming

Night-time activities included a torchlight procession through the town, a music evening with our hotel manager, tobogganing, with a severe lack of light; Richelle Flanagan having an encounter with Craig Brownell's toboggan and thanks to some great steering by Martin Scott, Martin and Robert Harrison ended up hitting a few too many trees. We also went nine-pin bowling, Sebastian Clayton being the only person to get a strike but Nigel (Joe) Peard managed totally to misthrow the ball and it went straight through the door (the door being closed at the time). Richard Carter tried to cheat but didn't succeed and instead ended up with an injured arm (this just being an excuse to get it bandaged by a very attractive hostess on the flight home, who also gave him a very nice comic book called 'Dilbert goes to Dallas' which he kindly recited on the journey.)

We were very lucky in that we received few injuries, the worst being a sore neck which was soon rectified by "Deep Heat" being managed on it. James V. Colville was the injured party.

By the end of the week we were all very sad to go as we had made some good friends from all parts of Europe (some people being more friendly than others) and certain members of the 6th Form (J.V.C.) had to be torn away from the luxuries of the apartments to get on the coach in time; however, our spirits were soon restored with a present of salami sandwiches from our hotel manager, Kermie (Gastoff).

The plane journey home was smooth, and again, we stopped at Gatwick to release the aforesaid 10-year-olds who were still screaming. On arrival at Aldergrove many felt hungry so we stopped in Dundalk for some food and we eventually arrived back at High School at about 7.30 p.m. after a wonderful week. On behalf of everyone I would like to thank Mrs. Davin, Mrs. Mellon, Mr. Swan and Mr. McMullen whose cheerfulness and sense of humour added to the enjoyment of the whole trip.

*R. Harrison
S. Powell (5th)*

6th Form Dance

It is not very often you see a crowd of High School 6th Year in Jury's at 6.30 a.m. in evening wear having their breakfast. This rare scene occurred on the morning of April the 10th this year. They had just finished dancing the night away in Club Nassau, after their Dinner Dance in the Shelbourne Hotel.

The night started at 7.30 p.m. in various drinks parties all over the city, and everyone converged on the Shelbourne at 9 p.m., where an absolutely delicious meal was served. Music was provided by a very entertaining resident band; various competitions were judged by the lady members of staff; and balloons were kindly provided by Mr. Graham Sykes.

The night could never have been such a success without the hard work of the committee, headed by Mr. McMullen, and of David Benson, our M.C. who held the night together.

*Arlene Blain
Eoin O'Maolchaille*

Stratford-Upon-Avon Trip

At the end of October, during the half-term break, a party of 39 6th formers and six staff, led by Mr. Wallace, travelled to Stratford to see the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of "Othello".

We crossed to Holyhead on the 8.45 p.m. ferry and spent the night, or what was left of it when we arrived, at a hotel in North Wales. Next day we travelled by private coach to Stratford where we spent the afternoon visiting some of the places associated with Shakespeare and his family, and shopping. After dinner at a restaurant near the Memorial Theatre, we arrived for the performance.

This production of "Othello" concentrated on themes of black and white, in costume and setting, and geometrical division of the stage into acting areas of varying shapes and sizes, emphasising the gradually narrowing scope of the action as it concentrates on the personal tragedy of Othello and Desdemona. Ben Kingsley played Othello as an Arab Sheik, dressed all in white, a commandingly still figure in the early scenes. His subsequent collapse into the frenzy of jealousy was, accordingly, all the more dramatic by contrast. Niamh Cusack, in one of her first big roles, was a traditional Desdemona, gracefully feminine but out of her depth when the challenges of jealousy came. David Suchet's Iago was, above all, a clever villain, enjoying his manipulation of his victim's lives. His was the subtlest performance in a very intelligent reading of the play.

Our return journey, on the following day, was uneventful, apart from our arrival in Holyhead. When the coach drove up to the pier, the gangway had already been pulled in and the boat was about to leave. Frantic waving to the officers on the bridge and the persuasive power of Mr. Maguire prevailed upon the captain to wait for us, while we boarded by the car entrance. It wasn't clear that all the members of the group shared in the sense of relief!

R.W.

Fifth-Form Project on Mental Handicap

This year the mentally handicapped project was set up by Mr. Miller. When he told us of his arrangement for Fifth Formers to learn more about the mentally handicapped, a group of about 30 pupils decided to participate in it. The project was geared to get experience in dealing with and talking to mentally handicapped people of our own age.

The group met once a week, for about six weeks and in these

meetings we learnt about them. For example, we discussed the causes of mental handicap, how it can be prevented and the way they are rejected by "normal people". Mr. Miller also gave us fact sheets, and these answered a lot of our questions.

But the main object of this project was for us to prepare ourselves to meet some pupils from St. Michael's House. So in the beginning of March a group of about 15 pupils came from St. Michael's House to High School, where we chatted and played games with them. The kitchen staff very kindly provided tea, orange and biscuits for everyone which was enjoyed by all.

Then on March 18th and 19th we were invited to St. Michael's House by their Headmaster, Mr. McGeough. We visited the classrooms, talking to the pupils and playing games with the younger children and were provided with tea and biscuits. We all thoroughly enjoyed having them at High School and being able to meet them in their school also.

Finally we would like to thank Mr. Miller and Mr. McGeough who arranged for us to meet and learn more about the mentally handicapped. It was a very worthwhile project.

Karen Watson 5th

Schools' Service

On Friday, the 20th September, 1985, a group of second year pupils went to Christ Church, Dublin, to the Diocesan Service of Praise and Thanksgiving for Schools and Colleges. This Service was performed to mark the opening of the academic year. We travelled to Christ Church in the High School mini-bus accompanied by Miss Graham and Jim. The Rev. Matthew Byrne, the chaplain of King's Hospital, officiated at the Service.

The Service included hymns and readings by some representatives from various schools and colleges. On our way back to school we unexpectedly stopped at McDonalds. It was a nice end to the day.



*Photograph taken by Saul Marcus
Piece written by Elizabeth Barbardo*

The Beardless Wonders

In November, 1985, Mr. Maguire's 5th year English class decided to try to raise some money for the Dublin charity 'Alone'. We set a target of £200, and if we reached it, Mr. Maguire kindly said that we could cut all his hair off, and his 'beard' as he called it (we had other words for it, but we shall let that pass!). At this stage Mr. Hickmott got in on the act, and pledged his beard (his was a genuine beard!) if we managed to raise a further £250, in full confidence that we would never

reach a total of £450. We did! In fact we raised over £500 in total. The most part of our money was raised from the pupils of the school and it was collected by all the English teachers. We also went carol singing in Grafton Street nearer to Christmas, and were very pleased with the result.

As we reached Mr. Maguire's target first, his hair was the first to go. The 'hair salon' was the stage on a Wednesday afternoon; the hairdresser was Arlene Blain and the shaver was Mark Bryans. The whole operation was finished by 2 o'clock, with half the school looking on.

Approximately two weeks later, we raised the extra £200 necessary to deprive Mr. Hickmott of his prized possession. Poor Mr. Hickmott was quite taken aback when he heard the "good news". During lunchtime, with Jennifer Marshall as chief barber, helped by Ken Gibson and Heather Ormsby, it was a revealing of his handsome features which had earlier been concealed for a number of years. We were very disappointed to return after the Christmas holidays to find that Mr. Hickmott, unlike Mr. Maguire, had managed to re-cover his chin.

Much credit must be given to Mr. Hickmott and Mr. Maguire for being such sports. Without them we would not have been able to do it. Well done to the 6th Formers.

Jenny Marshall (6)

Arlene Blain (6)

Halley's Comet Trip



One cold and dark January evening a group of about 30 pupils met at the school to go and see Halley's Comet. Mr. Gardner was our guide to the skies and Mr. Blackmore our driver. We set off in the minibus and headed up the mountains along the military road. Our first stop was Kilakea Car Park. Mr. Gardner gave us directions of where the comet should be. Unfortunately, clouds covered the sky and we were not able to see the comet.

Mr. Gardner then suggested we go to Brittas, near Tallaght. When we reached Brittas the sky was much clearer and we proceeded to try and sight the comet. Most of us found a blur that we hoped was the comet. After sighting the comet we returned to the school. I would like to thank both Mr. Gardner and Mr. Blackmore for an entertaining evening.

Melanie Sheppard (5th)

Astronomical Society

This year was yet another very successful one in the history of the High School Astronomical Society. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly Halley's Comet and the school telescope was kept well oiled throughout the year.

The blue light of the year was the Staff outing to the mountains to observe the comet. Some lady members of the staff claim to have seen four or five comets. The annual trip to Armagh was, as usual, very interesting and extremely enjoyable. I would like to thank Miss Saville, Mrs. Geoghegan, Miss Coughlan, Mr. Blackmore, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Gardner for their invaluable help on the trip to Armagh. A special thanks goes to Mr. Mills for keeping us entertained on the trip.

A.M.K.

SPORTS REVIEW

Hockey Report 1985-6



1st XI LEAGUE FINALISTS AND CUP SEMI-FINALISTS 1985-'86

Standing (l.-r.): Niamh O Broin, Sally Tector, Heather Dawson, Penny Alexander, Suzanne Fanagan, Rachel Smith, Yvonne Gould.
Seated (l.-r.): Mr. A. Brook, Fiona Sheil, Heather Fitzpatrick, Richelle Flanagan (capt.), Arlene Blain, Nicole Kilroy, Mrs. G. Mellon.

1ST. XI

Goals For: 76
Played: 26; Won: 17

Goals Against: 33
Lost: 3; Drew: 6

Once again a very enthusiastic side appeared in September '85. The 1st XI welcomed seven new players. The year ahead was to be one of fluctuating fortunes. Each game required total commitment from every team member. This commitment extended beyond the hockey pitch and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who gave up their time to train every Tuesday and Thursday.

In the Senior Cup, the first round was against Loreto Foxrock, the result being a fine win of 4—1. The next round was also a victory for High School, beating King's Hospital by 5—1. Now High School were into the Quarter-finals, and due to great team spirit and determination, High School were victorious once again, beating Glengara 2—1. In the semi-finals the opponents were Loreto Dalkey, a side not to be underestimated. Unfortunately, Debbie Jacob and Richelle Flanagan were unable to play due to illness and injury. The 1st XI, though their spirits were dampened by this, kept going and fought hard and long, sadly though to lose by a mere goal, the final score being 3—2.

In the League, the team started off with a spectacular win against Wesley, the "arch-rivals", the score being 2—1. The second round was against Loreto, Beaufort, the final score 2—2. The decider in their section of the League was to be the match against St. Columba's. High School pushed through by 1—0. In the Quarter-finals, High School were victorious, winning 3—1. The Semi-final was played at home against Our Lady's Bower, Athlone; 2—1 was the final score. High School were once again in a final. Unfortunately, they were handicapped by illness and injury once again. Although High School were full of determination, they failed to get the ball past the Glengara goalie. The final score was 3—1, the only goal

being scored by Nicola Kilroy, a well-executed goal after a solo run from 25 yards out.

This year the 1st XI went on a hockey tour to York. It turned out to be successful and was enjoyed by all, including the most enthusiastic substitutes — W. Medcalf, S. Brown, S. Fahy, J. Hanlon, J. White, F. Sheil. The team played three matches, winning against Sherbourg School (3—1), Queen Margaret's School (4—0) and drawing against a York Junior Hockey Club team. They would all like to thank Mrs. Mellon for arranging the tour and, along with Miss Saville, enduring the enthusiasm of the 1st XI.

A special word should be sent to thank our substitutes, Sarah Lamb, Joy Warner, Juliet Robinson, Linda Kilbey, Karen Watson and last, but not least, to Fiona Sheil, our 'super-sub'. Trudi Rothwell, also, for her performance during the League Final.

As customary, the 1st XI played the staff in a very enjoyable hockey match. It was one in which the 1st's triumphed at last.

Rachel Smith should be given credit for the hard work she put in as hockey secretary. Never were they without a match — to everyone's delight. Our worthy supporters (Jim Malone as always prominent) deserve special thanks. The captain and the team appreciated, immensely, the constant support.

I would like to mention four members of the team who were put forward for Leinster Trials this year. Nicola Kilroy and Suzanne Flanagan were successfully picked for the Leinster Schoolgirls' Reserve Team. Richelle Flanagan and Debbie Jacob both received a position on the Leinster panel. Debbie Jacob declined, though, due to other commitments. Richelle went on then to play for the Leinster Schoolgirls team in Grange Road, Dublin. She then received an Irish Trial which in turn led to selection for the Irish team. The Home Countries Championship was played in Aberysth, Wales, where Richelle was fortunate to play for the winning team.

I would like to thank the 1st XI for their co-operation and



2nd XI — INTERMEDIATE A 1985-86

Standing (l. to r.): Janet Dawson, Wendy Medcalf, Sheena Brown, Juliet Robinson, Joy Hanlon, Gillian Rea.

Seated (l. to r.): Elaine McCready, Shauna Fahy, Ruth Hunter (capt.), Linda Kilbey, Jocelyn White, Mrs. G. Mellon.

determination throughout the season and I am sure they would like me to thank Mrs. Mellon, on their behalf, for coaching us. To those for whom '86 is their last Hockey Season in school congratulations on an excellent year and for those remaining there's "always next year".

Richelle Flanagan (captain)

2nd XI

The 2nd XI, captained by Ruth Hunter, had quite a successful season. They played 23 matches, of which they won 11, lost 7 and drew 5. The team scored 33 goals throughout the season and only conceded 19. The team won 4 out of 5 of their League matches, and were very unfortunate to lose 1—0 to St. Gerard's of Bray, a very stong side.

Altogether, it was a very successful and enjoyable season.

3rd XI

The 3rd XI had an enjoyable and quite successful year, winning two of the matches in their League section, drawing one and losing one. The team also played a large number of friendly matches during the Christmas Term.

Minor A

The Minor A enjoyed all the matches this year. We managed to reach the second round of the Cup, beating Sion Hill by 2—0. Unfortunately, we lost our second round match against Loreto, Dalkey, 3—0. We were all pleased when we won a match 6—0, our most impressive win, with the most goals scored by Vanessa Barcroft. We would all like to thank parents who provided lifts to and from matches and also thanks to Mrs. Mellon for her work.

Grace Hamilton (captain)

Minor B

The Minor B had quite a successful year, winning or drawing most of our matches. We reached the second round of the cup, with a lot of needed support from Mrs. Mellon We beat Santa Maria away 3—0, in the first round, with goals from Niamh Supple (vice-captain), Karen Pelley and Aileen Strachan. We went on to play Loreto, Dalkey, but drew 1—1, even after extra

time. This time Sarah Willoughby scored our goal. We played them again, away this time, and Julie O'Callaghan made the score 1—0 in the first half. We thought we were on our way to the third round, until just before full time Dalkey scored, and got their second goal during extra time. The whole team enjoyed this extremely good match. We enjoyed our year of hockey very much, and thank Mrs. Mellon for all her encouraging work and support throughout the year and hope we have improved because of this. We would also like to thank all the parents who provided lifts, and supported many of our matches.

Ruth Hayes (captain)

Minor C

The Minor C, captained by Elizabeth Barnardo, had an enjoyable season with enthusiams shown by all their players. We hope that they have gained experience for next year's Minor A's.

Richelle Flanagan

The whole school, not only the Senior Hockey team, were thrilled to hear that Richelle Flanagan was picked to play on the 1986 Irish Schoolgirls' Hockey Team.

1985/86 was the most successful year in hockey that High School has ever had, with the Junior team winning the Cup, and the Senior team reaching the final of the League, and the semi-final of the Cup. The success of the Senior team was largely due to Richelle's encouragement and leadership, despite the fact that she sustained an ankle injury while playing in the semi-final of the Cup. We hope that some of her enthusiasm will rub off on the younger players!

Richelle played on the Leinster Schoolgirls' team last year, and was the youngest player on the team. This year, she played for the Leinster team again, and went on to play in all the Irish team's matches, scoring goals in two of them.

Although a lot of the Senior team will be leaving school this year, we look forward to hearing of the success of Richelle's leadership in the future.

A.B.



MINOR A. 1985-86

Standing (l. to r.): Linda Killeen, Tanya Hempenstall, Eva Slack, Jennifer Jackson, Alison Stevenson, Vanessa Barcroft.
Seated (l. to r.): Tessa Robinson, Alison Jacobs, Grace Hamilton, Helen McNabb, Avril Harris, Mrs. G. Mellon.

Junior A

The Junior A, captained by Fiona Sheil, had a tremendous season this year. They won 24 matches and lost only 2 out of a total of 26. In October the team went to Bandon with the JCT. They played two matches and won both, beating Bandon Grammar School 6-0 and Middleton College 6-0. Bandon came to Dublin in February to play High School and after a tougher match, High School won 3-0.

In the Cup High School got a bye into the second round and played their first cup match against Notre Dame which they won 4-0. They then met St. Anne's in the third round and beat them 1-0. High School faced Mt. Anville in the quarter-finals. After a superb match, High School's best of the season so far, they won 2-1. In the semi-final, High School met Mt. Sackville and beat them 3-0.

In the final High School played Loreto, Beaufort. Unfortunately, the captain and vice-captain both came down with 'flu. Despite this the Junior A played extremely well and Trudi Rothwell played an outstanding match in goal. High School held Beaufort to a draw, 2-2, after extra time.

The replay was a week later and High School were able to field a full team. After a closely fought match, High School won 1-0, the goal scored by Sarah Lamb, winning the Junior cup for the first time and bringing the first ever hockey trophy to High School. But this success did not come without hard work and dedication, and the early morning training sessions were seen to great advantage, particularly in the closing stages of cup matches where High School always seemed to find that little bit extra to put them ahead of the opposition.

On behalf of the team, Fiona would like to thank Miss Parkhill for her work and enthusiasm throughout the season.

Junior B

The Junior B had a successful season this year. Out of 21 matches played, they lost four, drew two and won fifteen.

In the league they played Loreto, Bray, and beat them 1-0. It was a tough match but after they got their first goal they had

much more confidence. In their second match they played Holy Child Convent, Killiney, and beat them 2-0. It was not too hard but they played well and kept ahead. In their third match Our Lady's Grove were the opponents. This was the hardest match so far, but they played extremely well to beat them 3-0.

In the final match in their section they played Sion Hill. They had expected a tough match but it turned out to be the easiest match so far. They beat Sion Hill 5-0.

They were now into the quarter-final and met King's Hospital. They were unfortunately beaten by King's Hospital. It had proved a much harder match than they had expected. They would like to thank Miss Parkhill for all her help and encouragement.

Sarah Poynton

Junior C

The Junior 'C' hockey team was captained by Grainne Dunbar. They had a very good and enjoyable season, winning or drawing all their matches with the exception of five. Unfortunately, mainly due to the lack of a regular goal-keeper, they were unable to reach the quarter-finals of the 'B' league. With more practice, it is thought some members of the team should be capable of playing for the Junior 'A's' next season.

The team would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her time and encouragement.

Grainne Dunbar (captain).

Diocesan Hockey Club

Twenty-five years on and we have finally arrived. Our dedicated and determined first team, with the help of their equally dedicated coach, have won their way into the Senior League. It was a magical season for us all as we watched their progress through, sometimes winning 9-2, 8-nil and then drawing, nil-all and 1-all but never defeated in the League. Unfortunately in the second round of the Cup they were beaten by Genesis 1-nil.

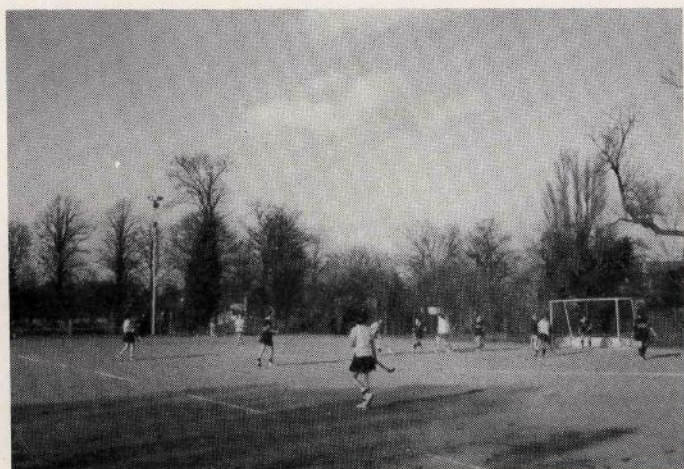


JUNIOR A. CUP WINNERS

Standing (Left to right): Gillian Needham, Nicola Warnock, Trudi Rothwell, Sarah Dawson, Dawn Hilibrand, Diane Lowe, Miss Parkhill.

Seated: Alison Blackmore, Katherine Heaney, Susan Harris, Fiona Sheil (captain), Sarah Lamb, Joy Warner, Moira Fraser.

THE ROAD





O THE CUP



Again this season we had four teams playing in the League. The seconds, thirds and fourths all had good results. The 4th team reached the semi-final of the Cup and with only ten players, due to an early injury in the match, were only beaten 1-nil by Rathdown 1st.

At indoor hockey our Senior team tied for first place in their League but were beaten in a play-off. Our second team reached the semi-final of the Cup but were beaten by the eventual Cup winners. They finished well up in the Intermediate League.

Two members, Janet Dalby and Miriam Grealley were selected to play for this year's Leinster Intermediate Squad. Janet also

played on the Leinster indoor side. Six of our players went to Amsterdam to take part in the International Easter Festival and had a wonderful week-end.

Our Fashion Show in April, held in the School, was a great success and our 25th Anniversary Celebration, a Wine and Savouries reception was held in the school on 24th April.

As we go forward into our next 25 years we do so as a Senior Club — our original ambitions having been realised. Our dream for the next 25 years is to stay there and one day win the Senior Cup or League. With help from the present pupils I do not think it is an impossible dream.

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SENIOR CUP TEAM

Back row (l. to r.): A. Deveney, R. Fennell, P. Glynne, A. Miller, A. Ellis, A. Middleton, T. Mitchell, P. Lyons, N. O'Broin, D. Young, P. Heaney, K. Markham, Mr. R. McMullen.

Seated: Mr. D. Cole, D. Winder, S. Wilson, S. O'Flanagan, G. Sykes, J. Donohue (capt.), M. Barron, E. O'Maolchoille, R. Lindsay, K. Kirkham, Mr. A. P. R. Brook.

On ground: T. Willoughby, J. O'Sullivan, C. Douglas, C. Davy.

1st. XV

The season started on a good note with a convincing victory over Belvedere College. Following two narrow defeats, the team morale was boosted with a win over Wesley college. Early in the season saw the arrival of new faces and promising players, including Conal Davey and Peter Glynne in the front row. Graham Sykes and John Donohue's experience from the previous year proved to be a great asset to the team. The backs were well equipped with veterans in Mark Barron, Sophus O'Flannagain and Willie Dawson, whose constant strength added a new dimension to the team. Hampered by injury and loss of form to some key players caused the team to produce some erratic performances; nevertheless victories were secured over St. Mary's College, St. Andrew's College and Clongowes Wood College.

The annual British tour took place in early December and following the Christmas break the team received a major setback with the unexpected illness of Alex Fraser and Andrew Ellis who both had played outstandingly all season in the back row. Soon after, our left wing Eoin O'Maolchoille badly injured his arm. There followed a period of experimentation in which the team seemed to lose morale. However, John Donohue, as captain, showed his leadership qualities and strengthened optimism.

Intensive training began in early January which improved physical fitness and all-round stamina, in preparation for the cup campaign. It was evident from the pre-cup matches that the strength of the team was in the forwards. This was reflected by the presence of Paul Lyons and Graham Sykes in the power house, which was complemented by the speed of Stuart Wilson

and Andrew Miller in the loose. The front row of Conal Davey, Aaron Deveney and Peter Glynne also deserve commendation for their relentless and consistent commitment to the team. This strength was highlighted by John Donohue who led the team from the start of the season, and kept up the tremendous team spirit.

The back line saw many changes throughout the season, but after Christmas positions were finalised and maintained. At scrum half Jordan O'Sullivan was impressive throughout the year, and with Willie Dawson as vice captain, formed the half-back partnership. It was Willie Dawson's astute kicking which provided a platform for many attacks. The centres Mark Barron and Ralph Lyndsay showed impressive handling and running abilities which were to prove invaluable in the forthcoming cup campaign. On the wings Middleton and Markham showed a sound sense of awareness, and produced some exciting displays. At the backbone of the attack was full back Sophus O'Flannagain whose speed and strength were the dominant feature of play.

The first round cup match against C.B.C. Monkstown was played on the 31st January. The opening half produced some exciting displays of attack and, after relentless pressure, the team were rewarded with a spectacular try, resulting from Barron breaking two tackles and feeding out to O'Flannagain who in turn passed to Middleton to score in the corner. Dawson converted from the touchline. The pack continued to dominate throughout the first half; at half time the score remained 6-0. The team withstood tremendous pressure throughout the second half, to secure a second round tie against old rivals Terenure College.

This match opened with Terenure taking an 11-0 lead to half time. After the break two excellent tries scored by Donohue, the second converted by Wilson made the outcome look promising, with the score being 10-11. The pack were excelling themselves with Glynne and Davey prominent, with Wilson and Donohue dominating the lineouts and Deveney winning the hooking duel. Victory seemed assured as Sykes dived to the line but unfortunately the try was not given. Terenure scored again and the score was 15-10 at the whistle. The High School team had been unfortunate but the press praised them for their excellent spirit.

Finally on behalf of the team, we would like to thank Mr. Cole and Mr. McMullen for training the team and for an enjoyable season.

Stuart Wilson,
Mark Barron.

1st. XV Rugby Tour 1985

This year's tour brought The High School to London and Llandudno in Wales to encounter Eltham College and John Bright School, respectively. Although narrowly defeated in London, the team secured an impressive win in Llandudno. The stay in London gave us time to enjoy the culture and activities which it presented. The team spirit rose in this close knit environment and this added to the success of the tour. On leaving London we looked back on some exciting events in which Jordan O'Sullivan's unique longing to become a fireman was discovered and John Donohue's nimbleness on his feet was noted.

On arriving in the quaint village of Llandudno we received a warm welcome from our hosts, who were very hospitable towards us. Some excellent orienteering by Mr. Cole enabled us to enjoy our trip immensely.

Overall gratitude must be expressed to Mr. Cole and Mr. McMullen on behalf of the team for the success of the tour.

Stuart Wilson,
Mark Barron

2nd XV

The 2nd XV were not very successful this season, although they were dedicated and hardworking. We started our matches with determination and hard play, leaving our opponents slightly bewildered at half-time, notably against Newbridge, St. Paul's, St. Columba's and Gonzaga before Christmas, but unfortunately there was a tendency to relax in the second half and thus we lost several matches that should by rights have been won.

Possibly the best match of the season was that against Blackrock, before Christmas. Undaunted by a much bigger and heavier pack, our forwards played well and hard, supplying good ball to the backs which they in turn made excellent use of. This became apparent early in the game when Andrew Miller (a hard-working wing forward) was first to the breakdown on the Blackrock line and strode over for a great try. Shortly after this, however, we lost a prop through injury and without a substitute the loss began to show as 'Rock pushed us off more and more ball, with the result that they won the match.

In the second half of the season we enjoyed several good games and a couple of wins, notably against De La Salle when Mark Bryans showed what he thought of the Cup holders, and Dominic Dunbar scored a first class try.

In the League we were outplayed by St. Paul's and Blackrock but left Terenure wondering what was happening as we very nearly beat them in our final match.

So although not a very successful season, it was a most

enjoyable one. Commendations must go to Craig Douglas for his hard work on the field and his unfaltering dedication to the team.

All that remains to be done is thank Mr. Cole and Mr. Blackmore for their support and encouragement, and a most enjoyable season for the whole team. Thank you!

N.A.M.

3rd XV

The third fifteen had a most enjoyable season. Although results were low, there were many exciting closely contested matches. One significant victory was recorded over Templeogue college (13-0).

The league was eagerly pursued but due to the high standard of competition and a tough draw, our efforts came to no avail.

All in all it was a very enjoyable season for a promising team. The team would like to thank Mr. Cole and Mr. McMullen for all their encouragement and support throughout the season.

J. Forrest.

Under-12's Rugby

This year saw the last of our 'Junior School' pupils coming through at under-12's level with a sound foundation in rugby. Thus in future, under-12's will begin the season with virtually no pupil having any experience of the game. We can only wait and see how this is going to effect the standard at this level.

The year got off to a promising start in September and some fine talent quickly came to light. However, the second term was somewhat disappointing with numerous matches having to be cancelled due to weather conditions or due to the more recent trend of S.C.T. and J.C.T. cup matches being played on Wednesdays — hence a number of days became tied up through our own teams taking part or those of the opposing schools and obviously priority goes to supporting the teams.

The season concluded when the usual hotly contended Form 1 inter class Ridgeway cup. This year 1A2 took the honours.

U-14 XV Rugby Report

This was a highly successful season which was enjoyed by all involved. After an unpromising start to the season the team achieved some notable victories over Belvedere 18-6, St. Mary's 28-12, Suttonians 38-0 but probably the most notable was the victory over De La Salle 22-15. A fast set of backs and strong forwards were the key to our success but a lot of credit must be given to our coaches, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Mills who spent a great deal of time and energy in coaching us.

Sorley McCaughey,
Ronan Swift.

Junior Cup Team

P	W	D	L	F	A
22	17	1	4	346	123

This has been the most successful Junior Team for many years, losing only four of their twenty-two matches and scoring a massive total of 346 points while only conceding 123. Of the four defeats, unfortunately one was the second-round cup match against Terenure College.

The season had a magnificent start with a hundred percent



JUNIOR CUP TEAM

Back row (l.-r.): D. Brosnan, S. McCaughey, R. O'Maolchoille, M. Hildebrand, G. Murtagh, F. O'Sullivan, S. Meldrum, T. Lindsay, E. Casey, H. Smith. **Front row (l.-r.):** Mr. D. Wright, A. Shaw, A. Duffy, R. Young, D. Cole (capt.), D. Neligan, P. Allen, D. Finnegan, Mr. D. Cole.

record for the first nine games; some notable victories included Belfast Royal Academy (10-0), C.U.S. (26-0), and St. Mary's (10-7). However, a lean patch in mid-November led to two narrow defeats by Belvedere College (4-13) and Gonzaga (4-10). These defeats had a positive effect on the side which brought about more intensive training schedules and subdued the ideas of invincibility.

Already at this stage it was becoming clear that our strength lay in our large mobile pack and constructive half-backs, although as the season continued, the centres showed some magnificent flair and the wing-three quarters demonstrated the ability to run hard and score fine tries. The full-back position, however, caused some despair and it was not until December

that an under-14's player, Hillas Smith became established at this position.

It was the captaincy of Duncan Cole that encouraged great companionship and team-spirit among the squad members. Duncan's leadership qualities were certainly matched by his gamesmanship and excellent play on the field.

All the players contributed immensely to this successful season. Paul Allen was the team's top points scorer, while second-row forward Mark Hildebrand and wing-forward Daithi Neligan scored numerous tries. Derek Finnegan certainly proved that he has a great career at scrum-half ahead of him while second-row forward Brian Spendlove showed the greatest improvement of all.



UNDER-13

Back row (l.-r.): J. Greene, J. Slattery, S. Gilmour, J. McCrae, P. Lowe, N. Cogan, M. Boyd, D. Beere, M. Jones. **Centre row (l.-r.):** Mr. Fennell, G. Nanna, M. Harris, S. McCready, G. Walsh (capt.), A. Nixon, S. Rainsford, S. Lindsay, Mr. Cole. **Front row (l.-r.):** R. Jones, G. Lloyd, A. Greenlee, J. Kilroy.

In the cup we were drawn against Presentation College, Glashule, in the first round at Sydney Parade. Some fine play by our pack, good play by our backs and a very competent display by our halves were features of this hard-fought cup tie. In the opening minutes Duncan cole was stopped inches from the line and it was not until just before half-time that Mark Hildebrand made a magnificent break to race through two tackles and score a try near the posts, which Paul Allen converted. In the second half a penalty kick from Fiacre O'Sullivan made it 9-0 and then with fifteen minutes left a "Garryowen" kick by Paul Allen resulted in a try for centre Alan Shaw. Alan converted leaving the score 15-0 at full time. One sad note was that our winger Ronan Lalu suffered a broken jaw during the game.

The second round saw us drawn against Terenure College, the only other side to have beaten us earlier in the season. In this fixture the elements were certainly against us. Firstly the match was shifted from Donnybrook to Templeville Road. Then soon before kick-off the pitch was deemed unplayable due to the frost. Half-term followed with some hard training and then the match was re-arranged for the following Wednesday at Lakelands Park, home of Terenure Rugby Club.

After a promising start, which saw us 3-0 up in five minutes after a drop goal from Paul Allen, there then followed a lax period during which Terenure took their chances and got two tries, one being a grave mistake on our part. Unfortunately a solid Terenure defence and poor handling due to the effects of the blizzard, meant that we were not able to convert this advantage into points. In the closing minutes Terenure made one of their few attacks into our half which ended with a penalty directly in front of our posts which was easily converted. At this stage the game was now beyond our reach despite a well taken drop goal by Derek Finnegan, our scrum half, in injury time, leaving the final score 6-11. So a season with such great potential had ended.

Finally I should like to thank most sincerely my colleague Mr. Les McClure for all his enthusiasm, work and help and indeed all members of the Squad so ably led by Duncan Cole and vice-captain Roger Young, for helping to make this season so enjoyable and memorable.

D. Wright.

Under-13

	P.	W.	D.	L.
A. XV	16	1	3	12
B. XV	10	3	-	7
C. XV	2	1	-	1

Looking at the above results it appears that the Under-13 group had a very poor season. But we must take into account that most of this group were new to the game of rugby in September. They were also at a disadvantage in that they frequently found themselves smaller and lighter than their opposition. They learnt, however, to make the best use of what talent was at their disposal, and by the end of the season they had become a reasonable, efficient group with morale good.

Early in the season we had big defeats at the hands of Blackrock, St. Mary's and Clongowes. But then after a most enjoyable trip to Kilkenny College where we were unlucky to lose (6-10) we had good games with C.B.C. (4-4) and Newbridge (12-12) K.H. (8-10), Terenure (16-20) and Wesley (0-4). After Christmas this improvement continued with good results against Castleknock (0-0) Kilkenny (4-0) and Stewarts' Melville (11-14). Unfortunately due to cup matches and bad weather 7 matches were not played in the Easter Term.

Graham Walsh shows great promise in this group and captained his side very sensibly. He was ably assisted by S. McCready, P. Lowe and A. Greenlee.

I would like to thank all members of Staff and Parents, who coached, refereed and travelled with the teams during the season.

R.F.

U-16 7-a-side Rugby
Tournament

On Saturday, 12 April, despite the bad weather, the spirit of The High School U-16 team was not daunted at St. Gerard's School, Bray. Indeed it spurred them on to greater efforts which nearly carried the day to continue High School's dominance in the place competition since 1982.

After receiving a bye in the first round we were drawn against Newbridge in the second round. As the game progressed the team members gained in confidence, notably Paul Heaney who secured a try with an impressive break. At the final whistle we were narrowly defeated by a fitter Newbridge team. This result enabled us to qualify for the plate section of the tournament. Our first confrontation was with the Castleknock "B" team during which the High School team clinched a certain victory from the first few moments of the game. The men of this match were Aaron Deveney who on two occasions infiltrated the Castleknock defence to score fine tries, and Paul Allen whose kicking and handling skills were exceptional. The end result of this game was an overwhelming win for High School by 24 points to 4.

Our next match saw us drawn against the Presentation Bray "B" team during which Conal Davey proved his dominance in the forward duel and Dian Winder's handling skills proved invaluable to the back line. After a hard fought contest High School secured an impressive victory of 12 points to nil.

The final against the Presentation college, Bray "A" team was closely contested with Jonathan Forrest scoring a fine try against a solid Presentation Bray defence, which Paul Allen converted. In the closing stages Paul Heaney clinched a try underneath the posts which Allen converted, leaving the final score 12-13, a big disappointment for a valiant effort.

Finally, the team would like to thank Mr. Cole for all his efforts on their behalf.

P. Glynn.

Cricket Report 1985

	P.	W.	D.	L.
S.C.T. 1st XI	8	3	1	4
S.C.T. 2nd XI				
J.C.T.	9	8	0	1
U.14	6	3	2	1
U.13				
U.12				

For the season 1985 we have been very unfortunate in that practice was very limited and most matches were affected by bad weather.

The S.C.T. had a good start to the season with a close win over Sandford Park by 117 to 101; O. Clarke 28, P. McLaughlin 26, S. Burbridge 26 and O. Clarke 6 for 21. In their next game an understrength XI lost to St. Columba's College by 7 wks; H.S.D. 77; S. Wilson 32; St. Columba's 78 for 3; B. Free 2 for 17.

The 1st league game was against St. Paul's, Clontarf. H.S.



S.C.T. 1985

Back row (l.-r.): J. Ridgeway, P. McLaughlin, R. Giltrap, B. Free, M. Heaney, Mr. Kirby.

Front row (l.-r.): N. Dawson, S. Burbridge, M. Ridgeway (capt.), R. Fennell, O. Clarke, S. Wilson.

batting first made 125 for 7 in 35 overs; M. Ridgeway 64, S. Wilson 39. In reply St. Paul's made 126 for 9 in the 35th over; O. Clarke 5 for 45. Their 2nd league game was a win for H.S. by 8 wks. K.H. 71, P. McLaughlin 5 for 21, and B. Free 4 for 10. H.S. 72 for 2; O. Clarke 23 and M. Ridgeway 27. Their 3rd league game was a low scoring win over Wesley College. Wesley 46; P. McLaughlin 6 for 25, N. Dawson 4 for 14. H.S. 50 for 4.

To win their section H.S. needed to beat St. Andrew's and prevent them from getting more than 4 bowling points. St. Andrew's batted first and made 116 for 8. In reply, H.S. were 60 for 4 after 20 overs but a collapse at this stage, to finish at 88 for 9, ended any hope of getting to the Cup Final in successive seasons.

The season ended with two most enjoyable games. Old Boys 137, H.S. 89; M. Ridgeway 39, and Coleraine 122 for 7, H.S. for 9, a draw.

Congratulations to M. Ridgeway, who was chosen to play for Leinster v. Ulster, and on winning the De Vere Short Cup (batting). Also congratulations to P. McLaughlin who got a well-deserved Leinster Trial after a good season for H.S. with both bat and ball. The other award winner in the Senior Section was R. Fennell in the Jacobson Single Wicket competition.

Finally, many thanks to Mr. Kirby and Mr. McMullen for all their time and energy given to the Senior teams during the season.

Our thanks are due to Mr. S. Hughes for the many hours of patient attention he has given in preparing first class wickets in such a dreadful season, weatherwise. Also our thanks go to Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Fennell for the much appreciated splendid teas.

J.C.T.

This year's team was a very formidable one with batting strong down to No. 11 and seven good bowlers. Most people fancied their chances of bringing back the cup to Danum. The season began with two good wins over Gonzaga and St.

Columba's. Their 1st league game on a wet wicket saw Sandford Park make 104. J. Ridgeway 5 for 34. In reply, H.S.D., with everyone making some runs, but nobody with a big score, finished on 80 for 9; J. Marshall 17. The next four league games were easily won. H.S.D. 100; J. Ridgeway 26. J. Heaney 22; Wilson's Hosp. 41; J. Ridgeway 4 for 2- H.S.D. 93; R. Donald 29; St. Columba's 23; D. Sheahan 6 for 11. H.S.D. 97; R. Donald 37. Malahide 65, D. Sheahan 6 for 26. Sandford Park through to the final, so ended the hopes of the cup coming to Danum.

The season ended with a most enjoyable trip to Cork. H.S.D. 114; S. Sheahan 26, P. Heaney 20; Midleton 71, R. Donald 2 for 15. H.S.D. 88; D. Cole 24; Bandon Grammar School 79; D. Sheahan 7 for 5.

The unpredictable nature of cricket was well demonstrated in this match with Bandon. An early end to the game was in sight with Bandon 9 wks. down with only 9 runs on the board, D. Sheahan 6 for 6 at this stage. H.S.D. then changed their bowlers and the Bandon No. 10 hit 47 and their No. 5 hit 24. Having tried 7 bowlers to dislodge this pair, the captain reverted to D. Sheahan to bring the Bandon score to an end at 79. So ended an exciting game and almost an historic one. Unfortunately heavy rain that night flooded the Cork County ground at Garryduff and so prevented the third game of the tour taking place.

But the excitement of the tour was not yet over as it took us eleven hours to get back to Dublin because of mini-bus trouble. Yet a good season was had by all.

UNDER 14

A very young XI, 6 still young enough for 1986, had a reasonable season in 1985. A weak XI began the season with a defeat by St. Columba's College, but then followed a win by 156 runs over Gonzaga: D. Cole 55 (n.o.), S. McCready 53 (n.o.) and R. Donald 4 for 6. Next came a 9 wkt. win over St. Andrew's: St. Andrew's 44, R. Donald 4 for 8, S. McCready 6 for 24. H.S.D. 46



J.C.T. 1985

Back row (l.-r.): D. Sheahan, J. Henderson, D. Cole, Mr. Fennell, R. Giltrap, D. Marshall, A. Hood.
Front row (l.-r.): R. Donald, J. Forrest, J. Ridgeway (capt.), D. Winder, A. Deveney, P. Heaney.



UNDER-14 1985

Front row (l.-r.): D. Supple, O. Casey, P. Allen, Mr. Fennell, S. McCaughey, G. Clarke, J. Kilroy.
Back row (l.-r.): S. Heaney, M. Citron, R. Donald, D. Cole (capt.), M. Taylor, P. Donald.

for 1, M. Citron 19 (n.o.), Donald 17. The first league game was drawn with H.S.D. 100; R. Donald 45 and Belvedere 54 for 5. The second league game saw H.S.D. beat Sandford Park by 6 wks. Sandford 59; S. McCready 6 for 190. H.S.D. 62 for 4; R. Donald 35 (n.o.). The final league game, played in very wet and windy conditions, was drawn. St. Andrew's 107 in 44 overs, H.S.D. 88 for 6 in 16 overs; R. Donald 23, M. Citron 19. I am sure that better weather conditions would have enabled H.S.D. to remove St. Andrew's for a smaller total in less overs and so get through to the final of the cup.

R. Donald, who had a great season with the bat and ball, will be a big loss to H.S.D., but we wish him well in future years in St. Columba's College.

Under 13

The U13 XI had one of their most successful seasons ever. Eight matches were won out of nine played. It was most unfortunate that the last match, which was also the cup final, was the only game lost.

Our opening match against St. Columba's, gave a good indication of the depth of talent in the team. We scored 133 with fine batting performances from P. Donald, M. Citron and S.

McCready. The next two games against a good Sandford Park side could hardly have been closer. We won the first by 6 runs and the second by 3 runs. S. Heaney and G. Clarke were our best bowlers in these games.

Before the cup there were further victories over Belvedere and Mount Temple. Stuart McCready's performance against Belvedere with bat and ball were outstanding. He scored 43 runs and took 6 wickets for 9 runs.

The team beat Wesley easily in the first round of the cup. Chris Sykes and Maurice Citron proved to be our most effective bowlers with analysis of 3 for 9 and 4 for 8 respectively. In the quarter final we beat Belvedere in a nail-biting finish by 3 runs. The scores being: High School 95 for 6 and Belvedere 92 for 9. S. McCready made a superb 50 and M. Taylor took 3 wickets for 17. We defeated Sandford Park in the semi-final by 7 wickets.

In the final at the Sandford Park ground, batting first, High School made 69 for 6. Jason Kilroy was highest scorer with 13 n.o. ably helped by a very quick 7 n.o. from Eoghan Casey. The King's Hospital, despite being 4 for 3 at one stage, went on to score 70 for 8 and win. We congratulate the King's Hospital on their victory. Fate proved very cruel to us.

B.Q.

Girls' Cricket

The girls' cricket team was captained this year by Arlene Blain, and had a very successful season. Although we were beaten in our section, we were the best over-all runner-up, and so we made it to the semi-final, where we were beaten by Wilson's Hospital, who went on to win the League. We also took part in a tournament in Clontarf, in which we finished third.

Three of our team members — Elaine McCready, Diane Lowe

and Arlene Blain, were given Leinster trials, and Arlene and Diane went on to play on the Leinster Schoolgirls' team.

In the Single Wicket competition held early on in the season in Trinity College, Diane Lowe did extremely well to beat all opposition and come out on top, winning the trophy.

The Leinster batting trophy was presented this year to Arlene Blain, whose batting average was 76 runs.



Back row (l.-r.): Moira Fraser, Lynn Frost, Sally Tector, Juliet Robinson, Diane Lowe, Gillian Needham.

Front row (l.-r.): Elaine McCready, Richelle Flanagan, Adrienne Huggard, Arlene Blain, Avril Johnson, Mrs. Mellon.

Tennis 1985

The summer of 1985 was a most enjoyable one and had three teams entered in the Leinster competition, junior and senior.

Wesley, Alexandra, Notre Dame and St. John. They also played a visiting team from Dublin and beat them 3-0.

The match did not go the Junior team's way, the Junior team was very promising.

The Junior team was placed in a strong section. They played several matches but were beaten by Mt. Anville in one of the matches.

The Senior team were a great success, with the team improved. Nicola Kilroy won the Junior Singles Cup and Arlene Blain the Senior Singles Cup. The day was when some third and fourth year parents.

There is a word of thanks to Mrs. Mellon for her help and support.
Sally Tector.

BOYS

Tennis remains popular within the school and there was considerable enthusiasm during games periods. The Junior team had mixed fortunes in their section of the Cup competition and although they won two games out of four, they did not progress to the play-off stages. The senior team was narrowly beaten by St. Benildus, 4-3, which was a disappointing result given that this year's team was probably as strong as we have had in the school. Andrew Killeen was an efficient and helpful captain, and Warren Singh and Paul Allen both proved themselves at Senior level even though they were playing against students who were much older. Congratulations are due to Daryle Singh, who was included in the Davis Cup Squad, and reached the Irish Junior National Championships Semi-Final. The School Championship was dominated by the two Singhs with Daryle winning the Senior and Warren the Junior.

L. McC.



Robinson, Ann Caird, Adrienne Huggard, Arlene Blain, Lana Citron.
Sally Tector, Sylvia Macken, Mrs. Mellon.



Back row (l.-r.): Heather Fitzpatrick, Heather Dawson, Aisling Byrne.
Front row (l.-r.): Catriona Byrne, Nicola Kilroy, Richelle Flanagan, Mrs. Mellon.

SENIOR TENNIS TEAM 1985

Back row (l. to r.): Alistair Gray, Andrew Killeen, Hugh Page.
Front row (l. to r.): Paul Allen, Warren Singh, Daryle Singh, Mr. L. McClure.





JUNIOR TENNIS TEAM 1985

Back row (l. to r.): Warren Singh, Des Glass, Paul Allen, Stephen Darby.

Front row (l. to r.): Peter Maybury, Robert Giltrap, Kevin McCaughey, Martin Oakes, Mr. L. McClure.

Badminton



U-18 GIRLS' BADMINTON

Back row (l. to r.): Sally Tector, Adrienne Huggard.

Front row (l. to r.): Sally-Ann Cooke, Karen Reid.

GIRLS

Badminton started off well this year with great enthusiasm, especially in the lower forms. This year four teams were entered in the Leinster Schools Badminton competition.

Congratulations go to the under-eighteen A's captained by Sally Tector, who won their section of the league and went through to the semi-finals to be unfortunately beaten by Mt. Anville by just a few points, after drawing 3-3. The under-eighteen B team won most of their matches but unfortunately had strong opposition in their section.

The under-sixteens unfortunately lost most of their matches as they, too, had strong opposition in their section.

I would like to thank, on behalf of all the players, Mrs. Kelly for her coaching and encouragement throughout the year, and also Mr. Sheridan for his important role in the organisation of everything this year and for driving teams to places such as Newbridge, Drogheda and Kilcullen, Co. Kildare.

*Lynn Frost
(Secretary)*

BOYS

I am glad to say that there has been a great interest in the club this year by the first year pupils. We had a lot of competition for places on the under-14 team. The team did reasonably well but failed to top their group. They had difficult opposition in Terenure College, Moyle Park, and Old Bawn Community School. The members of the team were:- Christopher Sykes

(Capt.), Simon Heany, Ronan Swift and Hillis Smith.

The under-16 team played well and managed to beat Templeogue College with only three men. They had to concede two games and they beat them four games to two. In their group were Moyle Park, Terenure College, and Templeogue College. The team members were Alan Hood (Capt), Tom Swift, Robert Giltrap and Conor O'Brien. Ronan Swift and Simon Heany were substitutes.

The under-18 team unfortunately didn't do well in their group but all of the team enjoyed some very close matches. They had stiff opposition in Oatlands College who have some premier division players on their team and won our group. They also played Gormanston College. The members of the team were:- Darryl Lamb (Capt), Duncan Styles, Martin Oakes, Gary Wright and Keith Gamble as substitute.

I would like to thank Mrs. Turpin on behalf of everybody, for all her expert coaching and encouragement, and thank Mr. Sheridan for his help during the year.

*Duncan Styles.
(Secretary)*

Swimming

Swimming was held at Terenure College Swimming Pool every Tuesday from 6 p.m. - 6.45 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. - 7.30 p.m., throughout the year. The gala was again held in November to avoid the clash with other activities during the Easter Term. The attendance was high and congratulations must be given to everyone who took part in the event. The major awards went to: James McElvaney - Senior Boys Championship; Juliet Sim - Senior Girls Championship.

The earlier swimming session from 6 p.m. - 6.45 p.m. was well attended throughout the year, so was the later swim from 6.45 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. but the numbers dropped when the 'Mock' began. On behalf of all those who swam during the year, I would like to thank Mr. Swan, Mrs. Davin, and Mr. Kirby for their tuition and for all the time and effort they put into the swimming sessions. I would also like to thank Mrs. Willoughby who distributed the prizes at the Gala.

Daithi Neligan (4A1)

Rock Climbing



Rock Climbing enjoyed a very useful Summer Term in 1985. We were lucky with the weather and almost all Saturdays were available. Climbing takes place in Dalkey Quarry where we have been fortunate in having past pupils who are generously willing to assist in the instruction of the less experienced pupils. The enthusiasm of Jeremy Price and John Armstrong, and their constant emphasis on safer and safer techniques, has been chiefly responsible for the healthy crop of skilled climbers at present in the school. These skilled climbers in their turn give their time to teach beginners the basic elements of the sport. In Alex Fraser, Alex Redlich, Sophus O'Flanagan and Colin Kirkham the school is lucky to have such very promising climbers of the future, should they continue with the sport. With those mentioned and the recently left Niklas Price we are unlikely to be in a better position for some time to introduce new members to the sport, and we hope the pupils in general will avail of the opportunity, if only on a trial basis.

I.B.

School Soccer Team

Following a good result against Belvedere (4-1) in our opening game of the season, the team's expectations for the remainder of the year were high. Alas, it was not to be, as all the rest of our games were lost. We came close to more wins twice after that. Against Castleknock, they snatched goals against the run of play and in the end were flattered by the result (3-1). Against Wesley we outclassed our opponents but unfortunately they scored a goal on the break, seconds from time, to make it 3-2.



U-18 SOCCER

Back row (l. to r.): Ernie Kane, Robert Harrison, Des Glass, Richard Hagan, Fiachra O'Sullivan, Robert Giltrap, Nicholas Jacobs, Brian Sweeney, Andrew Blackmore, Michael Wann, Mr. Kirby.

Front row (l. to r.): Graham McCarthy, Stephen Darby, Kevin McCaughey (capt.), David Henderson, Derek Trower, Mark Bailey, David Douglas.

Most of the squad will be available next season so we are expecting a big improvement in our results next year.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Kirby for the time he put into coaching the team, and also to the parents who helped with transport.

Kevin McCaughey (Capt.)

Caving



The School Caving Club, which is run by Mr. Wright, organised four caving outings this year. The turn-out was good, the average number of pupils on each outing being fourteen. Two day trips went to Fermanagh, where we learnt just how cold cave rivers can be. A few of us who are not so tall even went for a swim. In Fermanagh we explored Pollnagollom in the boats and we got a demonstration of hand gliding from Tara Bell. We also explored the Marble Arch which is a show cave open to the general public.

Two week-end trips to the Burren in Co. Clare were a great success. The first outing was in October, and for most of us it was our first taste of caving, which we liked. We saw Polldubh and Pollnagollum. The second week-end trip was in January, which was exciting and enjoyable. We spent hours down Faunarooska and we all came out frozen solid. The next day those of us who had thawed out went down Pol an Ionain. Besides seeing Peter Johnson's one-man mud wrestling competition which he lost, we saw the world's largest stalagmite. We all really enjoyed this trip.

On behalf of The High School Caving Club, I would like to thank a farmer in Co. Clare who so politely let us use his farm land. Our biggest thanks go to Mr. Wright and The Cave Discussion Group for making these enjoyable trips possible.

Martin Oakes (5th year.)

Mountaineering Club Hillwalking

Sunday, 24th November, 1985, was a significant date for the club: we finally got to the top of Mullaghcleevaun after two seasons in which the severity of the conditions had forced us down the mountain. This time our approach was by Moanbane Mountain — a route we had not attempted since the days when we depended on the public bus service to Ballyknockan. And



Party at Youth Hostel.



Mr. Gardner.

on the top of Moanbane there was an incident which gave rise to a diverting sense of déjà vu. The summit is rather flat and featured many pools of stagnant water which at that time of year were frozen over. One of the leaders had drawn the group together to remind them that it was in this very spot on the previous occasion that a pupil had unwisely tested the thickness of the ice on one of the ponds and found that it had not been quite strong enough to withstand the force of gravity as it exerted itself on his unlucky body: resulting in a very wet pupil. The words were no sooner out of the leader's mouth when a cry of alarm was heard from a pupil who obviously believed there is no learning to rival the learning of experience. Happily, the remainder of the walk was without incident.

This year numbers have remained very encouraging throughout the season and it is especially promising that there is a core of enthusiastic walkers in First Year who are quite capable of walking the leaders off their feet.

Highlights of the year were the special trip to see Halley's Comet which was very successful (although the comet was disobligingly blurred we are all certain we saw it!) and The Nightwalk on the 21st February, 1986. This time we chose a route from which by times we could enjoy the spectacle of the moonlit, snow-covered mountains and the no less impressive panorama of the city lights.

Surpassing even these enjoyable events, however, was the Connemara expedition which took place from March 4th to March 7th. Mr. Cryan organised all the details with his usual thoroughness and was rewarded by some fine walks and by a most co-operative group. The warden of Ben Lettery Youth Hostel complimented us on being "by miles" the best school group he had ever had to stay and, on the mountain, everyone's willingness to stay together and refrain from complaining (when complaints might well have been justified) made this expedition one of the most enjoyable ever undertaken by the school. The first day's weather was clear but increasingly windy as we went from Ben Lettery towards Ben Breen. These mountains are more spectacular and dramatic than our own Dublin/Wicklow ranges, although no higher; and we were all delighted as well with the view over the myriad lakes towards Roundstone. The next day was spent in the Maam Turks and in some of the dampest weather ever experienced by our party — at day's end everyone had their own "wettest" story but I think the pupil whose torch had literally filled with water even though it had been in a plastic bag inside a "waterproof" rucksack took the prize. The third day would have provided a beautiful walk had

not trouble with the minibus forced us to curtail our schedule and head directly for Dublin.

On almost all these walks we had the invaluable assistance of Mr. Gardner whose experience and knowledge add so much to the safety and enjoyment of any trip. He continued to increase our store of unforgettable moments when towards the summit of Ben Lettery he launched himself almost into the void (as it were) and became a red and yellow blur as he went in pursuit of ... a plastic bag!

All in all, a most enjoyable and successful season, though I think we have probably seen enough snow to do us until next winter

I.B.



Cliff edge.

Canoeing Report

Canoeing, as usual, has been a very popular sport throughout the term; some weeks there has even had to be a waiting list for the Saturday morning Liffey trips. These trips have been run each week throughout the Summer term.

The main event of the year was the Schools' Liffey Descent which is held annually during May. A number of pupils entered the race which was enjoyed by all. The results were as follows:- Brian Haskins and Dominic Hegarty in a K2 were the fastest High School pupils, and Ross Ardill was the fastest High School U-18 to finish. Daithi Neligan was the first High School U-15 to finish and so received the High School Liffey Cup. Sarah Dawson came 9th and Susan Harris came 3rd in their respective races.

This year girls played a more active part in canoeing. There were always girls on trips and competing in races. We hope that their interest will continue.

Throughout the term safety sessions were held on Wednesday evenings in Wesley College. These sessions helped canoeists get over their fear of capsizing.

Towards the end of September, King's Hospital held a Schools' Race. This was entered by a number of pupils. All finished and Sarah Dawson won third prize in her section. The High School Broad Cup was awarded to Colin Harris. This cup is awarded annually to the winner of the form one Dodder Race and "The Canoeist of the Year" trophy was awarded to Susan Harris.

On behalf of the club I would like to thank the Parents' Association for their contribution to our equipment.

I would also like to thank Mr. Swan and Mr. Wright for all their organisation, help and encouragement throughout the year.

Susan Harris.

Girls' Golf

Our first venture into the Girls' Schools' Golf competition, while most enjoyable, was not very successful. Melanie Sheppard and I headed to Elm Park to pit our skills against the numerous

schools throughout Leinster on the 17th. February. Wesley College were the winners on the day. With more luck and better preparation, we might even win next year.

Karen Reid (5th.)



U-18 GIRLS' GOLF

(Left to right): Melanie Sheppard, Karen Reid.



U-18 BOYS' GOLF

(Left to right): Mr. Kirby, Kevin Kirkham, Alan Hood, Sean Dean, Leslie Walker.

Athletics 1984/85

Early season, 1984/85 saw the introduction of many new pupils to athletics and the training sessions were very lively and encouraging. The cross country events provided an opportunity to gain valuable experience in competition.

Despite the weather, the School sports which were held on the 5th June were enjoyable and the standard in some events showed that High School can turn out a good athletic team. A marquee used for the first time proved to be very successful for serving teas and refreshments, and saving the spectators the usual walk up the hill. So thanks all who helped with the marquee.

CUP WINNERS

War Memorial Cup (Senior Athletics)
Cunningham Cup (Junior Athletics)
Cornick Cup (400 metres Senior)
Walker Cup (1,500 metres Senior)
Southam Cup (800 metres Senior)
Moore Cup (200 metres Senior)

Gavin Duffy
Peter Glynn
William Dawson
Craig Rainsford
Craig Rainsford
Gavin Davey

Taylor Cup (100 metres Senior)	Gavin Davey
Magill cup (100 metres)	Peter Glynne
Sloan Cup (Senior Long Jump)	Michael Freemantle
Travers Cup (Senior High Jump)	Benjamin Myers
The Whyte Cup (Field Events)	Benjamin Myers
Taylor Cup (Senior Girls)	Hazei Hughes
Belgrave Cup (Senior 200 metres)	Hazel Hughes
Staff Cup (Intermediate Athletics)	Richelle Flanagan
Diocesan Cup (2nd year girl with most points)	Sarah Dawson,
	Joy Warner
Mathers Cup (1st year girl with most points)	Avril Harris
Tate Cup (girls with most points)	Second Year
Packenham-Hamilton Cup (U/14 girls High Jump)	Sarah Lamb
Hughes Shield (Girl with most points from track events)	Avril Harris

During the summer term the Senior Girls' relay team of Hazel Hughes, Penny Alexander, Richelle Flanagan and Niamh O'Briom finished second in the Leinster, and fourth in the All-Ireland finals. Finally congratulations to Hazel Hughes who finished 2nd in the senior All-Ireland 400m finals for the second year in succession.

Dedication, perseverance and enthusiasm are the ingredients necessary if one is to succeed in athletics.

Mr. Toomey has these qualities and the Athletic team wishes to thank him for all his help and encouragement.

Nadya Hutchinson (6th form)
Athletics Captain



U-18 BASKETBALL

Back row (l. to r.): Carlos Tsoi, Patrick Browne, Richard Hagan, Andrew Blackmore.

Front row (l. to r.): Serghios Florides, John Hagan, Graham Sykes, Norman Clements.



U-16 BASKETBALL

Back row (l. to r.): Serghios Florides, Richard Hagan, Stuart Gamble, Nigel Jenkinson.

Front row (l. to r.): Carlos Tsoi, Conor Sweeney, Patrick Browne, Ronan O'Maolchoille.

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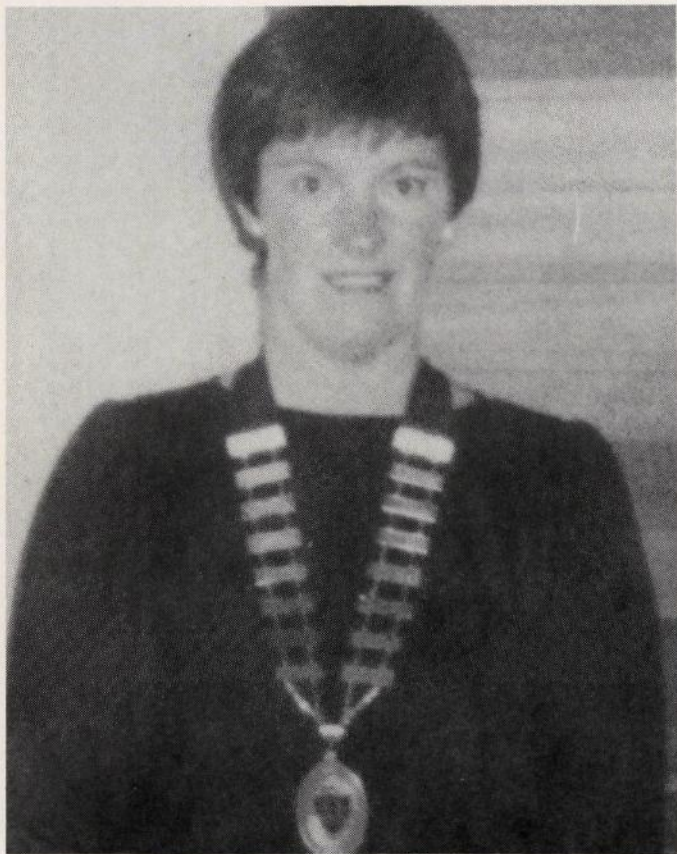
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President's Letter

Dear Member,

My first year as President of the Old Girls' Association is coming to an end and it was a most enjoyable one. In addition to attending the normal monthly meetings of our Association my year of office included invitations to The Parents' Association Cheese and Wine, The Old Boys' Debate and The Hockey Club Fashion Show.



Daphne Bell, President.

As President, I had the pleasant duty of presenting The Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl at the Prize Distribution last November. It was a very interesting evening and an occasion which underlines achievements in so many facets of education.

This year we have had a very enthusiastic sub-committee working towards a fitting memorial to Miss Mildred Latimer. The response to their efforts has been overwhelming with more than £1,000 raised to date.

If this is an indication of the continued interest and commitment of our School and Association we need have no fears for the future.

Daphne Bell

Secretary's Report 1985-'86

President: Mrs. Daphne Bell.

Chairwoman: Mrs. Heather Boate.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss Judith Wilkinson.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Ruth Farrell.

Committee: Mrs. Hilary Amrstrong, Miss Carole Barden, Mrs. Iris Beatty, Mrs. Sandra Watkins, and Mrs. Irene White (Asst. Treasurer).

This is a great opportunity to let all past and present members of the School know and learn more about our Association and its activities during the year.

Our season is closing in May. It has been very successful with

outstanding and most interesting meetings.

The first night in October we had a cookery demonstration by a Cordon Bleu chef — the mouth watering menu would tempt anyone to cook in the more professional way!

In November we had the T.V. personality Aileen Hayden — showing us the art of making bread, and nylon flower arrangements. All present learnt a lot from her and her cheerfulness and humour were enjoyed.

As requested we had Mr. Ken Leary in December from the Phoenix Park Nurseries. The subject was shrubs and trees with an illustrated lecture on how to grow, prune, etc. Any garden would do very well under his instructions.

We held an Antique and Dutch Auction in the latter part of January. David Herman, so well known to High School, was our auctioneer. This was run in aid of our own funds — all who joined us got terrific bargains.

As most of you know we always hold a meeting in aid of charity and this year in February we held a "Savoury Evening" with a novelty raffle. Here we must stop and say our thanks to Mr. Wisener for providing us with 4 members of the school's orchestra, who entertained us with a mini recital. Our sincere thanks to Carolyn, Johnnie, Trudy and Mark for giving us a delightful half-hour. The attendance at this meeting was very good, and all commented on its great success. The proceeds are going to help in a very small way the publication of the "Diocesan History".

Our Annual Dinner was held in the Rathfarnham Golf Club. 87 members and friends attended this function. One of the highlights at it was our own member, Mrs. Mabel Gargan, both playing and singing an amusing monologue. The meal was excellent in lovely warm surroundings. Our Guest Speaker was Pam Collins very well known to all — she was a most entertaining and amusing speaker.

The A.G.M. is being held on the 17th April, after which we are having a French Evening with Madame Josette Morla of the French Embassy coming to entertain us. We are all looking forward to this very much, especially those visiting France this summer.

The last meeting in May is a visit to Ayesha Castle, Killiney, where we will be shown over the gardens and afterwards are to have supper in the Castle.

Once again as you will see by reading this report, we are both a most active and alive association. So for those who have not yet joined us, especially those who left school over the last 11 years, do come along, you will be very welcome. Even if you can only attend a few meetings, you can be assured of a welcome by all the committee and our members.

Ruth Farrell

The High School Old Boys' Union

President's Letter

Dear Members,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter as President of the Old Boys' Union. Being midway through my Year of Office I am glad of the opportunity to reflect on our activities to date, and look forward to forthcoming events.

First, I would like to thank you for electing me President at the A.G.M. in October last. This is an honour which I greatly appreciate.

One of my first privileges was to present the Old Boys Cup at the Prize Distribution to Colin Shiel, a very worthy winner.

I was delighted to meet so many Old Boys at our Dublin and London Dinners. I trust that those of you who were present,



Graham Heather, President.

especially the young Old Boys, enjoyed yourselves. It was pleasing to note the keen and continuing interest taken in the welfare of the School by Old Boys on the other side of the Irish sea. I am grateful to all the Speakers and Entertainers at our Dinners, in particular our principal Guests, the Honourable Mr. Justice Niall St. J. McCarthy in Dublin and Mr. Fred Cogley in London, as well as Maurice McDonough and his musical friends who again contributed so well at both functions. My best thanks are also due to our Dinner Committee for the excellent arrangements; both George Keegan and Harry Booker again did a tremendous amount of work to ensure the success of the evenings.

It has been a considerable pleasure to represent the O.B.U. at the many functions of our kindred Associations, all of which were extremely enjoyable.

In February, a team of Old Boys and Old Girls took part in a very interesting and lively Debate against the School Debating Team. We were pleased to have Senator Mary Robinson as Chairperson. The School Team had an unanimous victory; their eloquence and the confident way in which they articulated their opposition to the motion — "That the present educational system prepares us for life" — indicated that their education has been more than adequate. As I write, the Inter-Schools Quiz which we organise each year is about to take place. I thank Dr. Bryan Wilkinson for again making the arrangements and agreeing to act as Quizmaster.

In recent months I have watched with interest the progress of the School Rugby and Hockey teams. We are all delighted that the High School girls emerged as winners of the Junior Hockey Cup in a thrilling final replay. On behalf of the O.B.U. I congratulate each member of the team and all responsible for their success.

We have been fortunate to obtain a favourable date for our Golf Outing at Rathfarnham on Friday, 6th June. I hope that many Old Boys and their guests will participate and that non-

golfers will come to the supper and entertainment afterwards which is always most enjoyable.

The retention of school friendships and maintaining contact with the school are vital elements of the Old Boys Union. We would like to see a greater involvement by the younger generation in the affairs of the Union, so I appeal to the boys now about to leave the school, or who have left recently, to join the O.B.U. and keep up contact with the school and their contemporaries.

The difficulties facing school leavers in securing suitable employment are recognised by everyone. May I ask any of you who know of opportunities likely to be of interest, to contact Mr. Robin Miller at the School.

Jointly with the Parents' Association we were pleased to present a Video Camera and equipment to the School. At our A.G.M. on 17th October next we intend to show the Video of this year's School and O.B.U. activities.

In conclusion, I thank you and our committee for the support and encouragement which I have received. To all Old Boys, at home and abroad, I send warm greetings and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
Graham Heather

Report of the Honorary Secretary 1985-'86

The Annual General Meeting was held in the School on Friday, 18th October, 1985. Mr. Cyril Craven, President of the O.B.U., was in the Chair and 22 members attended, while apologies were received from 9 members. The following Officers and Committee were elected: Patron: W. S. Cunningham; President: R. G. Heather; President Elect: N. Coulter Smith; Vice-President: A. P. R. Brook (Headmaster); Honorary Secretary: G. W. Keegan; Honorary Treasurer: E. W. Frith; Honorary Registrar: D. R. Booker; Honorary Auditor: D. Ó Maolchoille; Honorary Sports Secretaries: J. D. Ridgeway (Cricket), G. S. Burleigh (Rugby), N. H. Kerrison (Golf). Committee: M. G. Brambell, D. B. Haine, W. A. Ingram, M. F. McDonough, R. J. Miller, W. M. O'C. Sheridan, W. F. Wilson, C. R. Haine (co-opted later) and the winner of the Old Boys' Cup: Colin Shiel.

The Annual Dinner was held in the School on Saturday, 25th January, 1986, with an attendance of 313. The Principal Guest, the Honorable Mr. Justice N. St. J. McCarthy, replied to the toast of "Our Guests and Kindred Associations" proposed by Mr. F. E. Sowman. The President, Mr. R. G. Heather, proposed the toast of the School and the Headmaster replied. The enjoyable musical programme was provided by Maurice McDonough, John Roche and Brian Hoey, accompanied by Billy Dungan. It was a great pleasure also to hear the voice of an old friend of the O.B.U. who first sang at the Dinner 50 years ago — Mr. Robert McCullagh. Catering was again by Irish Banqueting Services and the Dinner was most successful.

A debate between a team of past pupils and a school team was held in the school on Monday 3rd February, 1986. Senator Mary Robinson was Chairperson and the motion that "the present education system prepares you for life", was defeated, the School team speaking against the motion. The debate was organised by Mr. Robin Miller and 70 people attended.

The London Dinner was held in the Gloucester Hotel on Friday, 28th February, 1986. It was a very successful dinner with an attendance of 95. The President, Mr. R. G. Heather, was in the Chair and the Principal Guest was Mr. Fred Cogley, Head of Sport, R.T.E. Mr. David Burnett, President of St. Andrew's College P.P.U., also spoke. Our thanks are due to Mr. Maurice McDonough and Mr. Niall Nelson who provided the musical programme.

At the time of writing, the Quiz is to be held in the school on Wednesday, 23rd April. It will be an inter-school competition, as

last year, with teams from Alexandra College, Sandford Park School, Wesley College and the High School. Organisation and direction will be by Dr. Brian Wilkinson.

The Golf Outing will be held at Rathfarnham Golf Club, by kind permission, on Friday, 6th June, 1986, and it is hoped that the later date will mean a bigger attendance at what is always an enjoyable outing.

Membership of the O.B.U. is Life Membership but only those members who pay the annual subscription of £5.00 (or £20.00 for 5 years) are on the mailing list and receive *The Erasmian* and O.B.U. notices. If any of your friends in the O.B.U. wonder why they never get *The Erasmian*, remind them of the annual subscription.

The A.G.M. will be held this year on Friday, 17th October and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance. A film of School and O.B.U. events, shot by the School video camera and at present being processed in the school, will be shown after the meeting.

G.W.K.

News of Past Pupils

ANDREW C. BLAIR (1970-1978) was a member of the Leinster Interprovincial teams which played Ulster in Belfast and Queensland in Dublin. He has moved from Oasys Ltd., Dublin, to the Investment Bank of Ireland.

CLIVE BROWNE (1962-1963) is Managing Director of Guinness (Dublin) Ltd.

NEVILLE COUSE (1967-'74) is working as a Research Fellow in the John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

LINDA MARGARET DALBY (1969-1975) was admitted a fellow of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Sciences in July, 1985. She specialises in Bacteriology.

DAVID W. DUFFY (1959-1970) has obtained an M.B.A. from I.M.E.D.E., Lausanne, Switzerland. He is now a member of Arthur Anderson & Co., Chartered Accountants.

MARK J. DUFFY (1965-1972) has returned from South Africa and is currently with Peter Legge & Partners, Architects.

CYRIL A. KEMP (1926-1933) has been awarded the Raymond Egan Memorial Trophy for 1986 in recognition of his significant contribution to Irish tennis. Kemp's playing career, during which he was a great rival and partner of Egan spanned 18 years from 1936 to 1954. He partnered Raymond Egan in Davis Cup and other international matches. His mixed doubles partner was usually the late Betty Lombard. Since his last international match in 1954 he has been involved in the administration of the game in Ireland.

R. J. KIRKHAM (1952-'59) has been appointed as president of the European Committee for Electro-Technical Standardisation, his appointment being a recognition of his contribution to the achievements of C.E.N.E.L.E.C.

NORMAN KILROY (1951-'56) has been appointed a non-executive director of Beamish and Crawford. Norman was the subject of an interesting article in the "People in Business" column in "The Irish Times" in February, 1986.

PETER J. MACK (1971-1978) has won the Sherman Clay Piano Competition held in Santa Ana, California, out of an entry of eighty four contestants. The prize was a 22,000 dollars black Steinway grand piano and the opportunity to perform with four leading orchestras. He is studying for a doctorate under Professor Bela Siki at the University of Cincinnati.

T. W. R. MEATES (Rollie) (1943-1954) was recalled as Leinster coach during this season and has been nominated as coach for next season.

PHILIP A. ORR (1961-1969) played for Ireland against France in Parc de Princes on February 1st. He also played against Scotland in Lansdowne Road on 15th March, 1986. On this last occasion he won his 50th Cap for Ireland and equalled the world record for a prop forward. At a banquet held by Old

Wesley he was presented with Waterford Glass to mark both his 50th International Cap and his captaincy of the team which won the senior cup — a feat last achieved by Old Wesley 79 years ago. He was captain of the Leinster Interprovincial side against Connaught.

ROBERT (Bob) P. WILLIS (1935-1941) has been elected, unopposed, as the fourth Pro-Chancellor of Dublin University (T.C.D.).

WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS (1881-1883) The correspondence of Yeats is being published in at least 12 volumes by Oxford University Press. The editor is Dr. John Kelly, a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. He is a Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford. The collection contains about 7,000 letters. The first volume is now available.

Marriages

DAVID W. DUFFY (1959-1970) to Ena C. Godsil on 1st February, 1986, at Rathfarnham Parish Church.

JAMES (Jim) J. MAGUIRE (1937-1941) to Marlene Skinner on 7th July, 1985 in England.

WAYNE M. SHERIDAN (1970-'77) to Helen R. Craven on 13th July, 1985, at Rathfarnham Parish Church.

Deaths

WILLIAM FREDERICK DOAK (1920-1925) on 4th February at the Grove Nursing Home.

ALASTAIR DERMOT GOFF (1925-'29) 19th Sept., 1985, following an accident in London.

ERIC H. MAYNARD (1920-1926) on 2nd February at Leopardstown Park Hospital.

NORMAN MAXWELL (1925-'30) on 13th September, 1985, at Jervis St. Hospital.

STEPHANIE SHARPE (1974-1978) on 23rd February, 1986, as the result of an accident while climbing on Carrauntoohil.

EXAMINATION RESULTS Trinity College, Dublin Moderatorships

MATHEMATICS — Class I, Howard N. H. Peard (Gold Medal).

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCE — Class II, First Division, Clive Ingram.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES — Class II, First Division, Simon V. Davis.

EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS — Class I, John V. Armstrong. Class II, First Division, Mark K. C. Lyttle.

GEOLOGY — Class II, Second Division, Alastair R. McAulay.

HISTORY OF ART and ARCHAEOLOGY — Class II, Second Division, Heather C. Davis.

Other Degrees

B.A. — E. L. Abrahamson, A. I. Bloom, I. P. Carson, D. J. Finkel, D. P. Fitzpatrick, Jennifer S. FitzSimon, N. St. J. West, D. A. White.

B.ED — Julie M. Ingram.

B.B.S. — Class II, First Division, Wendy M. Richards. Second Division, Malcolm Fraser, Keith D. Poole.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. — Edwin L. Abrahamson, Alan I. Bloom, Jennifer S. FitzSimon.

B.A.I. — Class II, First Division, D. P. Fitzpatrick. Second Division, I. P. Carson, D. A. White. Pass, N. St. J. West.

M.A. — Naik, Soo Tick.

Junior Sophisters

NATURAL SCIENCES — Class II, First Division, Meriel E. Fitzpatrick, Peta M. Harrison. Second Division, Meriel A. Borton.

BACHELOR IN EDUCATION — PII, Julie M. Ingram.
 THEORETICAL PHYSICS — Class I, R. A. Davies.
 EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS — Class I, P. G. Huggard.
 PHARMACY — Class II, Second Division, Karene M. R. Moynan.
 FRENCH — Class II, First Division, F. G. Z. Dierckens,
 (Distinction in spoke language).

Senior Freshmen

NATURAL SCIENCES — Class III, S. E. Hayes, Rhona P. Sloane.
 BACHELOR IN EDUCATION — Distinction, Lilian R. Maybury.
 LEGAL SCIENCE — Class II, Second Division, D. S. Brown.
 REMEDIAL LINGUISTICS — Class II, First Division, Coralie A.
 Peard (Distinction in Anatomy).
 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES — S., G. D. Kilroy, Patricia
 A. Medcalf.
 COMPUTER SCIENCE — Pass, A. T. T aylor.
 HISTORY and ENGLISH II — Class II, Second Division and
 Pass, Jillian E. Godsil.
 HISTORY OF ART and ARCHAEOLOGY — Class II, First
 Division and Pass, N. F. Roycroft.

Junior Freshmen

HISTORY — Class II, Second Division, C. D. Irvine.
 BACHELOR IN EDUCATION — P III, Lynn S. Storey.
 REMEDIAL LINGUISTICS — Class II. Second Division, Sara L.
 Jordan.
 ECONOMIC and SOCIAL STUDIES — Class II, Second Division,
 B.L.E. Dierckens, Stephanie P. Free, Mary, E. McCaughey.
 Class III, R. M. Elliott, Pass, M. J. Wilson.
 MATHEMATICS A — Class I, F. Supple, Class II, First Division,
 R. J. Davies, D. I. Sheahan.
 NATURAL SCIENCES — Class I, G. E. McAulay, Class II,
 Second Division, Nicola S. Tyrrell, Class II, M. G. Hampton, C.
 P. MacKernan.
 HISTORY and GEOGRAPHY — Class II, Second Division,
 Virginia R. Chipperfield, G. A. Forrest.
 HEBREW, BIBLICAL and THEOLOGICAL STUDIES — Class II,
 Second Division, T. R. Garrett.

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 MEDICAL THIRD YEAR — Rosemary Coleman, Tracey Hughes,
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 MEDICAL SECOND YEAR — M. L. Gueret, P. Hodgins, A. C.
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 Ruth Milofsky, Lynda C. Sisson, Angela M. Skuce.
 MEDICAL FIRST YEAR — P. R. Boles, D. F. Kronn.
 PRE-MEDICAL YEAR — D. H. Dockrell, P. E. Killeen.

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Dentistry

DENTAL SECOND YEAR — J. R. Caskie.
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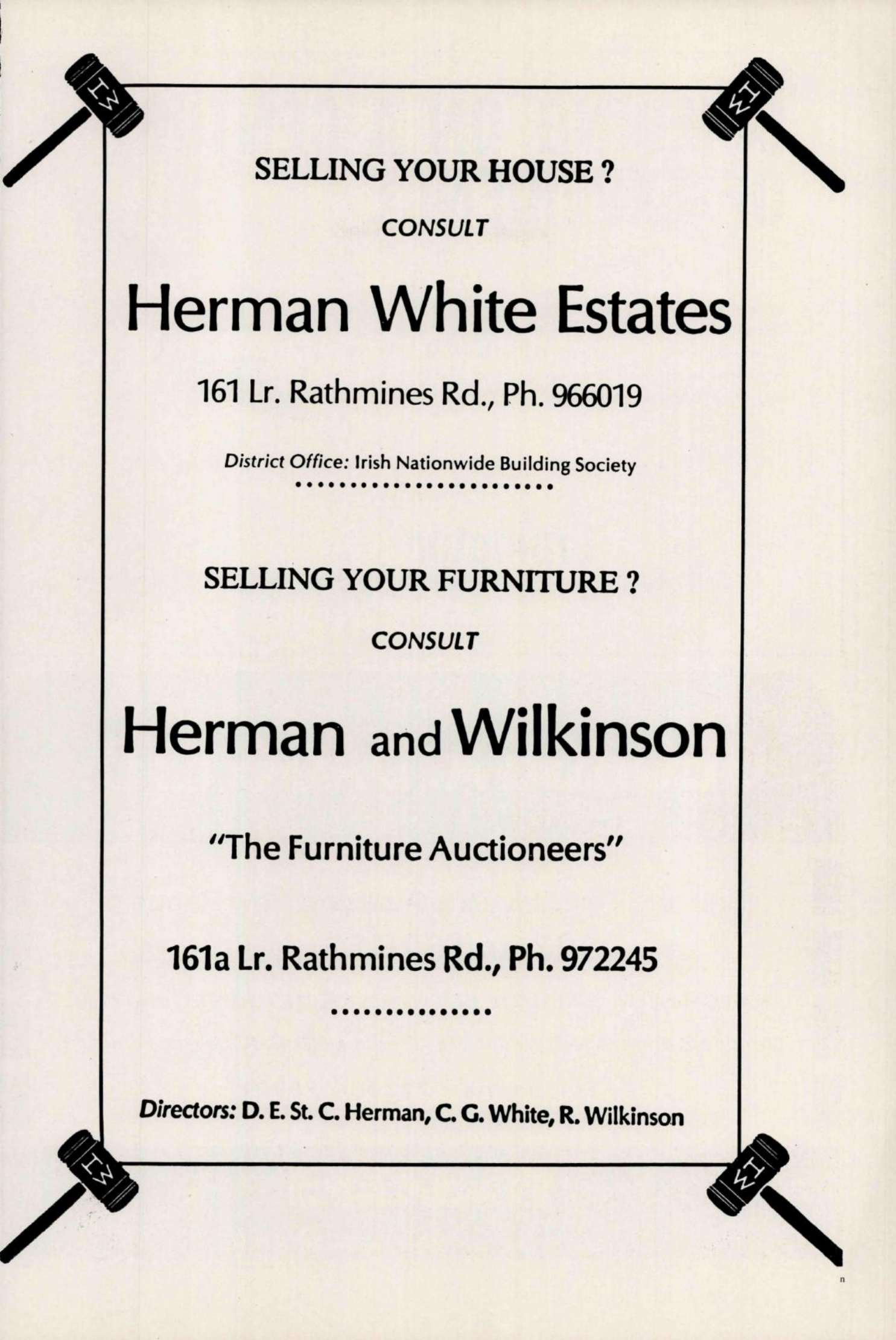
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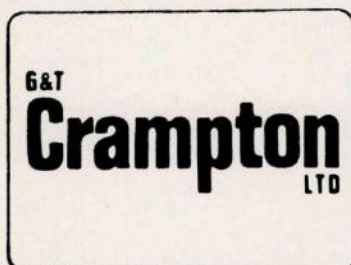
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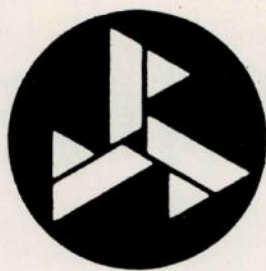
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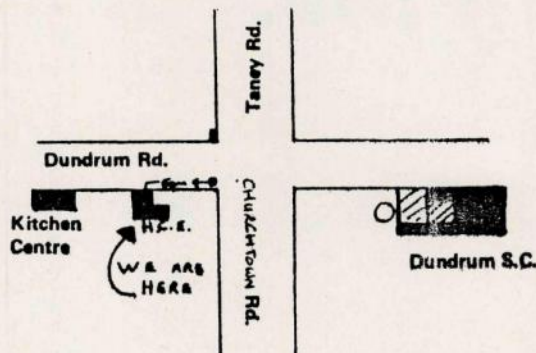
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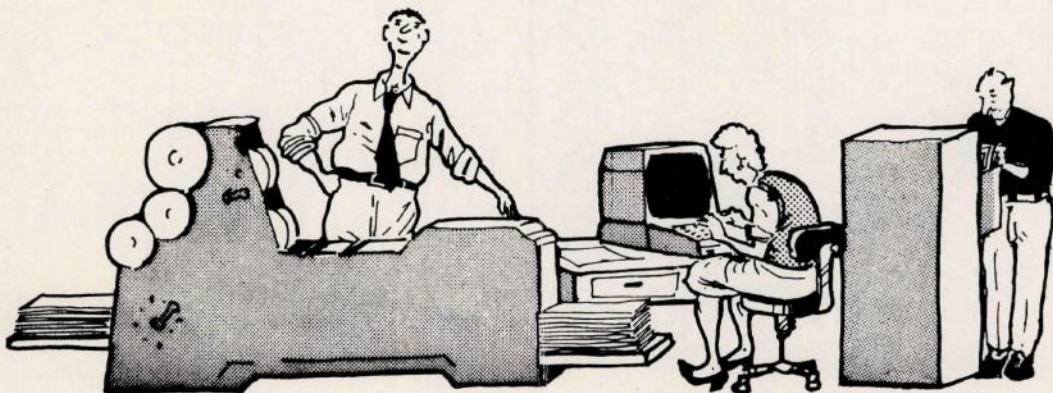
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