

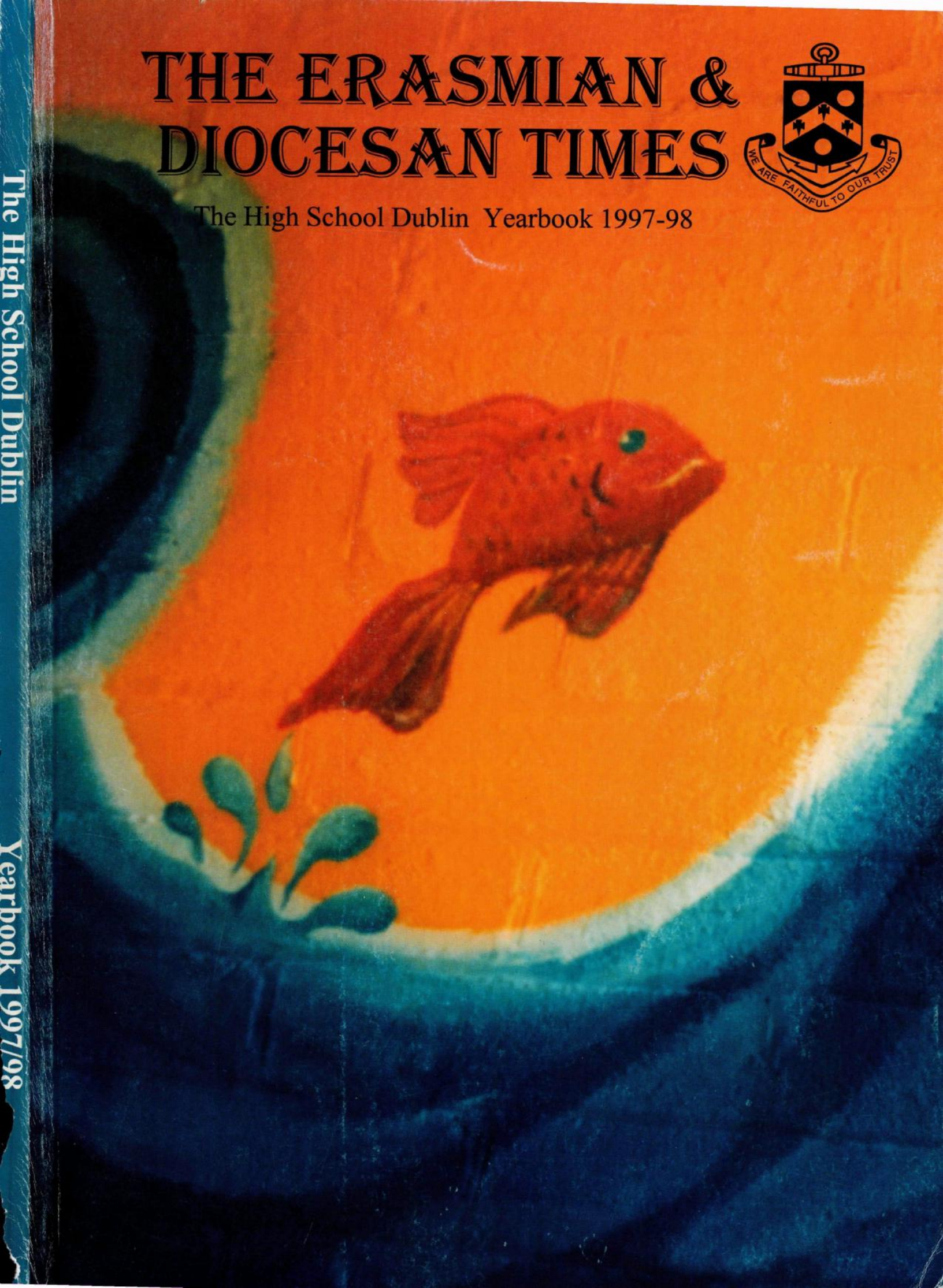
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Sara Dover & Louise Watson acted as coeditors of this year's Erasmian. Together they undertook all the main organisational work involved in producing the magazine. This included the typing, editing and proofreading of articles as well as compilation of the School Record and some of the Special Features.

Wallis Handelman and Ronan O'Laoire worked mainly on the Sports Review, this involved attending and reviewing different matches during the year, and the compilation of the numerous team reports. They both helped in gathering information for the Sports and Class photographs and undertook most of the typing up of Sports Articles.

Cover Photo: Part of the mural painted by members of this year's Sixth Form during last Summer.

Declan Donoghue wrote many of the Special Feature articles and carried out several interviews, a task which he has shown great flair for. He also typed several other articles.

Eoin Supple's main job was Desktop Publishing, a skill which he has learnt quickly and shown great aptitude for. Eoin also helped with scanning photographs and typing articles.

As the main production group, Sara, Louise, Declan, Wallis, Ronan and Eoin have shown great dedication to their respective tasks, they have shown a high level of initiative and have given up innumerable hours of their free time after school at weekends and during the holidays.

The main production group were aided and abetted by several of their fellow fifth years; Lydia Foster compiled the Valette, David Foster collected Essays and Poems, Redmond O'Connell researched and wrote two main articles, Michelle Prunty took photographs and also conducted the new teacher interviews. Saoirse Milotte and Stephanie Patterson also helped with some articles.

The entire team worked very well together and, on their behalf, I would like to give special thanks to Mrs. Milne, Mrs. Keogh, Mr. Hilliard, Mr. R. Miller, Sarge, and to all the pupils, teachers, parents and others who helped in producing the Year Book.

I hope that everyone will enjoy reading this year's Erasmian.

-Tim Gill
Production co-ordinator

Editorial

Facing up to challenge is an appropriate theme for this year's editorial. Both as a school and as part of a larger community, we will have to make a measured, sensible and courageous response to the realities of life over the months ahead. On everybody's mind are the referendums which many of us will have to vote in, and similarly, all elements of the school must be aware of the perennial challenges that need to be tackled.

Unfortunately, things don't fall into place and turn out right unless there is sufficient effort on the part of the majority. In the same way, a system that is only staggering on and not receiving the attention it deserves, can only break down.

We have seen recently that the largest parties in Northern Ireland know this, and feel a duty to their voters to face up to challenge. There is no telling how difficult it is for people who have suffered at the hands of terrorists to take the leaps of faith that they have taken, and to keep on as they have done throughout the Stormont negotiations. It is tough for these people to act progressively while keeping the majority on side and protecting their bank of support from being poached by mavericks, appealing to the most intransigent and unevolved of our sentiments. At times it is easy to be shocked into despising people who show the foresight that the U.U.P. have shown over recent months. Indeed, many people found it hard to stomach pictures of the British Prime Minister welcoming terrorists to Downing Street, but that was an act of courage which will, many believe, benefit us and our descendants greatly.

Minor though High School's problems are in comparison with Ulster, we must never underestimate the impact of our school on the world outside. We must therefore foster in High School pupils a sense of duty, and give them a solid structure in which to operate. As regards rules and ideology, there must be no ambiguities, no grey areas and no contradictions. Every aspect of authority in High School must be justified and pragmatic.

It is important also that pupils, teachers and parents address with confidence, and a clear agenda, the culture of bending rules and exploiting loop-holes where it exists in our school. Rules must be implemented rigorously, and the consequences of not adhering to them must be borne. The resolve to implement rules will be all the stronger if those charged with duties are sure in their own minds, that only sensible rules exist. Lest one might be accused of failing to address this question in real terms, let us take an example: Prefects are allowed to use the staff stairs. Other pupils aren't. Even if prefects were fulfilling their duties, this privilege would still be unjustifiable. Other problems in the school are brought about because an 'out of sight, out of mind' policy is being adopted by the majority. And, while a concerted effort involving all staff and prefects with the support of the majority of pupils could solve such problems, the irony is that it is the same lethargic majority who lose out through their own inaction. For example, High School pupils tend not to speak out against the vandalism of school property carried out by a small minority, yet we all foot the bill for re-glazing windows, and we all suffer when the water-fountains can't be used satisfactorily.

Lest a negative impression be given by this editorial, I stress that the positive aspects of High School, to which the following pages are testament, far outweigh the negative. High School isn't a microcosm, and we are dependent to a certain extent on values in society outside. However, despite the conflicting values being fed into High School, we can create enough respect for authority and for each other to achieve a much improved quality of life for each individual.

- Brian Kelly, 6th

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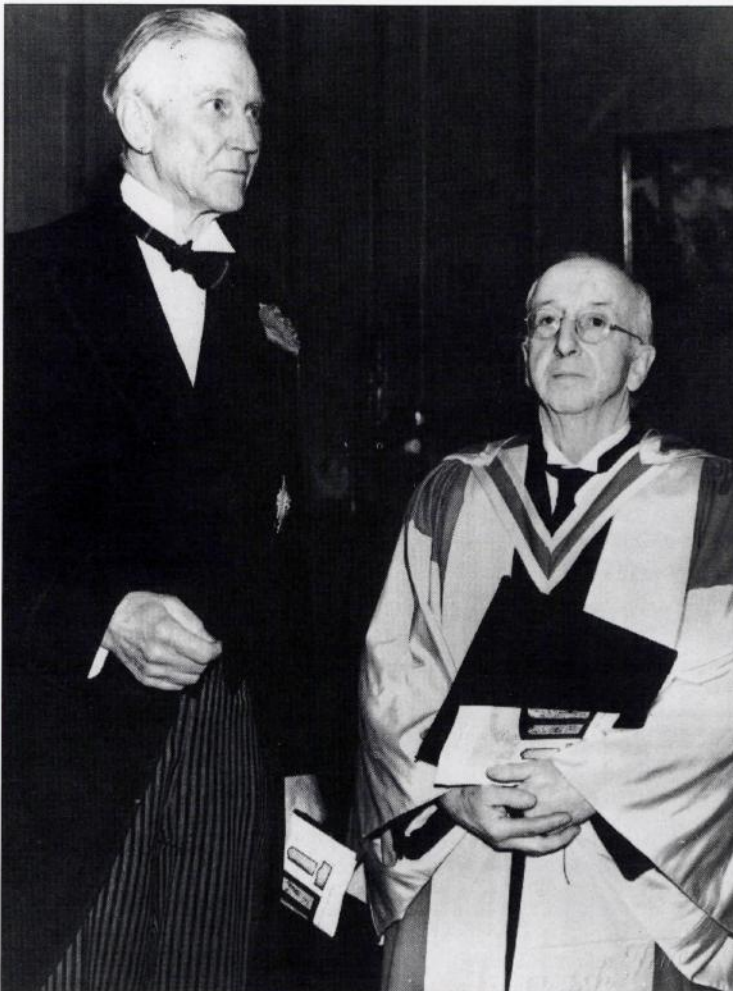
Lord Rugby's Tribute Address

50 Years Ago

The following is an address given by Lord Rugby in the Clockroom in the old school building in 40 Harcourt Street in 1948. The late Willy Wilson, a teacher in High School inscribed the address, and you can see it at the Memorial Window just outside the Reynolds Hall. This window was originally in the Clockroom.

Lord Rugby was the British representative in Ireland. As Sir John Maffey, he was appointed in September 1939, at the beginning of the Second World War. He enjoyed a cordial personal relationship with the Taoiseach Eamon de Valera at a time when British-Irish relations were strained because Britain resented Ireland's neutrality. Despite this policy, many Irish people fought on the allied side in the war.

Tribute Address delivered by The Lord Rugby, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.V.O., United Kingdom Representative in Eire, at the unveiling of the 1939-45 War Memorial Tablets in The High School, Dublin, on Wednesday, 10th November 1948.



Lord Rugby & The Rev. A. H. Butler

"We have met in the Clockroom of The High School to place on record the names of those who were once boys at school here, who in a dark hour freely made a choice which, though it won honour for them and for their School, did not bring them back to us, and left a gap in many an Irish home. A previous generation took the same path, and now this new record is to stand side by side with the older one, adding a link to the tradition of service.

This is the panel of their names, and if the full story could be told — first, in each case, the inner conflict, the growing resolve, the acceptance of the call, the tale of good and evil chance in war; and then, taking these names all together, the vast range of their exploits and experiences by sea, by land and by air — what a rich chronicle is enshrined and hidden here of human vicissitudes and of events on a vast stage.

The inner conflict, the slow or swift resolve, the acceptance of the call to serve — why did these men answer the call? Why did they go? No compulsion lay upon them. But the call of a bugle, though faint and far away, sobs with moving echoes in the hills and glens of Ireland. These were Irishmen and had in them that divine flash — part knight errantry, part an instinctive reaction — which whenever causes are to be lost or won carries Irishmen into the central cockpit and puts a green thread into the tapestry of history.

But the call, which summoned these sons of Ireland to their final destiny, was not faint or far away. If I — an Englishman — am chosen to unveil their memorial, it is because you are mindful of those anxious days when the dark curtain of war blacked out the windows of my homeland and cast its shadow across the Irish Sea. It is because you know that every message which brought pride or sorrow to an Irish home came to my door too. I was here when your sons went out to play their part. Some were still boys at school when I first came here. Nobody can interpret more vividly

Special Features

than I, or with a more grateful heart, what this Memorial stands for today, and will, by God's mercy, stand for in the years to come. The flowers of the forest fall, but the seed is carried on by the silent wind to blossom in the fields of the future.

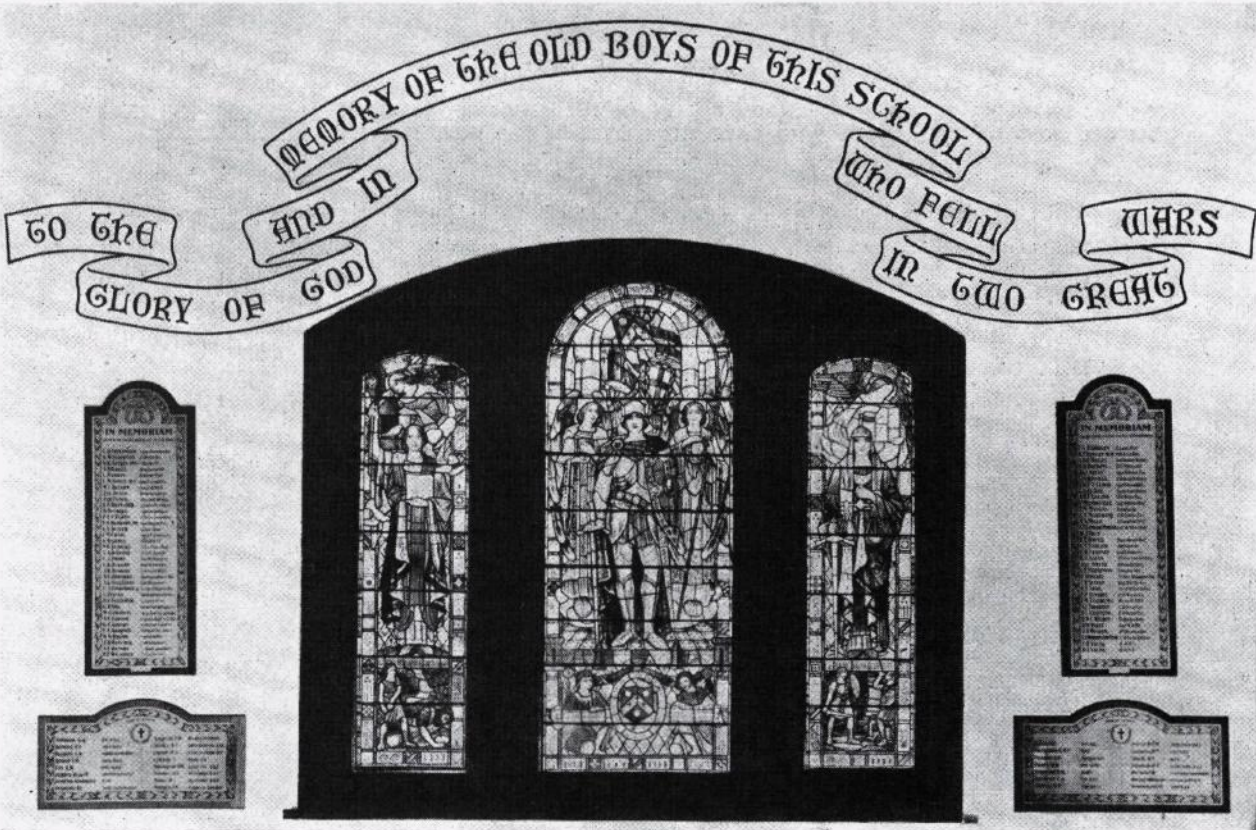
In the long lonely pauses of the war, in the tense moments of battle when a man must brace himself for the hit or miss of Fate, their thoughts must often have turned to the Clockroom of their old School and to their Irish home. If they are with us here today in spirit, do they wish us to grieve for them and be sad? Surely not. That would be to cast a cloud over an adventure of high spirit gladly undertaken, and to throw a shadow on the brief glowing chapter of their achievement. They did not count the cost. They would not wish us to count it today or to look for thorns in the swift harvest of their days. They would

wish us to have a smile for their picture, to have a place for them in our hearts, and to remember them with pride. It is hard, indeed, not to grieve for the 'might-have-beens' of life. These might have won fame or fortune, happy homes with children. Who knows? They might have had to bear sorrow and sickness, the long years passing into ever-darkening shadow. Who knows? They did not wait to see.

Today, by this act of dedication, we submit their record to posterity, and to the test of time—time which blunts the edge of memory and blurs the inscription. But when other monuments are dumb, this window will tell an undying story to the boys of The High School, and far down the years these walls will echo the bugle call of Alamein and Normandy. Our tribute to this gallant company is not held within the narrow frame and scope of these tablets. Their memorial is the unseen fountain of honour and pride which flows for them in their old School.

So let the trumpets sound gladly for them and for their victory."

- Lord Rugby



"I bare you on eagles' wings and brought you unto myself"

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Elizabeth Hilliard

"I'd love to see myself in the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra or performing as a concert pianist." This is the reply that I got from Elizabeth when I asked her what she'd like to see herself doing in the future. "I'd also like to do a lot of piano accompanying."

Having applied to four music colleges and filling her CAO form with music related courses, Elizabeth told me that she first decided to study music at 3rd level, when she was fourteen. She has always enjoyed music and had considered it as a possibility for her career, but, after an orchestra concert in Italy with the Dublin Youth Orchestra, she made the decision for definite.

Elizabeth started the piano when she was six and played in her first competition when she was nine. Also at nine years of age she took up the violin, the instrument that she now considers to be her best instrument. She has been involved in the College of Music Orchestra and the Dublin Youth Orchestra since the beginning and just recently (last November) has been accepted into the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland with whom she will be touring America during the summer. She has certainly taken a step in the right direction and I'm sure the success will continue.

Good luck Elizabeth!

-Louise Watson, 5th

Head in the Clouds

As far back as I can remember, my ambition has always been to be a pilot. As a child, I looked in awe at every aircraft I saw and dreamed of some day flying them.

I first started flying in March 1997, and since then I have built up approximately 17 hours. I recently gained my Student Pilot's Licence, which allowed me to start flying solo. To get this licence, you must pass an aviation medical, complete a course of dual flying instruction and have a knowledge of the local area and radio procedures. Initial flying training consists of learning to handle the aircraft – turns, climbs, descents, stalls and changing speeds etc. all with an instructor. Next comes circuit flying which consists of take-offs and landings. You take off and basically fly a rectangular pattern and land again. To fit as many circuits as possible into the time available, you "touch and go" where instead of stopping after the landing you apply full power and take off again. Procedures such as "go around's" (missed approaches) and "orbits" (circling) are learned at this stage. First Solo (a brilliant experience!) comes next after 15 – 17 hours, and after that you move on to cross country navigation. Eventually you do your exams and flight test and you have your Private Pilot's Licence, which in all takes at least 45 hours flying time, 15 of which must be solo.

I fly most weekends at Weston Aerodrome in the club's TB9 Tampico aircraft, and I hope to have my Private Pilot's Licence within about 2 years, after which I hope to go on to fly for an airline. Flying is a great experience and I would certainly recommend it to anyone who is at all interested – there's nothing to stop anyone taking a trial lesson.

-Declan Donoghue, 5th



Declan Donoghue

Ross "Rugger" McNally

Ross has had since third year, when he started out, a growing list of rugby accolades. Following his recent selection for Leinster and Trials for Ireland, we thought it was about time that the poor lad was given some credit and so this year, to commemorate this warm and sensitive guy, we decided to give Ross his first real interview. Ross is currently playing as Hooker on this year's 1st XV.

What was it that first attracted you to Rugby?

Well, to tell you the truth, in primary school I despised the game and never paid it much attention. I was only interested in playing soccer for the school team. However, once I came to High School I started off playing rugby, just to give it a try, and then it continued on from there. It was a new challenge and I continued on from there.

What was the first Rugby team you ever played for?

High School U13A. (I didn't get picked for the first few games, but I managed to fill in for someone who didn't turn up.)

Why do you like Rugby?

I like the physical aspect of the game; it's very challenging and it makes you put a lot of emotion into it. I also enjoy playing with a team; you bond together (although not all the time) and become great mates. The social life is also great, i.e. meeting new people, going on tour and so on.

Who is your idol?

Eric Miller, without a doubt. He's young and, like myself, he came from a small rugby school and dedicated himself to rugby and made it to the top. He also lives down the road from me.

What are your greatest attributes that have made you as successful as you are?

Dedication, never giving up and bucket loads of adrenaline and aggression, or so I'm told.

How did it feel being picked for Leinster, then Ireland?

It was a great honour and a dream come true. I couldn't think of anything better.

Some players are satisfied just to represent their own schools, what made you take it that one step further?

Don't get me wrong, I love playing for my school, I feel extremely proud and give 100% every time I put on the red and black jersey, but it has been my ambition since I started, to play for my province and country, so I tried my best and trained my hardest to carry that ambition out.



Ross McNally

What has been your greatest Rugby-related achievement to date?

My greatest Rugby-related achievement to date would have to be a combination of two. Firstly, playing for the 1st XV in 3rd year was a great experience and very challenging and secondly, receiving an Irish Schoolboys final trial was also pretty big.

What are your hopes for the future?

My future hopes for the sport are to become a professional, be a regular in the Irish senior side, receive a cap or two for the British Lions and above all to Captain the High School S.C.T to win the cup in 1998/99. I always aim high!

Do you have any other career ambitions?

As you know you can't play rugby forever, so I'd like to go on to college and get a degree in either Architecture or Science.

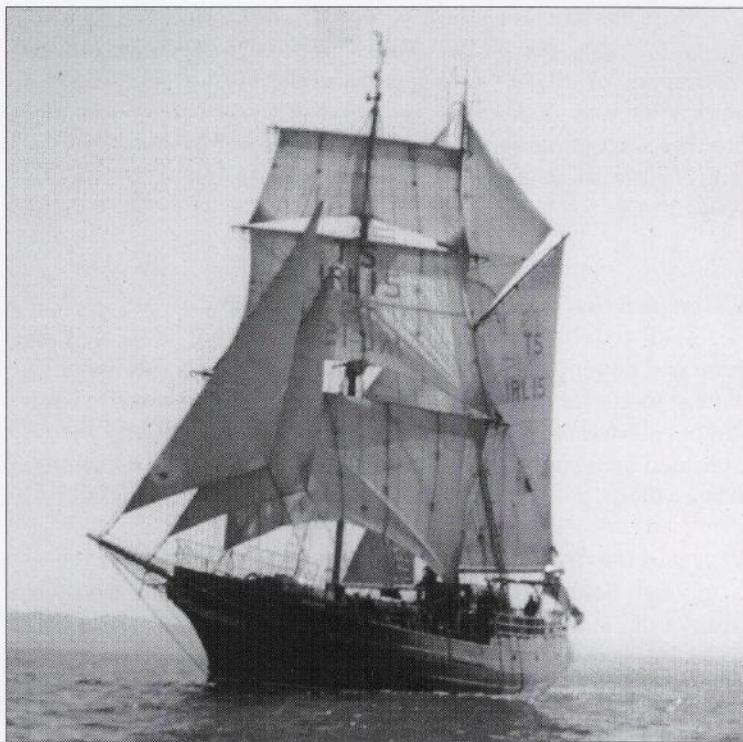
-Ronan O'Laoire, 5th

Plain Sailing

Nick Holmes, from 5th year, was delighted when his application to take part in a training program on the Asgard II was accepted. He had no experience of sailing tall ships before and had no idea what to expect.

It all began on an April morning when Nick arrived at Dun Laoghaire Harbour for a short tour of the ship, and a talk on safety. The group was then divided into their watch groups – port watch, middle watch and starboard watch. Next came the customary “Up and Over,” which consisted of the hair raising experience of climbing up one side of the mast and down the other. Nick and about 18 other crew members, 3 watch leaders and the permanent crew headed out into Dublin Bay for a day to get used to controlling the ship before heading South. Everyone became great friends over the course of the journey. They headed for Cobh in Cork, and on the way stopped in a few places, including Greystones. The voyage finally finished in New Ross, 8 days after it started.

According to Nick, the daily routine on the Asgard II was a whole new way of life, and it took some people a while to get used to the “4 hours on, 4 hours off” schedule, which could involve getting up at 4am. “Happy Hour”, at 8am had nothing to do with free drinks but instead, it involved everyone on board getting up and scrubbing the ship from top to bottom.



The Asgard II

At the end of the trip, Nick was sad to be leaving, but took with him many great memories, including the exciting task of climbing the rigging to furl or unfurl the sails. He would really recommend the Asgard II to anybody interested, and he says it's one of the best things he has done in his life.

-Declan Donoghue, 5th

A Life in the Country

Robbie started horse riding at the age of 8, and since then has been taking part in eventing and hunting. He has won several regional one-day events, and every summer he competes in the Irish Pony Club's Horse Trial Championships.

Eventing comprises of three different disciplines: dressage, showjumping and cross-country. Dressage consists of doing movements with the horse, to show discipline, and is marked by a judge. Showjumping demonstrates the horse's ability to jump neatly and calmly over a course of knockable fences and the cross-country consists of a course of about 25 solid fences. The horse

must be bold and have great trust in their riders so that they can attack the frightening looking fences with confidence. For most people this is their favourite part of eventing and Robbie is no different.

He went on his first hunt at the age of 9. Now, he goes hunting every Christmas and about six other times in the year. He goes fox hunting with the Kildare Hunt, and has often come in for criticism for pur-



Robbie Collins

suing this pastime by people who feel it is cruel and unjust. He, however, defends it. Fox hunting is a traditional way of country life that has been here for many genera-

tions, since man tamed the horse. The countryside is cared for and maintained by the country people since time began and they have a better understanding of the country way of life. Urban people don't understand this however and see hunting as a cruel blood sport. There are too many foxes, who kill for fun, says Robbie and they kill farmer's lambs, chickens, turkeys and sheep. (Robbie's family had a number of turkeys killed recently.) Hunting prevents the fox population from growing too big and it is often at the request of the farmer who is losing money when his livestock are killed. It is the most effective way of culling the foxes. There are 3 ways in which foxes can be killed: they can be shot, they can be caught in snares or they can be hunted. Shooting them can often prove to be cruel as the fox may only be wounded and linger on in pain for days. In shooting, there is no discrimination between weak and strong animals, however, in a hunt the strong fox has an opportunity to escape and because of this there are more strong, healthy foxes. Snares are an illegal way of killing foxes but are still used by some farmers. Any animal (even your pet dog) can be caught in a snare and it leads to an agonising slow death. Hunting with hounds is the next way of culling foxes. Robbie feels that it is by far the fairest way of controlling the fox population. The fox gets a fair chase and can quite easily escape and be free. If he is caught he is instantly killed by the hounds and it is more than likely that the stronger, cleverer ones will get away. Robbie does think that certain laws should be introduced on the foxes side: they should always get a fair chase (holes shouldn't be covered etc.), they shouldn't get dug out (unless the farmer requests it) and there should be undercover checks of hunts. He thinks that fox hunting is fair, and indeed necessary, and enjoys it immensely.

- Declan Donoghue, 5th

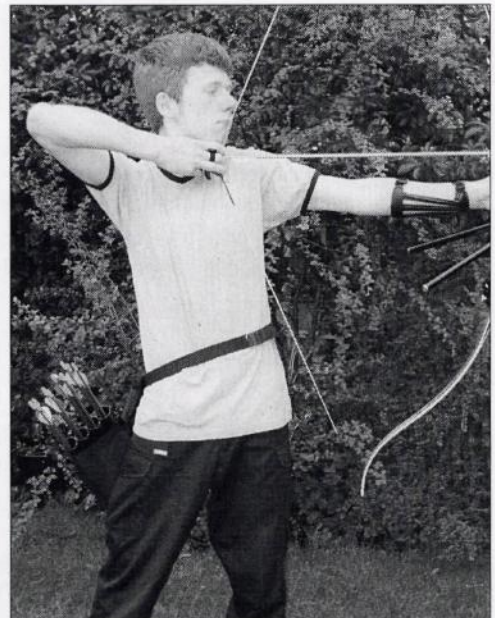
Broken Arrow

James Murphy was first introduced to archery in a French campsite. Even though the equipment available there was very basic, he soon saw the appeal of the sport. Archery is an extremely popular sport in France and he was able to purchase a full beginner's set at only a small cost.

He soon found that shooting at a bag of compost in his back garden was not improving his skill, so, after some inquiring, he had a list of all the clubs in Dublin. He eventually decided to do a beginner's course with the "Blackheath Archers" in Clontarf, as this club seemed to be the best regarding equipment and organisation. The course was, according to James, concise and extremely fruitful. By this stage he had acquired good basic skills but he realised that he would have to upgrade his equipment if he wanted to further improve.

At present he is shooting extremely competently and consistently. To shoot well, one must practice as often as possible, which isn't a problem because on nearly every night of the week at least one club is shooting and membership to one club permits entry to all others. Archery is a difficult sport and is sometimes extremely frustrating but more accomplished archers are always willing to give out much needed advice and tips. One can enter any of the large number of tournaments that take place regard-

less of their level of skill. Participating in a tournament is extremely enjoyable and also very rewarding.



James Murphy

Hugh Hogan, Karate Kid

Bruce Lee, lucky you're dead because High School's very own Karate Kid, Hugh Hogan would have knocked that stupid smile (and hair cut) off your face. Hugh put the nunchuks away and agreed to give *The Erasmian* an exclusive interview.

When did you first start Karate?

In August 1992, when I was eleven.

What is Karate all about?

Well, the basic principles are: to exert oneself in the perfection of character, be faithful and sincere, cultivate the spirit of perseverance, respect propriety and refrain from impetuous and violent behaviour.

Are you a black belt?

Yes, I graded to first Dan on the 12 March 1997.

I know you are modest, but putting that aside, how many competitions have you won and what has been your greatest achievement so far?

My achievements so far; Representing Ireland against Northern Ireland in November 1997 and received second place in the U16 Kumite (or fight).

As for my championship success for the Shotokan Ireland Karate Association, I have been first in the U16 Kumite, second in the U18 Kumite and first in the men's Kata and for the Shotkan Karate Federation of Ireland I was first in the 15-16 Kumite.

What are the advantages of Karate?

It gives me the confidence that I can defend myself, although I have never had to use it, half the reason for this is because I am confident in my ability. I also enjoy it, it improves my fitness and it is also fun.

Are there any disadvantages in Karate?

None that I can think of.

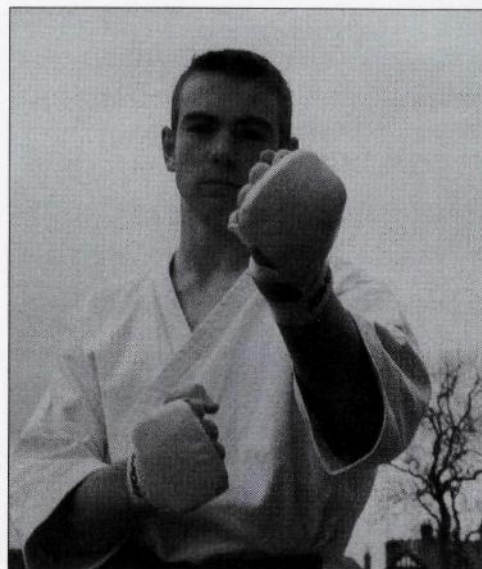
What has been your worst injury?

I've had a few injuries, however they've all been my fault. I have broken my finger, messed up my foot, broken my toe, but nothing serious. Karate is relatively safe and control is a big factor. Competitions can get vicious though, this is where most people get injuries, but for a contact sport there are very few injuries.

Have you ever gravely injured someone?

I haven't really, training in the club is controlled most of the time. There are times when we go at each other but in general it's improvement I'm looking for. You can't learn if you're constantly getting kicked in the teeth.

One time, however, at the international competition I hurt a guy. It was in the final and we'd both been warned to keep control. I hit him square in the nose and it started gushing blood.



Hugh Hogan

He went off and was seen to by a medic. His nose was bleeding for 20 minutes. I was disqualified from the fight and as a result I came second. I was disappointed as I felt I could have won. I didn't mean to hit him so hard but when the adrenaline is pumping it's hard not to get worked up. I went over to him and apologised. He told me his nose was broken but shook my hand, such is the nature of the game. If you step on to the mat you can expect to get hit.

Do you have a role model?

I don't particularly have any role models as such. I want my Karate to progress, anyone who can help me with that will be appreciated. I still have a huge amount to improve on and I'm lucky to have such a good teacher.

Do you think Karate has helped you outside of sport?

I think that overall I'm much more confident in life than I think I would be without it, it's hard to tell really. I've been doing Karate for such a long time, although it definitely helps my rugby.

- Ronan O'Laoire, 5th

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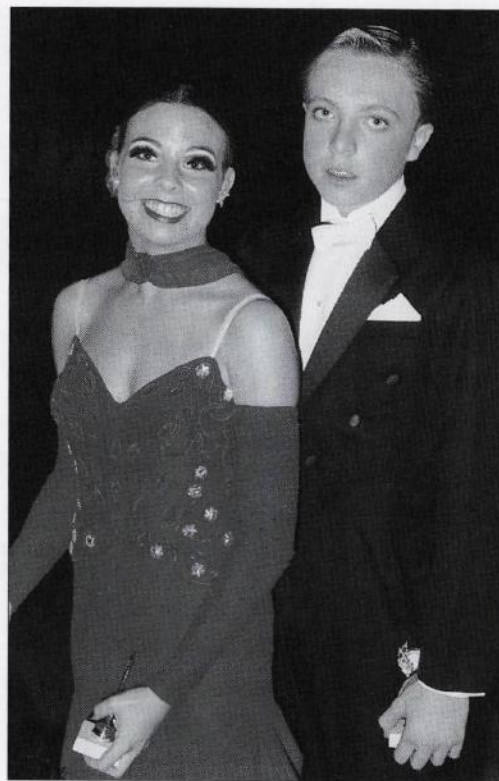
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Shall We Dance?

I started ballroom and Latin American dancing when I was 6 years old. My partner Alan O'Brien, who I started dancing with when I was 7, is the same age as me. We started competing and danced in the Under 8 section. When we were 8 we had to move into Juveniles which is between the ages of 8 and 12 years of age. We started to travel abroad to compete and when we were 11 we became the All Ireland, All England, British and International Champions. It was then we became one of the best Juvenile couples in the world. When we turned 12 we had to move into Juniors which is the ages between 12 and 16 years. This is the hardest age group as couples travel to England to have lessons and the standard is very high. On the Continent, ballroom dancing is very popular and most of the couples have sponsorship as the lessons are very expensive. Because this type of dancing is not very popular in Ireland, our parents have to pay for everything including lessons, dresses, shoes, flights etc. Recently we competed in the World Gold Cup Championship and the British Championship. Hundreds of couples compete in these championships and we came 6th in the world and 1st in the British Championship. We are looking for sponsorship as we want to compete in the International Championships in October, we are moving to Amateurs this December and it is going to cost a lot if we want to continue competing at such a high level. We also hope to compete in the 2004 Olympics as it will be an Olympic sport by then.

- Laura Dolan, 3rd



Laura Dolan and her partner Alan O'Brien

Fred Gilmore in Denmark

For five months during my Transition Year I went to Oure Idrætsefterskole which is situated on a southwest island of Fyn. I had a grasp of the language before I went to Denmark. My mother is Danish and we spend a month there every summer with her family. Before I went I could understand some Danish but I found it difficult to speak it. My parents had always intended that I go to Denmark when I was 15 and I had always dreaded the thought. However, it was five of the best months of my life.

The school is divided up into several sports (when I first applied to the school I had to indicate a sport in which I would train for an hour and a half each

day). I chose badminton, but other options were: soccer, dance, sailing and surfing. There were nineteen houses, all on the school grounds and each held 16 pupils (4 to a room). In most houses there were 2 male and 2 female rooms. There were no teachers supervising the houses.

At mealtimes the whole school ate together in a large dining hall. The meals were prepared by pupils but supervised by a professional cook (Pupils had to bake bread at six in the morning). Each house would spend a week in the kitchen.

Efter-skoles are very popular in Denmark. They were originally only for troublesome pupils - if you were found with alcohol or drugs or caught stealing you were given 20 minutes to pack your bags. However, they became very popular and now many pupils from 9th and 10th class (3rd and 4th year) attend. There was a large emphasis on sport and as a result, only 4 hours of class a day - Danish, English, Physics, French / German and Maths.

I had great fun during the 5 months. The school had a very laid back approach to discipline (the principal had hair down to his waist). Also, the main emphasis was on sport and that suited me fine. I got a chance to try new sports such as volleyball, handball and squash.

This trip was a very valuable and educational experience and also a lot of fun and I would recommend something similar to anyone wishing to improve their knowledge of a foreign language.

-Fred Gilmore, 5th



Fred Gilmore with the other residents of his house in Denmark

Young Organist

As a young child, whilst sitting in church on Sundays, I used to look across at the organ and think how great it would be to play it. When I was thirteen I was overheard making a chance remark about wanting to play the organ, and as organists in our parish were in short supply I was pounced upon immediately.

A couple of weeks later I was beginning to regret ever having made any such comment, for I then found myself sitting at the organ in Celbridge Parish Church accompanying the hymns for Sunday Service. Although I had carefully practiced the hymns, I had butterflies in my stomach and my hands were trembling - I was convinced that I would play either too few or too many verses - but somehow I survived and if I made any mistakes the congregation was too polite to comment.

Unfortunately Christmas was almost upon us and someone decided that I should play on Christmas Day. That turned out to be a nerve-racking experience, for instead of the usual couple of dozen or so people in the congregation, the church was filled to capacity. My Carols had been carefully rehearsed but I had overlooked the fact that I would need to play Christmas Music whilst everyone went up to receive Communion - the queue was never-ending - and as I frantically turned over the pages of my limited repertoire and pulled out all the stops (literally) my arms grew weaker and weaker!!! But I persevered and when it was all over I was showered with congratulations.

I continued to play for church services about once a month and gained confidence. Of course there were a few faux-pas, my most embarrassing being on the occasion of a visiting preacher, who decided not to use the P.A. System. Before saying the post Communion prayers he announced the final hymn - I only just heard the words "we'll sing hymn No". As I launched into the introduction of the hymn, the clergyman started the prayers!!! Oops. (The organist is unable to see into the Sanctuary). At the end of the introduction, on glancing over my shoulder, I saw, to my horror that the congregation was kneeling!



Zoë Lipson

It was suggested that I should consider taking The Archbishop of Dublin's Certificate in Church Music. I applied, and following an audition was accepted for Year One. I owe my tutor, Graham Walsh, much gratitude and appreciation. As the organ exam is in June and would clash with my Leaving Certificate, I decided to take a break this year but in September I hope to start the third and final year, which will make me a "competent" organist, so I've been told!!

- Zoë Lipson, 6th

In at the Deep End

Michelle Prunty profiles this year's new additions to the High School Staff

Mlle. Rouillet

Mlle. Estelle Rouillet was born near Tours in France and she grew up in a village called *Chif Boutonne* close to *La Rochelle* on the west coast of France. She went to her local secondary school and then on to college in *Angers* in the *Loire Valley*. From that, Mlle. Rouillet found herself in Trinity College Dublin, studying to be a translator. She never meant to do any teaching but she says that she came into it by chance. However Mlle. Rouillet is very glad to be teaching because she admits that she actually loves it. Mlle. Rouillet teaches French (obviously), Spanish, and dance. She also co-ordinated all the dancing in this year's annual 5th year play. She put a lot of hard work, patience and dedication into it to make it come out the way that it did - a great success! Mlle. Rouillet said that she enjoys teaching in High School, and her first impressions were that it was "a very active place with a good atmosphere". Mlle. Rouillet admits that she finds being French rather embarrassing at times - "I've had many slips of the tongue".



Chocolate is Mlle. Rouillet's favourite thing and when I asked how she sees herself in the future she replied, "happy". Her motto in life is 'Carpe Diem' - 'seize the day'!

Miss O'Keefe

Miss Mary O'Keefe was born in Kells in Co. Westmeath. She went to school at Loreto Convent, Navan and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Miss O'Keefe already had it in mind to become a teacher before she became a fill-in sub last year which became a full-time job at Christmas. Her first impressions of the school were that it was - "Nice and friendly with a pleasant atmosphere".

Getting Personal

Are you single?

"Yes."

Do you have any bad habits?

"Lots."

Who were your role models when you were 15?

"I can't remember."

What is your most favourite thing?

"Travel."

What is your motto in life?

"To be happy"

Mr. Ballagh

Mr. Peter Ballagh was born in Dublin. He went to school at Sanford Park, then Newpark and then on to college at Trinity. Mr. Ballagh hadn't always thought of being a teacher. He applied to the school for some experience and got the job. However, he says, "Now that I am working as a teacher I realise that it was what I was always going to do". Mr. Ballagh was only 11 or 12 when he first visited the school for a rugby match ... "I remember most the trimness of the horse chestnut trees and the redness of the red-brick". Mr. Ballagh's childhood memories include going to Wexford to visit his grandparents, and listening to music or trying to find the money to buy more music". When I asked Mr. Ballagh who his role models were when he was 15 he replied with a very wise answer that I think is true for everyone... "Mistakenly, anyone who seemed to have what I thought I didn't".

Getting Personal

Are you single?

"Yes."

Do you have any bad habits?

"None that I have encouraged people to point out to me."

What is your most favourite thing?

"Happiness."

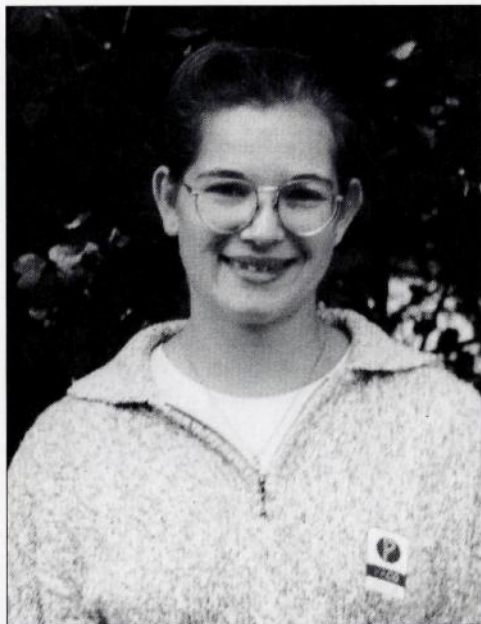
What is your most embarrassing mistake?

"Confusing one person on the phone for another."

What is your motto in life?

"Nothing fulfils me like the peace from a nap."

Miss Sinanan



Miss Sinanan was born in Dublin, and always wanted to be a teacher. Having attended Wesley College, she went to Trinity College, and eventually applied for a teaching position here in High School. She feels that the school is very well organised.

She was asked what her best memory of her youth was, to which she replied, "I'm still young!" In ten years time she hopes to still be young and to be enjoying her life. Our intrepid reporter went on to ask her more personal questions, during which it was discovered that she is afraid of heights and is a little too fond of her chocolate! When asked if she was single, she replied, "No comment!" Miss Sinanan has a great interest in horses and she says that her own horse is her most treasured possession. Her motto in life is "Live each day to the full."

Miss Storey

Miss Jill Storey was born in Kildare in a little town called Monasterevan where she grew up. She went to school at Wilsons Hospital, then on to college at U.C.G where she got her B.A and M.A. Miss Storey then went even further to get her honours diploma in U.C.D. Miss Storey had always wanted to be a teacher and now she teaches English, Religious Education and History. Her first impressions of The High School were that it was very organised with a very friendly atmosphere. Miss Storey sees herself "happily teaching" in the future years.

Getting Personal

Are you single?

"No comment."

Do you have any bad habits?

"Of course not!"

What is your most favourite thing?

"I have lots: Food, wine, books and mountains."

What is your motto in life?

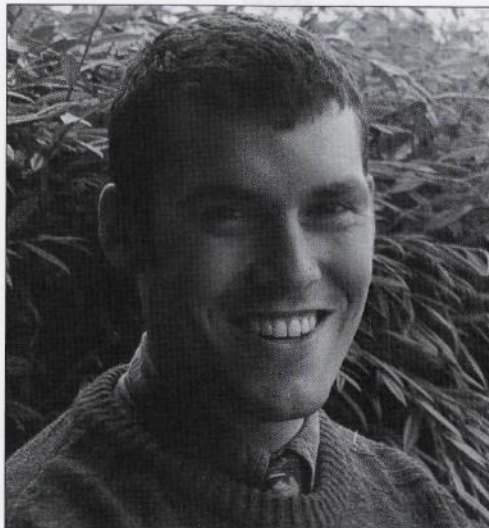
"Be happy."



Mr. Hill

Mr. Rory Hill was born in Sierra Leone, West Africa and grew up in Mullyfarnham, Co. Westmeath. He went to school at the Wilson's Hospital School, then went on to college in Maynooth and Trinity College Dublin. Mr. Hill always had the intention of becoming a teacher. Mr. Hill's first impressions of the school were formed not on coming here to teach but whilst playing against the school in a semi-final cricket match. "My first impressions were that they were quite good at cricket, but not good enough to beat us...hee..hee!" When he was 15 his role models were the Irish back-row for the rugby team in 1985: Nigel Carr, Brian Spillane and Phillip Matthews.

When Mr. Hill was young (younger) he remembers mostly the evenings he spent on the midland lakes fishing during the summer. In 8 years from now.. "I hope to be living in the country with a view of the lake and my rowing boat as I watch Ireland retain the World Cup".



Getting Personal:

Are you single?

"Yes, well just about - I'm engaged actually and I'm getting married in August."

Do you have any bad habits?

"I bite my nails."

What is your most favourite thing in the world?

"Difficult one, I would have to say music!"

What is your most embarrassing moment?

"Too embarrassing to have my students read about anyway!?"

What is your motto in life?

"Res non verba."

Mr. O'Reilly

Mr. O'Reilly had always wanted to be a teacher since Santa decided his destiny by giving him a blackboard and chalk for Christmas. A student in Terenure College, DIT Kevin St., and TCD, Mr. Reilly came to High School to take over Mr. Hickmott's role. His first impressions of HSD were of the many rooms and the friendliness of the staff and students. As a child, his role models were his parents and his teachers! The thing he remembers most about his childhood was always wishing he was older.



Getting Personal:

Are you single?

"Sort of, I got engaged at Christmas."

Do you have any bad habits?

"Impatience."

Do you have any phobias?

"Yes, the fear of having a phobia!"

What is your favourite thing in the world?

"Having silence and being able to think."

What is your most embarrassing mistake?

"Being stranded on Liberty Island in New York."

What is your motto in life?

"Treat others like you would like to be treated yourself."

george a. dagg



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Interview with Mr P.

You may have heard of him. His names; P., Mr P, licence to teach Business Studies, Creative Writing and those that dare Honours Irish. He's known throughout Ireland as the man who created High School's most deadly weapon, the High School Soccer Team, the mere mention of which strikes fear in the hearts of such organisations as Stratford College and Rockbrook (to name but a few). This man of many faces can be found carrying out some sort of covert operation on the Reynolds Hall Mars Bar Machine, training the 'Dirty Dozen' outside on the improvised football/assault course, or, if you're willing to stay up all night, can generally be found walking up and down the A floor corridor, muttering, at 12 o'clock at night. Mr P. took time out from his daily duties to give the Erasmian an exclusive interview over a quiet Martini (shaken, not stirred) in a bar in Cairo. This is what he told us:

1) How long have you been in The High School?
12 Years.

2) Do you enjoy teaching?

Sometimes, after the last student has dozed off and all I can hear is gentle sleepy breathing, I think to myself "Well, ... maybe this isn't so bad." Then I waffle on some more.

3) How do you spend your free time?

Reading, playing with the baby, or watching football on the telly.

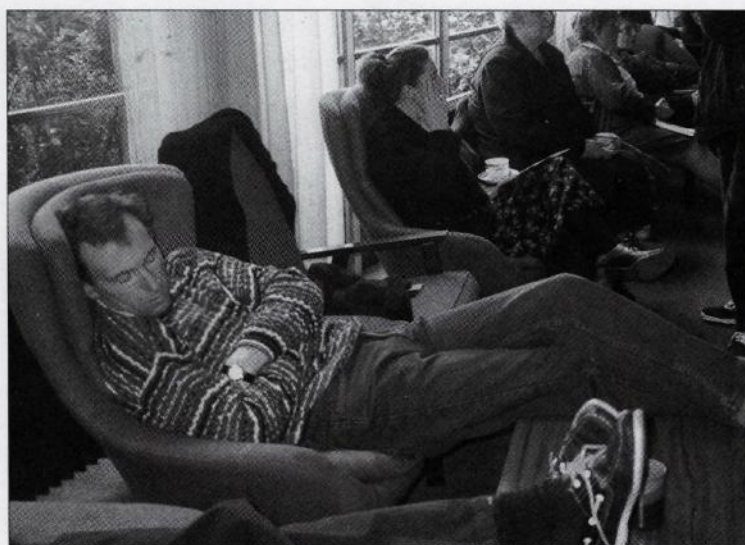
4) Have you any ambitions?

I'd like to get more sleep.

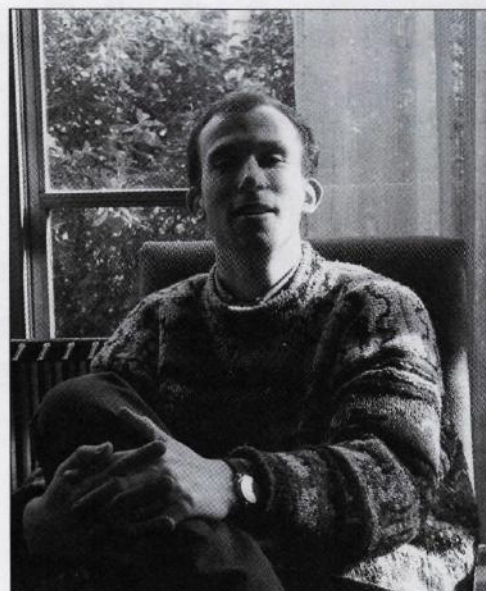
5) Who is your best friend?

Mr. Ian Blackmore. It's a friendship born of desperation since no one wants to spend any time with him either.

6) What do you like most about The High School?



Mr P. relaxing after a particularly stressful day



It's a tie between the soccer team and the sweet machine.

7) What are the most memorable things for you about The High School Soccer Team?

Robert Reid's own goal this season was pretty hilarious. Apart from that it was pleasing to win our tournament for the past 2 years.

8) Any interesting memories of your own playing career?

I was once sent off (the only time I might add) for asking the ref. if he was taking my name in braille. Also, I missed a penalty kick in a Leinster Senior Cup semi-final which cost each team member £80 in bonus money. Strange that no one said "Bad luck" afterwards.

9) Favourite films?

Bad Day at Black Rock, or Double Indemnity.

10) Favourite books?

Catch 22, Lolita, The Postman Always Rings Twice.

11) Favourite food?

The Moro is King.

12) Favourite TV programme?

"Match of the Day" of course.

13) What football team do you support?



A typical day in Mr. P's Class

West Ham has been a millstone around my neck for 30 years now. Mind you, I developed a great fondness for Monaco this season.

14) What would you do if you won the lotto?

Spend it all on myself of course! Maybe I'd buy a villa in Spain and send daily postcards to my old colleagues in H.S.D.

15) Tell us a little about your Novels.

Not much to tell really. I had an American agent who is trying to sell a detective novel in both America and England. Mind you, I haven't heard from him in a while. Maybe he has published it under his own name.

-Wallis Handelman, Ronan O'Laoire, 5th

European Studies Tour – Nice!



Saturday 4th April: Rendezvous at the H.S.S. terminal in Dun Laoghaire for the 21.45 departure to Holyhead. - Sounds simple doesn't it? **Sunday 5th April:** Drive through Wales and England to Heathrow airport, London. Check in for the 9.00 flight to Nice - Easy peasy I hear you say! Well, wrong! Being a veteran of such trips (myself and 2 others survived the Paris trip last year) I can tell you that these voyages to and fro are inevitably fraught with a million and one unseen (and unprintable) dangers. Late buses, choppy seas, freezing coaches and much, much worse.

Believe you me was everyone glad to arrive in the lovely city of Nice to check in to our hotel: the good old reliable Climat Arcueil. After a quick siesta we had the entire afternoon to explore the area and test our limited French on the locals. Then return to the hotel to be escorted (kicking and screaming) to Flunch, a restaurant where the local cannibals go to socialise.



Even now the smell of paella sends shivers down my spine!

The next day we hit the road for San Remo in Italy. After beating a few zillion lire (approximately £2.50) out of an Italian bank clerk, Omar Bux, Michael Slott, Richard Thompson and myself looked for lunch. We took a walk around the pier and eventually ended up in a place called Marios (honestly!) where we were served by a rather stereotypical Italian waiter who was more interested in checking out his reflection in the rear-view mirror of his moped than serving. Nevertheless, the pizza margarita was supreme. Later we drove to the amazing Principality of Monaco where my buddies and I concocted a mission to reach the Stade de Louis II and shake the hand of David Trezeguet. (the 19 year old who single-handedly sunk Manchester Uniteds European Cup dreams!) On arrival there wasn't a red and white jersey to be seen, I mean honestly, you'd think they'd be informed of our arrival!

On Tuesday it rained cats and dogs and we took a rather ill fated journey to the village of Grasse to visit the world famous perfumery. Unfortunately I had a rotten cold and couldn't smell a thing, but I did get a chance to see the man with the greatest job in the world operating the most marvellous soap making contraption in the universe. You had to be there! That evening we went to the swimming pool where we officially (yes officially) broke the waterslide!

On Wednesday we went to Cannes. I was feeling a bit haggard from my poolside antics the night before and spent the first hour sampling the local cuisine in McDonalds (!) We eventually got up to try and see the hand prints of some obscure French actors but found that every 10 seconds we were stopped by a local entrepreneur wearing an umbrella on his head and trying to sell us sunglasses. One of my comrades was coerced into buying a rude monkey toy but I was damned if I was going to part with 15 quid for a Levi Strauss belt or a Tommy Hilfinger cap.

The next morning we began the never-ending slog home, and the less said about that the better. The Cote d'Azur rocks - and that's the way it is. UGHH!

- David Foster, 5th

Two sides of Archaeology

.At 9.30 am on Monday the 2nd of March, I arrived at the National Museum in Merrion Row to start my two weeks work experience along with two other people.

We started working with Clare McCutcheon in the basement in Merrion row, cleaning (with nailbrush), numbering and sorting the fragments of medieval floor tiles which were found at Wood Quay.

At 10.30 on Thursday the 5th, I arrived at the dig in Essex Street West. I was then set to trowel down what had been a road in Viking Dublin. ("Troweling Down", means using an archaeologist's trowel to remove a thin layer of earth to see what's underneath). This took until lunch by which time I was freezing, but after lunch I was set to trowel down what had been the inside of a store house.

The next day it was raining, so I was set to work drawing some of the Iron Artefacts. I have never been able to draw, but the picture did, with a bit of imagination, resemble the artefacts. It's time consuming work and it has to be remembered that for every day spent on the dig three are spent inside cleaning and cataloguing the artefacts. As the weather wasn't lifting after lunch, I was sent home early.

The next Monday I found a couple of pieces that fitted into a half-reconstructed pot and there was a celebration!! This kind of thing doesn't happen every day!

On Tuesday I was set to look for information among the registers (which was very interesting) about floor tiles as well as sorting the Dublin Type Cooking Ware.

Wednesday, I was back on site, where I cleaned earth from between stones on a path, great, except for the fact that the path in question lay in between two Viking cess-pits, both of which still stank! On the bus home I got some strange looks, which was hardly surprising.

On Thursday I took the earth out from sections of wattle with the point of the trowel, something for which you need to be attentive, in case some of the wattle falls off with the clay.

Friday was my last day on the dig, and we had to be fitted with hard hats and jackets because work was going on with a crane lifting things over the dig. The jackets were okay but the hats were a pain. The brim of my hat kept getting in the way, no, turning the hat around didn't make much difference, it still slipped forward. After lunch I set about troweling down the area where the road I had troweled on the first day continued. As a last job, I had to trowel down what had been the bottom of a cesspit, more strange looks on the bus!!

Despite the strange looks on the bus and the cold weather I enjoyed myself thoroughly and would love to do another week's work on the dig. I also enjoyed the other side of archaeology that I saw in the museum. I would recommend anyone who is in any way interested in history or archaeology to try both of these work experiences.

- Stephanie Taylor, 4th

Fiona Campbell- Singer



Fiona Campbell

Since I was a kid I always wanted to sing. So, when I was eleven my parents sent me to singing training. I have been having my voice trained for over five years now by a man called Paul Heffernan. He doesn't teach me with classical methods like telling me how to breathe and why I should breathe a certain way when I sing in different tones.

Instead he tells me when I breathe wrong and how to correct myself. He shows me how to correct my posture and how to help my voice become steadier. I have found that the voice coaching that I have had has been extremely beneficial.

I hope to go on and study in the vocational school in Inchicore where I will study drama, acting and theatre. It is a three year course in which you do a final exam at the end of each year which determines whether or not you go on to the next year (there are no second chances!). Application to this course is by audition. No previous experience is necessary but all applicants must be over 17 and have a full Leaving Cert.

I have been to many auditions, some successful and some not so. In a few weeks I will be auditioning for a new group being formed by Louis Walsh, who is the manager of top Irish group Boyzone. It is going to consist of two young ladies and two young men going on a sort of ABBA theme. With a bit of luck and a lot of determination maybe I will be the next person you see performing in front of thousands of fans at Wembley Arena.

Fiona Campbell, 5th

How to Survive!

This time last year, Ralph Benson and I were naively filling out our application letters for the Gaisce Army Survival Course, lying about our state of fitness and health (well, I'll speak for myself anyway). We were trying to be selected out of hundreds of other applicants, from all over the country, because only 25 lucky (or unlucky!) candidates would be selected to do the 4 day Gaisce Army Survival Course.

Our letters must have impressed, because we were both accepted, and found ourselves at the McKee Army Barracks in Phoenix Park on 1st July, prepared (or so we thought) for our 4 day experience with the Irish Army. We had no clue as to where we would be going, except that it would be somewhere desolate and where human help would not be available. We were kitted out with military gear, and had to carry everything in an army rucksack which was quite a struggle to lift, never mind carry!!

On the 4th July we returned to McKee Army Barracks, shall we say with "no spring left in our step", to put it mildly, having literally, survived. We had no such luxuries as a comfy bed, a roof over our heads for protection against the driving rain, a toilet or shower, running water, soap or heat of any kind.



Zoe & Ralph boarding the Air Corp Helicopter

At night time we rested our weary bodies in self-constructed bivouac. These are long triangular shaped tents, made out of sheets of canvas, fastened together, and tied between two trees. They leaked, I had the joyous experience of lying under a waterfall for six hours every night. They also tended to be pitched over tree stumps, brambles etc. so falling asleep was quite a task. We had been split up into groups of five, each with its own leader - a corporal - and did activities daily. (A day in the life of a soldier begins at the ungodly hour of 5.30 am.)

Over the four days we climbed mountains and canoed - for the sake of transport, not for fun. Hypothermia is a great experience, by the way!!!

We often, on being given a map with an X marked on it, had to navigate using compasses, to find our own ration packs. These



You're in the army now!

are what we lived on. (Yes, they included a pack of Kleenex!)

We took part in a mountain rescue and with the aid of the Red Cross rescued a man from a marsh. We absailed, rock climbed and partook in a brilliant obstacle course. This involved swinging across a river so I, of course, had to fall in and resoak my whole rucksack, which had been attempting to dry, after 3 days of rain. I may have neglected to mention, incidentally, that the 1st to the 4th July were the wettest days in 1997.

The highlight of the week was being transported from one mountain peak to another in an Air Corps helicopter. That was amazing. By the time the final day dawned, we presumed the worst was over - in fact, it was yet to come. We ran, "triple march" up and over 2 mountains, a duration of over an hour! This has to be the closest I've ever come to death! I think everyone pretty much felt the same.

Although my account may not seem a glowing one, I would strongly recommend the course to anyone who has done the President's Award. It is the experience of a lifetime, and one you will never forget. You will learn the skills of survival, participation and teamwork.

It imbues its participants a high degree of initiative, perseverance, self-discipline, self-confidence, leadership qualities, but most importantly, caring skills. We really learnt that it was just as important to help your neighbor as yourself, and this is a good, unselfish attitude to have.

- Zoë Lipson, 6th

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Mark Traynor - Action Boy!

Mark Traynor, you can call him Sensei. He's taught the Shao Lin Monks everything they know, he eats rice for breakfast and can actually levitate. Mark, currently acting as Jean Claude Van Damme's stunt double in an upcoming film, took time out with us to talk about his progressing Karate, Swimming and generally his career of brilliance.

What sports do you play?

I do karate and swimming, on a serious basis, but I also enjoy soccer, rugby, waterpolo, and hockey.

Which is your favourite sport?

I have to say that this is a very difficult question to answer. I enjoy both karate and swimming equally, for different reasons.

Which sport have you been most successful in?

Karate, I came 5th in the World Championships in Hungary in 1994.

What are your major achievements?

Swimming- Medals in Leinster and Irish age group championships.

Karate- When I was 11, I came 2nd in the U16's Irish Championships, I have won it since then and come 5th in the World Championships.

Do you have any ambitions for the future?

If possible I would love to have one of these sports combined with my career when I leave school, as I think a good education is very important.

Who is your greatest idol?

I have three: My swimming coach, Kevin Williamson, my karate sensei, Brendan Perry and Michelle Smith, the reason being that they are so dedicated to their sports and yet can share it to help others.

What are your greatest attributes?

I guess I stick at my training, keep early nights and I'm very good at disciplining myself. I have missed parties and even holidays in order to train for my Karate and swimming.

What has been your greatest moment?

To do so well in Hungary at the world championships.

How did it feel?

Indescribable!



Do you have any other career ambitions?

I would like to do something in the field of medicine – something along the lines of what Gary O'Toole has done.

Just then a distant cry for help was heard. It was Jean Claude being mobbed in a case of mistaken identity. Mark's fans had somehow mistaken Jean Claude for Mark himself, who on seeing this politely excused himself and transported himself over to save Jean Claude, who by now was blubbing, thanked Mark profusely. With that mark shot off, waving goodbye, as he just managed to stop a busload of children falling to their deaths.

Mark Traynor, he's lean, he's mean, he's a hero for the nineties.

- Wallis Handleman, Ronan O'Laoire, 5th

The Bands of High School

SENSE

Formed in the summer of 1997, Sense are one of the major up and coming bands in Dublin. They are a four piece band comprising of singer/lead guitarist Barry Kavanagh, rhythm guitarist James Nesson, drummer Rob Porter and on bass, the man destined to take music into the 21st century, David Redmond. They describe their music as "rock 'n' roll" and they're main influences are Jeff Buckley, Radiohead and Dionysus. They're first gig was in Barney Murphy's in October and since then they have played at the Templebar Music Centre, the Mean Fiddler, the Red Box and De Show to name a few. Sense recorded a demo tape in February and is now available priced £2 from David Redmond (5th year).

ESKAPE

Probably the most well established band in the school, Eskapes' live career has been put on hold until drummer Matt Walker does his Leaving Cert. this June. Before the "nerd clause" was introduced, Eskape had a very successful live career, playing in Whelans pub on Wicklow Street every week. The band consists of Cameron Boardman on vocals and acoustic guitar, Barry Hyland on bass, Matt Walker on drums and Jimmy Kearney on electric guitar. Eskape left a great account of themselves at 'De Show' but if you want to see them again you're going to have to wait until the first Saturday in October when they will be back in Whelans. When the band aren't playing music, they enjoy nothing more than to feed the ducks in Bushy Park.

FUSED

Another very well established High School band, Fused's main achievement is to have supported "An Emotional Fish and Blink" at Whelans. Formed in 1995, Fused have played all the major music venues in Dublin including the De Club, Whelans and the Mean Fiddler. They stole the show at 'De Show' with a classic cover of the U2 song Discotheque, as well as performing some great originals. They are a five piece band consisting of Trevor Gyves on lead guitar, Jesse Booth on bass, David Hill on vocals, Graham Coe on rhythm guitar and Ciaran Early on drums.

DIONYSUS

Fresh from their three month tour of Connaught, where they are thought of as gods, Dionysus are getting ready to embark on their Munster tour this summer. They are a five piece band with Eoghan Rice on guitar, Ronan Heeney on drums, Terence Gunning on keyboard, David Lalor on bass and Bob

Patton on vocals. The band are currently looking for a new lead guitarist after Daire O'Dwyer parted company with the band last month to pursue a solo career. They are mainly influenced by The Doors, The Wolfe Tones and The Robert Emmett Five although drummer Heeney is heavily influenced by heavy metal, especially 'The Warriors Of Destruction'. There has been extensive coverage of the band on Polish TV and world domination is a mere formality.

LOADED DICE

Formed over two years ago for the Fourth Year Variety Show, the Dice have been through a long succession of guitarists, keyboard players, backing vocals and even a clarinet. At the moment, Loaded Dice are Daniel Frazer on vocals/bass/viola, Ben McGuire on vocals/guitar, James Kelly on guitar and Eric Klotz on drums and keyboard. The first performance was here at the High School in the Variety Show. The band are taking a break for the Leaving Cert., but once the summer arrives, serious gigs and stardom beckon. The Dice are an authentic sound with great song writing ability and are well worth a watch.

THE FINGERS

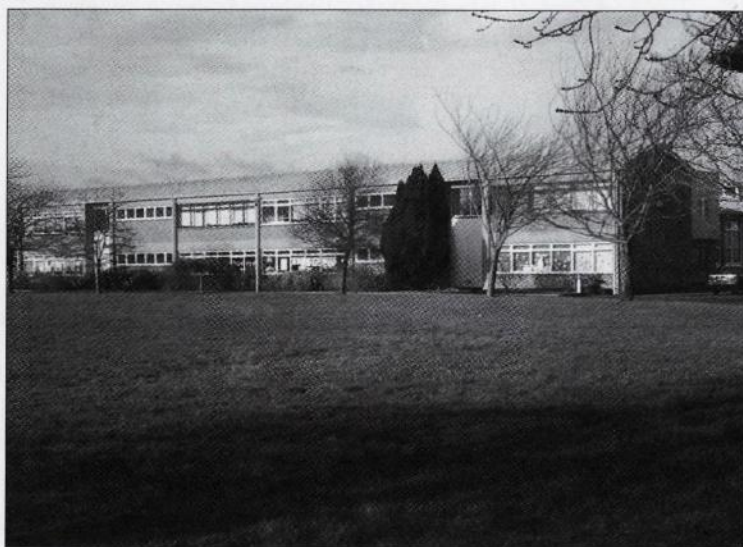
Following a recent revamp and complete change of musical direction, The Fingers (formerly The Facts Don't Matter, formerly Vokra, formerly Yield) are back, and "sending a finger your way". According to the band, they are currently rehearsing for their third studio album, which will be out for Christmas. The Fingers have five members, Luke Ashe-Brown on Double Bass, Ralph Benson on vocals and xylophone, Eoin Curran on didgeridoo, Ross Johnson on sitar and Evan Ostinelli on percussion.

- Eoghan Rice, 5th

Kildare Place School

Set up in 1811 by the Kildare Place Society, Kildare Place School has an interesting history. Originally the school was located on Kildare Street in the city centre. It was financed by the Kildare Place Society for the children of the poor community at that time; from the beginning it was a co-ed school. By the 1960's the school building had become out of date and impractical so the school moved out to its present campus on Rathmines Road, beside the College of Education's building. Today student teachers from the College come over to K.P.S. for one month of each year. Before moving to its new campus K.P.S. amalgamated with the Rathmines School but kept its name.

Today K.P.S. is a very different place. Even in the 5 years since I myself left the school, it has changed almost beyond recognition. This is due in no small part to the present principal, Mrs. Allen.



Kildare Place School, Rathmines

Mrs. Allen came to the school 25 years ago as assistant teacher. The school consisted of only 6 teachers with the principal (Mr. McColum) also taking a class. Today the school has 250 pupils on the role and 8 teachers, 1 resource teacher, 1 remedial teacher and the principal herself, Mrs. Allen, who has assumed the role of administrative principal.

K.P.S. must without doubt have become one of the most modern primary schools in Ireland. The pride of the school is its amazing computer block, which was built largely with funds from the work of parents, teachers and children; very little government funding was received. 10 years ago we could never have dreamt of anything so amazing as we worked away happily at Granny's Garden on the Edward BBC computers we used. Now the school is connected to the internet and e-mail and has 16 computers. Children can also check on the computers for what books the school has in stock, they learn to type at an earlier age



than most and in a way get a head start. As I was lead around I watched those young faces concentrating, not a single snigger or voice to be heard, a blessing for the teachers no doubt!

As well as being streets ahead on the computer front, K.P.S. has had great success in swimming, winning the Corporation Cup for an amazing 7 years running. Children can avail of a wide range of extra curricular activities at K.P.S.; soccer, hockey, table-tennis, badminton and even dance classes. Also children can learn to play the piano, violin and recorder as well as joining in with the school orchestra. So with this wide range of facilities children can excel in academic, sporting or musical areas.

Certainly during my years the teachers were always friendly and enjoyed a warm relationship with the children, I was surprised to hear that my 1st class teacher who had not taught me for 11 years still remembered my name. So it is little wonder that K.P.S. is doing so well, it is booked out until the year 2001, which comes as no surprise. Mrs. Allen hopes to keep the school moving with the times and maintain the close relationship she has with her students and their parents.

I'm glad to see the school is getting on okay without me!

- Redmond O'Connell, 5th

Prize Day 1997

The annual Parents Evening and Prize Distribution was held on Wednesday, 22 October 1997. Mr. David Rowell, Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided. The prizes were presented by Mr. David Meredith, Secretary to the Church of Ireland Board of Education.

Principal's Address

I would like to begin this evening by welcoming our guest speaker, David Meredith, back to The High School. It is an honour to have you here and we look forward to hearing from you shortly. I am particularly glad that I invited David to present the prizes this year, because since that invitation was issued, David has resigned from his positions as Secretary to the Church of Ireland Board of Education and Secretary to the Secondary Education Committee for Protestant Schools. He will leave at the end of the calendar year and I can only say, will leave an enormous gap after his departure.

From time to time, you will have seen David on television, or seen reports of interviews with him in the national press, as he went about his job of co-ordinating educational policy for all of the Protestant managed secondary schools and for the Church of Ireland primary schools. I had the privilege of representing the Secondary Education Committee at the National Education Convention a few years ago and those weeks were spent largely in the company of David as we elucidated and explained the position of the Protestant schools to a gathering of all of the interests in Irish education.

Since then, the last Minister for Education, Niamh Bhreathnach, engaged in a seemingly endless round of consultations with the groups she termed the "partners in education" in an effort to produce an Education Act which would put Irish education on a sound statutory footing while also reaching broad consensus between those "partners". I was often part of delegations called to various meetings with the Minister to explain our views on regional boards of education, the governance of schools, or on the funding of schools, but, all the while, David was involved in many more such meetings as he scurried to and from the Department wearing a variety of different educational hats and defending the interests of schools like ours.



Mr. David Meredith & Mr. Duffy

We were told repeatedly that our sector had nothing to worry about; that there was no hidden agenda in Minister Bhreathnach's plans. However, it became crystal clear when the Bill was finally published and when the other legislation put forward by the government was published that we had a great deal to concern us. Throughout the whole process, the entire voluntary secondary sector had been united in the view that regional boards would be a waste of money, throwing over £20 million pounds into administrative structures when classrooms and schools were being starved of basic resources. Despite the unanimity of this view, the boards were contained in the Bill.

We had also been concerned that the Department did not fully appreciate the subtle differences in the way our schools were governed. We had feared the loss of the ethos of our schools and we felt we would be doing the parents who have supported our schools a grave disservice if we did not defend these fundamentals pillars which have formed the type of school we have here at Danum. The very autonomy and independence a school like ours enjoys is what has made it a great school and were not at all happy at becoming part of a standardised, monolithic system.

Having been assured all along that our concerns were being taken into account, we found when the Bill was published that this was not entirely the case. Much of the Bill we could support. We could applaud its emphasis on assisting the disadvantaged, its determination to deliver educational services better, its recognition of the rights of pupils, parents and teachers; but we also felt it was fundamentally flawed. So, there was yet another flurry of activity and meetings to try to lobby politicians in order to have it amended.

Throughout all of this, David Meredith was the lynchpin on which the fate of Protestant education largely depended. He was not found wanting and his organisational and political skills nudged all of the interests in our schools to formulate united policies and to present them in such a way as to be overwhelmingly persuasive to the government.

Just as the Bill was in the process of being amended to take account of our concerns, the government called a general election and the Bill was terminated with the Dáil. We now hear that there is to be a new Bill, published before Christmas by the new Minister, Micheál O Martín. If the same round of meetings is to take place again, I would say, David, that you are very glad you will have moved on to pastures new, but I would personally like to express the deeply felt thanks of the entire community which makes up our school and all of the Protestant schools for the quite exceptional work you have done on our behalf.

We have been given a fair idea of the contents of the Bill already.. More important, perhaps, is what it will not contain - the regional boards. The new Minister has accepted that the £20 million can be better used in providing improved services to our schools. He has announced that he will establish a national psychological service for schools and that he will put the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment on a statutory footing. If the legislation covering the NCCA is appropriately framed, there is an opportunity to remove curriculum development from the political arena for ever, a development which would surely be widely welcomed.

It seems to me that we are in the process of a major change of era in the world at the moment. I often wonder whether people alive at the time of the Reformation and the Renaissance, or during the Age of Enlightenment, or during the Industrial Revolution felt that they were part of one of the giant leaps made by the human race, but I feel that there is a palpable sense right now of a massive global change which will receive a label from historians of the future.

I am not speaking of the development of technology, for we are all aware of the pace of change in that field, but rather of a change in our priorities as people.

Such a change is intangible, difficult to articulate, but yet one can point to certain people and events and know that they are a part of it. I feel a massive sea change is taking place in the way we express our humanity. Different leaders across the world are contributing; Mary Robinson in Ireland, Bill Clinton in the USA, Tony Blair in England, Lionel Jospin in France, Nelson Mandela in South Africa. Many thinkers and writers and people of influence are also contributing; George Soros, the financier who can ruin a country's currency if he so decides, Francis Fukuyama, author of "The End of History", Stephen Hawking, author of "A Brief History of Time", Charles Handy, son of a Church of Ireland rector and now globally famous for his books "The Empty Raincoat: Making Sense of the Future" and "The Hungry Spirit".



Mr. Rowell, Mr. Meredith & Mr. Duffy

Since the industrial revolution there has been an unhealthy emphasis on the accumulation of money and material possessions as the ultimate goal of existence for many people. The defeat of communism as a system seemed to leave capitalism as unchallenged and unchallengeable and yet even the arch capitalist George Soros is not happy with the effect capitalism is having on people. But if capitalism and the liberal democratic system of government that usually goes with it are the final goals, then Fukuyama would have us believe that history has ended or is about to end. So why are there so many people unhappy with the way things are?

The symptoms of unbridled capitalism are all too easy to spot. We see a growing gap between rich and poor in supposedly successful countries. It is a well known phenomenon in the USA where many of the rich now live in guarded compounds in order to protect their wealth from the increasingly poor. Our economy, now booming to heights unimaginable even ten years ago, is doing exactly the same thing. Millionaires are being created by the week we are told and the gap between rich and poor is increasing very rapidly.

Many workers in these successful economies are highly stressed and burn out in early middle age. Many parents spend less time with their children than they used to. Many, many people long for a less busy schedule and more quality in their lives and, at the same time, many people are without jobs.

It is in coming to grips with these challenges that I feel the sea change is happening. The future is not something which is there and which we will reach if we just wait for it to happen. The future is created by us and we can be a part of the sea change. We can make it happen. Education has a very powerful role to play in ensuring that the label for our age is something like "The Age of People" or "The Age of Happiness". Can we accept that the people in our communities are the central issue? The challenge for our age is to bridle technology, bridle capitalism and the creation of wealth and ensure that every action our society takes increases the happiness and fulfillment of the community of people we are.

At present we measure growth in terms of gross domestic product. The Celtic Tiger, Ireland, speeds ahead to become the strongest economy in Europe, the best qualified for European Monetary Union at the end of next year. Unemployment will fall within two years to below the European average. Who would have thought it possible a decade ago when inflation was rampant?

This is a wonderful achievement for the Irish people but can we harness that economic prosperity in order to produce increased happiness and fulfilment among those people - the mass of people, not just the few new millionaires? If we can influence society to adopt as its criterion for success a measurement of the contentment of people, we will have won, for what could be more important?

Schools can influence such change and the Minister for Education can set such a tone. What the people in the education system need are psychologists and remedial teachers to help those who can not take full advantage of what is on offer. This school, for example, is given no remedial teaching hours by the Department. Instead, remedial teaching has to be funded from the fees. The staff of the school are also people, sometimes people under great stress. The new early retirement scheme will relieve some of the stress for some of the teachers but an injection of new teachers made possible by dropping the pupil teacher ratio would be more than welcome. We have one of the highest pupil teacher ratios in Europe and the demographic changes taking place now are a golden opportunity to improve it.



Mr. David Meredith delivering his address.

The Department of Education makes allowance for a reduction in teaching hours for only two members of staff in any secondary school; the Principal, and the Vice-Principal. There is a wide range of managerial and other responsibilities undertaken by a very large number of teachers in a school such as this. Financial reward is available to some extent but undertaking these duties as well as a full teaching load causes additional stress. There must be a new system of time allowances for teachers undertaking such responsibilities. Improving such conditions for teachers will improve the quality of teaching and the educational experience for pupils, since teachers will have more time to innovate.

If the new Education Bill sets people at its centre and seeks to meet the needs of people in a sincere way, the Minister will be seen ultimately as having left Irish society the better for his presence and what more could any of us ask?

Excerpts from the Principal's report for the year 1996/7 B.T. Duffy, M.A., H. Dip. Ed.

The Education Bill published by the Minister for Education, Niamh Bhreathnach, T.D., gave rise to much discussion during the last academic year but was also a welcome conclusion to the lengthy round of consultations undertaken by the Minister since the National Convention on Education in 1993. It seemed that Irish education would at last be based in statute rather than subject only to ministerial circular. Controversy arose concerning many of the Minister's proposals, particularly the proposed establishment of Education Boards, which many prophesied would draw on valuable financial resources for administration which might better be directed to providing additional teachers, remedial teachers for all schools, additional guidance counsellors and a well staffed psychological service.

However, the Bill was widely welcomed as a genuine attempt to reconcile the need to modernise the Irish education system with the sometimes conflicting aspirations of pupils, parents, teachers, school managers and school owners. The Minister's process of consultation over a period of four years had shown that all of the groups with an interest in education had a great deal in common, though, and that considerable consensus could be developed over the direction the system should take. Some will have welcomed the collapse of the Bill when the government changed but I suspect many also regret its demise. It remains to be seen whether the new Minister, Michael Martin, T.D., publishes a Bill as has been indicated in the press.

School review, evaluation, planning and development take place on a continuous basis, both formally and informally. Much of the work is guided by the staff and one element this year was the seminar which took place in October. Part of the day was spent drafting a proposed statement of the educational "mission" of the school, with a view to consulting parents representatives, governors and pupils before finalising the statement. The staff also contributed to the process of ongoing review by completing a questionnaire

about the services being provided by the school and by participating in discussion groups to identify areas needing further development.

The use of mixed ability classes has been further increased in the school with the introduction of mixed ability into most subjects in Form 2, following its successful introduction in Form 1 in 1996. Setting is now provided in Mathematics in Forms 1 and 2 and in Irish in Form 2. The development of mixed ability teaching continues to be monitored.

A committee has been meeting to review the provision made by the school for Social, Personal and Health Education, including Relationships and Sexuality Education. An Education for Living programme was established thirteen years ago to take account of these areas in the school curriculum and the committee is currently developing policies to integrate the existing provision with present day expectations. It is expected that parent representatives will be consulted in due course.

During the summer of 1997 a major refurbishment of the computer facilities was completed. The network of thirty computers has now been brought up to present day specification and an ISDN connection to the Internet has been installed, allowing every computer in the network to use the Internet simultaneously. A bank of CD Rom drives has also been installed to facilitate the use of multimedia educational material. As Ireland continues its progress into the information age, we hope to provide every pupil with the opportunity to avail of cutting-edge technology in order to equip them for participation in their domestic, business and professional lives. We express our gratitude to 3Com Ireland for their generous donation of networking equipment as part of the refurbishment.

It is difficult for those who went to school twenty or thirty years ago to imagine the resources available to a teacher in 1997. From textbooks without illustration we have moved through the era of colour pictures, overhead transparencies and video recorders to a situation where the information of the whole educational world is available to teacher and student alike at the click of a mouse on a computer. Many teachers have seen this entire transformation occur within their teaching careers and are eager to be trained in each new technique as it arrives. At The High School, we see staff training as the key to the successful use of new technology as it arises and we began a programme to train staff in information technology last year. This coming year we will continue that programme.

The upgrading and refurbishment of our buildings continues each year and, to enhance the school environment, Form 5 pupils completed a magnificent second mural on the staircase between the floors of the school, illustrating the theme of earth, wind, water and fire.

A weekly newsletter was inaugurated at the beginning of January 1997. It is designed to publicise school and other events and to inform parents and pupils of achievements and activities in the school. It has also proved a useful vehicle for the celebration of the successes of pupils in many different fields. The newsletter has been well illustrated with photographs, thanks mainly to the organisation of school photography by Mr. J. Hickmott but also thanks to those pupils and parents who have submitted photographs. The newsletter is published every Wednesday and pupils are requested to give it to their parents that evening.

The curriculum has been expanded by the addition of European Studies in Transition Year and of the new Business syllabus in the Leaving Certificate cycle. The first cohort of pupils has completed the Leaving Certificate in Construction Studies, with excellent results. As part of their examination work, the pupils produced magnificent construction projects some of which have been on display at the front of the school. Study skills are taught throughout the curriculum but the course in Transition Year and the seminar in Form 5 which Mr. Hickmott organised have proved both popular and successful. Pupils continue to participate in the International Mathematics Olympiad each year. The class 4S participated in the An Taisce *Young Reporters for the Environment* project, examining themes of air pollution and city planning. Six group entries from Transition Year were made into the *Young Entrepreneur Scheme* competition.

Our programme of visiting clergy and speakers to morning assembly continues to be successful. We are very grateful to the dozens of speakers who agreed to visit us. Pupils also participate and the Principal leads assembly on an average of two mornings a week.

The work of the committees of the Board of Governors is a vital part of the long term planning process undertaken in the school. The Education Committee has continued to guide the review of the educational process. Among its concerns have been the refinement of the proposed mission statement, overhauling the prize system and the development of a policy on spiritual and moral education. The committee also deals with the maintenance and

improvement of our excellent academic standards. The Grounds and Property Committee has overseen the installation of a new lighting system in the Reynolds Hall which will be of particular benefit to drama productions. As well as its routine work of maintaining and refurbishing the entire school, the committee has been planning a major development programme and continues to oversee the implementation of health and safety standards in the school.

There is an active Parents' Association in the school, which elects representatives to the Board of Governors and its committees. There are also informal meetings between the officers of the Association Committee, the Principal and the Chairman of the



Vanessa Carswell receiving her prize from David Meredith

Board of Governors. Such links with parents are extremely valuable and contribute a great deal to the happy atmosphere of the school. Last year, the Association held meetings on "Study Skills and Habits" and "Coping with Bullying", as well as running its annual uniform swap shop and annual cricket match against the staff. The association also undertook the practical arrangements for the parent-teacher meetings which took place during the year.

The Past Pupils' Union organised its usual calendar of events, including the ladies', mens' and London dinners. The annual golf outing, a beetle drive, carol singing, a gardening night and a table quiz provided a varied programme of entertainment throughout the year. The school is grateful to the Union for its continued financial support, through prizes and bursaries as well as special fund-raising projects. Although much of this work is unseen, it is certainly appreciated.

Staff

We wish Mrs Eileen Conway well in her retirement, having served The High School for 23 years (and the Diocesan School for Girls for 3 years) as a teacher of English and in recent years as Head of the English Department. Miss Mary Clare (Irish), Mr Niall Sweetnam (Physics and Science) and Miss Marion Walsh (Art) have also left the school and we wish them happiness in their new positions. Mrs Orla Purdy (Modern Languages) has

begun a career break and Miss Claire Ritchie (Mathematics, PE and RE) has taken leave of absence. Mr Kieran Mills (Physics, Mathematics and Science) is continuing his career break for a second year.

Mr David Benson has retired as Bursar after a career with the school of 13 years. During that period of time, Mr Benson made an indelible impression on the grounds and premises of the school with major improvements, particularly in the development with the groundsman of the many gardens now located in various positions. His warm personality also endeared him to the thousands of pupils who passed through the school during those years. He was always willing to help out with any aspect of school life and we wish him long life and happiness in his retirement.

Mrs Olive Bates worked in the catering department for over twenty years and was catering manageress for most of that period. The development of the catering department into the outstanding facility which it is today is a credit to her planning and organisation. We wish her a well earned retirement.

We have welcomed as new staff Mr Rory Hill (Science, Computers, Careers and Games) and Mlle Estelle Rouillet (Modern Languages and Dance). Miss Ann Corrigan (Art) has rejoined us after a break of one year at NCAD. We have also welcomed two Higher Diploma students - Sonya Sinanan and Jill Storey.

We have welcomed Mr John Davis as Administrator, Mrs Joy Gillis who has succeeded Mrs Olive Bates as Head of Catering, Miss Kirsty Forbes who has been appointed archivist and Mr William Burke who has been appointed to the security staff.

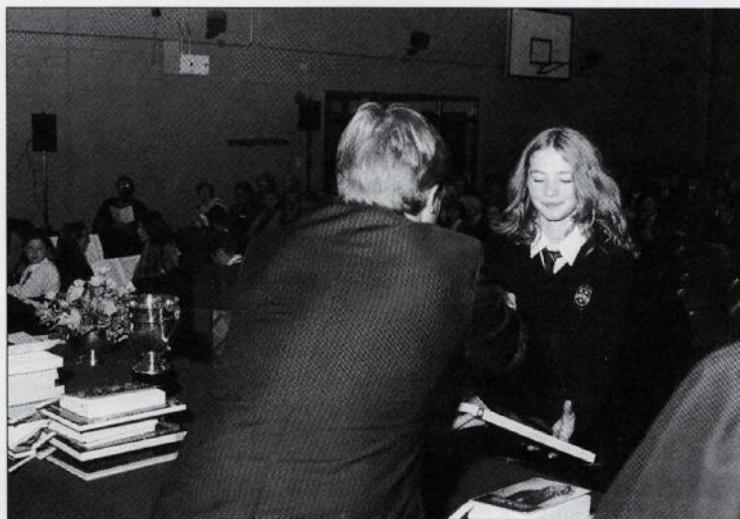
Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 1997/8 is 756. Of these, 454 are boys and 302 are girls. In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 1997, 125 pupils presented 870 papers in 21 subjects. 459 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 72% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 9.2% of all papers.

In the Junior Certificate 130 pupils presented 1045 papers. 769 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 79% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 1.2% of all papers.

These were excellent results in both examinations of which staff and pupils may be proud.

The sections of the Principal's report on activities and sport are being omitted as they have been extensively covered in the Erasmian and Diocesan Times of last year. There are detailed sections in the year-book covering the sports and activities of 1997/8.



Kate Higgs, recipient of a music scholarship

School Entrance Scholarships 1997

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:

Sarah Tobin

Rathfarnham Parish National School

School Scholarships:

Kerrie Wynne
Robert Thackaberry
Claire Murphy
Ralph Prendergast
Benjamin Frazer

Rathfarnham Parish National School
St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir School
Rathgar National School
Rathgar Junior School
Kildare Place National School

Music Scholarship:

Kate Higgs, Primrose Hill National School
Benjamin Frazer, Kildare Place National School

Prizes 1996/7

Form 1

Etheline Brady Prize (best overall in Form 1): Seán Ó hÉigeartaigh

Jellett Memorial Prize for Irish:

Tina Spence

Class Prizes:

- 1-1 Rachel Garvey, Eoghan Mc Ilwaine
- 1-2 Sian Barber, Rachel Senior
- 1-3 Natalie Brandsma, Talitha Brauer
- 1-4 Suzanne Mc Endoo, Daniel Vard
- 1-5 Conor Mc Cartney, Nicholas Nash

Progress Prizes:

- 1-1 Cathal D'Arcy, Stephen Dodd
- 1-2 Adam Leahy, Brian Logan
- 1-3 Natalie May, David Mc Neill
- 1-4 Robert Tierney, Sinead Gallagher
- 1-5 Daragh Hogan, Robert Hastings

Form 2

Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize (best overall in Form 2): Edel Smith

McNay Prize for English: Vicki Glover

Parents' Association Prize for English: Sheena Cadoo

Parents' Association Prize for Materials Technology (Wood): Steven Day

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art:

Serafine Gunn O'Connor

Dorothy Blakeney Progress Prize for

General Science: Richard Somerville

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes:

- 2 D Andrea Jenkinson
- 2 G Joanne Flower
- 2 P Oisín Mc Garry
- 2 Q Jonathan Black
- 2 W Peter Barrett

Progress Prizes:

- 2 D Jonathan Dover
- 2 G Barry Doyle
- 2 P Robert Anton
- 2 Q Sarah Keogh
- 2 W Tristan Lloyd

Class Prizes:

- 2 D Stephen Cummins, Luke Slott
- 2 G Gillian Whelan, Alice Dunn
- 2 P Cuan Ó Seireadáin,
Mary Bridgeman
- 2 Q Conor O'Shea, Sarah Mooney
- 2 W Adele Camier, Ben Okonji



Miss Jane Williams, who presented Miss Jagoe's Prize for Biology.

Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize (best performance in Junior Certificate): Des Ryan

Brook Prize (best performance in Junior Certificate):

Jennifer Mayne, Jennifer Daly

Dillon Prize for Mathematics: Jennifer Daly

Foster Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Jennifer Mayne

Carpenter Memorial Prize for English: Des Ryan

Emily Latimer Memorial Prize for English: Jennifer Mayne

Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Donal O'Shea

Casserley Prize for History: Jennifer Mayne, Des Ryan

German Government Prize: Amy Lynam

S.S. Evans Prize for Business Studies:

Jennifer Mayne, David Collins

Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics:

Des Ryan

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Eleanor Fry

Parents' Association Prize for Technical Graphics:

Sam Glacken, Nicholas Lyons

Diocesan School Music Prizes:

Cynthia Taylor, Stephanie Taylor

Class Prizes:

- 3 DA Fiona Bertz, Darren Mullins
- 3 DO Clare O'Connor, Cynthia Taylor, Stephanie Taylor
- 3 G Shane Cusack, Ruth Draper
- 3 R Eva McGuire, Emma Allott
- 3 W Laura Dempsey, James Rolfe

Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship (best overall in Form 5): Zoë Lipson

Dr. Start's Prize for Chemistry: Eoin Curran

Parents' Association Prize for English: Eric Klotz

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Paul Burke

McDonnell Prize for the Arts: Bruce Wardrop

Class Prizes: Melanie Boyle, Rachel Dawson, Daniel Frazer, Elizabeth Hilliard, Philippa Lock, Oliver Nash, Karen Pickett, Tarik Rahman, Sita Ramkissoon, Vicky McMullan

Form 6

(Normally a pupil is eligible for only one of the first six awards below)

High School Exhibition: (best Leaving Certificate performance of a pupil who enters T.C.D.) Kevin O'Reilly

John Thompson Scholarship: (best performances in English, Classics and Languages of a student who enters T.C.D.)
Not awarded

Glorney Exhibition and Cup: (next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education) Sarah Marcus

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize: (next best performing pupil who enters further education in Ireland) Vanessa Carswell

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize: (next best performing pupil) Mairead Dorney

John Bennett Memorial Prize: (next best performing pupil) Eva Dorney

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize: (best pupil who studies Engineering at T.C.D.) Jonathan Pickett

Ivan King Memorial Prize for History: Vanessa Carswell

Alan Peters Memorial Prize: (Prefect who has made the most helpful contribution to school life) Kate Lyons

Bessie Bury Prize for English: Andrew Somerville

Casserley Memorial Prize for English:

Cheryl Hodgkinson, Iseult Masterson

German Government Prize: Eva Dorney

Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Ian Love

S.S. Evans Prize for Business Subjects: Graham O'Meara

Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics:

Cleona Gray

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Karen McElhinney

Miss Jagoe Prize for Biology: Sarah Eager

P.P.U. Debating Medal: Hugh O'Connor

McDonnell Prize for the Arts: Dominic Barnes

Class Prizes:

Dominic Barnes, Justin Cramp,
David Finlay, Aimee Harris,
Tara Horan, Stuart Kenny,
Philip Maher, Hugh O'Connor,
Alan Smyth, Scott Wynne.

The following two awards are to the
"best all round pupils" as voted by the
pupils and staff of the school.

Jean Scott Trophy: Mairead Dorney
Old Boys' Cup: Jonathan Pickett

Note: Class prizes are awarded to pupils who perform best on average across the range of subjects in the class. Progress prizes are awarded to pupils who make the best progress during the year on average across the range of subjects in the class.

Bursaries

We wish to acknowledge with gratitude the generous McDonnell and B'nai Brith bursaries. The names of the recipients of these bursaries are confidential.



*Mairead Dorney, Head Girl 1996/97 and winner of the Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl
& Jonathan Pickett, Head Boy 1996/97 and winner of the Old Boys Cup*

Leaving Certificate 1997

Jonathan Allison	Lynn Fletcher	Enda Keavey	Luke Mc Gurdy	Alistair Pratt
Christopher Allison	Gillian Free	Nicholas Keenan	Erica Mc Kerrow	Nicola Reid
Ross Argue	Gavin Furney	Stuart Kenny	John Mc Sweeney	Niall Rice
Dominic Barnes	Samuel Gibson	Robert Kiernan	Cillian Monaghan	Emma Rosenberg
Joy Beattie	Van Gleeson	Rachel Kiersey	Susan Moore	Keith Rynhart
Oisin Boydell	Owen Goodwin	David Kinsella	Michelle Murphy	Fiona Shine
David Bradshaw	Stuart Gould	Peter Kirwan	Tristan Murphy	Jennifer Sinnamon
Jeremy Brown	Cleona Gray	Sa'id Koya	Garreth Nevin	Andrew Smyth
Claire Caldwell	Jeffrey Griffin	Susan Long	Derek Nicholson	Alan Smyth
Susan Carroll	Nathan Hall	Ian Love	Christopher	Andrew Somerville
Vanessa Carswell	Stuart Halligan	Deirdre Lunny	Nicholson	David Spier
Lynn Carty	Robert Hamilton	Kate Lyons	Marc Nixon	Trevor Steedman
Lynn Cogan	Barry Handelman	Philip Maher	Mark Nolan	Peter Stroughair
Justin Cramp	Aimee Harris	Ailbhe Maher	Hugh O'Connor	Patrick Tanner
Mervyn Craven	Tara Heffernan	Janet Mahon	Carl O'Malley	Hilary Taylor
James Croke	Jonathan Heslip	Daniel Manley	Graham O'Meara	Evelyn Tiernan
Eva Dorney	Lisa Hickey	Sarah Marcus	Conor O'Neill	Bronwyn Vincent
Mairead Dorney	David Hill	Iseult Masterson	Henrietta O'Neill	Sally Walsh
Janice Duggan	Cheryl	Elaine Matthews	Kevin O'Reilly	Justin Walsh
Emma Dunn	Hodgkinson	Niamh Mc Carthy	Gillian Palmer	Simone Warbrick
Emmett Dunne	Tara Horan	Denise Mc Clintock	Ross Parker	Nicholas White
Sarah Eager	Arron Inglis	Marguerite	Sonia Patterson	Fiachra White
Natasha Eames	Samuel Jackson	Mc Connell	Derek Pemberton	Catherine Wright
Karen Edge	Aaron Jewell	Claire Mc Culloch	Gareth Petrie	Scott Wynne
Wayne Farrell	Peter Johnston	Karen Mc Elhinney	Jonathan Pickett	
David Finlay	Anna Jordan	Gary Mc Gouran	David Power	

Junior Certificate 1997

Simon Alkin	Laura Dempsey	Shelley Horan	Simon Mc Govern	Jennifer Rath
Emma Allott	Nicole Dowley	David Kavanagh	Eva Mc Guire	Andrew Reid
Susan Anglim	Ian Dowling	Suzanne Kenealy	Neill Mc Ilwaine	Stephen Reid
Shirley Beattie	Ruth Draper	Ian Kinsella	Sarah Mc Murray	James Rolfe
Eoin Bell	David Duggan	David Kirkpatrick	Ben McNally	Raymond Ryan
Fiona Bertz	Jonathan Dunn	Andrew Laughlin	Richard Mc Neill	Desmond Ryan
David Blackmore	Lesley Eager	Sophia Lawless	Brenda Mc Parland	Daniel Scales
Jocelyn Blake	Jonathan Ellis	Peter Laycock	Stuart Mellon	Kate Scanlan
Rayne Booth	Karl Fahy	William Lett	Keith Moore	Carol Shaw
Fergus Boydell	Zelda Fairman King	Avalia Lipsett	John Morton	Russell Simmons
Thomas Brennan	Mark Fennell	Ian Logan	Carol Moss	Graeme Singleton
Mark Burke	Sean Flanagan	Oscar Long	Nicholas Mulcahy	Stephen Smith
Joseph Burke	Julien Fraser	Stuart Love	Dominic Mullan	Lynda Smyth
Mark Butterly	Eleanor Fry	Andrew Lowry	Darren Mullins	Clare Swift
David Campbell	Andrew Fry	Katherine Lowry	James Murphy	Cynthia Taylor
Luke	Eoin Garrigan	Amy Lynam	Andrew Nevin	Stephanie Taylor
Campbell-Crawford	Sam Glacken	Nicholas Lyons	Julie Nixon	Gregor Timlin
Gavin Carroll	Rory Gleeson	Charles Mac Garry	Susuan O'Brien	Keith Tobin
Ailis Coffey	Caroline Gray	Jody Madigan	Conor O'Brien	Deborah Walker
Jeffery Cole	Oliver Gray	Russell Maidment	Clare O'Connor	Jane Wardrop
Andrew Coleman	Justin Hall	Neil Mannion	Benjamin O'Donnell	Allan Whyte
David Collins	Daniel Hanlon	Fintan Marshall	Joseph O'Duffy	Susan Wilkinson
Kara Cramp	Luach Hardiman	Imran Masood	Sean O'Meara	Kate Williams
Darragh Curran	Jane Harley	Jennifer Mayne	Donal O'Shea	Kiran Woolhead
Shane Cusack	Jack Harris	Gail Mc Endoo	Christian Phelan	
Jennifer Daly	Shane Hartung	Andrew Mc Farland	Soraya Pillay	
Carol Davis	Mark Hill	Philip Mc Gouran	Emma Pratt	

Transition Year Awards

Gaisce

President's Award

Nigel Bass
Thomas Blackwell
Colin Brandsma
Claire Cox
Andrew Day
Mark Duggan
Jennifer Eames
Sarah Gray
Kate Halligan
Wallis Handelman
Emma Hilliard
Nicholas Holmes
Niamh Kelly
Emily King
Gary Mahon
Michelle McCartney
Shane Murphy
Sharon O'Byrne
Redmond O'Connell
Geoffrey Thom
Louise Watson

Judo

John Anglim
Paul Bridges
Paul Bright
Andrew Cummins
Trevor Fisher
Lydia Foster
Susan Gray
Terence Gunning
Robert Holmes
Hugh Hogan
Richard Hourie
Frances Kearns
Stephen Murphy
Robert McNamara
Daire O'Dwyer
Becky Peare
David Redmond
Robert Ryan
Geoffrey Thom
Richard Thompson

An Taisce

Environmental

Nigel Bass
Katie Blackwood
Frank Browne
Robbie Collins
Niall Crampton
John Dorney
Daniel Dunne
David Foster
Lydia Foster

Sarah Gray
Susan Gray
Gary Mahon
Ross McNally
Shona Nolan
Stephanie Patterson
Michelle Prunty
Rachel Robinson
Lucinda Taylor
Helen Tippins
Louise Watson

First Aid

Gary Black
Rebecca Borland
Robbie Collins
Niall Crampton
Declan Donoghue
Sara Dover
Daniel Downey
Mark Duggan
Benoît Ferré-Cullen
Peter Freyne
Fred Gilmore
Kate Halligan
Steven Hanan
Helen Keogh
Michael Logan
Mark McCullough
Joy McDonnell
Shane Murphy
Shona Nolan
Lindsey

O'Callaghan
Ronan O'Laoire
Maria Olarte
Eleanor O'Neill
Andrew Patterson
Andrew Shaw
Billy Sheehy
Ciara Stafford
Lucinda Taylor
Louise Watson

Canoeing

Thomas Blackwell
Andrew Day
Gary Mahon
Shona Nolan
Ronan O'Laoire
David Redmond

Swimming

Claire Cox
Benoît Ferré-Cullen
Sarah Gray
Michelle McCartney
Redmond O'Connell

School Trophy Winners '96-'97

Athletics

Belgrave 200 Metres - Senior Girls - Yvonne Elliott
Cornick 400 Metres - Senior Boys - Aidan Walsh
Cunningham Points - Junior Boys - David Collins
Magill 100 Metres - Junior Boys - Cuan O Seireadáin
Mathers Points - First Year Girls - Caroline Byrne
Moore 200 Metres - Senior Boys - Aidan Walsh
Pakenham Hamilton High Jump Junior - Sarah Brusey
Sloan Long Jump - Senior Boys - Aidan Walsh
Southam 800 Metres - Senior Boys - Aidan Walsh
Taylor 100 Metres - Senior Boys - Aidan Walsh
Taylor Points - Senior Girls - Ruth Draper
Travers High Jump - Senior Boys - Christopher Vincent
Walker 1500 Metres - Senior Boys - Aidan Walsh
War Memorial Points - Senior Boys - Aidan Walsh
Whyte Field Events - Boys - Justin O'Malley

Badminton

Evans Mixed - Zoë Lipson, Gary Mahon
Factor Junior Boys - Conor McCartney
Hennessy
Senior Boys - Stephen Murphy
Junior Girls - Natalie May

Basketball

Parents' Association Not awarded

Canoeing

Broad Form 1 Benjamin Blackwell
Canoeist of the Year Kate Harris
Junior Liffey Neil McIlwaine

Cricket

de Vere Shortt - Best Batting - Boys - Scott Wynne
Hanly - Best Fielder - Boys - Ross Wynne
Jacobson - All-rounder - Senior Boys - Graham O'Meara

Hockey

Neville Davin - Senior Boys - Jonathan Pickett
Diocesan - Minor Girls - Adele Camier
Jean Scott - Junior Girls - Deborah Walker
Jean Scott - Senior Girls - Suzanne Mellon

Rugby

de Vere Shortt - Gary McGouran
Turner - Most Deserving Team - Paul Bridges

Table Tennis

Evans - Darragh Rice

Tennis

Harcourt - Junior Boys - Mark McCartney
Sealy - Senior Boys - Robert Slattery
Jagoe - Junior Girls - Laura Dolan
Smith - Senior Girls - Kara Cramp

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The Lord Bishop of Tuam
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Dublin
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 Kirsty Forbes, M.A. (Hons.)
 (Aberdeen), Higher Diploma in
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 Mabel Denniston
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 Joy Gillis
 Gene Draper
 Brendan O'Donovan
 Stephen Corrigan

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1997/98

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 Vice-Principal Mr. R. Fennell
 Senior lady teacher Mrs. E. Cummins

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Guidance counsellor Ms. T. Jones

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Year Head Mr. J. Geoghegan
 Form Teachers Mrs. E. Davin, Mrs. M.
 Dowsett, Mrs. J. Geoghegan, Miss D.
 Sixsmith, Miss A. Wilson.

Form 2

Year Head Mr. M. Hilliard
 Form Teachers Mr. D. Cole, Mr. R. Hill,
 Mr. M. Hilliard, Mr. J. Hickey, Mrs. C.
 McCartney, Mrs. L. Pearce.

Form 3

Year Head Miss E. Parle
 Form Teachers Miss E. Parle, Mr. R.
 Davies, Mr. T. Gill, Miss E. Parle, Mr. B.
 Quinn, Mr. R. Walker

Form 4

Year Head Mr. J. Toomey
 Form Teachers Mr. P. Irwin, Miss G.
 O'Sullivan, Miss A. Stevenson, Mr. J.
 Toomey, Mr. D. Wright.

Form 5

Year Head Mr. R. Miller
 Form Teachers Mr. I. Blackmore, Miss I.
 Fraser, Mr. L. McClure, Mr. D. Miller, Mr.
 R. Miller, Mrs. M. Milne, Mr. E. O'Reilly.

Form 6

Year Head Mr. R. McMullen
 Form Teachers Miss P. Bergin, Miss P.
 Saville, Mr. A. Kelly, Mr. C. Cryan, Mr. R.
 McMullen, Mr. P. Sheridan.

College applications and UCAS reference
 co-ordinator Mr. A. Kelly

SUBJECT CO-ORDINATORS

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 Business subjects Mr. P. Sheridan
 Classics Mr. R. Miller
 C. S. P.E. Mr. P. Irwin
 Computers Mr. M. Hilliard
 Drama Mrs. M. Milne, Mr. I. Blackmore
 English - Mrs. M. Milne
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 History Miss P. Graham
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Music Mr. M. Wisener
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Technological Subjects Mr. C. Cryan
Transition Year Mrs. D. Larkin
Special needs Mrs. L. Pearce
Science junior cycle Mr J. Toomey
Young Entrepreneur Scheme Mr. M. Kirby

SPORTS

Sports co-ordinator Mr. R. Walker
Sports development Mr. R. Walker
Girls' games administration
 Mrs. G. Mellon

Rugby Mr. D. Cole
 (in charge, senior second coach)
 Mr. D. Wright (senior panel coach)
 Mr. R. Walker (JCT and Transition Year coach)
 Mr. A. Reidy (JCT B coach)
 Mr. T. Gill (under 14 coach)
 Mr. R. Hill (Under 14 B coach)
 Mr. R. Davis (under 13 A coach)
 Mr. R. Fennell (under 13 B coach)
 Mr. B. Quinn.

Hockey(Girls) Mrs. G. Mellon (in charge, 1st XI, 3rd XI, and minor A coach)
 Miss I. Fraser (junior C coach)
 Miss S. Quinn (junior B coach)
 Miss D. Sixsmith
 (Junior A, 2nd XI, 1st year coach)

Hockey(Boys) Mr. D. Miller (in charge, coach)
 Mr. I. Blackmore

Cricket Mr. R. McMullen
 (in charge, 2nd XI coach)
 Mr. R. Davies (1st XI coach)
 Mr. R. Walker (JCT coach)
 Mr. R. Fennell (Under 14 coach)
 Mr. B. Quinn (Under 13 coach)

Basketball(girls) Miss.P.Bergin(in charge)
Basketball(boys) Mr. J. Walker

Badminton Mr. P. Sheridan (in charge)
 Miss A. Wilson

Athletics Mr. P. Irwin (in charge),
 Mr. T. Gill, Mr. J. Toomey

Canoeing Mr. J. Swan

Caving Mr. D. Wright

Cross-country Mr. P. Irwin

Golf Mr. M. Kirby

Hill-walking Mr. I. Blackmore,
 Mr. C. Cryan

Indoor games equipment Mr. P. Sheridan

SoccerMr. P. Prendergast (senior boys' coach)

Swimming Mrs. G. Mellon, Mr. J. Swan

Table-tennis Mr. P. Sheridan

Tennis - Mr. L. McClure (in charge of boys) Mrs. G. Mellon (in charge of girls)

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

An Taisce Young Reporters for the Environment Awards
 Mr. P. Irwin

Art portfolio development club Miss A. Corrigan

Choir Mr. M. Wisener

Co-operation North cross-border exchanges Mr. P. Irwin

Debating Society Mr. D. Miller, Miss A. Wilson(junior section)

European Youth Parliament Mr. D. Miller

Model United Nations Mr. D. Miller

Orchestra Mr. M. Wisener

Photographic club Miss M. Walsh

President's Award (Gaisce) - Mr. J. Swan(bronze), Miss P.Bergin (silver)

Assembly co-ordinator Miss M. Travers

Audio recordings Mr. I. Blackmore

Booklists Mr. L. McClure

Charity fund-raising co-ordinator Mr. I. Blackmore

Corridor supervision before school Mr. W. O'Connor

Detention system - in charge Mr. W. O'Connor

Erasmian & Diocesan Times Mr. T. Gill

Examination organisation Mr. M. Hilliard, Mr. J. Swan

European dimension co-ordinator Mr. B. Quinn

Incremental returns co-ordinator Mr. R. Miller

Induction of new staff Miss P. Graham

Lost property Mr. M. Kirby

Notices for staff Mrs. C. McCartney

Photography of school activities Mr. I. Blackmore

Prize system Mrs. E. Cummins

Punctuality Mrs. J. Geoghegan, Mrs. C. McCartney(assistant)

Scholarship examination arrangements Mr. R. Miller

School steward (A. S. T. I.) Mr. P. Irwin

Staff meetings - secretary Mrs. E. Cummins

Stage design for drama Miss A. Corrigan

Stationery Mr. J. Hickey

Study skills seminar Mrs. T. Jones

Supervision of school buildings during assembly Mr. D. Cole

TimetableMr. J. Hickey

Trophies Mr. J. Hickey

Video equipment and recordings Mr. D. Wright

School Record

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Head Girl: **Zoë Lipson**
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Members of the School Choir

Emma Allott, Ralph Benson, Annette Boles, Mary Bridgeman, Claire Cox, Meabh Cryan, Ria Czerniak Lebov, Daniel Frazer, Kate Higgs, Jane Hilliard, Stephen Kerr, Elaine Laing, Ben McGuire, Claire Murphy, Edward O'Hare, Des Ryan, Edel Smith, Grace Tallon, Cynthia Taylor, Stephanie Taylor, Howard Thom, Kerrie Wynne.

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Sports Captains 1996-7

Cricket - Boys - **Graham O'Meara**
Cricket - Girls - **Zoë Lipson**
Tennis - Boys - **Robert Slattery**
Tennis - Girls - **Debbie Walker**
Athletics - Boys - **Keith Rynhart**
Basketball - Boys - **Matthew Walker**
Basketball - Girls - **Julie O'Sullivan**
Badminton - Hon. Secretary - **Zoë Lipson**
Hockey - Boys - **Stuart Gould**
Hockey - Girls - **Susan Moore**
Rugby - **Gary McGouran**

Valete

Christopher Allison - Year out (Science UCD)
Jonathan Allison - Repeat, Ashfield college
Ross Argue - Repeat, Rathmines Senior College
Dominic Barnes - Year out (Music)
Joy Beattie - Culinary Arts, DIT Cathal Brugha St
Oisín Boydell - Science, UCD
David Bradshaw - Media Production and Photography, St Kevin's, Crumlin
Jeremy Brown - Institute of Education
Susan Carroll - Culinary Arts, DIT Cathal Brugha St
Vanessa Carswell - History, Trinity
Lynn Carty - Interior Design, Liberties VEC
Lynn Cogan - Physiotherapy
Justin Cramp - Repeat, Ashfield College
Mervyn Craven - Construction, Galway
James Croke - Arts, UCD
Eva Dorney - European Studies, TCD
Mairead Dorney - Graphic Design, DIT Mountjoy Sq.
Janice Duggan - Hotel and Catering, DIT Cathal Brugha St
Emma Dunn - Repeat, Bruce College
Emmett Dunne - Barman, The Davenport Hotel
Sarah Eager - Arts UCG
Natasha Eames - Equestrian Course, St Patrick's College, Naas

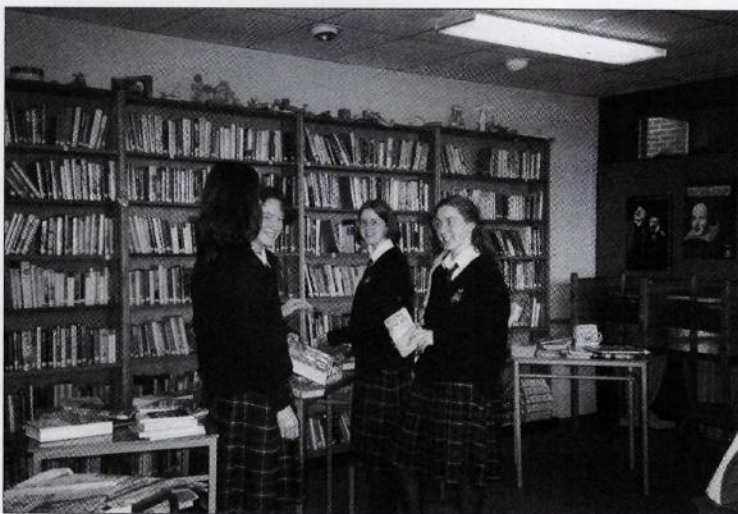
Karen Edge - Arts, UCD
Wayne Farrell - Sound Engineering, Templebar
David Finlay - Science, TCD
Lynn Fletcher - Secretarial, Rathmines
Gillian Free - Environmental Management, DIT Cathal Brugha St
Gavin Furney - Business Administration, RTC Tallaght
Samuel Gibson - Repeating
Van Gleeson - Radar, St Stephen's Green
Stuart Goodwin - Shell Garage
Stuart Gould - Applied Electronics and Chemistry, DIT Kevin St
Cleona Gray - DIT Kevin St
Jeffrey Griffin - Griffin Garage Mechanic
Nathan Hall - Repeat, Rathmines Senior College
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Robbie Hamilton - Pre-Engineering, Ballyfermot RTC
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Aimee Harris - Business, Economic and Social Science, TCD
Tara Heffernan - Nursing, Rostrevor Nursing Home
Jonathan Heslip - Electrical Engineering, RTC Tallaght
Lisa Hickey - Computer and Business, Ballsbridge
David Hill - Tracy Tarmacadam
Cheryl Hodgekinson - Ground Hostess, Aer Lingus
Tara Horan - Year out
Arron Inglis - Repeat, Ashfield College
Samuel Jackson - Year off (Engineering, TCD)
Aaron Jewell - Repeat, Rathmines Senior College
Peter Johnson - Physical Education, Scotland
Enda Keavy - Computers, Griffin College
Nicholas Keenen - Engineering, TCD
Stuart Kenny - Engineering, TCD
Robert Kiernan - Business, RTC Tallaght
Rachel Kiersey - Science, TCD
David Kinsella - Repeat, Ashfield College
Sa'jd Koya - Science, RTC Tallaght
Susan Long - Mechanical Engineering, DIT Kevin St
Ian Love - Business and German, TCD
Deirdre Lunny - Republica, Kildare St
Kate Lyons - Chef, North Hotel and Catering College
Aibhe Maher - Science, UCD
Philip Maher - Science, UCD
Janet Mahon - Business, DCU
Daniel Manley - Arts, UCD

Sarah Marcus - English and Russian, TCD
Iseult Masterson - Arts, UCD
Elaine Matthews - Culinary Art, DIT Cathal Brugha St
Niamh Mc Carthy - Year out
Denise Mc Clintock - Commerce, UCD
Marguerite Mc Connell - Information Technology, Dundrum College
Claire Mc Culloch - Arts, UCD
Karen Mc Elhinney - NCAD
Gary Mc Gouran - Training Pilot
Luke Mc Gurdy - Repeat, Rathmines Senior College
Erica Mc Kerrow - Russian and Theological Studies, TCD
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Cillian Monaghan - Environmental Studies, DIT Mountjoy Sq.
Susan Moore - Repeat, Naas Technical College
Michelle Murphy - Repeat
Tristan Murphy - Programming, IBM
Garreth Nevin - Sales and Production, Ballyfermot RTC
Christopher Nicholson - Engineering, UCD
Derek Nicholson - Pre-Engineering, Ballyfermot RTC
Marc Nixon - Repeat, Rathmines RTC
Mark Nolan - Repeat, Institute of Education
Hugh O'Connor - Business, Economic and Social Science, TCD
Karl O'Malley - Journalism, Griffith College
Graham O'Meara - Arts, UCD
Conor O'Neill - Sound Engineering, Temple Bar
Henrietta O'Neill - Business and Finance, DIT Maynooth
Kevin O'Neill - Theoretical Physics, TCD
Gillian Palmer - Science, RTC Tallaght
Ross Parker - Accounting and Technology, Rathmines Senior College
Sonia Patterson - Graphics, RTC Tallaght
Derek Pemberton - Apprentice Plumber
Gareth Petrie - Computer Studies, Ballsbridge College of Business Studies
Jonathan Pickett - Engineering, TCD
David Power - Sound Engineering, Ballyfermot
Alistair Pratt - Returned to Canada
Nicola Reid - Repeat, Ashfield College
Darragh Rice - Engineering, DIT Bolton St
Emma Rosenberg - Modelling, Leanne Morgan Agency, London
Keith Rhnhart - Apprentice Toolmaker, GPS
Fiona Shine - Science, UCG
Jennifer Sinnamon - Stenography, Bray Community College
Alan Smyth - Engineering, TCD
Andrew Smyth - Repeat, Ashfield College
Philip Somerville - Science, TCD
David Spier - Business Studies, Portobello College
Trevor Steedman - Air Steward, Ryanair
Peter Stroughair - Building Services, DIT Bolton St
Patrick Tanner - Apprentice Chef, Ballymaloe Cookery College, Cork
Hilary Taylor - Nursing, South Bank University, London
Bronwyn Vincent - Science, UCD
Justin Walsh - Repeat, Ashfield College
Sally Walsh - Sports Science, Dundrum College
Simone Warbrick - Legal Studies, Rathmines Senior College
Fiachra White - Year off -Australia
Nicholas White - Business and Marketing, Portobello College
Catherine Wright - Media Production, Liberties VEC
Scott Wynne - Arts, UCD

The Library

The library has had a busy and productive year. Our collection is constantly growing and new features continue to make the library an exciting place. One addition to the general array of library facilities has been a multimedia computer. The purchase of the computer was made possible by donations received in the aftermath of the very sad death of past pupil Derek Wynne. The presence of a computer has, I hope, enhanced the use of the library as the primary centre of research for pupils. Interactive programs such as encyclopaedias result in the provision of quick and accessible information. Yet the computer is only a small part in the chain of library resources. Information obtained on it can be clarified and extended using our broad array of printed materials. Indeed, the library endeavours to purchase the most important works published in every subject that are likely to be helpful to an enquiring pupil. As such, the library now houses particularly strong collections in history, science and literature. We will continue to put most of our efforts into maintaining these collections and in doing so emphasise that although multimedia is useful it has a lot of catching up to do when compared with traditional sources.

The library is keen to promote awareness of contemporary events or important historical anniversaries. This is done through the regular series of displays on the library noticeboards.



This year, the displays focused on the anniversary of the 1798 insurrection and the impending introduction of European Monetary Union. Many pupils and teachers helped with the displays and thanks go to all of them.

The success of the library is dependent on the unwavering commitment of a small number of bodies and individuals. In particular the Board of Governors has, over the years, been extremely generous in providing the resources that have made the library what it is today. Thank you to parents of the school leavers who most generously contributed to the Library Appeal Fund and to those who donated books.

In closing, perhaps the best summary of the perseverance of the library as an institution of The High School is found in the verse of Philip Larkin: "New eyes each year find old books here, and new books too old eyes renew. So youth and age, like ink and page, in this house join - minting new coin."

-Valerie King, Librarian

The Librarian

In the library, the librarian, Mrs. King has organised a number of fundraising events for needy charities including: Feed the Pig, a collection of money for the Dun Laoghaire orphanage. The money collected was for Christmas presents. She also organised to sell daffodils, both real and silk. We raised over £100 for the Irish Cancer Society.

Mrs. King also organises the Friends of the Library, a committee that organises library events. We have little competitions

and reviews, some of these are, Word of the Week, Meaning of the Month, Best Book of the Week and Worst Book of the Week. There is a sheet on which you can write suggestions for new books in the library. Mrs. King goes through the list with the committee and we choose the best suggestions. Sometimes Mrs. King buys new books.

The library is a great place to study or to do homework at lunchtimes. There is a computer where you can look up information and a brilliant selection of books which Mrs. King sorts out every so often.

- Sarah Cobban, 1st

Fundraising for Charities

Throughout the year High School students have taken time to organise and fundraise for many different charities. With the help of their commitment and kind generosity, High School has had many opportunities to help people less fortunate than themselves.



Some of the Form 2 pupils who organised a raffle in Aid of M.S. Society.

Non Uniform Day

Every year High School tries to hold a Non-Uniform Day. This is an opportunity for the students to wear their own everyday comfortable clothes to school, and to raise money at the same time. This year with the help of 4T and Mrs Travers, The High School was able to raise £550 for the Guide Dogs Association and Focus Point. As a sign of appreciation, a representative of the association came to talk to the students about the charity. Thank you to 4T and Mrs Travers.



Members of Form 2 selling Valentine stamps

St. Valentine's Day Post

On the 14th of February each year High School holds a Valentine's post for the students. Stamps are sold for 20p each to the students and teachers to help raise money for charity. This year the 2nd years were responsible for the organisation of the post. The money went towards the Irish Stillbirth and Neo-Natal Death Society. Thanks to the 2nd years.

Friendship Bracelets

During the Amnesty International appeal that took place from 9th-13th of February, the class of 4O'S made bracelets and sold them to the students and teachers. The money raised, £300, was given to help homeless street children. Thank you 4O'S.

Aquaboxes

4S, 1G, 1W, 1S and 2LP filled Aquaboxes to help relief agencies. The most urgent problem in a disaster area is providing safe drinking water. Aquaboxes were filled with emergency clothes, tools for building shelter, cooking equipment, items to maintain hygiene water purification tablets and blankets for warmth. Thank you to all involved.

- Michelle Prunty, 5th

De Show

De Show hit De Reynolds Hall in early January '98. Carrying warnings of explosions and flash photography, a splendid time was guaranteed for all.

Also known as "Seánstock", De Show was the brainchild of Seán Curran (6th Year). Seán rounded up six acts at the cutting edge of the music industry also, em, from High School. Eskape headlined, and other bands, Sense, Fused and Yield, supported. Seán played solo and David O'Toole, Zoë McGeeney and Danielle Hill covered songs on acoustic guitar.

Thanks are due to Mr. Benson, Mrs. King, Seán Curran, Sarge, the office staff and Mr. Duffy. We were proud to donate the £300 profit to St. Lukes Hospital, Rathgar.

- Ralph Benson, 6th

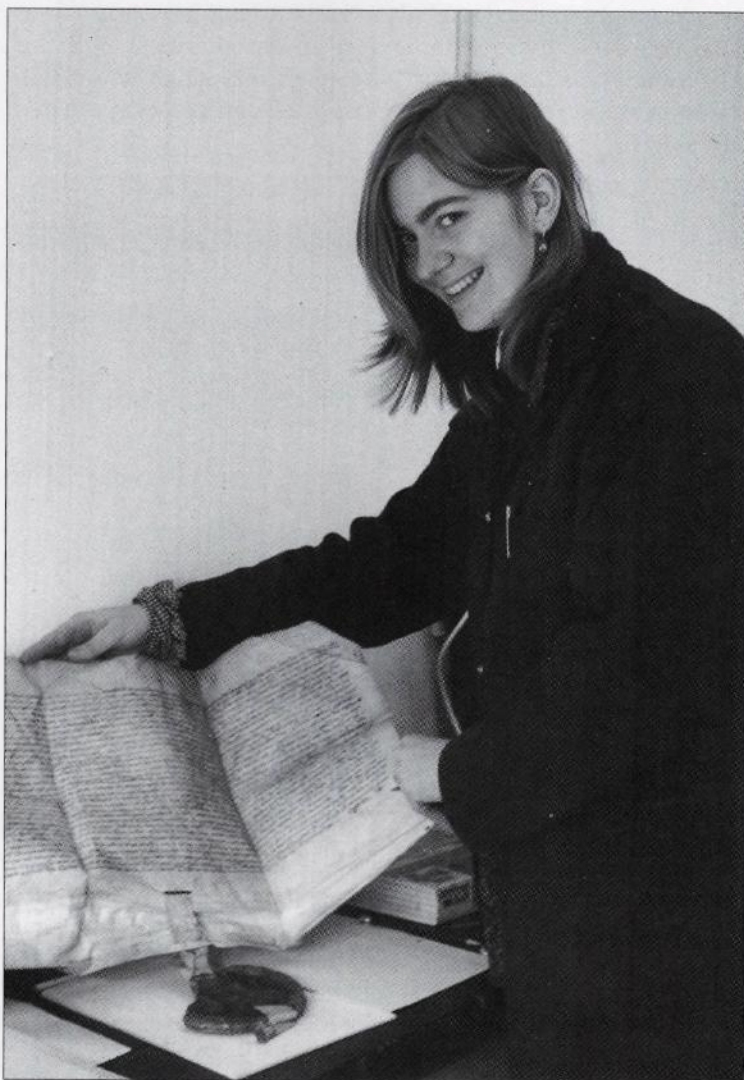
The Erasmus Smith Trust Archives

Since coming to High School, I have grown accustomed to the response "The what?" whenever I say, "I work in the archives". This is my chance to enlighten you about "The what?".

An archivist is employed to look after valuable and important documents (archives) that have been created by institutions and individuals. I am employed by The Governors of the Schools Founded by Erasmus Smith, Esq., who own High School, to take care of all the documents that they and their schools have produced since the Trust was founded in 1669. Unfortunately, not all of the documents have survived, but there is a good proportion them, albeit in varying states of repair, kept here at HSD.

In 'taking care' of the archives I have some very specific concerns. The first concern of mine is that the archives are permanently preserved, that is that they will continue to survive and in doing so have the potential to reveal something of the history of the Trust, the schools, and Protestant education in Ireland, for example. To be preserved, they must be protected from theft, damage and the misuse of any information contained in them.

Damage can occur from flood and fire, dust and dirt, and even mould, insects and small rodents making a tasty meal out of the paper or parchment. Some archives contain information which is sensitive or confidential, and thus cannot be read by members of the public or may only be allowed to be read after many years when they, their relatives and friends are no longer alive. You may be familiar with this concept in relation to the release of certain government papers only after 30 years have elapsed. The archives also have to be preserved against the environment (paper and parchment are organic materials, which is why wee beasties like them so much) and as organic matter they react to fluctuations in temperature and humidity and exposure to sunlight. It is because of this that they must be kept at a stable temperature and relative humidity and out of direct sunlight. Keeping archives in specially produced acid-free boxes ensures that they will not disintegrate because of their environment.



Kirsty Forbes, Archivist.

Having made sure that the archives are preserved I then have to make them accessible. There is little sense in preserving documents if they are not going to be used. In order to use them they have to be organised. The archive is composed of thousands and thousands of individual leaves of paper or parchment, so that trying to find one without some sort of list creates a needle and haystack scenario. Organising the archives is not merely a task of putting things in chronological order, or arranging them according to document type i.e. letters do not necessarily live next to letters and maps with maps. Sometimes a map will belong to a lease, because they were created for the one purpose, or a photograph may only make sense with a certain letter because they were sent together, to the recipient for a reason. In order to judge how best to organise the archives, I have to read through every document that has been preserved. This is a very slow process and means that I shall be at HSD, for a good bit longer. While I read the documents, I create a list describing them, and I pencil a code onto each one. This means that there is

a record of every piece of paper, photograph, map etc., and also that every piece can be identified by an individual code. Not only does the process of listing and coding make it easier to find documents it acts as a security measure as well.

The need to have archives preserved and listed is usually brought about by researcher enquiries. Every time someone contacts the school to find out if there is a photograph of Grandpa Nicholson and his tennis trophy in 1935, or if The Erasmus Smith Trust ever owned the schoolhouse in Glencolumbkille, another enquiry is logged. At present if I receive any enquiries, I have to go and root out the information myself. It is unwise to give a member of the public access to unlisted documents, as the suitability of their information has not been assessed, and because it is too easy for precious documents to 'disappear'. By preserving, organising and listing the archives it means that, in due course, anyone who has a query can look at the list, decide which document(s) they need and carry out the research for themselves. It is also hoped that HSD pupils can learn by using the archives themselves, not just by

viewing them in a glass cabinet. There is something amazing about reading a letter written hundreds of years ago that brings historical events, or attitudes or circumstances into a more tangible form, making those hundreds of years seem much less far away.

The archives contain information on the Trust, its estate, its grammar schools and its English Schools. The English Schools were set up on the Erasmus Smith estates to educate the children of tenants through English rather than Irish, and eventually there was an English School in every Irish county but one. The Trust was founded primarily to establish grammar schools in Galway, Drogheda and Tipperary.

In fact, HSD was one of the last Erasmus Smith schools to be founded and is the last surviving one, which is why the archives are kept here. The history of HSD is well documented in written and pictorial form. There are some photographs from late last century still in good condition and of course there are Erasmians right back to the first edition in 1899.

I hope that this gives you, the reader, a better idea of the archives and that I may have resolved a few of the puzzled "what? 's" that I might otherwise have encountered.

-Kirsty M. Forbes, Archivist

Enquiries should be made to the archivist at High School during school office hours or by post.

The Guidance Department

The Guidance Dept. attempts to cater for personal development of the students from 1st to 6th year. One focus of this year has been to build on parental involvement in the student's school life. The parents association organised and held parent/pupil interviews for 5th and 6th forms. A career exhibition was held at the school. Both parents and senior pupils were invited to attend.

The Guidance Dept. was involved in evening parent meetings for incoming 1st years, present 4th and 5th years, and departing 6th years. These meetings were aimed at introducing the parents to the different stages in school that students face.

In March, the *Sticks and Stones Theatre Company* visited the school on an anti-bullying campaign. The 1st and 2nd years watched a 40-minute drama on bullying and had a 40 minute discussion afterwards. Group sessions on bullying followed in individual classes.

The Dept. has been involved in the development of a new Health Education programme, which, working with the R.E. department will aim to improve the health education in the school. From September '98, 1st and 4th years will have a weekly health education class.

The careers department, another function of the guidance department, has been involved in bringing students to various exhibitions and open days. The UCD Open Day, PLC Exhibitions and FAS Exhibition in the RDS were attended by 5th years. Also, a Study Skills Seminar was arranged for 5th years in January. AIB was training interviewers and a class of 5th years were used as guinea pigs. A compulsory careers project was undertaken by 5th years. The 6th years attended the Higher Options Conference in the RDS.

The 4th and 5th years attended many career talks throughout the year, including Architecture, Music and Tourism. A delegation of 4th years, the Careers Library Committee, looked after and maintained the Careers Library.

-Ms. T. Jones, Guidance Counsellor

The Debating Society, Model United Nations and E.Y.P.

Way back in September 1997 the Debating Society met in B7 to elect an auditor and a secretary for the coming season. Brian Kelly (6th year) was chosen to be at the helm and Jenni Daly was appointed as his second in command.

The society had a sparse year this year, with many old and familiar faces absent from the weekly meetings, Keith Rynhart, Justin Cramp and Hugh O'Connor (and his innuendoes) were sadly missed, and unfortunately, there were not enough new ones to fill all the gaps.

The in-school debates were quite few and far between as outside competitions took precedence and meetings for the Transition Year Fashion Show stole many participants away from the Thursday lunch-time meetings. "This House Would Stay Away From Paula Yates" proved to be a fairly successful debate. Michael Hutchence, Bob Geldof, Heavenly Hirani Tiger Lily, Peaches, Fifi Trixabell and breast implants were thrown to the floor (metaphorically of course) as both sides vigorously argued their case. Then, as the bell tolled at 1.55 p.m. and voting took place, there came a first for the Debating Society; a complete and absolute tie despite several recounts. The end result was that this house would stay not too far from but not too close to Paula Yates.

Ray Ryan and Jenni Daly took part in the ESB Leinster Schools' Debating Competition. The first round motion was that

"This House Would Abolish the Presidency" just days after the actual presidential election, and both Mary's came under fire. Jenni received a wild card but proceeded no further. Ray succeeded in reaching the quarterfinals but was beaten by three guys; a team and an individual speaker who became the eventual winners of the competition. The society also entered a team in the Concern Debating Competition and participated in a series of debates concerning worldwide problems before being knocked out.

Jennifer Mayne, Rayne Booth, Stephanie Taylor, Ray Ryan and Jenni Daly took part in the selection conference of the European Youth Parliament. The conference was held in D.C.U., which meant a lot of early mornings and fairly late nights just days prior to T.Y. work experience. The "evening event" on Saturday night was unforgettable, not just because of the amazing karaoke skills displayed by all of the High Schoolers but because all the singing and dancing took place in a church. Yes, we were dancing in the pews all night long, if only all Sunday mornings could be like that.....

High School delegates also made it to the national finals of E.Y.P., which this time took place in Sandford Park. The mornings weren't quite as early this year but we made up for that at night. This time we took over the Trinity Inn for our "evening entertainment". The slave auction proved very interesting and the disco afterwards nearly resulted in us going through the roof (literally) and falling on top of unsuspecting drinkers in the ground floor. "Ooh mustang Sally my Baby, Are you gonna slow that mustang down!"

Three High School pupils took part in the St Andrew's International Model United Nations in Jury's Hotel, Ballsbridge this year. Our delegation represented Sudan. Stephanie Taylor dealt with health and youth, Ray Ryan with Political and Jenni Daly handled human rights.

Once again huge thanks to Mr. D. Miller for all his help (despite being ill) and dedication.

- Jenni Daly, 4th

President's Award

This year a total of 33 transition year pupils completed the President's Award. Each pupil had to complete four sections: Community Involvement, Physical Challenge, Personal Skill and Venture. The Community Involvement involves 15 weeks of working in the community. This year many people worked in Youth Clubs or helped the elderly. The Physical Challenge involves 15 weeks of taking part in a sport. Many people choose swimming or

badminton. At 26 weeks, Personal Skill is the longest section, it involves taking up a musical instrument or improving a skill like typing. For the Venture Activity everybody had to take part in at least two hill walks, a night walk and the trip to Kerry.

On behalf of everybody who participated in the President's Award I would like to thank Mr. Swan for all his organisation and help.

-Fergus Boydell, 4th

Climbing Carruntoohill



On Thursday 19 March at 2:10 p.m. a small convoy left High School, in search of the kingdom of Kerry, and the Presidents's Award venture trip 1998.

Twenty-eight of us laughed, sang, shouted and generally annoyed our drivers Mr. Blackmore and Mr. Swan all the way to our chosen destination, Aghadoe House, which we reached at 7:55 p.m. About two hours later, the final High Schoolers arrived, accompanied by Mr. Cryan and Miss Storey, having caught the train to Kilarney as opposed to mini-busing it all the way there.

Our youth hostel was a fine old mansion and more than met all our requirements. An efficient kitchen, comfortable (if squeaky) beds, central heating, hot showers (if you could actually turn them on of course Ellie....) and thanks are due to John Claffey (warden) and Marcus for making our stay there a memorable one.

On Friday morning we were up bright and early as Carruntoohill beckoned in the sunshine. It was a day for shorts and t-shirts but all we'd brought were sweatshirts and tracksuit bottoms and of course the odd glove, hat and scarf thrown in for good measure.

We started climbing at 11:30 a.m. and by 2 p.m. we had all 3414 feet of it behind us. Now there was nowhere to go but

down. At this point we divided into 2 groups, one group returning the way we had come along the Devil's Ladder, the other choosing to return via Been Keeragh and the spectacular Bridge Walk.

By 7 p.m. we had all made it back to the hostel. Entertainment was provided by Ryan and Anthony (hmm...), two fellow hostellers from Canada and Australia respectively, and of course a special showing of *The Full Monty*.

One HSD pupil brought the roof down, literally. James woke up one night to find himself covered in bits of plaster and brick, having had part of a wall collapse on top of him. Luckily neither James nor the wall was very badly injured. J.J. also encountered a rather uncomfortable problem... he couldn't fit in his bed! The floor became a more appealing to him compared to lying with his feet hanging over the bedstead.

Mr. Swan proved himself to be nothing less than the bionic man, by staying awake until at least 3 a.m. every morning (conveniently situated in the corridor dividing the girl's and boy's dorms) and yet never failing to be first up and ready to go in the morning!

Late nights games of "Truth" revealed some very interesting secrets and also confirmed the odd rumour that had been circulating Transition Year but, of course, nothing shared by the '98 venture trippers shall ever be spoken of again....

Huge thanks are due to Mr. Swan, Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Cryan and Miss Storey for organising this trip, for putting up with us there and for getting all of us home again in one piece. Without their help the T.Y. ranks would have been severely depleted. Thank-You !!!

- Jenni Daly, 4th.

Drama

MACBETH



Saoirse Milotte & Helen Tippins

The making of our fifth year play, Macbeth, was an experience anyone involved will never forget. From the time of auditioning in September right through to opening night in November, an incredible amount of work and personal sacrifice was put in to make Macbeth what it was. There were excellent performances from all and outstanding performances from David Foster as Macduff, Michelle Prunty as his wife, Stephanie Patterson as the all dancing, all singing Hecate, Hazel Dawson, Helen Tippins and Laura Kirwin as the three witches, and of course our leading couple Saoirse Milotte and Hugh Hogan as the Macbeths. Between them our leading couple had to learn over 2,000 lines. There was fun thrown in with the purple clad, dancing Sprites and their "lovely" shoes. Murder scenes with plenty of sword fighting, entries and exits made through the hall, special effects, strobe and smoke all contributed to making the play exciting to watch and to produce.

Of course it could not have gone on without Mrs. Milne's guidance and encouragement. I, on behalf of the cast and crew would like to thank her for the hours and hours of free time she put in. A huge thanks also to our producer, Eleanor O'Neill who was the backbone of the production, calmly putting up with all our complaints and demands, never once losing her head. She was a real professional who got on well with everyone, never once complaining!

Costumes for this play had to be carefully selected to suit each character and scene. This was done largely by Mrs. Hogan, Ms. Pearce, Lynsey Stuart and Lydia Foster and to great effect I think you'll agree. A big thanks has to go to Mrs. Brandsma for making all the sprite's dresses at such short notice. The task of make up was undertaken by Ms. Garvey, Mlle Rouillet, Miss Graham, Miss Corrigan, Sarah Gray and Lindsey King, they also did an excellent job.

Laughlin McKee, Luke Ashe-Brown, Shane Murphy and Philip Loane undertook the lighting. Leo McKenna-James, a former producer, came back and gave invaluable help during the technical rehearsal. The props were collected, and some made, by Mrs. Pearce, Sara Dover and Becky Peare. The stagehands did a great job with the changing of flats, especially during the banquet scene. A big thanks to Terence Gunning for coming to do the sound on each of the three nights.

Opening night came, along with a lot of nervousness because it was all down to us as actors to put our months of rehearsal into practice and bring Macbeth to life. Technically, there were a few hitches including one of the flats falling down during a scene, it was dealt with quickly and soon put right without drawing much attention to it. Not surprisingly, we heard a mixture of reports on the performance. Macbeth is never an easy play, it is deep and serious with little humour.



Stephanie Patterson, Saoirse Milotte & Michelle Prunty

Suddenly it was all over when the curtain closed on the last night, Macbeth was finished, no more rehearsals, costume fittings, workshops or run-throughs. Many thanks to Gary Mahon, for putting his house (well, kitchen really), at our disposal to party in, it was much appreciated by all that attended. During the aftermath it felt weird to have so much free time but after a while things returned to normal.

Macbeth is just a memory now, but we know it will never be forgotten by all involved and all who saw it.

- Stephanie Patterson, 5th.

Great Happiness

Opening night was very exciting and nerve-wracking for the entire cast and crew. Peeping through the curtain, we could see the Reynolds Hall filling with family and friends chatting amongst themselves. It was now 7.40 p.m....20 minutes to go! The girls, after last touches of make-up and hairspray, gathered in the music room with the "Spice Girls" playing loudly. As we were singing, dancing and laughing at each other the boys headed down to the basement. They would all

gather in a large circle psyching themselves up like one big rugby team as they chanted things about Sheridan!?

In the beginning some of us were very unsure of what would come out of "an old Shakespeare play". However, with a lot of hard work, dedication and hanging around we made it into a great success. Hearing that great applause at the end of the performance made all the work worthwhile. To know that the audience appreciated and enjoyed what we performed filled each one of us with "Great Happiness!"

- Michelle Prunty, 5th.

Lord Byron's Love Letter



Saoirse Milotte, Michelle Prunty, Mark Kenny & Stephanie Patterson

Lord Byron's Love Letter at St. Andrew's One Act Drama Festival.

Last year, in fourth year, a group of fifteen of us put together a play called "Disaster." We really enjoyed doing it so we decided to put the play into a competition in February. Unfortunately, this never happened and the whole thing fell through.

Three of us persevered and bothered Mrs. Milne until finally she found a play, "Lord Byron's Love Letter," by Tennessee Williams, with only four parts, three female, one male. Now the hunt was on for a laid back drunken, cigar smoking "Winston." Who else could fill the part but Mark Kenny in 6th year? We were given our parts, Stephanie Patterson was the glamorous newly wed from Milwaukee,

Mark Kenny was her husband, Winston, Michelle Prunty was Ariadne the middle aged spinster and I was her grandmother Irinee, a woman well into her 80's. Lydia Foster was roped in to be the stage manager and Lindsey King willingly agreed to do the makeup. We had a cast, crew and four weeks to rehearse. By the time the competition came around everything was ready. The set and costumes were amazing, the latter being supplied by RTE. Apart from a disaster with the oil lamp in the final dress rehearsal, everything went perfectly.

We had to return on the final night to see if we'd won anything and it was almost as nerve wracking as the performance. Luckily we came away with three awards, two merit awards for acting for Michelle Prunty and myself and the award for the best set. Altogether it was very successful. We enjoyed it and our thanks go out to Mrs. Milne for her help.

-Saoirse Milotte, 5th

Orchestra

This year has been a busy and enjoyable one for the orchestra. The members are down in number from recent years, but the standard of playing is still at a high level under the enthusiastic conductor, Mr. Wisener. We meet weekly on Tuesdays from 4pm to 5pm after school, and sometimes during school hours in the run up to a musical event.

At the Carol Service, held in Zion Church, the orchestra provided the much-appreciated music. They also took part in "Sunday Morning Worship" on R.T.E. It was an exciting day for many who had not been on television before. One of the highlights of the year was entering the Inter Schools Music Festival, in which we achieved first place! The chamber orchestra proceeded to come second in their category. In the individual competitions, Kate Higgs (Form 1) was 1st in the Under 14 strings, Elizabeth Hilliard (Form 6) was 1st in the Over 16 strings and in the Over 16 piano, Jane Hilliard (Form 2) was 1st in the Under 14 brass and in the Under 14 piano, Benoît Ferre-Cullen (Form 5) was 2nd in the Over 16 wind and Louise Watson (Form 5) and a pupil from Our Lady's Grove were 1st in the Over 15 piano duets with Elizabeth and Jane Hilliard coming 2nd. Well done to all players and to Mr. Wisener for the great achievement.



In the Department of Education exam we got 137/150 which is a very good result.

Three members of the orchestra play at national level. Elizabeth Hilliard, violin, was successful in gaining a place in the National Youth Orchestra and will be on tour in the United States this summer following a concert in the N.C.H., Dublin, on 30th July. Cuan Ó Seireadáin, french horn, and Jane Hilliard, trumpet, gained places in the Junior National Youth Orchestra and will be attending a summer residential course and playing concerts on a summer tour of Ireland ending in the N.C.H., Dublin, on 17 July.

The school orchestra is a lot of fun and a very valuable experience and I would recommend it to everyone. Anyone wishing to get involved in music in the school should contact Mr. Wisener.

- Jane Hilliard, 2nd.

Choir

Once again the choir started with rehearsals during lunch. For prize giving, the choir sang "Bring Him Home" and "The Loreli." A few weeks after prize giving, the choir, along with the orchestra, took part in the Sunday morning service on RTE. The next time that the choir performed was in the school carol service in Zion Church. The carol service went well despite a sudden fall in numbers.

After Christmas there was the Department of Education choir exam to look forward to. The choir, once again, grew in number. For the exam, the choir sang: "Now is the Month of Maying," "Memory" and "O Won't You Sit Down?"

-Cynthia Taylor, 4th



Drawing - Ronan O'Laoire

Transition Year

Dance Module

A dance module is offered to students of Transition Year every Thursday afternoon.

This module consists of developing the student's awareness of dancing and body expression. Different types of dance are considered and an emphasis is put on good warming-up sessions with stretching and co-ordination movements.

Relaxation techniques are also introduced in order to present a whole range of activities associated with dancing.

- Mlle. Roullet.

Judo

Once again, there were Judo classes in High School for transition year students this year. The class worked toward a yellow belt.

Each lesson begins with the students bowing to the instructor. The instructor bows back. The, forward rolls, backward rolls, stretches and breakfalls are done to warm up.

We each have a partner and we practise throws. The first throw we learned was O-so-do (major foot sweep). We went on to do more physical throws like O-goshi (hip throw), Ippon-Seoi-Nage (major shoulder throw) and Ko-Uchi-Gouri (minor inner leg sweep)

A large part of judo is fighting on the ground, getting hold-downs after a throw and/or armlocks and strangles. We learned moves like Ude-Garami (Figure 4 armlock) and Hadake-Jime (Naked Strangle)

I would recommend Judo to all incoming 4th years. Thanks must go to our instructor, Mark Forde, for his hard work and perseverance.

-Stephen Reid, 4th

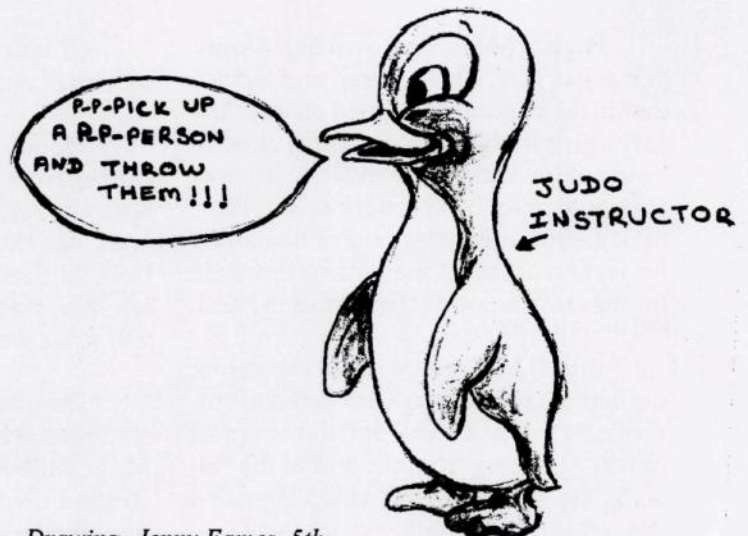


Des Ryan, with Mrs. Milne, accepting the award for Best Script in the Irish Times Schools' Film Script Competition.

Film Competition

Under the direction of Mrs Milne, 4O'S invented a film script based on the sensitive subject of disability. Once written up by Des Ryan, this fulfilled the entry requirements to the Irish Times Schools' Film Script Competition. After much fervent speculation, to our delight we were declared the winners and, along with Mr. Blackmore's TY English class, were whisked off to an exclusive screening of the James Dean classic "Rebel Without a Cause" in late January. Pupils involved are very grateful to Mrs. Milne for her help and guidance.

- Des Ryan, 4th



Drawing- Jenny Eames, 5th

Fashion Show



High School Spice! Kathryn Lowry, Kate Williams, Brenda Mc Parland, Ruth Draper & Jenny Rath.

Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the TY Fashion Show." As Singo's voice echoed around the Reynold's Hall, nobody backstage could hear what was being said. Following four months of preparation, the 9th of May had finally arrived; no one could quite believe it.

Orff's 'O Fortuna' blasted from every speaker in the hall and the show began with a bang. Amidst a flurry of streamers and confetti, masked demons walked in procession carrying candles in the near darkness.

High School's very own Full Monty (a.k.a. Joe, Jack, Chris, Imran and David) took to the stage and whipped off their kits as the girls in the front row came close to heart failure. Our very own Mr. Duffy was also quite close to a coronary as four camouflaged figures (who cannot be named for legal reasons...) made their entrance for the army scene, water pistols in hand.

Run D.M.C. hit the stage just before the interval as two gangs competed to out-do each other in a break(ish) dancing sort of way. Leaping from the end of the catwalk, the 'It's Like That' troop signalled the end of the first half.

Backstage, no one could believe that the interval had arrived already. The long awaited fashion show was disappearing quickly into the past but no one wanted it to end.

The 2nd half opened as the M.I.B. took to the stage. They bounced, slid and walked all over the stage with great precision (well...) despite the fact that the smoke machine fogged up a few pairs of shades which resulted in a couple of near misses of the edge of the stage.

Baby, Sporty, Scary, Ginger and Posh (a.k.a. Brenda, Ellie, Kathryn, Kate and Jennie.) strutted their stuff to the euphoric crowd, as "Who do you think you are?" filled every corner of the hall.

Of course, in between all the dance routines, there was the odd bit of modelling, it was a fashion show after all.

Model after model sashayed down the catwalk, wearing clothes from Dunnes Stores, Miss Money Penny, Julien, Sasha, Kathy de Stafford, Blacktie, the Sports Warehouse, Louis Copland and Cuan Hanly. There was also a section of second-hand clothes from Barnardos, the children's charity in aid of which the fashion show was held. Although not all the money has been counted yet, so far we've taken in excess of £1000.

Despite the good looks of the numerous TY studs and studesses who graced our catwalk, it was Mr. Gill, Mr. Reidy, Mr. D. Miller and Ms. O'Sullivan who stole the show. As they strutted on down the catwalk, doing their 'thang' they nearly brought the house down.

In what seemed like no time at all, a third of a year's work was over. Following a rapturous applause, the curtains closed for the last time, the music was switched off and the audience made their way to the exits. Thanks to the REAL Men in Black, our bouncers for the night, Kavo and Co., who made sure everything ran smoothly.

Thanks are due to so many more people that it is impossible to name them all here, but YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

Finally, Mlle. Roullet, thanks so much for all your help. We will never forget TY '98, and who knows? We may have even started a tradition. It all started on the 29th of Jan. and who would have guessed what we could achieve by May 9th. It is amazing what can happen in 100 days.

- Jenni Daly, 4th.



Mlle. Roullet, giving final instructions before the Show.

National Cookery Competition Winner



Des Ryan with his award winning Tandoori

Along with 1,000 or so other second-level students, I decided to enter the Uncle Ben's School Cookery Competition 1998. Choosing Indian Culture as my theme, I was assisted in preparing my entry by Ms. T. Bergin in January 1998. Due to the high number of entries, I was naturally delighted to be chosen as one of six finalists in April.

In the weeks leading up to the competition, all that was left was for me to prepare. I had already fixed on cooking Tandoori Chicken, served with "Bharta" - an authentic Indian dish of aubergines, herbs and spices - and of course, Uncle Ben's Basmati rice. Visiting various Indian restaurants, I picked up many handy tips on Indian cuisine. Moreover, the Indian Embassy also provided much indispensable information, as did the Indian Association of Ireland.

After a complimentary night in the luxurious Russell Court Hotel, the six finalists were put to the test. Everyone was allocated a work station and given 1 hr for preparation, with 1 ¾ hours being allotted for cooking and serving. With not a second to spare, all were relieved to serve up their dishes. As the 4 adjudicators tested the dishes, they also engaged in a five minute discussion with all the finalists on their choice of dish, its nutritional value and other points of interest.

Following a ½ hour break, I was delighted to hear at the presentation of prizes that I had been chosen as the National Winner.

The many individuals who have helped me to prepare for this competition would be far too numerous to mention here, so I shall merely say that I am very grateful to all those who have assisted me in any way, especially my Home Economics teacher, Ms. T. Bergin. I would recommend such a competition to any student, male or female, who enjoys cooking for fun. And never forget, with Uncle Ben's, it's "Perfect results every time!"

-Des Ryan, 4th

Young Reporters for the Environment



Ellie Fry, Young Reporter for the Environment

This year, Form 4S have taken part in the 'YRE' scheme established by the Foundation for Environmental Education in Europe.

'Young Reporters for the Environment' is an environmental education programme designed for secondary school students in nine European countries. It not only increases the students' environmental awareness, but it also improves their journalism skills, increases their knowledge of the Internet and it puts most of their school subjects into practise. One student from some of the participating schools receives the opportunity to attend a mission (usually abroad) and work together with foreign students to write an article illustrating the problem studied in their mission heading. I will be attending a mission in Lisbon this May entitled 'Oeiras, Towards Sustainable Development'. My class would not have had the opportunity to take part in this project had it not been for the hard work of Mr. Irwin and Mr. Hilliard who have been so obliging. I am looking forward to getting to know my investigation team and I hope that the mission is an overall success. Oh, and Mr. Irwin, you can keep this in hard-copy.

- Ellie Fry, 4th

Living Stones

A Report Compiled by the Young Reporters for the Environment

"Living Stones" ,...Athens, Dublin, Poitiers...

...Different Ages, Same Problems, Common Future?

Introduction

Students from across Europe are aware of the problem of air pollution in their surroundings and the effects on their country's historical buildings. Three of these schools- The High School, Dublin, 1st Experimental High School of Athens and Lycee Victor Hugo Poitiers - have undertaken to survey and report on these issues.

Heritage

The richness and problems of Europe's architectural heritage are very evident from the work of the 'Living Stones' group of schools/students from Athens, Dublin and Poitiers. Different ages and types of buildings were chosen in each city.

Athens: Lysicrate's monument 344 B.C
Poitiers: Notre Dame La Gande 1100A.D
Dublin: St.Andrew's Church 1670 A.D

All are deemed important and valued buildings in their places and all point to air pollution problems.

Buildings

St. Andrew's Church has been renovated in the 1990's and now serves as Dublin's showpiece tourism centre but a statue in its grounds is a reminder of the destructive effects of acid rain. Poitier's cathedral has now been restored to its former glory but blackened stone in the area points to continued damage by air pollution. Lysicrate's monument is situated on the eastern side of the Acropolis in the centre of Athens. It is an orbital building with six columns of Corinthian rhythm. It's base is square, the roof is vaulted. It has a bas relief representation of the god Dionyssos. Lysicrate's monument is a witness to the greatness of Athenian civilisation but is now exposed to the dangers of the atmospheric pollution of modern day living.

Problems

In Dublin, the buildings in the city are suffering badly due to air pollution. Many parts from St.Andrew's Church are badly eroded and disfigured. The reason for the erosion is the effect of acid rain. In

Poitiers the damage to their architectural heritage and especially in the Notre Dame la Gande are caused by salt in the walls, pigeons and exhaust fumes. In Athens the almost important causes of damage on Lysicrates monument are the air pollution, the erosion by air and the floating corpuscles, which transport vapours and pollutants from the polluted atmosphere on the surface of the monument which, after that, gets a black colour and a formation of plaster. The formation of plaster is damaging and, in some cases, has destroyed the detail of the upper parts of the monument.

Solutions

Dublin's attempts to cope with traffic don't appear to offer long term solutions. Their measures include promoting bus priority and bus lanes, they are to encourage the use of bicycles by laying 140km of cycle tracks, to expand the light rail system and to build a port access tunnel for heavy vehicles. By contrast, Poitiers is a model city and has banned cars from the area around the cathedral and introduced gas buses. The buses are Eco-friendly as they emit no smoke or odours and thus help prevent the destruction caused to the cathedral by air pollution.

In order to prevent further damage on Lysicrates monument and in general on every monument situated in the centre of Athens, a program called "The pedestrian streets of the historical centre" is planned. The majority of the most crowded roads, which every day are flooded by uncountable cars, will be turned into pedestrian zones. In addition to this, the mayor of Athens

stated that electric buses will soon be put into public use. The electric buses will be free of charge so that people will be encouraged not to use their cars but electric buses. So, Athenians will travel safely and cheaply while protecting their heritage ...

The damage of the architectural heritage from the air pollution is not only a European problem but a problem for the whole planet. In Cairo, Calcutta and other historical cities they have similar problems.

We, the Youth, believe that Mankind will have a better future if we protect our heritage and learn from our past. An even more radical solution is to be found in Mexico City, one of the most polluted cities in the world. They have ordered 40,000 taxis that run on compressed air. This engine invented by Guy Negre, a French man, has out-performed electric cars in all trials.

Is this the future for air pollution prevention and the conservation of historical buildings?

Young Entrepreneur Scheme.



Caroline Gray & Mr. M. Kirby

I began my mini-company, Beads and Things, in September 1997. I had made jewellery from beads for approximately a year before the chance of entering the Y.E.S. competition came along. I design and make my own jewellery from beads. I also sell silver rings and earrings to make my business appeal to a wider range of people.

I did my market research and discovered what people's opinions of my idea were. I got a great response! I sold my product at craft fairs (Taney and Rathgar), to friends and family, I also had a stand at school. I began with an initial investment of £300, selling £700 worth of goods, and making a profit of over £250.

I ran my mini-company from October to January, with December being the busiest time. Selling jewellery in the school turned out very well; it seemed to be very popular for presents.

Most of my stock I made out of beads and findings (catches, threads etc.). I tried to design pieces that were different and that were original. I made hatpins, sprung wire bracelets, necklaces, rings, earrings and rings.

The first stage of the Y.E.S. Competition was the High School business stage. There were four businesses competing; Smudge Fudge, Aztec, Christmas Cards and "Beads and Things". We all completed a report and had to go through an interview. Everyone was very nervous as we waited for the final result. I was delighted when I won and received a prize of £50, given generously by A.I.B. in Rathgar.

I was through to the Dublin City Final, held on the 8th of March. I displayed my jewellery, presented my report and was interviewed. There was hours of waiting for the announcement of the winners. I was once again thrilled to have won. I went through to the regional final with three other businesses.

The regional final was held on the 18th April in the Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoighre. There were eleven other companies in the senior section. I wasn't as nervous this time as I knew what to expect. Three of the companies would go through to the country finals. I was ecstatic when my name was called first.

The national finals were held in Belfield, U.C.D., on the 10th May. Unfortunately I did not make the top three but I was delighted to have got so far and I believe that it is a great achievement.

- Caroline Gray, 4th

Parents Association

The 54th Annual General Meeting of the High School Parents' Association (HSPA) was held in October and the committee elected for 1997/98 was Fiona Timlin (President), Glynnis Allison, Patricia Cusack, John Ellis, Maura Fraser, Randal Gray (Treasurer), Terry McParland (Secretary), Maura Phelan, Ann Rath, Keith Sargent and Trevor Wynne. It is now an established tradition that the Principal attends the AGM and is available to answer parents' questions on the school development and policy. Our thanks are due to Mr. Duffy for attending and giving his time to our meeting.

Throughout the school year there are opportunities for the HSPA to exchange ideas and information with the High School Board of Governors and Board of Management. Fiona Timlin and Terry McParland have attended Board Management Committee meetings, while Terry McParland, John Ellis, Randal Gray and Trevor Wynne have represented parents on the Management Sub-Committees. The full HSPA Committee has met with Mr. Duffy and the Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. David Rowell and Mr. Frank Sowman.

The Parents' Association continues to facilitate the parent-teacher meetings which are now an integral part of the school calendar. Both parents and teachers have responded with enthusiasm to

these meetings which took place for Forms 1,2 and 5 this year. Special thanks to all parents who volunteered to help out on these busy days.

In response to a request from Ms. Thelma Jones, Guidance Teacher, the HSPA is helping to facilitate a mock interview evening for senior pupils this term, and a careers exhibition in the School early next session.

The cultural event of the year took place in October when David Norris and Bosco Hogan entertained us to their one-man plays on James Joyce and W.B. Yeats respectively. It was a night to remember! We were delighted by both performances and appreciate so much the gift of time and enjoyment which both of these men gave to us. The event raised £1635.60 towards a new sound system for the Reynolds Hall.

Parents who attended the November meeting on "Understanding Drug Misuse" were given a very helpful and detailed presentation by Ms. Audrey Kilgallon, Education Officer, Eastern Health Board.

Other events of the year included the annual uniform Swap Shop at the end of the summer term which was its customary success due to the legendary help of Gerard and Sylvia Moody. The annual parent-staff cricket match was won again by the parents and it is widely rumoured that the staff are planning a major come-back this year!

The increasingly active involvement of the HSPA with the School provides opportunities for parents to continue to the development of School policy and to the well being of the pupils. We are grateful to all parents, school teaching and administrative staff for their help and support throughout the year. Looking forward to the year ahead we hope to enjoy developing the projects undertaken this year.

-Fiona Timlin, President, HSPA

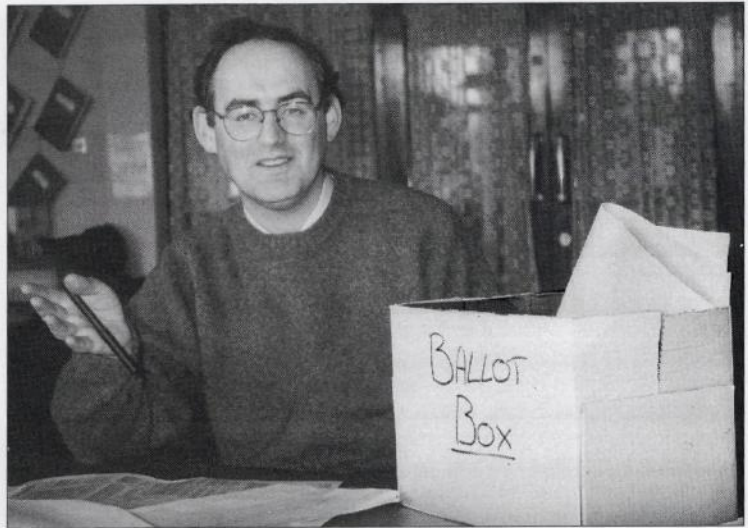
Mock Elections

A group of third years volunteered to run a mock presidential election in High School in October. This was organised by the C.S.P.E. teachers. They were divided into five groups, each representing one of the candidates. One person from each group was chosen to be the leader of that group. Each leader organised his/her supporters to collect information about their respective candidate. When this was done, posters and notices were pinned up in and around the gym.

On the last school day before the real presidential election, the mock vote took place.

Tables were set up around the gym and the volunteers got ready and the voters were allowed in. They were given a ballot sheet, voted, and posted their slip into boxes on the tables. To make it easier for the groups, only first to third years were asked to vote.

After the midterm break, the votes were counted. As predicted by the tallies



Mr. Irwin, explaining the intricacies of the P. R. System.

taken during the counting, Mary Banotti won by a large majority with Mary McAleese second.

The election taught us a lot about how Irish politics work and we really enjoyed it. We would like to thank the third year C.S.P.E. teachers who helped and especially all the students who participated in the election both helping and voting.

- Neil Dover, 3rd



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Maths & Physics Competitions



*Eoin Curran, Daniel Frazer, Oliver Nash,
Michelle McCartney, Elizabeth Hilliard*

Tread Softly, for you tread on my Maths.

As I entered the hallowed ground of Mr. Hilliard's sanctum, I could almost reach out and touch the atmosphere of focused concentration that hung over the chamber, like a stormcloud ready to explode into a flurry of lightning calculations. I surveyed the room with the air of one experienced in matters such as these, as each combatant judged my worth with a shrewd glance. As I moved to a seat in the front row I could feel the eyes piercing my back. With a quick nod to familiar faces I took my place, withdrawing my chosen weapon even as the others drew theirs or clutched tighter at those already in hand. When the adjudicator, in his robes of office, handed out the parchments upon which our fate was to be sealed, I risked one last glance around the room. A collection of concentrated minds greeted my glance and I chuckled softly to myself to think of all the inexperienced challengers getting worried and worked up.

The paper itself I breezed through, pausing here and there to attempt a question. The nefarious system worked thus: for each question correct a full five marks were awarded, for each left untried a paltry two and for each incorrect answer nothing at all.

Oh we were the hopefuls, each of us striving to do her (or his) utmost to secure a place in the next round. Of course, I reflected as I doodled on the side of my answer sheet, some of us were more focused than others.

We did not have long to wait until the dreaded news arrived. Almost all of the brave, young challengers had fallen by the wayside, myself included. Only a few bright sparks, namely O. Nash, M. McCartney and E. Hilliard, from the whole brilliant sunburst survived to fight their way through to the second round of that mortal contest known as the A.H.S.M.E. (American High School Mathematics Examination).

- Daniel Frazer, 6th

Maths Table Quiz

This year High School entered the schools' mathematics table quiz. This is an annual competition held at St. Andrew's College, Blackrock in which schools from around Dublin compete in Leaving Cert. Maths questions. The team consists of four members who work together. This year's team was composed of Eoin Curran, Daniel Frazer, Elizabeth Hilliard and Oliver Nash. The competition had eight rounds and High School was leading up to the final round. Eventually, however we finished third. Next year, we hope High School will avenge this defeat.

- Oliver Nash, 6th

International Maths Olympiad

The IMO is an international maths competition for young people. The competition this year is being held in Taiwan. In Ireland, people are selected for training based on their Junior Certificate results. The training for the Dublin area took place on Saturdays in UCD. After a couple of months, an exam is held to select the top students. These are then given further training. Competitors from some countries will have the equivalent of a degree in Maths. This gives students from Ireland a huge disadvantage. Here is an example of a relatively easy question.

Question: There were 35 students in a class and their teacher invited them to go on a Saturday visit to a forest where they could plant some saplings. On Saturday morning, at least one student was absent but each student present planted five saplings. On Saturday afternoon, there were even more students absent but each student present planted seven saplings. The total number of saplings planted on Saturday was 301. How many students were present on Saturday afternoon?

Solution: If x denotes the number of students present in the morning and y the number present in the afternoon, $y < x \leq 34$ and the total number of saplings planted is $301 = 5x + 7y$ so $301 < 5x + 7x$. Thus $x > 301/12$ so $x \geq 26$. Since $5x = 301 - 7y = 7x (43 - y)$, we see that 7 divides x . Thus $x = 28$. Since $7y = 301 - 5x = 28$, we get $y = 23$.

Congratulations to Oliver Nash who came 2nd in the first round of the competition. The next round is later on in the year and we're sure he'll make High School proud!

- Becky Peare and Michelle McCartney, 5th

Physics Olympiad

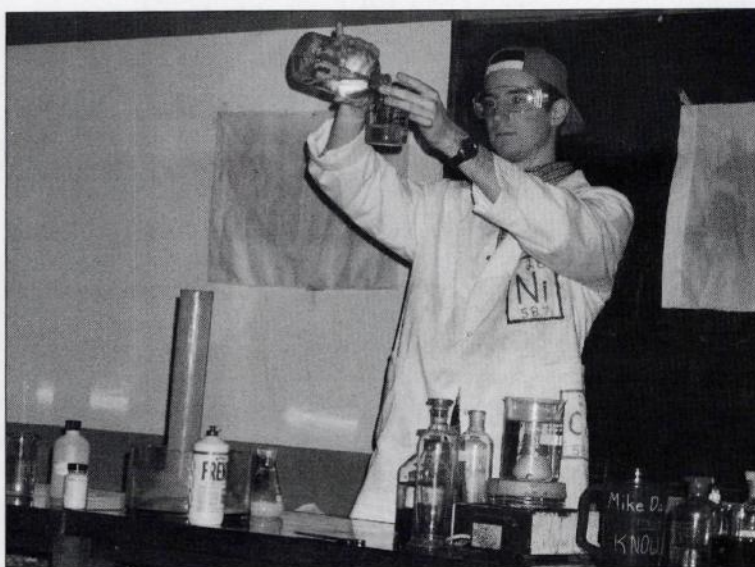
This year for the first time, Ireland has decided to enter the International Physics Olympiad. This is an annual international competition which consists of difficult practical and theory examinations in physics. The competition is open to all students attending second level education and is based mainly on secondary school level knowledge. DCU took on the task of selecting the national team for Ireland. In February, a national physics competition was held to select a panel of eight secondary school students to go through to the next round. This May, following further examinations, four of those eight will be selected to represent Ireland in July. This year, the International Olympiad will be held in Iceland. I entered the first round in February and was placed second. I plan to try for a place on the team this May.

- Oliver Nash, 6th.

Chemistry Stunt Spectacular

Michael Davis, an American Chemistry graduate, currently at Limerick University, visited High School in February to give his entertaining and spectacular Chemistry Stunt Show to an enthusiastic 1st year. 3,000 students in Illinois had already seen the show.

For almost an hour, in rapid succession and with audience help, he made a methanol cannon to demonstrate partial pressure, turned cartwheels around the Demonstration Theatre and then collapsed to explain changing energy levels in a chemoluminescence experiment, did the iodine snake experiment and many more. Chemistry practicals will never be the same again!



Spanish Quiz

El 18 de marzo, el concurso de español entre institutos en Dublin tuvo lugar en el St Conleth's en Ballsbridge. El equipo consistió de Becky Keenan, Karen Pickett, Matthew Walker y Philippa Lock representando The High School. Nos quedamos entre los primeros desde el principio hasta el fin y era un final tenso cuando hemos ganado 46 sobre 60 puntos. Llegamos en segundo lugar con el St. Paul's de 18 institutos, sólo tres puntos detrás de los primros. Hemos ganado diccionarios de español y un libro español para el instituto también.

Quisiera dar michísimas gracias al señor Quinn para toda su ayuda preparando para el concurso y también decidiendo entrar un equipo en primer lugar. Además muchas gracias a los miembros del equipo para tomar parte y tener mucho éxito. La mayoría de los alumnos aprenden el español desde hace 6 años y nosotros sólo desde hace 3 años.

Estuve muy orgullosa de lo que hemos logrado y no me imaginé que pudimos obtener un resultado parecido; Feliciades a todo el mundo!



Becky Keenan, Karen Pickett, Matt Walker, Philippa Lock & Mr. B. Quinn

(On 18th March, the inter-schools Spanish Quiz took place in St. Conleth's School in Ballsbridge, Becky Keenan, Karen Pickett, Matthew Walker and Philippa Lock formed the team representing The High School. Only 3 points from 1st position, we shared 2nd place with St. Paul's School out of a total of 18 schools. Many thanks to Mr Quinn who helped us prepare for the quiz and also for deciding to enter a team in the first place.

Well done to the team who did astoundingly well. I was very proud of our performance and had not imagined that we would score as highly as we did.)

-Philippa Lock, 6th

Ardkill Bog Study

Monday 22 September was a wonderful day. Expecting a somewhat normal autumn day, we all arrived at school with waterproofs, wellies and warm jackets, except for a few fashion victims, to go on a Biology field trip to the Bog of Allen.

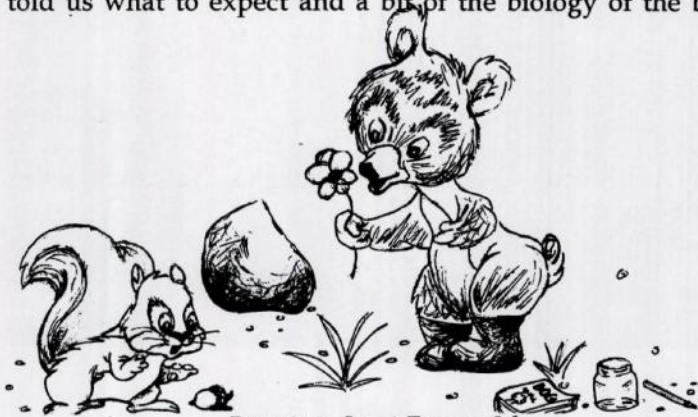
On arriving at Ardkill Farm, we divided into groups headed by a leader and collected the several pieces of equipment needed to record the information required for our bogland case study, and set off across the fields in search of the bog. After a good 25 minutes, we came to a gate where Ann, our Ardkill farm guide, told us what to expect and a bit of the biology of the bog.

We continued through the long grasses and over the bridges to the bog. Those of us wearing wellies made it across without trouble. The others, however, jumped from hummock to hummock in order to stay somewhat dry.

We split back into groups and carried out transects and quadrants on the bog's border and in the centre. On the way back to the bus we did pond dipping for water insects. When we arrived back at the farm we were greeted with scones and tea! After lunch and feeding the odd chicken or two we boarded the bus and set off for home.

We would like to thank Ardkill Farm, Mr. Benson, Mrs. Dowsett, Mrs. Geoghegan and Mr. Gill for bringing us.

-Becky Keenan, 6th



Drawing -Jenni Eames, 5th

Staff Retirements

Miss J. Barcroft

Miss Barcroft Retired from Teaching at Christmas this Year. The last 32 years of her career were spent here at High School, she spoke to Eoin Supple;

Which schools did you attend?

"I attended the High School in Dungannon until I was 13 years old. I then moved to Alexandra School (later College) in Dublin, before going to Trinity College Dublin"

What subjects did you study, and later, teach?

"I studied French and German in Trinity."

"I taught in Mount School for girls in Millhill, North London, before teaching French and German in St Andrews in Wellington Place while taking a H.Dip in Ed. I also taught French in Wesley for a while."

In choosing your career had you always wanted to be a teacher?

"Teaching was very much in my family. I had tried secretarial work but decided I wanted to do something useful, something to help other people."

When did you start teaching in H.S.D.?

"In January 1966"

You were the first female teacher in High School, were you not?

"I was the first full time teacher. There were other part-time teachers there before me, but none of them full time. I was hired only for 2 terms on a trial basis but the principal at the time, Dr Reynolds, employed me permanently"

Was it hard at first, being the only permanent female teacher in the school?

"No, not at all. I had taught in St Andrews which was an all boy's school so I got on all right. The Vice Principal at the time, Sammy Evans, told me to tell him if anybody was giving me a hard time so that he could deal with them."

During the first while at the school I wasn't allowed into the staff room because I was a woman and so had to eat my lunch with the other female teachers in the secretary's office. But, occasionally I went in to collect books and eventually I was allowed in."

What subjects did you teach in High School?

"French and German. Teaching R.E. developed over the years. I was asked to teach some R.E. classes so I took various biblical courses. I got an M.A. in Ed. and then later an M.A. in Ecumenical Theology."

What were your most memorable occasions in H.S.D.?

"The centenary of the High School, the big change out to Danum, of course and High School winning the Senior Rugby Cup against Blackrock. I organised classes of boys to polish the silver cup and to decorate it with red and black."

In your opinion what were the biggest changes in High School over the years?

"The school's a lot bigger now, of course, and because of that you don't know all of the pupils as well as before. It's co-ed also and that's quite a change."

Now, in retirement: what do you miss/appreciate most?

"I miss being part of a team but you adapt to the new life-style very quickly. I also miss the annual Christmas Carol Service in Zion Church. I really enjoyed organising the readings and then sitting back to enjoy the readings, the choir and the orchestra on the day, followed by enjoyable conversation over tea and mince pies back in the school."

"Being retired I'm enjoying a relaxing life. I've taken up Spanish and am doing a course."

"Learning Spanish, what is it like being on the other side of the desk?"

"I'm enjoying it thoroughly and I can understand exactly how the teacher feels and where he's coming from."

Any final comments?

"Yes. I'd just like to say that I'm very happy that my niece, Vanessa, was in High School. Not being married, I am very close to my nieces and nephews and am delighted that she went to High School."

"I'd also like to wish all the pupils I had very well in their exams and I hope that the Junior Cert. classes I had do well"

The Serenity Club

Having written a personal recollection of Mr. Wallace for this magazine two years ago, I was asked by a member of the Erasmian Committee to pay tribute to Miss Barcroft in this issue. In response the following :

Few people will know that Miss Barcroft was founder member of a club which operated with considerable success in High School in the seventies. At that time she and the writer decided that the best way to cope with troublesome pupils and difficult colleagues was to ignore the provocation and keep cool. And so we

started the Serenity Club. I was the Honorary President, she was the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Wallace was a fully paid up member, and I seem to remember that Mr. Robin Miller was an associate member - somewhere on the fringes. The latter gentleman being of a particularly tranquil disposition had less need of what the club had to offer its members than the rest of us. The strategy we adopted was to remain calm, and maintain serenity, no matter how trying the circumstances. We did this by rising above the mundane and thinking noble thoughts. And it worked. Miss Barcroft and Mr. Wallace are the living proof of how the Serenity Club helped its members to survive to retirement after a life spent at the chalk-face. Time alone will tell whether his days spent in the Club will enable the writer to do the same.

-John Hickey.

Mrs. E. Conway

Mrs. Conway was one of three teachers who retired at Christmas this year. I talked to her over the phone and asked her about her memories of High School and her plans for the future.

Mrs. Conway originally lived in England and went to a primary school in Leeds. She then moved to Ballycastle National School in Mayo, and later to a school in Greystones. She attended St. David's Secondary School, which at that time was a girls only school. I asked her what made her want to work as a teacher and she told me that she had a great Irish teacher, whom she really admired. This teacher helped her, by staying after school, with Irish, which she found difficult having lived in England. She always loved English which made her want to teach the subject.

Having become a teacher, Mrs. Conway didn't come directly to High School, but taught at plenty of other schools, including Scoil Muire in Cork and schools in Kilrush, Co. Clare, Dundalk and Stratford College. Next she moved to Diocesan which later amalgamated with The High School. She says her favourite play would be "Othello", her favourite book would be "Gone with the Wind" and her favourite poem is "The Listeners".



Mrs. Eileen Conway, Miss Janet Barcroft & Mr. John. Hickmott, pictured at a function, organised by the Staff, to mark the occasion of their Retirements during the Year.

Her best memories of The High School are the light-hearted moments in the staff room and in the class room. She says that she can remember loads of strange and funny events. Once, the class was doing the play "Romeo and Juliet" and someone asked "Where is Romeo?" and with that, Sarge walked in, sending the class into hysterics. There are loads of students which stick in her mind, but she doesn't want to name names and embarrass anyone!. In her retirement Mrs. Conway plans to pursue her many hobbies and interests.

-Declan Donoghue, 5th



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Back Row (L to R): Lara Hickey, Deborah Keogh, Fiona Traynor, Ruth Kelly, Paul Webster, Luke McGuire, Louisa Earls, David Young.

Middle Row (L to R): Daire O'Driscoll, Eoin Monaghan, Zoe Quinn, Rhiannon Gleeson, Alan McCathy, Alex Feldman, Daryl Hoy, Matthew Parkinson Bennett.

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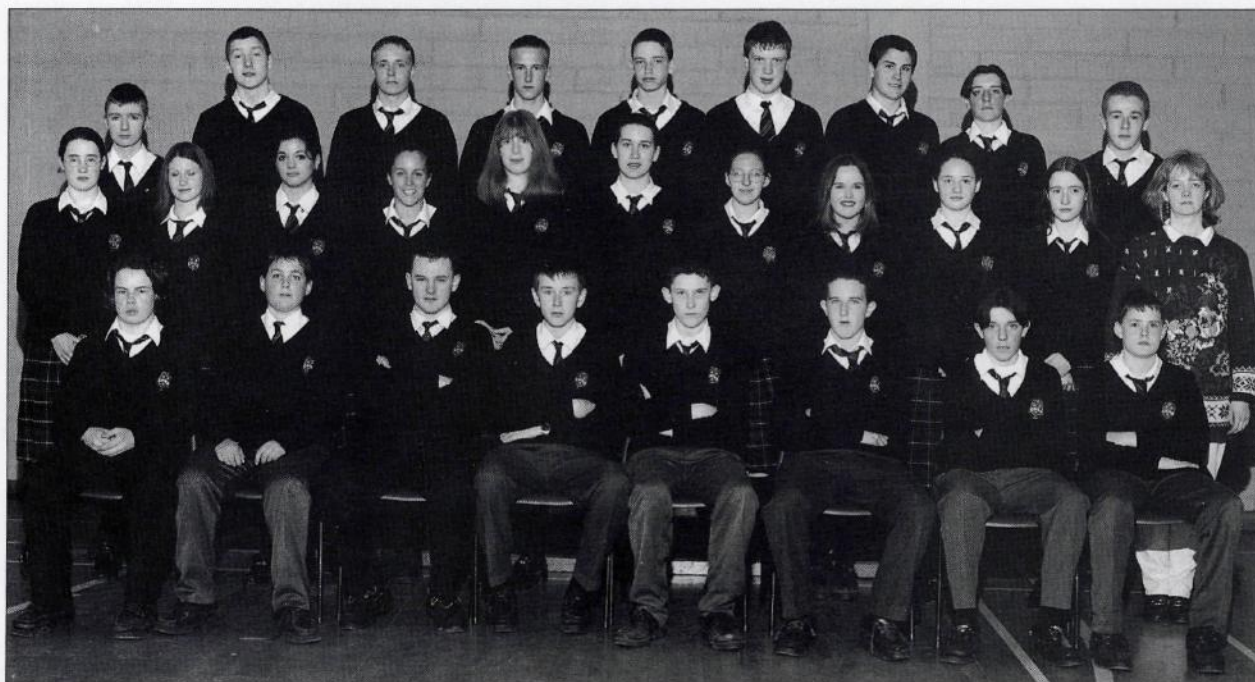
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Essays & Poems

"The Right to Roam"

by David Foster.

A flashback: A glimpse of her dozing face. He remembered how he lay staring at her. She seemed different, a stranger, a shadow of the girl who had seduced him nearly a year before. He had been up all night, feigning sleep 'till she dropped off, then rising to the balcony. The balmy Mexican night had thrown dirt on his depression but the dawn came, fresh and rosy fingered, and filled him with resolve, however vague. A fragrant breeze came up off the Laguna Madre and bathed his weary eyes. The harmonies of the dawn birds drifted over him like a caribbean wave lifting his spirits as bubbles slowly bumbling to the top of a glass of champagne. He had spent far too long in Matamoros, hypnotic as it was. He had lost himself there and he felt that if he stayed any longer, he would never be found. Turning himself slowly he took one last look at her, he could find nothing of what had first convinced him to shack up with her. Her alarm was due to go off in 20 minutes. Just enough time. He threw the bare essentials into a duffle bag, combed his hair and clicked the door silently after him.

He left this note:

Dear Helen,

Time to hit the road again.

I'm sorry. If I ever come this way again, I'll visit you.

I love you.

Mark.

Mark knew that she would spit and curse upon reading this, but he also knew that she would understand. Long ago he had explained to her how the open road had a grip on him. It ran through his blood for several generations. When it called he had to answer.

Highways had always fascinated Mark - A thousand different people heading in a thousand different directions with a thousand destinations in mind. A million different reasons for taking the journey. By the roadside a wizened pachuco sold cold drinks from a caravan. He approached and was greeted by a gap toothed grin from underneath a dusty panama.

-Hola

-Speak English?

-A little.

-Great! I'm so thirsty I'd lick the sweat off a Gila monster's belly, what you got to drink here?

-Cola.

-You serious? You mean that this caravan is full of nothing but Cola?!!

-Si

-Ok, (rumaging through his pockets for change) in that case I'll have one of your finest Coca Colas please sir.

-One dollar.

-Sweet Jesus.

Mark was handed a can so covered in minute grains of sand that the label was obscured. It was tepid but nevertheless he drank it with gusto. Wiping his mouth Mark turned again to the old man on the steps. He had re-absorbed himself in a game of solitaire, the cards were lain on the dirt floor and their edges were bent and frayed.

-You won't be able to play your cards like this when the rain season comes huh?

The old man looked puzzled, about the only sign of life his caked features had exhibited so far.

-I mean, when it starts to rain all this ground will turn to mud. How will you manage it then?

There was a slight pause while the man fumbled for the English he required.

-When the skies begin to rain I will put on my rain coat.

Then I will lay out a second raincoat on the ground. my cards were lamenated a long time ago, but they still hold off water.

-Why don't you go inside?

-I don't like it much in there, too stuffy. Besides there is no room with all the Cola.

A second silence followed that only ended when Mark realised something.

-Hey, I thought you only spoke a little English?

- I wasn't planning on holding a conversation.

-(Tapping a cigarette on his wrist) Ye know, I'm real tired. I've been travelling for two days now, haven't got more than a couple hour's sleep. Is there anywhere round here that I could sit down and drink a coffee and have a smoke. That would really be nice, I sure could go for some sweet Colombian coffee right now. So, what do you say?

Mark had expected a simple answer, maybe to be pointed a mile down the road, but instead the old mans eyes misted over and when he eventually spoke, there was a crack in his voice.

-The finest coffee I ever had was 63 years ago this coming September. It was in a cafe in New Orleans. (after a deep breath) The cafe was called "The Haiti", and it was there that I first fell in love. Her name was Olivia and she was a waitress. (a tear spurts over his eyelid and tumbles down his cracked face), It was never meant to be.

After pulling hard on a freshly lit cigarette, Mark turned to face the vast expanse of highway stretching North.

The high noon heat haze twinkled and danced all along the horizon, calling him, taunting him.

-New Orleans you say?

Mark wasn't surprised to find no trace of "The Haiti". That was just the way it went - he would follow any ghost as long as it gave him a new destination. And besides, he liked New Orleans with its secret gardens and street performers. There seemed to be a feeling of some sort of primeval magic in the air, it was everywhere from the voodoo street dancers to that molotov cocktail style of jazz music that echoed through the back streets 'till the early hours of the morning. The old man must have been a wanderer like him, he thought. Christ, look how he ended up! maybe he should call Helen and try to make peace, Hah! he would be happy with her for about a week! Anyway, that would be admitting defeat, because if he returned to Matamoros again he would never leave. Besides, he liked it here in New Orleans where he could talk to the hookers or play bowls with the pensioners in Cosgrave square. maybe he would stick around a little longer - best to see what tomorrow brings - as usual!

A day in the life of Bill

by Niamh Burke-Kennedy

Looking through the glass at
the room he felt uneasy
almost like deja-vu. As usual
it had been an uninteresting
day. He stopped and thought
of how he spends his
life going around in circles.
Was he going insane? Sighing
he slowly began swimming around
his bowl one more time.

Untitled. by Gary Mahon

Every day another battle,
I strive to succeed,
and fail.
Because those damned
cattle,
are making such a racket,
I find it oh so hard to
be so little.

Marsh by Ben McGuire, 6th

Miller parks a car out on the edge of his
small town,
At the ripped seams of his small-town life;
Rain across a windy day as the motor stops
And the geese on the marsh just rush the
sky.

He steps out, a leather wallet in his hand,
The dark stuff of the flatlands underfoot.
Throws the wallet away into the reeds by
the road,
The cut on his forearm looking like rust.

Stands, looking back towards town - the
buildings
Etched in lines against the rough clouds-
He sees the church spire, the factory one
last time,
Chimney smoke above the grey warehouse.

Ten years. Ten years..... He breathes, closes
his eyes,
A numbness mingling with the salt marsh air.
Rain washing down as he turns and opens
the cardoor,
Spattering the road as he drives away.

Sorry by Matt Walker

Too flippantly it's spake
 Too readily taken for mine sake:
 Was thrice used in the flight of
 A leaf, the ground abused while
 Plundering teeth.
 Should smother all friendship
 Relationship shudders, without
 The word would never recover.
 Blinds the mouth of fools
 And the mind of mendacity,
 Gives the freedom to folly
 And a scoffer to fool. The
 Trouble - minded gain Sanity's
 Eyes as she subtly - slides into
 Violent lines, making years of
 Pain to seem mere vanity.
 Again and again she comes
 Knocking and goes, leaving a
 Hint less of sincerity, each
 Time she flows. Again and
 Again obstacles built; the hard
 Times, the harder when needed
 As "Sorry" renders me useless,
 Leaves me to stoop.....
 Expressionless.

Watch Over Me by Jenni Daly

Goodbye my love,
 It's time for you to go,
 Don't worry about me,
 I'll be fine,
 And I'll think of you all of the time.

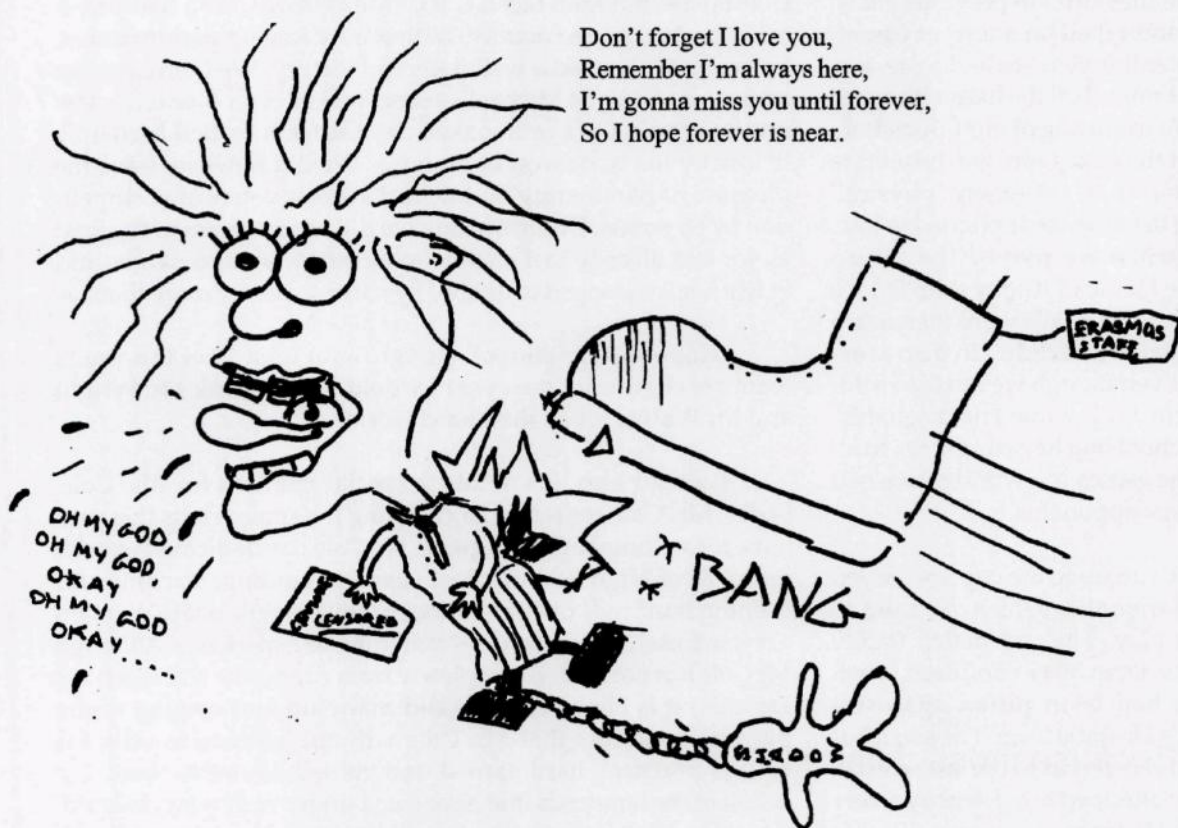
It's gonna be hard without you beside me,
 It's gonna be hard alone you see,
 But I'll get through it all,
 So long as you promise to,
 Watch over me.

My world it was, so perfect,
 Everything was well,
 But I took it for granted,
 And I know that this is the end.

Now close your eyes,
 Don't worry,
 Everything's all right,
 Cause I know I was blessed,
 To ever have known,
 Someone so special as you.

It's gonna be hard without you beside me,
 But I'll make my way through it all,
 Cause although I won't be able to see you,
 You'll be there for me whenever I call.

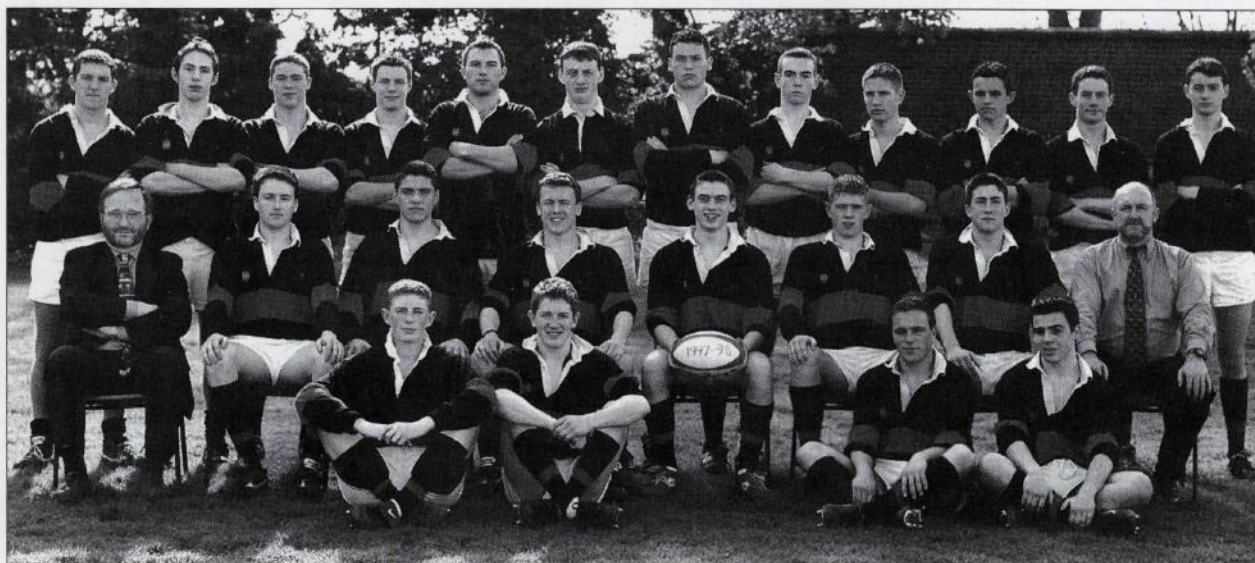
Don't forget I love you,
 Remember I'm always here,
 I'm gonna miss you until forever,
 So I hope forever is near.



The "Editor" - by Ronan O'Laoire

Rugby

Senior Cup Team



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G. Black, D. Campbell, D. Downey, D. Dunne.*

This year's rugby season started with a break from the norm. In previous years, teams had embarked on a tour at Christmas, however this year we had a pre-season tour. We started off the tour with a brilliant 60 point trouncing of our opposition. However in the next game we didn't fare so well. We lost an extremely 'physical' match, with the team disappointed to lose. However, when we played the return match in the Home of Rugby (H.S.D.) we came out the victors. We were then into a league campaign that didn't live up to expectations. Even though we finished mid-table we were disappointed not to qualify. The High School bug had caught us. In all but one of the games (Newbridge) we had outplayed our opponents.

For the run up to the cup we played a couple of friendlies which we used to cement our play. The cup match finally arrived. The team was confident, even though we had been pitted against a strong King's Hospital team. The small but vocal crowd cheered us to the last whistle, however, we slumped to a defeat by a very physical K.H. team. However, Richie Thompson did score what must have been, one of the tries of the tournament.

It was then on to the plate. We progressed as expected past Columba's, but then faced C.B.C. Monkstown, who had previously beaten us in a friendly. With some dazzling performances, however, we earned a well deserved victory. We then came up against a strong St. Michael's team, which even boasted a few internationals. On a rain soaked day the team battled hard only to lose by the narrowest of margins. We did however have the pleasure of hammering St. Michael's in a seven-aside competition by 65 points. Unfortunately we did not progress to the final as we had already lost a game to Gonzaga by two points, and St. Michaels managed to qualify by scoring one try more than us.

'Hope springs eternal' though, as at least 10 of this year's team are eligible for next year. I would like to thank Mr. Wright and Mr Walker for all their hard work.

I would also like to add a special mention for Mr. Cole. Sadly, Mr. Cole retired from coaching the senior firsts this year 'on a round number' so to speak. Mr Cole has dedicated over 30 years, 30 of High School's best years, to guiding, teaching and training hundreds of High School rugby players, not to mention a few internationals who benefited from his experience. Although Mr Cole has not retired completely from rugby, (he still trains the seconds) it is High School's, and many up and coming rugby players' great loss that Mr. Cole will not be there to offer his always practical, hard earned and valued advice to them. On behalf of the hundreds that have come under your wing, I would, sincerely, like to thank you for all that you have done and wish you all the best in the future.

-Ross Wynne, Captain.

1st XV Rugby Tour to Brighton 1997

This year's S.C.T. tour abroad broke all previous traditions as we embarked on a pre-season tour to Brighton. The tour was organised by Mr. Cole and Mr. Wright in order to give us a head start for the tough season ahead.

Being a tour veteran, I knew what to expect, however, they never can be too predictable and this one turned out to be just that little bit different.

The squad congregated at the H.S.S. Stena Line ferry terminal, all geared up and ready to go. Morale was high and guitars were brought to keep up the well known High School spirit.

On our arrival at Holyhead, the team spirit was growing, as we prepared for the overnight train trek through the heart of England. It was a rough train journey, and due to this, a number of the head strong squad got travel sickness and spent the rest of the trip with their heads out the windows. This group of martyrs were led by the tour comic, 'Nige'.

The next morning we arrived at our destination, 'The Excelsior Hotel', well rested and mentally and physically prepared for our first game of the tour. The first match proved to be a success and the new combination of players connected superbly to win comfortably by 40-3.

That night we ventured into the centre of Brighton where a few of the more mature members found a nice, quiet spot, for a tasty five course meal and a chat about the game.

One of the crew, who shall remain nameless, was unable to keep up with the excitement and had to retire to bed two nights in succession. Poor Dan.....Ooops!

Our next match was against the Sussex champions, Cardinal Newman. This was the high point of the tour. The game was fast, furious, and full of passion but unluckily we came out the losers by only a few points. High School's unbeaten record on tour came to a dramatic end. However, all was not lost, as Mr. Wright kept our spirits high with enchanted tales from every corner of the world.

That night was supposedly our last and the lads got jazzed up and ready to strut their stuff in the local disco. That is everyone apart from our tour wuss, Danny. A great night was had by all and we retired to our designated rooms with snacks from Billy's Kebab House. However we didn't get much sleep as our tour rookie, Julian Fraser, kept us up half the night looking for something he had lost. Thank God he eventually found it and that we could all get some shut eye. Little did we know we had an extraordinarily long day ahead of us!

The next morning I awoke to the smell of fried bacon and when I sauntered downstairs I found the boys digging into a thoroughly nutritional first class brekkie.

We sadly departed The Excelsior, which had been a temporary resting place for our delicate bodies, and began stage 1 of our long trip home. The journey back on the train proved to be the perfect time to hold the annual tour court.

As we drew to the end of our journey, something seemed to be wrong. One of the 'smarter' lads noticed that the H.S.S. ferry had left port and then realised that we were late for it. (Good old reliable British Rail were to blame.)

Although not mentioned on the carefully planned itinerary we had to spend an extra night in the ferry terminal in Holyhead. Luckily for us, Holyhead was full of interesting things to do and not a boring moment was spent.

The next morning we boarded the H.S.S. for what was to be an extremely rough journey home. The weather had become really rotten and some of our party wished they hadn't sampled the local Welsh cuisine the previous night. We did eventually return safely home and most of the worn out party retreated to bed and took the day off school. That is all except the "never say die" heroes, Mr. Cole and Mr. Wright, who realised that their presence was required on board the good ship, High School.

Despite our little mishap, good fun was had by all and the mighty touring gang of High School left another red and black impression at one of the many destinations embarked on down through the years. On behalf of the S.C.T. touring side of 1997 I would like to thank Mr. Wright and Mr. Cole for organising what was yet another successful High School mission. Definitely one to remember!

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Dan 'nice tour' Downey.

-Ronan O'Laoire in interview with Ross McNally

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Second XV



*M. Francis, K. Woolhead, S. Cusack, M. Kavanagh, G. Masters, W. Lett, J. Frazer, D. Lawlor, J. Olohan, I. Logan.
Mr. D. Cole, G. O'Meara, J. Ellis, N. Smith, H. Hogan, P. Bridges, G. Black, I. Masood, R. Hilliard.
S. Murphy, F. Browne, R. O'Laoire, D. Hanlon, C. Brandsma, R. Simmons.*

The 97/98 season started off rather slowly as it was the first year at senior level rugby for all of us. We had occasional training sessions and played some friendlies before Christmas. The squad for these matches was constantly changing which made it difficult for us to produce any real consistency. As a result, we struggled and suffered narrow defeats at the hands of Wesley College, Gonzaga and De la Salle.

With the news that we were to play in the 2nd's league after Christmas, our resourceful coach Mr Cole, called upon ex-Irish schools International and Old Wesley out half, Paul Allen, to help with the coaching.

The serious training began after Christmas and we managed to steal many talented players from Mr Walker's U16 squad. Thanks Mr Walker! We played a friendly against King's Hospital and after a hard fought battle contented ourselves with a 17-17 draw.

Our pre-league friendly was against Pres. Glashule 1st XV. Despite the fact that we had a weak squad that day, we managed to pull off our first victory, 56-0. As we all trained hard, eagerly awaiting our first league match against Kings Hospital, the 1st XV was picked and our coaches knew who was to be available.

As loose head we had the ever present Robert Hilliard, and either Graham Masters or Ian Logan at tight head. We were fortunate enough to have two hookers, Colin Brandsma and Russell Simmons, who both served us well. The back five was constantly changing due to injury and illness, but every player was as good as the rest. The second rows were David Lawlor, Hugh Hogan, Shane Cusack and Will Lett (who also played as prop). The wing forwards were a brave bunch who all tackled ferociously to win us some good possession. They were Ronan O'Laoire, Kiran Woolhead, Shane Cusack and Johnny Ellis. At no.8 we had either David Lalor, Johnny Ellis or Hugh Hogan. Our back line was definitely our major asset this season. Shane Murphy and Greg O'Meara made up the half-backs, two very talented players who rarely put a foot wrong. At first centre we had either Christian Phelan or Dan Hanlon, both very capable players. At second centre was Paul Bridges, who had played some of the earlier season as wing forward for the 1st XV. Frank Browne also played centre for much of the season. We had five players fighting for the two winger positions, these were Julian Fraser, Mark Kavanagh, Mark Francis, Jack Olohan and Nick Smith. Last but not least, was Gary Black the versatile utility backline player who played just about everywhere this season.

Our first match in the League was, home against Kings Hospital, was played at a ferocious pace and was said to have been a great match by all that had watched. After some great flowing rugby and wonderful individual efforts we found ourselves the victors, 27-7.

Our next match, also at home, was against the mighty 'Nure', but with our team growing in confidence, we comfortably dispatched them 27-3. Our next match away to C.U.S. was eagerly awaited, but they decided that they were too afraid and handed us a walkover. Onward we marched.

Wesley was to be the tough match of the group, with only one team going to the semi-final we knew we had to win. With an almost-full-strength team we set out, our test was clear. The match proved to be very tough on the forwards and our backs were offered very little space. After conceding an early score we got our act together and in the second half Greg O'Meara brought us within two points with two

excellent penalties. Wesley, however, proved to be too much for us and we conceded a late try. The final score was 6-15. We were all bitterly disappointed and to rub salt into the wound, Wesley went on to win the whole competition.

I would like to thank Mr. Cole and Paul Allen for their support and coaching this season.

-Hugh Hogan, Captain.

Transition Year



*M. Frances, F. Browne, S. Mellon, M. Kavanagh, W. Lett, S. Cusack, K. Woolhead, J. Olahan, R. Gleeson.
Mr. R. Walker, A. Coleman, R. Hiliard, I. Logan, J. Ellis, G. Black, I. Masood, M. McCullough,
D. Hanlon, R. Simmons, M. Burke.*

The U16's had quite a disappointing season, surprisingly, as they had a good JCT team the year before. The bad season came from a lack of commitment from the players even though Mr. Walker sacrificed his time for very poor turnouts.

The season started promisingly with a convincing win over C.U.S. We were disappointing from then on except for a marvelous performance against our archrivals Wesley whom we defeated by a narrow margin.

There are quite a few promising players on this squad who will hopefully keep on playing to make up part of next year's senior squad.

I would like to thank Mr. Walker for the time and effort he put in.

-Gary Black, Captain

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The season started off well with a 38-0 victory over St. Gerards. Then we were beaten by two very strong sides, St. Mary's and the League and Cup finalists, Newbridge. After a narrow defeat by Wesley, 17-20, we bounced back and won two important League matches against De La Salle, 17-8, and then on to beat St. Andrews, 28-12.

For our next match we travelled up North to play a very strong Bangor side. The match was even at 5-5 right until the end, when they drove over our line to make it 12-5. The trip was nonetheless enjoyed by all and I would like to thank Mr. Walker for making the trip possible.

After the trip we seemed to go through a bit of a bad spell, losing four out of six games. Despite this we did have a very

well deserved 6-0 victory against Kilkenny. Then we had our best spell leading up to the big cup match, winning four games in a row, beating De La Salle, 12-10, Templeogue, 12-0, Kilkenny, 14-8, and lastly St. Pauls, 33-5.

Then it was time to play the biggest match of the season against CBC Monkstown. By watching them play in the League final, we realised they had a powerful pack and that we would need the skill and speed of our backs to win the game. When the match started off, our forwards tackled hard but C.B.C. still managed to drive over and score. The second half of the match saw us attacking C.B.C. in their half, but apart from conceding a few penalties, their defence stood firm and they kept us out. We were beaten 16-9.

In the first round of the Plate we were be beaten by Kings Hospital, 17-5. I want to thank Mr. Walker, Mr. Reidy, Paul Kirwan and Scott Wynne who all gave up their time to coach us and we really appreciated it. THANK YOU.

-Stephen Day, Captain.

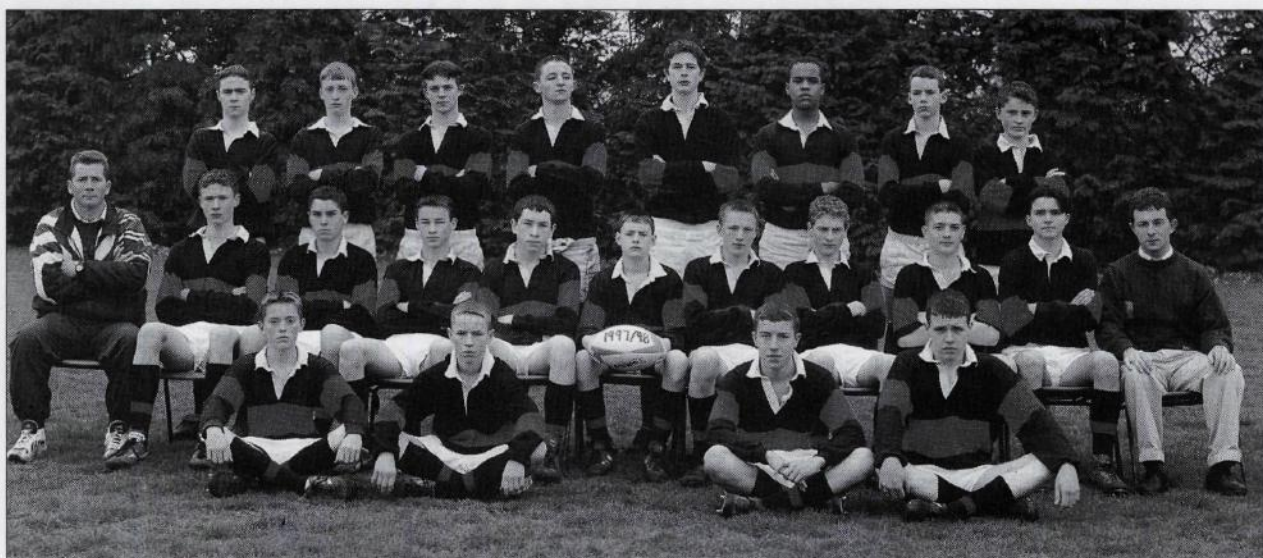
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The U14's got off to a bad start this season. Firstly we lost five players to the J.C.T's. We also lost a number of players due to injury, but with more and more players coming up from the B's we managed to field a team.

Our first match of the season was against the Blackrock B's which we won by 20 points. We progressed, beating Newpark, but then we lost our most powerful back, Brian Logan, due to injury. We then came up against a big St. Pauls side to whom we lost by 10 points. We had our J.C.T's back for the match against C.U.S. and we thrashed them by 30 points. We lost also against a well-drilled Gonzaga side and a big De La Salle side. One of our best wins of the season was against Columbus when we scored a try in extra time to win 21-18.

Our last few matches of the season were in Wesley for a blitz. We first came up against St. Michaels which we were winning until the last minute when they scored a lucky try. We lost against a Scottish team but our best match of the season was against St. Marys when we won 19-10.

I'd like to thank Mr. Gill for coaching us and to my team mates for a great season.

-Fintan Gillespie, Captain.

Under 14 B Rugby



Mr. R. Hill, A. Kindness, D. Lane, A. Browne, S. Benaksas, I. Cairns, P. Blackmore, G. Coleman, B. Mellon, G. Carey, A. Hodgson, A. Argue, C. Donoghue, M. Traynor, B. Blackwell, I. O'Connor, A. Duggan, S. Jewell, G. Misstear, D. Hogan, A. Elliman.

Under 13 A Rugby



*O. O'Reilly, C. Donoghue, J. Dockery, L. Doyle, J. O' Callaghan, S. Goldsmith, R. Smith, R. Condrón, N. O'Shea, S. Masters, Mr. R. Walker.
Mr. R. Fennell, L. Browne, G. Whyte, G. McNeill, A. Feldman, M. Kelly (Capt.), W. Mahon, D. Thompson, D. O'Byrne, B. Campbell-Crawford, Mr. R. Davies.
K. Kelly, R. Horne, R. Prendergast, C. Somerville.*

This was a unique and most memorable season for the High School Under 13 Rugby XV. It was the first time the team entered the league and it was the first time the team won the league.

The season commenced with skills training. For several weeks the team was taught how to tackle, pass, maul and ruck. The first friendly match against a more experienced Kilkenny side ended in a 10 all draw. The next competitive game was a 10-a-side tournament with St. Columbas in which High School came first, second and third! Already, some of the talents were beginning to show. Rob Smith, Alex Feldman and Niall O'Shea had a big influence on the competition.

The next match was our first league match against St. Gerards. The team, kindly driven by Mr. Blackmore, had a nervous start in their first ever league match. With Rob Smith, the big number 8 out early with a pulled muscle, the team rallied. Alex Feldman and Ross Condrón got vital tries and we won 22-10.

The next match was against C.U.S.. A huge victory of 84 to 0 showed the strength and improvement in the team. Simon Goldsmith's hat-trick was evidence of our superior force in the pack.

The third match was against our old rivals Wesley. This was a very closely contested match. Wesley were leading 5 to 0 at half time but the intense rucking, strong running and committed defence provided the team with a deserved win.

The next game provided us with an easy win over St. Andrews 69 to 0. High School scored 13 tries in this game.

The league was now between three teams, Wesley, Gonzaga and ourselves. Christmas arrived and two friendlies preceeded the resumption of the league. We travelled to Castleknock and lost a tough game 3 tries to 1 try. The loss shook the side and the next game against C.B.C. Monkstown illustrated the team's strong rucking, running and defence. High School won by 5 tries to 2 tries.

The league resumed with a rematch against St. Gerards. A 45 points to 0 victory again showed the strength and improvement in the team. The match against Gonzaga was important to confirm our place in the final. The team played well winning 35 points to 0.

Weather conditions prevented the other fixtures from being completed but the team already had an unassailable lead in the league table. The final was to be against Wesley College at Bird Avenue.

The High School forwards dominated this tightly contested game. The defences of both sides were excellent. No quarter was given by either team. The final score of 12 points to 10 in our favour was proof of a contest of the highest calibre which entertained and tantalised the supporters until the final whistle.

It was a great team effort. What a great end to the season!

The team developed and improved throughout the season. There was competition for places and positions and the future looks good.

Thanks are due to all the people who assisted the team throughout the season in giving lifts, refereeing, supporting and coaching. Thank you to Mr Doyle, Mr Wright, Mr Fennell, Mr Walker, Mr Blackmore, Mr Gill and the parents.

At last, a rugby trophy for the cabinet!

-Mr. R. Davies, Coach

Under 13 B Rugby



Mr. R. Walker, D. Hoy, S. Heffernan, R. Owens, J. O'Callaghan, L. McGuire, S. Masters, J. Tuomey, P. Morrissey, G. Murphy, T. Kennedy, I. O'Shea.

Mr. R. Fennell, S. Keegan, P. Webster, G. Whyte, E. Tippins, C. Somerville, A. Camilleri, S. Abraham, R. Bose, C. Donoghue, Mr. R. Doyle.

D. Dowling, A. McCarthy, K. Nicholson, A. Grimason.

The rugby season kicked off to an exciting start. Half of the rugby players had never even touched a rugby ball before. However, we stuck well together as a team and got over the rough patch of inexperience.

Late in the first term we won four matches in a row. We beat CUS 49 - 5, Sandford 34 - 10 and we also beat St. Andrews handsomely.

We couldn't have succeeded without the help of our second row, Luke Maguire who scored many tries, Joe

O'Callaghan who made the crucial tackles and the many great kicks by Gavin White and Paul Morrissey. Also, the strength of our centres Eoin Tippins and Anthony Camaleri and the speed of Alan McCarthy helped us greatly.

At the end of the season our performances were inconsistent but we won convincingly against CUS 34 - 12 in our final game.

On behalf of the team I'd like to thank our coaches Mr. Fennell, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Walker for their teaching and guidance.

-Christopher Somerville, Captain



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Girls Hockey

1st XI



*Danielle Hill, Suzanne Mellon, Louise Foley, Zoe Lipson, Kate Draper, Debbie Walker, Mrs G. Mellon
Laura Dolan, Julie Gillen, Hilary Boyd (Capt.) Susan Gray, Kate Haligan, Ruth Draper.*

Captain's Report

This was a most enjoyable season due to a good humoured and dedicated team. Louise Foley showed great skill supplying constructive passes to our front runners, Suzanne Mellon and Susan Gray, who gained most of our points with some spectacular goals. Kate Halligan showed great determination and skill in mid-field while Laura Dolan's speed helped us up front. Kate Draper's versatility enabled her to play both on the wing and in defence, while her sister, Ruth Draper, supported the back line with steady marking. Debbie Walker could always be relied upon to keep things steady in defence, along with Julie Gillen, who was a most dedicated and determined player. Zoë Lipson kept the back line in order while Danielle Hill used her skill to defend the goal. In the first half of the season, Julie O' Sullivan, playing on the wing, showed great determination on the field and lifted the team spirit with a great sense of humour. The team's spirit was also strengthened by the purchase of our embroidered red jackets.

We ended the season with a win over Beaufort School, which came after penalty flicks, and claimed victory of the 'Maids of the Mountain' annual schools tournament. I would like to say thank you to all our subs throughout the season, including Natalie May who shows great potential as a goalie for future teams, to Mrs. Mellon for all her work and time, and last but not least, to the team for all their hard work and for a great laugh. I'll miss playing with you all next year!

-Hilary Boyd, Captain.

1st XI Cup Match v. Wesley College

This years Senior Girls Cup against Wesley College will go down as one of the most exciting cup matches in High School's history. From start to finish, both teams were constantly battling it out. The game was played at a ferocious pace for the entire hour and forty minutes. Right from the word go, the match was as exciting to watch as it must have been to play.

High School made no friends with the Wesley opposition as they tackled hard though fairly to the ball. Physical strength was to prove as important as fitness in the overall game as our no.8 Suzanne Mellon was to find out. She fought tirelessly against continuous Wesley attacks. The first few minutes of the game set the pace for the entirety of the match.

The High School girls were trying out their new formation strategy which entailed having four midfielders and two forwards rather than two wings, three mids and a centre forward. Hilary Boyd and Suzanne Mellon were both playing as centre mids and played extremely well with each other, showing off well trained skills. Laura Dolan and Kate Halligan, both very tight markers who never seemed to give up on the ball, were playing as mid/wing players. Susan Gray and Louise Foley were a great combination as centre forward, winning a lot of possession and feeding in some sturdy balls to the circle. The amount of short corners that accumulated was huge, and most of them were against High School.

The High School defence team were: Julie Gillen, a persistent marker as right back, Ruth Draper, with her winning tackles and gliding stick movements, Zoe Lipson and Debbie Walker, playing sweeper and centre back contributing immensely and in every possible way. Danielle Hill topped off the whole defence team with her spectacular saves. This was obviously a strong defence team as no balls were being left unnoticed. Just one week before this match, the same teams had come head to head in a practice friendly, (though are they ever friendly when playing against Wesley?) and we lost 7-0. This only goes to show the determination and concentration they must have had to keep the score 0-0 until full time.



Julie Gillen



Pamela McDonald

The second half was much more tense than the first. Again, in this half, the defence worked hard with constant hits on the circle. Danielle's saves were nothing less than brilliant. Shot after shot, she cleared with swift confidence. A few minutes into the second half our centre mid Hilary Boyd won a tackle using her perfected skills and passed through to Kate Halligan who dribbled all the way up the pitch, but sadly one of the Wesley defence was ready for her and stole the ball. Every one gave their all in the attempt to score but the final whistle blew, leaving a disappointing 0-0 draw.

Extra time started and the High School girls rallied together for the last ditch effort for the following ten minutes a side. Everyone was optimistic, just one break was needed against Wesley in this balanced game. During the whole twenty minutes High School sustained massive pressure, once again displaying outstanding defence. Despite a few hair raising short corners, we made some lightening quick breaks lead by Suzanne Mellon and Kate Halligan. However, even with a perfectly timed interception by Susan Gray which almost resulted in a goal, Wesley scored in the last two minutes of the game. A short corner led to this winning goal with Danielle saving the first shot, but nothing could be done to prevent the sly goal on the rebound. Even with High School's amazing counterattacks, the score did not change for the rest of the match and we were forced out, albeit begrudgingly, sadly ending High School's Cup attempt for this year. The girls made a great effort in training for and playing in this match and did not deserve the result. Congratulations anyway girls, for all work and enthusiasm you put in.

-Wallis Handleman, Ronan O'Laoire, 5th

2nd XI

*Rebecca Manley, Susan Earley, Deborah Nevin, Pamela Mc Donald,
Helen Tippins, Emily King, Melanie Boyle, Jane Wilkinson.
Ellie Fry, Karen Pickett, Carolyn Camier (Capt.),
Wallis Handelman, Lydia Foster, Miss D. Sixsmith.*

The 2nd XI 97-98 consisted of a panel of very dedicated players. We had many matches throughout the season with some great victories against teams from Mt Sackville, Muckcross, Newbridge and Wesley!

We had some brilliant saves from both of our goalkeepers and there was a lot of good skill and technique displayed by our forwards.

We were very unfortunate in the section of the league, as we were put up against some very strong opposition. However, the team never gave up and we fought until the end. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Ms Sixsmith for her dedication and motivational skills and for sacrificing her time to coach our team. I would also like to thank those who played matches for us on such short notice.

-Carolyn Camier, Captain.

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3rd XI



*Helen Tippins, Karen Nason, Hazel Dawson, Lindsey O' Callaghan,
Rebecca Borland, Lynsey Stuart, Jane Wilkinson.
Ellie Fry, Yvonne Elliot, Ciara Stafford, Stephanie Patterson,
Michelle Prunty, Miss D. Sixsmith*

This group worked well together as a team this year. The majority of the time our efforts went unrewarded but we did have a few successful games. We had a memorable win against Our Ladies Templeogue, a score of 5-1. Ciara Stafford scored two great goals, followed by Hazel Dawson scoring a difficult goal from a short corner. Helen Tippins scored an unexpected goal after half-time followed by Lindsey O'Callaghan.

On Wednesday 8th October we all went on an enjoyable trip to Kilkenny. Although it was a long journey, we came out on top, a surprise win of 1-0, a great goal by Jenni Daly.

Some star performers were: Karen Nason, who had an excellent season, Helen Tippins improved greatly, but sadly we lost her to the 2nd XI. Ciara Stafford showed great commitment, changing positions from half-back to left-mid, an all round great performance. Hazel Dawson was a key player during the season. Stephanie Patterson and Michelle Prunty, worked very well together, another great effort.

We would like to thank all our coaches for their help and effort and our team-mates for playing even on the coldest Saturday mornings.

- Ciara Stafford and Hazel Dawson, 5th.

Junior A Hockey

This season was a mixed one in which all the players played to their full potential. There were quite a few close games, which we lost narrowly. The games we did win the team gelled together well and the passes were perfect. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Miss Sixsmith who encouraged and helped us throughout the season. Thank you!!

-Brenda McParland, Captain.



*Miss D. Sixsmith, Jennifer Rath, Roisin Cox, Adele Camier,
Kate Mahon, Kelly Baird, Jane Harley.
Kara Cramp, Laura Dolan, Brenda McParland (Capt.),
Allison Smyth, Nicole Dowley, Suzanne Anglim.*

Junior B Hockey



*Jennifer Hickey, Rebecca O'Reilly, Sarah Keogh, Sheena Cadoo,
Jennifer Collins, Karen Prunty.
Hazel Bird, Sarah Brussey, G. King, Gillian Carty, Emily Holmes,
Miss S. Quinn.*

This year's team performed very well throughout the year. Although initially it took time to sort out, the team developed skills and determination quickly. Our first League match was against Wicklow, which we drew 0-0, we then went on to beat St. Killians 5-0 and then Mount Temple 1-0.

At this stage we thought we were through to the Quarter Final when we found out that we still had to play Beauford, who had the same amount of points as us. They were a strong side and the game was very tough. They got in the winning goal just five minutes before the final whistle.

We would like to thank Miss Quinn for putting so much time into coaching us. I would also like to thank the team for being so enthusiastic and putting so much effort into our games.

-Genevieve King, Captain.

Junior C Hockey

This year was a competitive one for the Junior C's. The standard of play by all the teams involved in our league was very high. Every Tuesday after school, all of our committed team members showed up for training even through the dark and dismal months.

In the league, we had some very good matches including ones against Notre Dame, Rosemont and Blackrock with whom we drew after a very nerve-wracking game. Unfortunately, despite all our hard efforts, we did not qualify any further in the league. On behalf of the team, I would like to say special thanks to our dedicated coach, Ms. Frazer, who was always full of praise and encouragement.

During the past season, we have all had a trying but enjoyable time out on the pitch. We hope hockey will always be this much fun in the future.

-Zelda Fairman King, Captain.



*Joanne Flower, Amy Hamilton, Vicki Glover, Andrea Jenkinson,
Anna Nicholson, Susan Wilkinson, Rebecca Horan.
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Natalie May, Aoife McDarby, Emma Flanagan, Laura Stafford, Jenni Nason, Maeve Willoughby*

Minor B Hockey



*Jenny Brusey, Ruth Power, Natalie Brandsma, Rebecca Massey, Laura Gleeson, Ruth Manley, Chantal Shine,
Natasha Hall.
April Kavanagh, Lucy Connor, Fiona Collins, Sarah Kate Doyle, Linda Nevin, Caoimhe Milotte, Mrs. D. Walker.*

First Year A Hockey



*Mrs. D. Walker, Nicola Sutton. Lara Hickey, Louisa Earls, Fiona Keller, Triona Curran, Vicky Wright, Ruth Kelly, Meabh Cryan, Narisca Negi, Sarah Tobin, Triona Hashmi, Andrea Burgess, Mrs. G. Mellon
Fiona Traynor, Nuala Sheehy, Fiona Condrón, Heidi Walsh, Jenny Kane, Susan Cairns, Ciara Farrell, Sarah Cobban, Leah Burke, Aisling O'Toole, Carolyn Goulden, Donna Lui.*

First Year B Hockey

This was our first year as a hockey team. We didn't know each other's standards and positions but we got used to them. Initially Mrs Mellon taught us and then we were put on a team.

At the beginning of the year we weren't too good. We seemed to play the ball on the left side a lot when we should have been playing on the right. With the help of Mrs Walker we improved. Our defence and strikers grew stronger and our team spirit became a lot better (gradually we learned to stop the ball without using our feet)

We won most of our friendlies as well as most of our league matches too. We generally played well, even when we lost our matches we always managed to learn from our mistakes and improve later on.

By the end of the season we had toughened up somewhat, the only problem about the team was that we had twenty two players instead of eleven, so some players got more games than others.

Next year we'll be better and I would like to thank Mrs Mellon and Mrs Walker for all their help and encouragement.



*Maeve Willoughby, Zoe Quinn, Suzanne Cairns, Aoife O'Donoghue, Fiona Keller, Rebecca Nicholson, Debia Keogh, Rhiannon Gleeson
Mrs G. Mellon, April Kavanagh, Carolyn Goulden, Rachel McSherry, Zara White, Sarah Walshe, Ciara Fahey.*

Boys Hockey

1st XI



*R. Collins, F. Gilmore, L. Ashe Browne, K. Field, I. Carey, S. Mellon, P. Burke, T. Fisher.
R. Glacken, D. Curran, J. McDowell, J. Booth, D. Clarke, R. McNamara, D. Bird. Mr. D. Miller.*

After the success of the League Winning senior boys team of last year, this year's team had a lot to live up to.

The season started well with a convincing win over King's Hospital, 3-2 (D. Bird, S. Kinch, T. Fisher)

During the next few matches it became apparent that the seasoned veterans, such as Paul Burke and Dan Clarke, were mixing well with the newer talent, such as Robbie Collins, Fred Gilmore and Ross Glacken.

Our strong midfield was made up of Julian McDowell, Ross Glacken and a very experienced Kevin Field, all of whom performed consistently well. Luke Ash-Browne and David Bird put in impressive performances in every match.

Unfortunately, although we won all our league matches bar one, we narrowly failed to qualify for the league final.

Newcomers Stuart Mellon, Darragh Curran, and Nicholas Holmes all proved their usefulness, and will be a valuable asset to the seniors next season. Special mention must be given here to Alan Rath, who always kept team morale up, and, whilst defending during a Drogheda match scored two stunning goals. Also, to Stuart Kinch who was our top scorer narrowly topping Kevin Field's five.

Sadly the teams cup campaign was short lived, as a very strong King's Hospital side beat us convincingly at home.

Lastly, I would like to thank the whole squad for their commitment throughout the season, Mr Benson, for ferrying us to and from away fixtures, Gary Ringwood and to Mr. Miller for all the time and effort they put into boys hockey in The High School.

-Jesse Booth, Captain.

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Junior Boys Hockey

We started off the season well with some good results in the league. In the cup we were lucky to get to the quarterfinals, but were beaten by an excellent Kings Hospital team.

I would like to thank Mr D. Miller and Gordon Elliot for all the hard work they put in this year.

-David Duggan, Captain



*J. Dooley, J. Kelly, M. McMullan, R. Gilbert, D. Duggan,
S. Glacken, M. McCartney, D. Hanlon, J. Grimason.
P. Burke, P. De Barra, D. Curran, R. Glacken, S. Mellon, F. Gilmore,
D. Prendergast, B. Mellon, Mr. D. Miller.*

Under 14 Boys Hockey



Minor League Winners 1997-98

*D. Gray, D. Vard, A. Gilmore, C. McCartney, M. McMullan, M. Mc Cartney, J. McNamara, J. Walker, S. Dooley.
C. Lew, C. Watson, F. Cooney, P. DeBarra, B. Mellon, F. Gillespie, J. Gillen, G. Ellmann, Mr. D. Milller.*

Under 13 Boys Hockey



*Ralph Prendergast, Ben Frazer, Daire O'Driscoll, Matthew Parkinson, Gavin Murphy, Eoin Monaghan,
Sean Ward.
Aidan Field, Brian Sargent, Robbie Tackaberry, Davy Holmes, Gavin White, Andrew Grimason, Mr. D. Miller*

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BROKERS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL

Boys Cricket

1st XI



*Stuart Mellon, Greg O'Meara, Johnny Fennell, Imran Masood, Jimmy Robertson
Mr. R. Davies, Richard Thompson, Gary Black, Daniel Clarke, Ross McNally, Ross Wynne, Justin Cramp*

The '97 season was to be carbon copy of all those played for High School. Belvo were once again to be the predictable destroyers of the senior cup dreams.

The quest for the cup started with a trip to the seaside resort of Skerries to play De la Salle. On a dull and overcast day, we batted first and after some dire stroke choice, the top order was in disarray at 3 for 15. But O'Meara (Snr) and Wynne (Snr) came together to score a 147 stand which consisted of 100 for Wynne and 51 for O'Meara. It also consisted of a few uncharacteristic shots from Wynne, which sent the Skerries fielders into the surrounding fields searching for the ball. O'Meara followed suit with some full-blooded strikes. A shaky bowling performance meant that the 175 total looked unstable as Skerries made it to 151 for 4 at the end of their 35 overs.

The next competitive fixture was another holiday-like outing to the most

charming area of Lucan to battle K.H. We batted first and once again it was Scott Wynne and Graham O'Meara who scored the bulk of the runs, with scores of 53 and 81 respectively. Other noticeable instances in the innings was Greg O'Meara's monstrous six which sent the K.H. girls running for their lives as the ball landed somewhere around the half way line on a nearby hockey pitch. A total, once again, of 175 looked as if it would be easily defeated but was nearly thrown away as yet another shaky bowling attack meant that it went right to last ball. Gary Black managed to keep his nerve and not bowl a long-hop to his club team mate Robert Mitchell (as he had done all day) and only a single was scored when a boundary was required. Greg O'Meara recorded figures of 3-22 off 10. Unfortunately a lack of cars on the homeward journey left Dan Manley and myself to get the bus home (which we still haven't been repaid for!!!)

The following Wednesday we played Columba's on a gloriously sunny day. Justin Cramp's new weekly reading of Milton's 'Paradise Lost', which he assumed was a necessary part of preparation for a cricket match, paid off as we diluted Columbas' solvent batting line up for just 75. Justin was devilishly good with 1 for 25 off 8, along with Greg who featured with 4 for 21 off 10. After another inspirational reading from Milton, Justin opened the batting and notched up 46 to bring us to victory with plenty of wickets in hand.

One week later, high noon arrived and it was showdown time at home against Belvo in the winner takes all match. The tension was unbearably high and it showed, as in the first over of Belvo's innings, Justin, while trying to run out a batsman, hit him on the head causing a 15 minute stoppage, a mild concussion, but worst of all the introduction of Kevin O'Malley. 63 runs later the damage was done. Belvo scored 175 and things weren't looking too bright. Graham O'Meara featured with 4-28 off 10 and with the help of some superlative fielding by Richie 'Johnny' Thompson could not stop the rampaging Belvo.

After a poor start to the innings not even if Milton himself had batted in the middle order could he have saved our now erased dream. Peter Johnstone was the only real substance with a score of 49 (for 1) in our replay of 110.

I would like to thank Mr Davis most notably for his endurance of the elements in K.H. and also for all his work during the year.

And also a special mention to Rebecca Manley and Ms. Clarke who both scored during the season.

-Graham O'Meara, Captain '97

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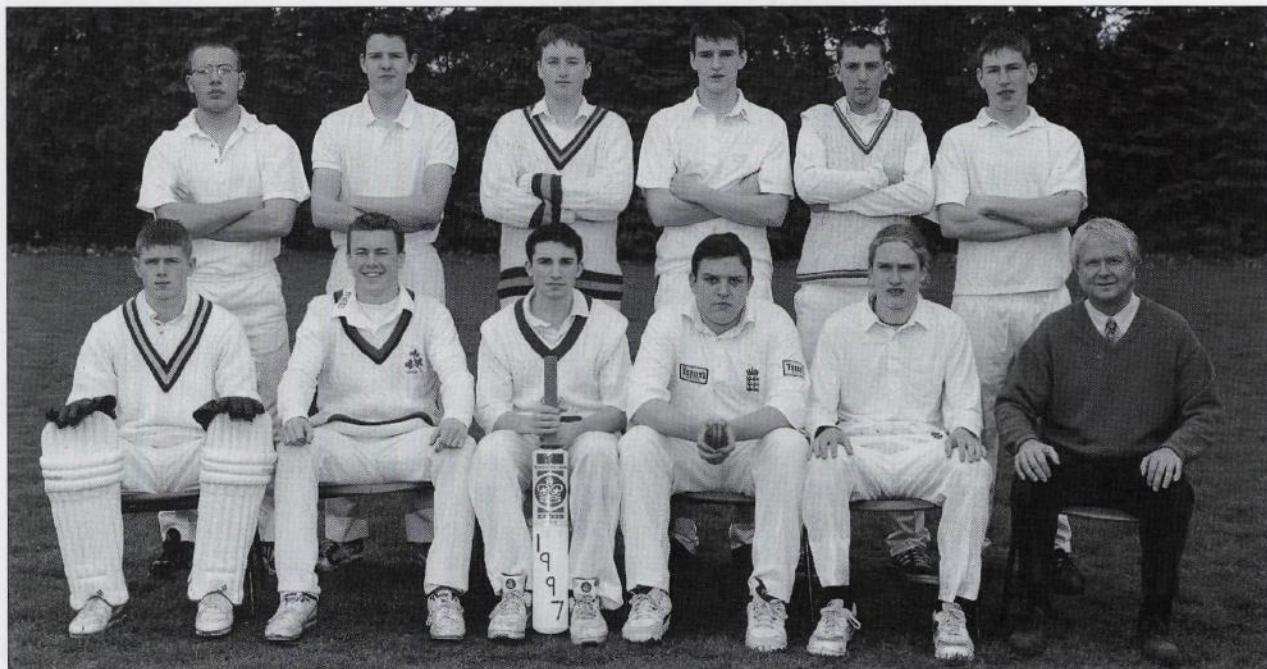


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2nd XI



*R. Hilliard, D. Duggan, J. Fennell, J. Ellis, D. Blackmore, S. Mellon.
R. Thompson, R. McNally, D. Clarke, J. Robertson, F. Gilmore. Mr. R. McMullen*

Junior Cup Team



*Mr. R. Walker, J. Maher, S. Mellon, J. Ellis, D. Duggan, N. O'Byrne, R. Hilliard, J. Kelly.
J. Morton, R. Carnegie, G. Black, I. Masood, F. Gilmore, D. Blackmore (Scorer).*

The J's had a great season last year as they won the Junior League. High School beat Sandford, Gonzaga, Skerries and Dundalk quite convincingly with fifties by I. Masood, S. Mellon, F. Gilmore and G. Black, with G. Black, I. Masood and F. Gilmore taking the main bulk of the wicket. There were also good performances behind the stumps by D. Campbell. The semi-final against Columba's was closer than expected with High School only winning by 1 wicket with a crucial innings by R. Carnegie saving the day at the death.

The final was the highlight of the season. High School batted first with a total of 117 all out. Top scores were I. Masood (40) and G. Black (23). That score gave High School a fighting chance but they needed early wickets. Wesley got off to a slow but steady start, but High School didn't take an early wicket.

Then came the performance of the season. I. Masood, who had obviously studied the wicket earlier in the day, found the perfect spot half way down the wicket taking an amazing 9-24, seven of which were bowled, clinching the game for High School.

This all came about through the hard work and the great coaching of Mr. Walker whom I would like to thank on behalf of the whole team.

- Gary Black, Captain.



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Under 14 Boys Cricket



Brian Mellon, James Maher, David Foran, Niall O'Byrne, Robbie Gilbert, Graham Ruddle, Gareth Conlon, Jack Dooley, John Kelly, Adam McDonnell.

Mr. R. Fennell, Eoin McNally, Nathan Breen, Philip DeBarra, Robert Carnegie, Robbie Burns, Christopher Camilleri, Neil Dover, David Collins.

Under 13 Boys Cricket



Sam Dooley, Graham Carey, Noel Geraghty, Alan Browne, Francis Cooney, Brian Mellon, Alistair Hodgson, Craig Watson.

Mr. B. Quinn, Eoin McNally, Philip DeBarra, Robbie Burns, Fintan Gillespie, Alan Duggan, David Foran.

Girls Cricket

1st XI

1st XI Senior Girls, 1997 was a successful year believe it or not! We made it to the semi-finals of the Cup. On the way we beat Alex (by an amazing 60 runs), St Andrews and Wilson's Hospital. We were very excited to find ourselves in the semi-final. We'd been drawn against Mount Temple, and we played the match away, at Mount temple. Unfortunately we were beaten, with neither team 'having a good day'. (Our 'day' turned out unluckier than theirs, though!). It was disappointing to be beaten, having made it as far as the semi-final, but maybe this year we'll have better luck.

We'd all like to say a big thank you to Miss Ritchie for coaching us, and we hope she enjoyed her trip away, to come back to us next year!

- Zoë Lipson, Captain.



*Linny Abraham, Suzanne Mellon, Carolyn Camier, Sarah Kennedy,
Wallis Handelman, Elizabeth Hilliard,
Kate Draper, Rebecca Manley
Mrs. G. Mellon, Debbie Walker, Kara Cramp, Zoe Lipson (Capt.)
Suzanne Kenealey, Lydia Foster, Ellie Fry.*

Junior Girls Cricket



*Mrs G. Mellon, Aimee Hamilton, Rebecca O'Reilly, Adele Camier,
Jennifer Hickey.
Roisin Cox, Kelly Baird, Kara Cramp, Ellie Fry, Laura Dolan,
Jenny Rath.*

A team of very enthusiastic players started off the season of 1997. Our skills at the start of the season needed a lot of work but, after a lot of training from Miss Ritchie we, grew from strength to strength.

Our first league matches went according to plan as far as the weather was concerned but we were narrowly defeated by Columba's at the start of the season. We went on to play tremendously well against Alexandra College to claim a couple of points.

Kara Cramp and Ellie Fry opened our bowling attack, with Jennifer Hickey and Roisin Cox keeping a close guard as wicket keeper. Our batting persevered from our openers to our tail enders evenly.

At the end of the season we all came away with a very enjoyable season of cricket and proved also to have good prospects for the future.

-Kara Cramp, Captain.

Under 14 Girls Cricket



*Aimee Ferguson, Rebecca O'Reilly, Sheena Cadoo,
Rebecca Horan, Gillian Patterson.
Mrs G. Mellon, Karen Prunty, Kate Mahon, Lauren Gleeson,
Aoife McDarby.*

We had a very successful season overall considering many of our players were new to the game. We got off to a good start winning our first match against St. Andrews. We also had a very wet, but close match against Wesley College where we were narrowly defeated.

Throughout the season we had a mixed variety of results including many impressive wins.

We, as a team, would like to thank Mr. Mellon for all her time effort and advice (she who hesitates is lost) that she gave the team.

-Kate Mahon, Captain.



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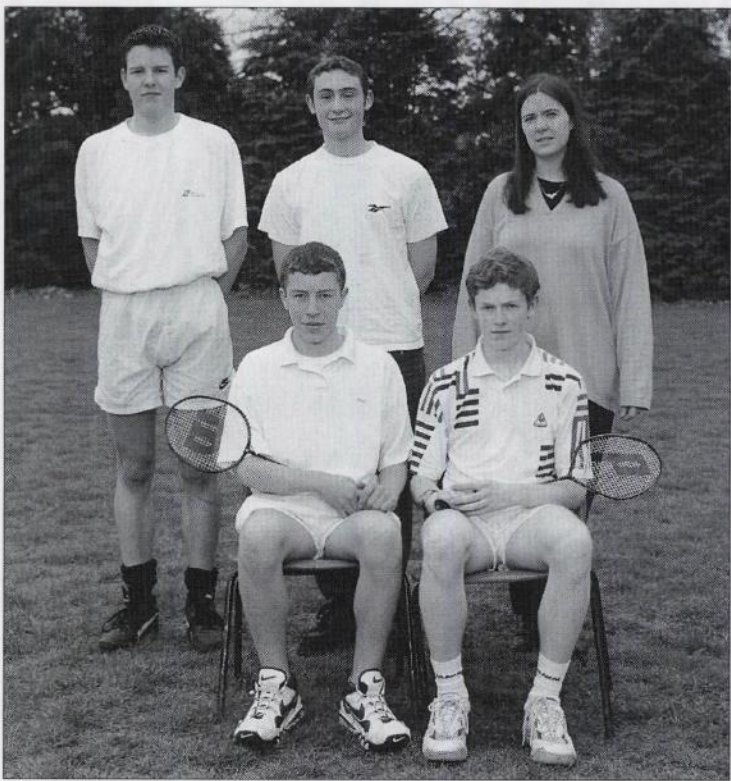
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Badminton



Under 16 Boys

*David Duggan (Capt.), Simon Alkin, Miss A. Wilson,
Neil Dover, David Collins.*

Under 16 Boys

At the start of the season we were filled with high hopes of reaching the playoffs, but once we saw the teams that were in our group we knew, it was going to be an uphill struggle. We had a few disappointing results which didn't help us. I am glad to say that there was a great level of commitment in the team which helped us field a team from a very small panel.

I would like to thank Ms. Wilson and Niall Tierney for putting in so much work this year.

-David Duggan, Captain.

Under 16 Girls

As it was our first time ever playing badminton together, we went into the league as an inexperienced team, with high hopes to succeed in our first year. We had some close defeats against Mt. Anville and Our Ladies Templeogue.

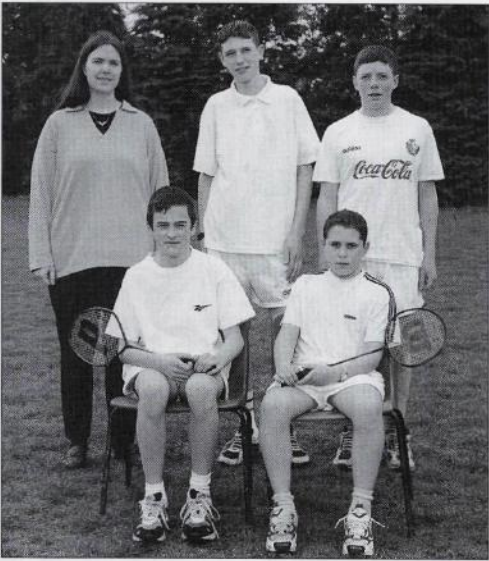
Next year we hope to go further as we have gained more experience.

- Jane Harley, Captain.



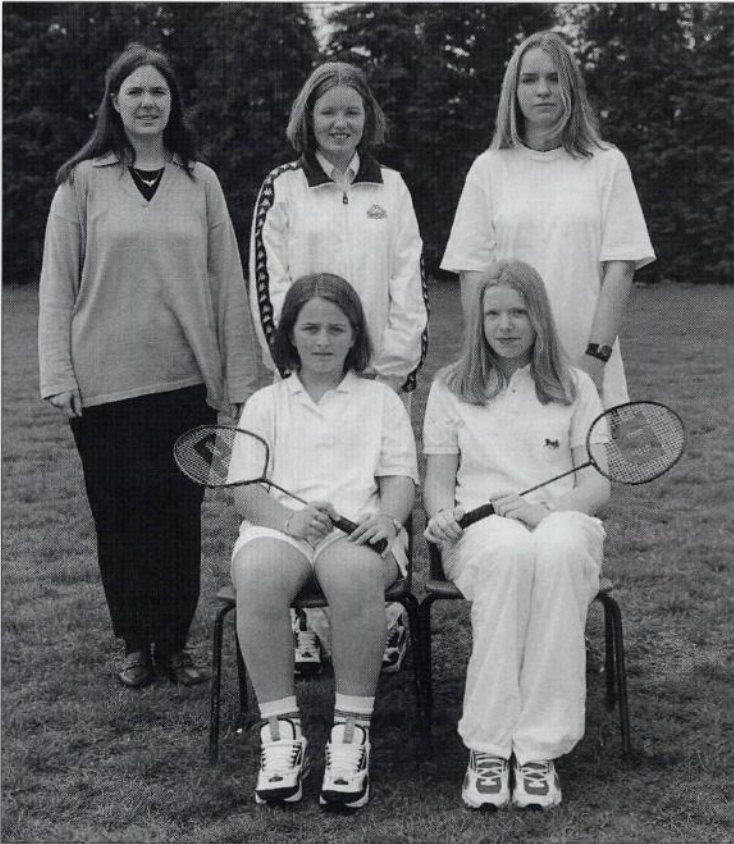
Under 16 Girls

*Miss A. Wilson, Kara Cramp, Jane Harley (Capt.) Sarah Mc
Murray, Carol Moss.*



Under 14 Boys

*Miss A. Wilson, Conor McCartney,
Noel Geraghty.
Gavin Murphy, Glenn McNeil*



Under 14 Girls

We won 4 out of our 5 league matches, as well as winning our section. As a result, we went on to the playoffs in the next section.

The team played really well, but unfortunately we were beaten by our opposition, St Mary's, Naas.

I would like to thank the team for playing really well throughout the season and always coming to practice on time.

I would also like to thank Mr Sheridan for giving us lifts home after our matches.

As well as the above I would sincerely wish to thank Niall Toomey and Ms Wilson for all their help and encouragement.

-Fiona Collins, Captain.

*Miss A. Wilson, Annette Sammon, Natalie May,
Aisling O'Toole, Fiona Collins.*

Tennis

Boys Tennis

The senior boy's team beat St. Michaels in their section but defeats by Terenure and Clongowes meant that we did not qualify from the group. The team played with great enthusiasm and the experience of the competition should benefit the team next year. Robbie Slattery was an efficient captain of the team and he also won the Senior Boys School Tournament beating Daniel Hanlon in the final.

The junior team was a young team but they competed well against older opponents. A victory against Naas was the highlight of the season and in the Junior Tournament Mark McCartney beat his brother Conor.

-Mr. McClure

Junior Girls



*Debbie Walker, Ellie Fry, Kate Scanlon, Jenny Rath.
Mrs. G. Mellon, Brenda McParland, Jane Harley, Kara Cramp.*

Minor Girls Tennis



*Laura Stafford, Caoimhe Milotte, Rachel O'Byrne, Karen Prunty, Sarah Kate Doyle, Chantal Shine,
Jennifer Hickey, Hoolly Simmons.
Mrs G. Mellon Fiona Collins, Genevieve King, Laura Dolan, Kelly Baird, Talitha Brauer, Adele Camier.*

Athletics



*M. P. Irwin, A. Walsh, R. Thompson, C. Vincent, R. Maguire, J. O'Malley, M. Kenny, G. Coleman.
K. Fahy, A. Coleman, D. Collins, V. Wright, R. McSharry, Z. White, C. Byrne, Y. Elliott, T. Curran.*

Basketball

Senior Boys

The acquiring of our Nike outfits had an obvious impact on our style of play. Our first opponents, Templeogue, left the court licking their wounds after the thrashing we gave them. Our right winger Tarik "360" Rahman and our second row man Graham Masters each had 30 points. For our next 3 wins against Coláiste Eainne, Terenure College and Our Lady's Templeogue, Chris "361" Vincent and our goalkeeper Justin O'Malley stepped up their game to relieve our main men above.

Our best move came on October 21st 11:30a.m. when our present coach Josh Walker was transferred for a princely sum, from Kentucky University. Our team flourished under his tuition. Our strikers 'Sugar' Ray Grafton and Matt "MJ" Walker were beacons of hope in a void place. Our current record 12-0 gave us a playoff berth in the All-Irelands (where we were the favourites) but we reclined due to exams. Laughlin McKee led our team in steals and red cards, he played with such passion, he was the perfect example.

I would like to thank our water boy Adam Eager and our supporters, my family.

- Matt Walker, Captain.



*Graham Masters, Christopher Vincent,
Justin O'Malley, Josh Walker.
Ray Grafton, Matt Walker, Tarik Rahman, Laughlin Mc Kee.*

Senior Girls



*G. Whelan, S. Beattie, O. Maguire,
K. Laing, B. Creggy, Z. Fairman King.
R. Reddy, S. Anglim, J. Wardrop,
S. O'Connor, Liza Kennedy.*



*Debbie Walker, Zoe McGeeney, Lynsey O'Callaghan, Kate Draper,
Clare Cox, Suzanne Kenealy.
Brenda Mc Parland, Kara Cramp, Julie O'Sullivan (Capt.)
Danielle Hill, Ruth Draper.*

Soccer

Senior Squad



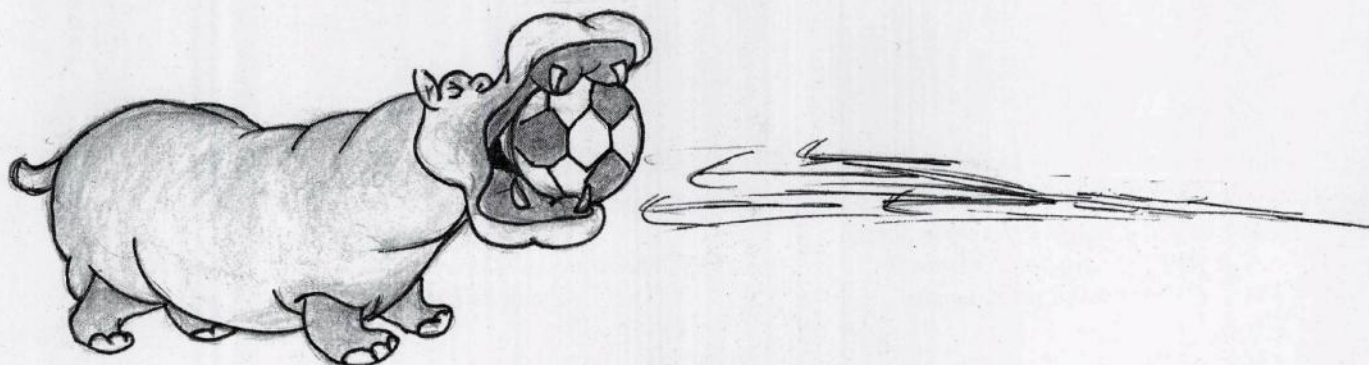
Robert Hilliard, Simon Smith, Ray Grafton, Andrew Day, Robert Reid, Ronan O'Laoire, Michael Slott, Terence Gunning, Keith Singleton, Mark Duggan, Justin Byrne. F; Kevin Field, Tarik Rahman, Ian McHugh, Peter Synnott, Mark Kenny, Seamus Finn, Mark Mc Endoo, Philip Loane, Donal Barrett.

This season the soccer 1st XI nearly defied a chronic lack of football knowledge or talent to become the only HSD sporting team to win a trophy this season. Unfortunately, we did not win the cup. Our status as 'the biggest bunch of spuds I ever saw' (Mr P.) was confirmed in our first match of the season against St Killians. However, with new talents such as Peter Synnott, Micheal Slott and Mark McEndoo joining those who played on last year's team, we quickly began to gel and hammered Rockbrook 5-1. On the training ground Mr P. tried manfully to instil the basics of pass and move football into us while Robert Neil's running commentary provided the entertainment value. With Mark McEndoo excellence at the back, an extremely skilful midfield and Ian McHugh and Tarik Rahman scoring freely up front we began playing our opponents in a series of friendlies, most notably beating Stratford and the Old Boys twice each. Just before the tournament we drew 4-4 with C.B.S., one of the top teams in Dub-

lin, showing the kind of progress we could make should the board of governors allow us to enter the top league...

Throughout the year Mr P.'s, em, relaxed approach, the emphasis he put on playing attractive, skilful football and the commitment of all team members meant it was a joy to play. Big thank you to Mr P. for all his time and advice and Mr B. for providing team transport, two people from school who came to support us, as well as the crowds of premiership scouts who came along.

- Mark Kenny, Captain



Hillwalking

This year was quite successful for the High School Mountaineering Club. Aside from night walks and the President's award trip to the Magillicudy Reeks, there was a total of 6 hill walks. There wasn't any notably bad weather and everything went to plan.

The first hill walk was an introductory walk for first years in the Glendalough area, including Polaross Waterfall, the Sphinx Ridge, Lugduff, The Boulder Fields and Upper Glendalough. Attendance was good and the weather was great. The next walk was around the Shankhill Rifle Range on the Dublin/Wicklow Border. Mountains climbed were Seefin, Seefingan, Seehan, Corrig and Ballymorefinn Hill. Weather was quite overcast with low cloud for most of the day.

The third hill walk was around Glenmacnas Waterfall, climbing Tonlegee and Scarr. Weather was good and a good time was had by all.

The fourth and probably one of the nicest hill walks was in the Powerscourt area of Wicklow. We parked our transport in a car park on the side of Djouce Wood. We walked a long a windy track which eventually led to a hole in a fence, bringing us to Powerscourt Waterfall. We ascended a well-beaten track about 100m to one side of the fall from there we climbed Maulin and followed a different route back to the bus.



The penultimate hill walk was to Mullacleabhan via Black Hill and then going on to climb Moanbane and Silsean.

The final hill walk was held on the 1st of March and climbed Lugnaquilla from the Glen of Imall Artillery Range via Camara Hill and returning by Slievmanu. There was lots of snow on Lugnaquilla and Mr Blackmore gave in and put on his trousers! But hey!

Overall attendance was great but it was a shame that not very many non-fourth years signed up to finish up. I'd like to thank Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Cryan, Miss. Storey and Mr. Swan for all the time and effort they gave in making this a successful year.

-Darragh Curran, 4th

Night Walks

Due to popular demand and large number participating in the Presidents award this year, there were three night walks held. The first walk was up Knocknagun from Upper Glencree. Due to the heavy rain of the previous few days, the path had a steady flow of muddy water flowing down it. This didn't dampen

the spirits of us walkers. We trudged on and eventually reached the top. Although wet and slightly behind schedule, everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves. When descending, we set about relocating the path we came up on. So as Mr. D. Miller stood around chatting on his mobile phone, Mr. Blackmore, using his vast mountaineering experience, found the track and has us all moving again. As we galloped down the path to the bus, myself a few others fell into a foul smelling boghole. Instead of



rushing to our aid, the closest walkers stood around and laughed at our misfortune as we floundered in its murky water. When we

finally arrived back at the bus, we were tired and wet but smiling.

The next walk was around Upper Lough Bray. The conditions were better this time and the group moved quickly. There was a steep climb at one stage that led up to the Eagle Rock where we rested. The rest of the walk had some stunning views of the lake and the cities lights. The third walk was to Knocknagun again and it proved to be just as enjoyable as the first time (and drier).

Huge thanks are due to Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Cryan and all the other teachers who helped out in the night walks.

- James Murphy, 4th

Dawn Raid

We set off searching for something "Soundings" couldn't teach us. Backing up to the mere basics of inspiration that all the poets we study look to: the beginning of the new (whether it be a day or a life). By 6.35 am, Tuesday 20th January, we were parked halfway up Three Rock Mountain, in the perfect frozen conditions. The moonlight still crept through the trees and danced across mountain tops heavy laden with snow. Adventure gripped us all as we were the first class to do this act of insanity. We marched on up to the top, and headed towards Glencullen on the other side of Three Rock, leaving the city lights behind. There we sat, ate and waited. At 7.20 am. the sky appeared in all its splendour, scattering the light spectrum across the skies. Besides the sheer pleasure of this escapade, we experienced what Yeats felt when he wrote: "I shall have written him one poem may be as cold and passionate as the dawn". And all this before a day in school!

- Matt Walker, 6th



Caving

This year's sixth year caving expedition was, apparently a great success, so I've been told, going on the reports of the sixth years involved. They set off in October and went to Pollnagree and Polldudh.

The fifth year's tour, however set off last November, to Lisdonvarna on what was probably one of the most memorable trips any of us has ever had. Together with some guy called Cocky driving us down, an insurance man called Pecker and Miss Wilson we all set off wondering what exactly we had let ourselves into. After packing the school bus to capacity (cleverly stuffing Deborah Nevin and Susan Gray in with the rest of the baggage) we were off.

It rained most of the way down, although the mini bus came dangerously close to being flooded from the inside, that was until a prolonged torture bout came to an end and we let Justin Byrne out of the bus to do his 'thing'. Meanwhile every one else took advantage of the brief stop over to load up on refreshments. We finally arrived in Lisdoonvarna and managed to get ourselves sorted in our friendly bedsit for the next two nights.

Next morning despite the rain we ventured out to our first cave, Cullaun Two. Everyone quickly got toggled out in clothes that would have put the P.O.D on a Thursday night to shame and nervously we crept into the deep (flooded) black void. The sight was amazing with some amazing underwater streams and waterfalls, although not everyone enjoyed it, as some found out that they were in fact claustrophobic only when sandwiched between tiny foot high cracks, nevertheless it did add a bit of extra excitement to the cave.

We finally emerged to the joy of biscuits and sandwiches as well as the lovely grey sky, something you don't actually appreciate until submerged for 2-3 hours. The sandwiches and biscuits went down beau-

tifully, as we were entertained by some original 'hide and seek' games.

For the rest of the day we went on walks, often finding ourselves on the roadside admiring the wonderful countryside. That night however, the 'students', after a couple of games involving water, chairs to highlight our amazing agility, boxes of matches and a strange game called the hydro, everyone had a fit full night's rest. The following morning, awaking to the smell of a gorgeous fry, a lot of us had strange circular marks around our belly buttons.....



After a second mornings caving down Pollnagollum, where we noticed some extremely strand rock 'openings', where only a couple of the bravest cavers dared go down, everyone packed up their now filthy 'Disco Gear' into the bus and that afternoon we all left Lisdoonvarna competing another fatality free caving year at High School.

This years High School intrepids included: Pamela MacDonald, Peter Freyne, John Anglim, Ronan O'Laoire, Susan Gray, Deborah Nevin, Mark Kavanagh, Conall Mahon, Frank Browne, Andrew Day and Louise Foley.

The Lisdoonvarna caving trip was a one in a million (hoping to make it 2 later on this year) and on behalf of everyone I would like to thank Mr Wright, Martin (Pecker) Oates and Miss Wilson for having so much patience and giving up their spare time to make the trip such a memorable one.

- Ronan O'Laoire, 5th

Canoeing

Canoeing, as ever, is one of the most popular adventure sports in High School, with interest from all years of the school. I am happy to say that the school has acquired 3 new plastic boats for use on the River Dodder.



There are many budding canoeists in Form 1 who train up to Christmas on a Saturday morning and during games in the summer term. Later this year, they will contest the Broad Cup, of which the present holder is Ben Blackwell. As part of Transition year, students are able to work towards their Basic Canoe Cert. Many have taken on the challenge and will later take on the test. Good Luck to you all!

Once again the High School competes in the schools' canoe races. In the following weeks we will compete in races on the Grand Canal, Upper Liffey, Boyne and the Inny with Thomas Blackwell competing in Division 1 after some brave performances last year. We all hope later on this year to compete in the prestigious schools' Liffey Descent.

I wish everyone involved the best of luck and would like to thank the ever helpful Mr. Swan, who without his dedication, time and energy, canoeing as a sport would die in HSD.

- Andrew Day, 5th



Swimming

Swimming was held during the winter and spring terms again this year. It took place at Terenure College pool every Tuesday evening.

The earlier session (6.00 - 6.45) was attended by first to third years, who improved their swimming skills throughout the terms.

Pupils trained for survival awards during the later session (6.45 - 7.30), instructed by Mrs Kelly. Many of these pupils took up swimming as the physical challenge for their president's award and

were successful. We trained hard throughout the terms and all passed the Survival 2 exam on the 10th February, Emma Allot, Sara Brusey, Jenni Daly, Lesley Eager, Ellie Fry, Eoin Garrigan, Noel Geraghty, Sam Glacken, Adam Leahy, Stuart Mellon, Michelle McCartney, Gail McEndo, Era Maguire, Stephanie Taylor and Jack Quilligan.

After the exam, we worked on dives, tumble turns and lifesaving. We also had a fun gala.

Thank you to Mrs Kelly for teaching us and to Mr Swan and Mrs Mellon for organising the classes.

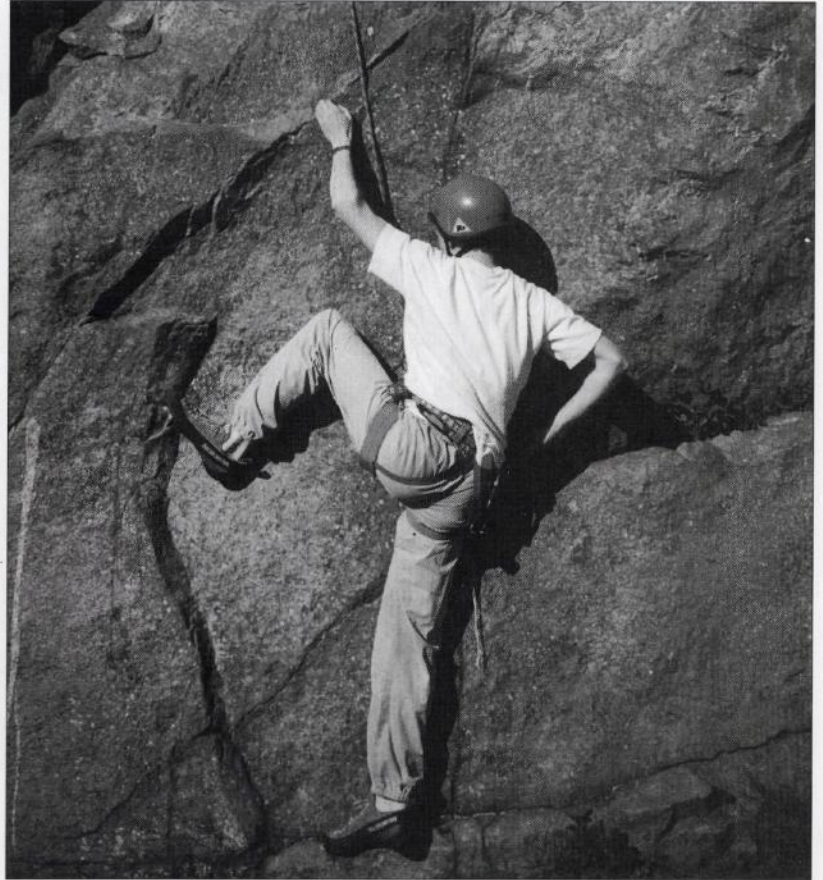
-Emma Allot, 4th

Rock Climbing

Again the weather was kind and we managed to get in nine of the ten sessions arranged at Dalkey Quarry. Some pupils developed more than just a once off interest in the sport and may well become instructors of the future. Our thanks to past pupils Nick Price, Colin Kirkham, Michael Lunney, Alex Fraser, Billy Blackmore and Glynn Foster, without whom it would be difficult to cater for the numbers who wish to try this challenging (but safe!) sport.

Some of the very best rock climbers in the world are female but we always find the girls are in a minority in trying out the sport in High School. We have never had one that went on to be an instructor, as far as I know. Strength is only one factor in getting to the top and far more important are balance, poise, courage and determination, which gives an equal chance to all physical types to be successful. So come on girls! Let's see some more of you have a go at this fulfilling and interesting sport.

-Mr Blackmore



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News of Past Pupils

The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union Presidents' Letter

Dear Members,

As we write, our year in office as your Joint Presidents - which has been a very enjoyable one - is almost over.

Our first official duty was to present the Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl to Mairead Dorney and the Old Boy's Cup to Jonathan Pickett at the Annual Prize Distribution and Parents Evening last October.

It was our privilege, during the year, to attend a number of Schools' Past Pupils' dinners and cheese and wine evenings, all of which were most enjoyable. We represented the PPU at the Association of Schools' Unions Meetings. We also attended The Annual Service of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Sport in St. Patrick's Cathedral on the 22nd March 1998 at which The President, Mrs. Mary McAleese was present and we had the great honour of meeting with her after the service.

All of our events for 1997/98 were joint with the exception of the Annual Men's and Ladies' Dinners.

At the time of writing the Ladies' Dinner has not yet taken place but is due to be held in The Royal St. George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, on 24th April 1998, when the guest speaker will be Ms. Caroline McCamley, Communication and Management Consultant.

The Men's Dinner on 24th January 1998 was held in the Reynolds Hall, when the guest speaker that evening was Mr. Eugene McCague, Solicitor and Chairman of the governing body of the Dublin Institute of Technology. This popular evening was, as always, very well attended.

An Autumn Dinner was held, last November, in The Royal St. George Yacht Club and the bi-annual London Dinner on 3rd April 1998. These last three functions were well attended and most enjoyable, due mainly to the organising skills of Harry Booker.

In March we had an opportunity to visit the school and meet with the 6th Form to talk to them about the PPU and also membership, as the future of our Union is dependent on the support of Past Pupils.

We would like to thank our committee for their support over the past year and especially our office holders - Ernie Frith, Hon. Treasurer, who keeps us solvent, Wayne Sheridan, Hon. Secretary and Carole Bandon, Membership Secretary, both of whom have given a tremendous amount of time to the Union.



John Fish and Barbara Strong

Also, we would like to thank the Principal, Mr. Brian Duffy, for the use of the school for our meetings, Mr. John Davis and the Office Staff, and Gene and the groundsmen, for all their help during the past year.

Finally, we wish our successors, Ruth Carnegie and Malcolm Taylor, a very happy and successful year in 1998/99.

-Barbara Strong and John Fish
(Joint Presidents)

The High School & Diocesan Past Pupils Union Secretaries Report

The past year of the union could be deemed "The year of the diner" in view of the successfully organised and supported Past Pupils dinners (In January the male dinner and in April, the ladies). Last November, an Autumn evening was held and on the eve of the England/Ireland rugby match, the biennial London gathering took place. The food "theme" was also evident at each of the monthly events run on behalf of members, and thanks are due to the ladies who prepared the suppers.

In September, members receive a "calendar of events" for the forthcoming season outlining various functions organised on their behalf. The committee are very disappointed that so very few members chose to attend any of these events, as they endeavour to run a programme with a wide appeal to all. The past year included:

A fund raising table quiz.

Illustration of South County Dublin, its historic houses and buildings.

Carol singing.

Wine tasting evening.

First aid demonstrations.

Annual Golf Outing

*Wednesday, 9th Sept. '98
at Rathfarnham Golf Club*

Time Sheet in Operation

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The number attending, including non-members, ranged from 36 to 67, and this from a membership of 660. Therefore in reality, not many members found the calendar of interest and the committee welcomes suggestions from members on the type of functions that should be held, and how to improve attendances.

As recorded in the letter accompanying the calendar last September, this is your union and the joint-presidents and committee require the full support of all members, at all times.

In concluding, our thanks are due to both Barbara Strong and John Fish for an excellent years' service as joint presidents of the Past Pupils' Union.

-Wayne Sheridan (Hon. Secretary)

Retirement of Ernie Frith

Having had two spells, covering a total of 24 years, as Honorary Treasurer, first of the Old Boys Union and then the Past Pupils Union, I have decided to step down; however, I am glad to say that Trevor Lloyd has agreed to take over. I have enjoyed getting correspondence from many members, many of whom I have not seen for up to 50 years, and only last Spring I received an application from one who was senior to me in school.

I am writing these lines also for the reason that I think Past Pupils should write in to the Editor of the Erasmian with some experiences, reminiscences or recol-

lections of their life. Do not forget that the few pages about Past Pupils has more interest (even the Death Column) than many of the School entries would have.

The amalgamation of the Diocesan Old Girls Association and High School Old Boys Union into a Past Pupils Union has resulted in far more events being run during the year. This is almost entirely due to the efforts of the Old Girls. It would be appreciated if the male part of the Union gave a bit more support to these events. Don't say that you did not know about them, because they are listed in the Calendar of Events which every member receives at the beginning of each year. The Union helps the School, the pupils and sundry charities in various ways. The cost of the Erasmian is £2-50 per copy, and postage is upwards from £1, so please renew your subscription when it falls due.

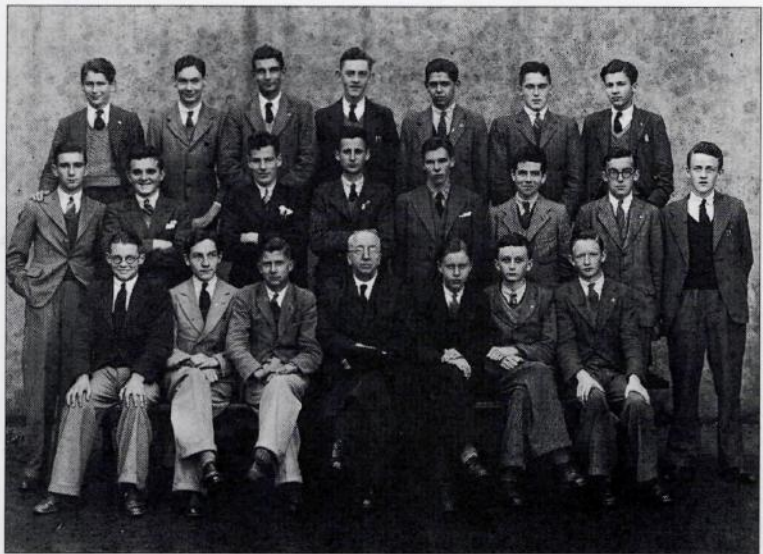
Some years ago, the School gave parents the option of having a 5 year P.P.U. subscription with the last years fees, and this certainly increased our income. Regrettably, of those boys and girls who were enrolled into the P.P.U. on leaving the School, only approx. 10% renew their subscription after % 5 years. Surely there is more than 10% interest in the School.

I am enclosing a picture of what was known as 6A, taken around 1939/40. I am not sure how reproduction will come out but I am listing the names of the youths.

Some I know are dead, but if any one could give me the whereabouts of numbers G. D. Lyons, J. N. Allen, A. N. Jeffares, H. J. Fogarty, G. Ridgeway, R.K. Maguire, R. A. Cole, G. G. Strickland, I would appreciate any information.

- Ernie Frith (Ex. Hon. Treas.)

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Back Row L to R: H.B. Harrison, E.E. Grove, G.D. Lyons, E.W. Frith, A.W. Reynolds, J.N. Allen, I.R. Sargeant.

Next Row L to R: G.T. Moore, K.H. young, D.A. Orr, C. Pemberton, A.N. Jeffares, H.J. Fogarty, C.G. Corrigan, P. Tobias.

Front Row L to R: J. Smyth, G. Ridgeway, M.J. McLintoch, Dr. J. Bennett, R.K. Maguire, R.A. Cole, C.G. Strickland.

Sarah Kavanagh

Interview with Sarah Kavanagh by Redmond O'Connell

What years did you attend The High School?

I started High School in 1983 and did my Leaving in 1989.

What was your favourite subject and why?

I suppose my favourite subject was Art, as I dedicated a lot of time to it and went on to Art College in England. I also loved Geography, Business Organisation and I wish I'd put a bit more effort into learning Irish. I did honours Irish up to the Leaving Cert. but chickened out at the last minute and did the pass paper. I spend a lot of time abroad and it's only when you go that you realise that it's an important part of our national identity. It's also a laugh to be able to speak a language that no one else understands, I can say things to my Irish manager that my English mechanic doesn't need to hear.

Who was your favourite teacher and why?

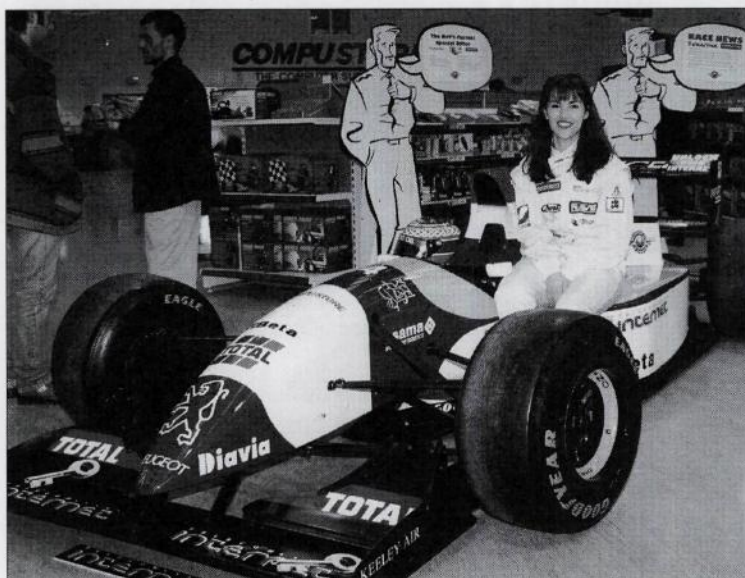
Favourite teacher...hmmmm.....revenge at last!! I'm only joking, but that's a pretty mean question. There isn't one favourite, different teachers inspired different things for me. Mr. Hayes helped me realise my ambition at the time to get into Art College. He put in so much time and energy and I'd never have had the confidence otherwise. It would be a bit of an understatement to say that I didn't like school but without having the focus of Art or the guidance of Mr. Hayes it would have been a whole lot worse.



Mr. Swan was a fabulous geography teacher, he absolutely opened my eyes to what a fascinating place the planet earth

is and I don't mean soil erosion or oxbow lakes, I mean the highest lake, the longest river, the biggest waterfall and what it would be like to live in Lesotho.

Mr. Hickmot is a pretty clever teacher too, he managed to make us actually use our brains, he prised the information out of our lazy heads without us realising that we were working, I loved his classes. Your teachers play a huge role in shaping the way you view things but you don't appreciate that until later.



What are your best and worst memories of High School?

Worst memories are probably of exam pressure, but then who likes exams? My best memories are of hanging out with my friends, skiving off games on sunny days, the Burren trip and generally getting up to no good.

What did you do immediately after school?

It was total freedom, we could wake up, pick a country, any country and just go. I went inter-railing with my sister. One train ticket, one backpack, one month and twenty-one countries before we ran out of time. Then I went to college in Brighton for a year.

How did you get into your present occupation?

It's a very long story. What I do is more than just an occupation, it's a lifestyle choice more like a vocation. I started off watching races in England while I was at college, I went to Brands Hatch, Silverstone and the Le Mans 24 Hour race. I decided that racing was something I wanted to try, so I bought a 100cc Kart and never looked back since. I went on to Formula Ford 1600, Formula Opel, Formula Vauxhall, British Formula 2, Japanese Formula 3000 and this year European Boss Formula 1, driving a 1993 Jordan.

Why did you choose it?

I chose motor racing because I think it's the most exciting, challenging, demanding, FUN thing to do in the whole world. Driving flat out makes you feel 100% alive, it focus' the mind and body completely. Also once you've experienced the thrill of it, it's very difficult to recreate that doing something else.

Describe what you do.

There are a lot of different aspects to racing. There's a lot of preparation, the actual race is the most important part but prob-

ably the smallest part of it.

Firstly, I depend on sponsorship to pay for my racing. I spend the Winter months sourcing funds. That involves a lot of research, proposals, meetings and providing an endless flow of information. Understanding marketing and PR is helpful at this point. I also spend quite a bit of time doing interviews for the media and being available for sponsor functions and photocalls.

I have to be very fit and strong for the racing so the winter is all about training too. I train twice a day six days a week, mostly running, swimming and weights but I do some fun things too like boxing and karting.

I spend a lot of time with the team nearer to the beginning of the season. We will spend time testing at different circuits, working with the car to make it and me quicker. There's quite a bit of analysing information recorded by the data logging. Then there are the race days, that's pretty straight forward. It can be very hectic but it's very interesting.

What do you like and hate about your job?

I love driving the car. I like the travelling and the fact that no two days are the same. On the downside it's a very tough sport, it's very competitive, on and off the track and it can be bitterly disappointing if the car lets you down or you make a stupid mistake on the circuit, which happens to the best of them.

What advice would you give to anyone wishing to enter the same field as yourself?

Don't do it! I'm kidding but do think very, very hard about it. It's not an easy option. Don't even consider it if you're only interested in making money and if you come from a family that has neither a history in the sport or a bank balance to rival the Sultan of Brunei then be prepared for hard times and starvation. If you really want to go motor racing then you will probably ignore all advice at all times and that alone will definitely qualify as lunatic enough for the job.

Whatever you all choose to do good luck, and whoever tells you that your school days are the best days of your life then don't listen to them, it gets harder but it gets better.

News of Past Pupils

Austin Barrett (1989 - 95) is now working as a Stock Broker.

Noris Beattie (1989 - 95) has completed his studies in Agriculture at Sparshold in Winchester and is now managing a Farm Relief Program.

William Burgess (1957 - 63) is the managing director of IBM Ireland.

Trudy Carroll (1990 - 96) is Studying Russian and Theology in T.C.D. and will be going to Russia this year as part of her studies.

Catherine Coleman (1978 - 79) is currently an eye surgeon working at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital in Dublin.

Professor David Ford (1956 - 66) is presently Regius Professor of Divinity in the university of Cambridge, the first layman to hold this prestigious position.

Tim Foster (1987 - 93) After finishing a degree in Science, UCD. Tim is currently working for Sun Microsystems.

Duncan Foster (1983-89) has been working in Armagh Observatory for three years after qualifying in Physics at Trinity College. He has just completed his PhD in Astronomy and is now working for Sun Microsystems

Stuart Fox (1983-89) has been appointed Assistant Manager in Citibank's Agency Services Dept. in the International Financial Services Centre.

James Goulden (1988 - 89) has completed an Applied Chemistry course at the R.T.C. in Tallaght and is now working as a Laboratory Technician in U.C.D.

Denis Halliday (1952 - 58) is the United Nations Humanitarian Co-Ordinator for Iraq.

Jonathan Hanan (1990 - 96) is working as an Aircraft Technician

Ruth Harley (1990 - 96) is now training to be a nurse.

Molly Hashmi (1990 - 92) has commenced work on her Ph D. in Physiology at Sheffield University.

David Henderson (1979 - 87) is as Air Steward for British Midland.

David Kutner (1980 - 90) is working as a Trader for Bankers Trust in London.

Barry O'Keefe (1974 - 80) is Business Correspondent with The Irish Times.

Rachel Reid (1989 - 95) is working for a Missionary Organisation (Operation Mobilisation) in Spain and North Africa.

Rachel Smith (1979 - 87) is currently the secretary to Mr D Jacobs, Deputy to Neill Kinnock in the European Parliament in Brussels.

Simon Stroughair (1988 - 94) has completed his Degree in Theoretical Physics and will be working for Lehman Brothers.

David Stuart (1953 - 61) Managing Director of Stuart's Garages, Greenhills Road.

Declan Supple (1983 - 88) is currently a Manager with Andersen Consulting, Frankfurt

Feargal Supple (1982 - 84) is a Data Warehousing Consultant at IBM, London

Niamh Supple (1984 - 90) is Fund Administrator for Pioneer Management, Ireland.

Drusilla Watson (1983-89) Qualified as a Dental Technician from Trinity College in 1992 and has been accepted to study Dentistry in Guys Hospital, London.

David Went (1958-65) has been appointed as the new managing director of Irish Life.

Simon White (1986 - 92) has completed a B.E.S.S. Degree at Trinity College is now assistant Sports Manager for Adidas and works in England and Norway as well as Ireland.

Deaths

William H. Durie (1923 – 27), 21st February 1998, Dublin.

Edward E. (Ted) Grove (1921 – 31), 20th April 1998, Dublin.

Charles E. H. (Chuckie) Maltby (1943 – 50), 9th October 1997, Dublin.

Leslie M. McAteer (1934 – 36), 13th May 1997, Dublin.

Morton J. McClintlock (1934 – 39), 2nd December 1997, Enniscorthy.

G. Francis (Frank) Mitchell (1922 – 30), Professor Emeritus T.C.D., 25th November 1997, Co. Louth.

Sydney A. Moore (1936 – 42), 28th September 1997, Ardglas, Co. Down.

Joseph W. (Joe) Moore (1936 – 42), 28th September 1997, Dun Laoghaire.

Quinn O'Brien (1971 – 1978), 27th September 1997, London.

Richard R. Quin (1936 – 42), 17th September 1997, Gloucestershire.

Charles G. Smith (1930 – 36), 7th June 1997, Dublin.

John R. Stevenson (1935 – 39), 23rd March 1997, Warrenpoint, Co. Down.

William G. (Bill) Taylor (1921 – 29), 22nd April 1997, Dublin.

Edward Brian Twamley (1942 – 52), 9th November, Surrey.

We record also with regret the deaths of **Mrs Dirney Reynolds**, wife of the late Dr. R. W. Reynolds, Headmaster of The High School from 1951 – 1970. Mrs Reynolds died on 27th June in her 92nd year; also the death of **Mr W.B. (Bill) Sterling** on 5th November 1997. Bill was Assistant Registrar / Administrator in the School from 1978 – 1985.

Frank Mitchell

The Following article by Carol Coulter appeared in the Irish Times on the 27th November 1997;

A scholar with a gift to communicate

Dr Frank Mitchell, who died on Tuesday evening, was being mourned yesterday as not only one of Ireland's most eminent scholars but also as a man who communicated his knowledge and enthusiasm to people of all ages and backgrounds.

"He would be best defined, not as a nationalist, not a republican, but as a patriot," said Dr William Watts, retired provost of Trinity College, a former student and a friend of Dr Mitchell. "He was tremendously interested in everything to do with Ireland. He was a very great scientist and one of Ireland's leading people.

"He was very interested in the landscape and man in the landscape. He had an amazing eye for landscape...He was still working like mad. He had just finished a paper on Valentia Island and sent it to the publishers... when I saw him last he was very interested in Mellifont Abbey and the drainage system the monks had."

Prof. Michael Herity, president of the Royal Irish Academy, a position formerly held by Dr Mitchell, paid tribute to his contribution to the renewal of the academy. He said Dr Mitchell was one of those

"fortunate scholars" who could convey to interested members of the public the results of his work "without loss of scholarly integrity".

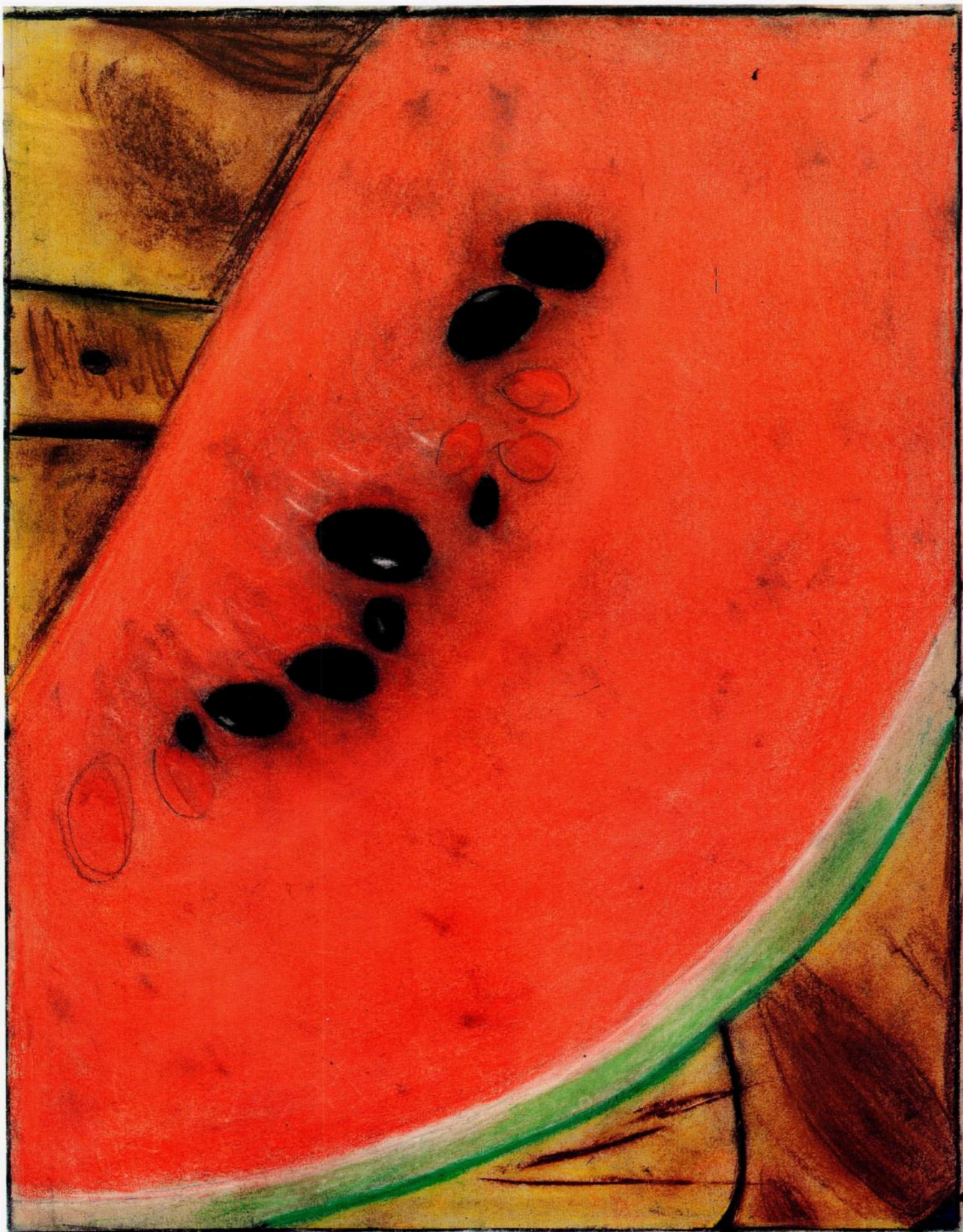
A professor of archaeology, Prof. George Eogan, took students every summer in the 1970s and 1980s to Townley Hall, the Mitchells' home in Co. Meath, to excavate the Dowth site at Brú na Bóinne. He said: "He was an incredibly stimulating man. He encouraged so many people in several fields. He really opened up paleobotanical studies in Ireland, examining strata in bogs to give an idea of climate and the nature of settlement of people.

"He was very pleasant, very human, incredibly encouraging and a great listener. He had the facility of explaining complex issues to the layman, a great communicator at many levels."

Dr Michael Conry, of Teagasc, another former student, worked with Dr Mitchell on Valentia Island last summer. "I was privileged to do my PhD with him in Trinity. He directed me on to protecting the environment. That's 30 years ago, long before it became an "in" word.

"He was a great leader and a great scientist. He was the last of the people who could embrace the different strands of science – geology, glacial geology, quaternary studies, paleobotany, soil science and the importance of the environment. He is a big loss and a credit to the country."

Dr Frank O'Reilly, Chancellor of Trinity College, had been a colleague and friend of Dr Mitchell's for many years. "He was one of the most eminent people in the country, and a great personal friend. He will be very, very sadly missed."



Drawing - Rachel Garvey, 2nd

