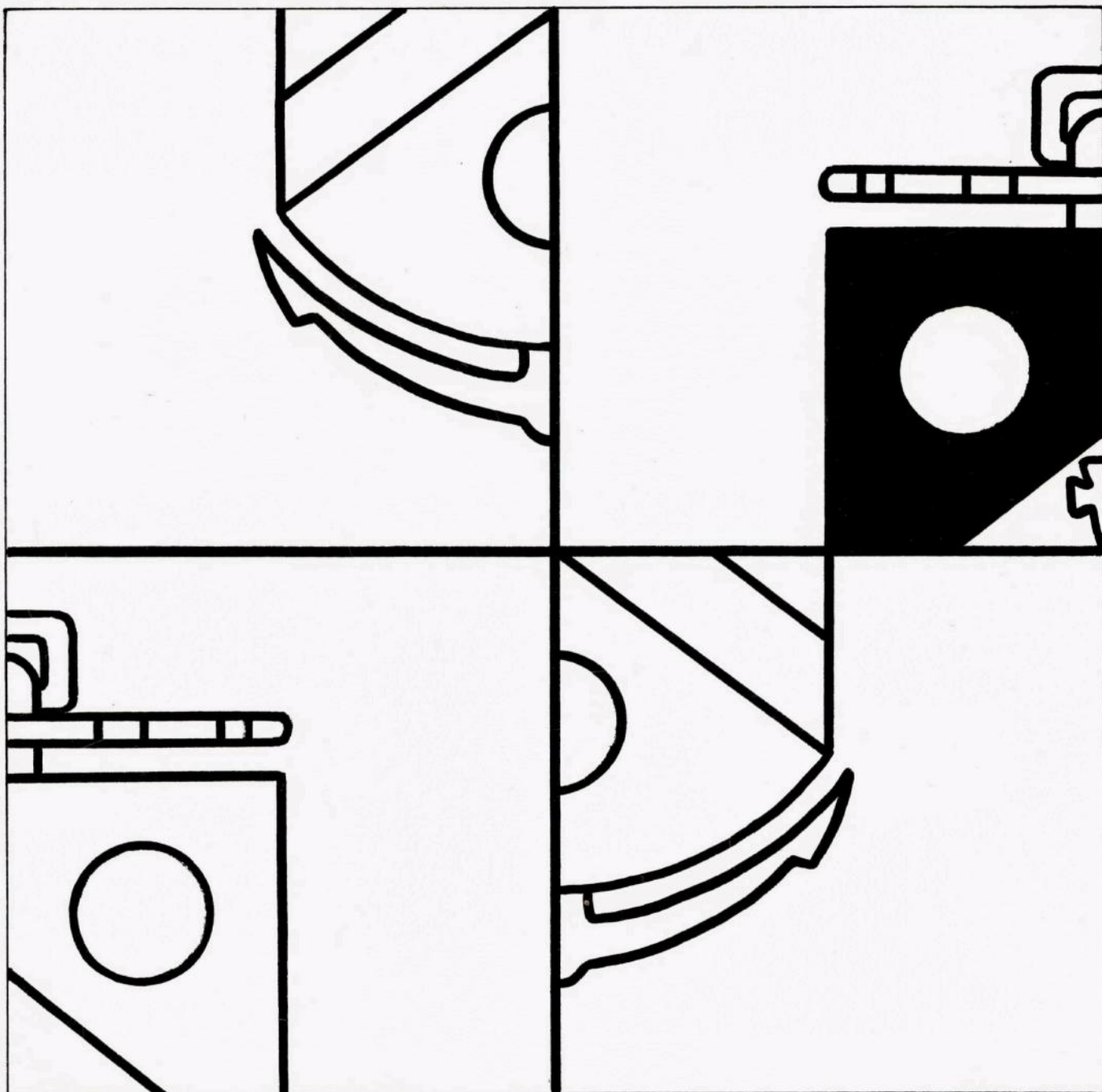
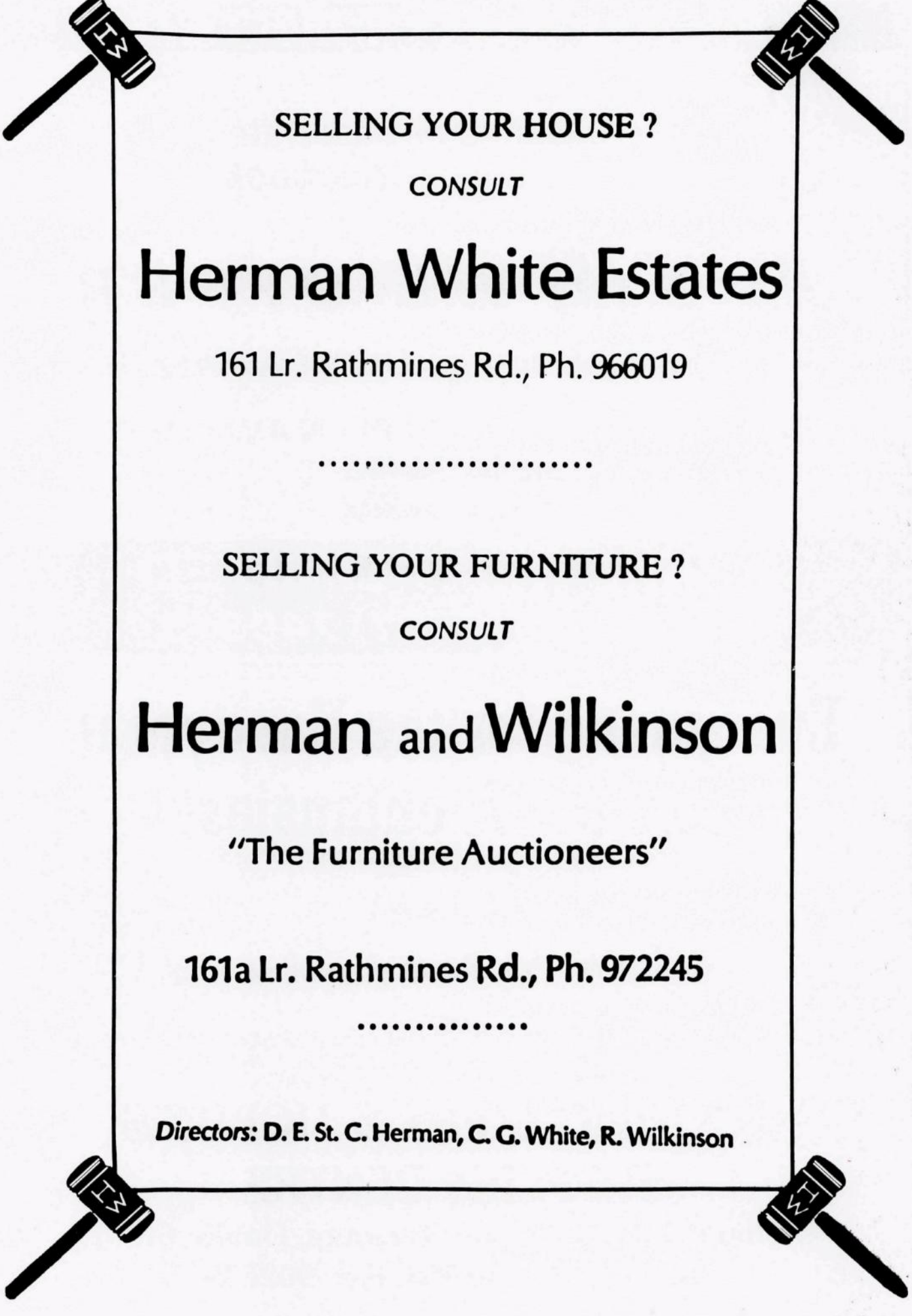




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EDITORIAL

These days, with all the 'Womens Liberation' groups and arguments about equal opportunities, it seems ironic to look at the statistics of girls in schools who aren't taking the 'equal opportunities' offered to them. It may be that this attitude is instilled in children from even as far back as primary school. In a recent article in *The Irish Times*, the women's affairs correspondent, Mary Cummins made the point that "Boys are portrayed as brave and strong, girls are small and fearful". She argued that children are like sponges and will soak in everything they read. Although I had to admit to have 'studied' "Áine, Ronan and Bran the dog" in my former years, I am not of the opinion today that girls always wear dresses and cry, and boys tear their clothes and prefer T.V. to books! In the same article a teacher (in a girls' school) in Limerick is quoted as saying that girls do better in single sex schools, and "without doubt boys demand and get more attention in a mixed classroom". Having never attended a single sex school I shouldn't criticize, but I have never noticed the boys needing more attention (that doesn't mean they are cleverer though!).

However, girls still aren't taking the opportunities offered to them. In High School's 5th Year Physics class there are 4 girls out of a class of 22 and, in 6th Year, from a class of 26 there are 5 girls. The attitude of girls seems to be that they have to be very clever to take Science Subjects as options. This is shown in the fact that in both the above mentioned classes, the girls are in the top quarter of the results table. It seems that boys of average ability opt for Science Subjects simply because there is nothing else they want in the option, but only girls of higher academic ability seem to opt for Physics and Chemistry. In 6th Year there are about 10 girls doing chemistry (out of both classes) and about 40 boys. That of course is in a co-ed school. In recent years girls' schools throughout the country didn't offer Physics or Chemistry to Leaving Certificate pupils. (It is worth noting here that of all Third level courses available throughout Ireland, 50% are Science related, therefore it is essential that boys and girls prepare themselves to avail of the opportunities for them by studying the Sciences at Second level education).

This attitude is not something that has been dreamed up by me or the various teachers I spoke to; the Department of Education have become increasingly concerned about it also. For the past 6 years, our own Mr. Toomey has been involved in a pilot project organised by the Department of Education in an effort to provide equal opportunities for girls in Leaving Certificate Physics and Chemistry throughout the country. Certain schools which didn't provide Chemistry or Physics for girls were selected and involved in the project, hence 'project schools'. The project was designed to redress the discrimination against girls because of a lack of opportunity to study Physics and Chemistry. Mr. Toomey's part was to teach in a project school for two years (twice a week) and establish Chemistry there. When this period was up, a permanent teacher was installed and Mr. Toomey would go back for "regular check-ups".

Recent figures show increasing numbers of girls studying

Science, Engineering, Pharmacy and Science related subjects at Third level. The opportunities are there for girls of all abilities if they would only avail of them. This editorial is not a 'Women's Lib' promotion, and I'm not trying to push forward an idea of an end to families because all women are out making high flying careers for themselves; quite the contrary, all I'm saying is that girls should be in a position to choose exactly what they want to do because the positions are there for them. We are not of lower intelligence.

On a different level, I want to make the point about girls' participation in sport. In High School there are generally three girls' sports teachers compared to eleven rugby teachers (now that's rugby alone; there are other boys' sports, so even more teachers). The age old argument between the rugby and hockey teams about the importance of their individual sports again came up this year. The boys did very well to get to the Semi-Final of the Rugby Cup, but didn't the girls do equally well to get to the Semi-Final of the Hockey Cup? I accept that Rugby gets more press coverage and more support, but that doesn't take away from the fact that the girls did equally as well as the boys. This, it seems to me, is not noted by the powers that be in school. The boys were "patted on the back" an innumerable amount of times but the girls... well, the girls weren't. If there is less participation by girls in sport in school, maybe it is because girls don't get the credit they deserve, perhaps because boys are more athletic (I don't think so!), maybe because... well everyone has their own opinion, but there is a definite need for more women sports teachers to incite an interest in the various sports in High School. We've got the facilities for sports, we've got the brains for the subjects... why don't we use them fully?

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Germany and Ireland: Two Students' Experiences

Arbeiten In Deutschland

Ich arbeitete vor zwei Jahren bei einer Firma in Deutschland. Die Firma heisst 'Blum'; und macht Elektromotoren und Transformatoren, es liegt in Vaihingen an der Enz, einen kleinen Dorf in der Nahe van Stuttgart.

Ich glaube, daß die Deutschen fliebigier als die iren sind (aber nicht so freundlich) und sie arbeiten sehr schwer. Zum Beispeil begann unsere Schicht sehr fruh um halb sechs und endetete um halb drei. Wir bekamen nur drei Pausen, zwei für zehr Minuten und ein fü dreiþig Minuten. Die arbeit war schwer und langweilig, am Ende des Tages, war ich sehr müde.

In Deutschland gibt es viele 'Gastarbeiter', und sie kommen meistens ams der Turkei und Afrika. Sie machen die niedrigste und schmutzigste Arbeit. Als sie in den 60 und 70 Jahren Kamen, gab es keine Arbeitslosigkeit in Deutschland und die Reierung brachte diese 'Gastarbeiter' um ihre Wirtschaft zu anzukurbelen. Jetzt ist die Mauer weg und die Osteutschen kommen in Stromen nach Westdeutschland um mehr Geld zu verdienen. Heute gibt es an diesem Grund zu viele Arbeiter und große Arbeitslosigkeit. Deshalb gibt es eine grobe spannung zwischen der einheimischen Bevölkerung und den Fremdarbeitern.

Was kass die Regierung machen, mehr Arbeitsplatze schaffen, die 'Gastarbeiter' nach Hsuse schicken. Ich weiss nicht aber diesen Summer kann ich nicht einen Platz als Ferienarbeiter finden.

Ruoi Walsch (6u)

At School in Ireland

When I first came to school in Ireland, it was very strange to me that everybody looked the same, for school uniforms do not exist at all in Germany. I felt a bit uncomfortable in the beginning not to be able to wear my own clothes, but eventually I did not find it hard to get used to that. Another big difference is

the length of the school day. I am used to starting school at 8 o'clock and finishing at a quarter past one, which leaves me much more time for spare-time activities, which I missed here in Ireland. Even now, at the end, I still have not got used to such a long school day and I am very tired most of the time. Of course, as well I have to concentrate more than everybody else to understand what people are saying.

There is one big difference between the school students in Germany and Ireland which was probably the most important one for me. After four years primary school the German school system is divided into three different schools. The pupils choose the school they are going to according to their marks, in primary school. Going to school here in Ireland it was the first time for me since many years that I was not only together with one particular third of young people and I really enjoyed it. I realised how much the German school system divides the youth into three different groups and how much each of these groups develops in its own way. But I feel now that each group misses the presence of the other two. I think we would not make such a big difference between "good" and "bad" pupils, if we all joined the same school.

Although Irish people are different from German people and it takes a long time to get used to that, I did not find the atmosphere in High School during a school day very strange. It was relaxed as I am used to.

In general, it is hard to explain what it is like to go to school in a foreign country with a different language for such a long time and I think it is as hard to understand for someone who has not been in the situation. It is hard to imagine how much a smile or a few words mean. But I do not regret that I came to Ireland to go to High School. I enjoyed this year and especially the Fashion Show before Easter. It was very good to spend nine months in Ireland, to live in a country with a different culture and different people. I enjoyed all the nice people I have met during this year. I think I have learnt much from the experiences I have made and my English has improved as well. I will probably look differently at many things as I go back. I would like to thank High School that I could attend the school for this year and I would like to say thank you for every support I got. I had a very good time!

Antje Erdmann

Dance (for flute)

ff Allegretto 180

mf

mp 2nd time no coda

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p rit.

a tempo mp.

p rit.

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p rit.

Da Capo

Liam Lyons (2A)

Silence After The Storm

Thunder rumbles in the distance
The girl turns white with fear
Lightning flashes right above her
Home is nowhere near.

She gives a cry of childishness
While running here and there,
The lake is rippled with the rain
She screams, but no-one hears.

She sinks slowly to the ground
To all appearance dead,
But no-one is there to see her.
She should be in her bed!

She comes back to reality
Awake and back in form,
She listens very carefully
To hear the raging storm.

Felicity Hart (2B1)

Renewal

*I left my tasks to meet the air,
A storm of rain had drenched this morn –
But, like all things, it passed to distant
Land to make small streams new born.*

*And while sitting in the garden's rest,
With all the sun's new found joy,
The rain, given new lease of life,
Has found some greater work to employ.*

Alison Finch (3A1)

The Fox

One day, during games Olga Glass and Lena Lindsey from form 1B1 found a small animal which had not even opened

its eyes. Lena and I had forgotten our hockey sticks so we could not play hockey, so we went on a jog around the hockey pitches. I was ahead of Lena and I saw something down by the lower pitch. We did not know what it was. It looked like a new born pet animal but we could not make out if it was, so we took it to Ms. Mellon. She did not know what it was either so we went on to Ms. Parkhill, who told us to bring it to Matron, which we did.

Matron, Mr. Brook and the two secretaries were around trying to make out what it was, but they did not know either. So Lena said when she got home she would bring it to the vet. Lena brought it to the vet and they said it was a puppy dog and they kept it there. Lena rang the vet the next day and they said to her that it was a vixen. Before we showed it to Matron, Mr. Brook and the two secretaries we were down on the hockey pitches and all of the first year girls were around us and the vixen.

From Olga and Lena (1B1)



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TRANSITION YEAR

Some Thoughts on Transition Year

A Transition Year was introduced for fourth form in High School for the first time last September. This represented a major change in the organisation and structure of the school, and so was awaited with a certain amount of interest and apprehension.

Briefly, the primary aims of the Transition Year programme are to promote a link between the new Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate programmes and generally to assist in the development of each individual's full potential, both academic and social.

Since the decision to introduce a Transition Year three years ago was taken, a great deal of time and effort has been spent by many members of staff in preparation for the introduction of this new and exciting development for High School. Much research was carried out, and reference to other schools' experiences in this area was taken into account in drawing up our own programme and format for the year. However, in the end I feel that the programme finally agreed upon was one that very closely satisfies the needs and aspirations of most High School students at this stage in their school life. That is not to say that it has been perfect or without its shortcomings. At present an assessment is under way to evaluate the year's work and achievements in an effort to improve and refine the format for coming years.

With the introduction of a Transition Year has come the opportunity of challenge and change for both staff and pupils alike. To the staff it has meant the formulation and implementation of new suitable courses of work never previously taught in the school, and to which they have responded wholeheartedly. The pupils have been offered a wide choice of subjects and activities throughout the year, many of which would previously not have been available as well as the core subjects of Irish, English, Maths, Science, History and Geography. Pupils have been able to experience and explore new subjects and topics in a more relaxed atmosphere, free from the exam dominated world of the previous three years. We hope that this will have enabled the students to make more informed and better decisions in their choice of subjects and careers for the future.

Another special aspect of this year has been the fact that pupils have come in contact with many more teachers than in previous years. This has had the additional effect of a much wider range of assessment being made possible of the pupil e.g. in History or Geography where four different teachers have taught any one class group while studying the same subject. This has certainly contributed to a much more comprehensive level of assessment of a pupil than ever before.

This has been most apparent in the reports where, as well as performance in written examinations and in class, reports of practical assignments and out of school activities have been commented upon. Areas of personal organisation such as appearance, punctuality, reliability, initiative, participation and leadership have all been commented upon and compiled into summary reports for each individual pupil. Also at the end of the year each student should have completed a journal which includes a personal record and assessment of the year.

An important part of the Transition Year programme was, of course, the work experience which provided the pupils with an opportunity of work outside the school on two separate occasions in two different fields.

This was generally successful with very favourable reports being received from a wide range of employers at the conclusion of both periods of work experience. These objective reports were

undoubtedly of great value to the students as they sampled work in a variety of forms. In many instances it has definitely confirmed (or dampened!) an interest in a particular career or profession. At this stage it would seem that the work experience programme has been beneficial in helping all the students gain a more reasonable view of the world they are growing into.

Throughout the year a wide range of visits and outings was undertaken and enjoyed by the group and included the following: a visit to Avoca, the theatre to see *An Fear Breige*, various museums, Kremlin Gold, R.T.E., "The Commitments", a Dance Studio, St. Michael's House, Trinity Open Day, The Aran Islands, Textile Exhibition, an Environment Project. In addition we had talks from experts in such diverse fields as Antiques, South Africa, Travellers, Goal, Israel, Refugees, the Homeless, Gorta and the Olympics. During the first term a successful lunch was organised by the students to raise funds for Gorta.

While much attention has focussed on these new non-academic areas, it is important to point out that work and progress have moved along very steadily in the core subject areas. This, we hope, will lay a firm foundation for the forthcoming two years work towards the Leaving Certificate.

As Year Head to this group over the previous three years I have come to know them quite well and learn of their strengths and weaknesses in various areas. Because of this, one of my own personal hopes at the start of the year was that many of the quieter, more retiring members of the year would come forward and participate in class and group activities to a greater extent. To my mind this seemed to be an excellent opportunity for many people to develop their personality and put forward their ideas in a more relaxed atmosphere, free from the constraints of an impending public examination. Great efforts on the part of teachers and indeed parents were necessary to encourage and motivate this group, and in many cases this proved to be very worthwhile and successful.

In conclusion I would like to think that this first transition year has been a success and that it can go from strength to strength in future years as it continues to evolve. Credit for this must undoubtedly go to hard working staff and especially to the fine organisation and care of the Transition Year co-ordinator, Mrs. Deirdre Larkin. The students themselves must also take credit at this stage, because without the positive and committed approach of the vast majority, many of the targets and achievements of the year would not have been reached.

John Toomey

Work Experience

The Transition year provides pupils with the opportunity to discover their abilities. It also helps to develop skills and broaden their knowledge of non-academic subjects. One important beneficial aspect of the year is the opportunity to gain work experience.

For my work experience last November, I was lucky enough to be allowed to spend a week in the National Children's Hospital, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, where I observed the work carried out in the Physiotherapy Department. I became familiar with the various techniques used there e.g. ultrasound, ultra-violet lamp and exercise and was told about other methods of treatment, such as diathermy, massage and electrical currents.

While I was there I had the opportunity to speak to two physiotherapy students who are currently training in U.C.D. and T.C.D. They were able to answer my queries about the course.

The atmosphere in the hospital was very friendly and homely and I had a pleasant time getting to know the patients. Many of

the children there were being treated for Cystic Fibrosis and bronchitis and I was allowed to help to treat some of them. As many of the children are long term patients, there is a school in the hospital for them, and a play-group for toddlers. I also helped in these schools for a day, which was enjoyable.

I was very grateful to Miss Boylan, the physiotherapist, for the chance to work with her and for all the information and advice she gave me. I felt the week was most beneficial as I am interested in becoming a physiotherapist, and am now looking forward to my second week's work experience in the Adelaide Hospital.

Wendy Lipson (4T)

St. Michael's House

For our work experience, we worked in St. Michael's House. It is a day school for intellectually disabled (mentally handicapped) children, between the ages of three and eighteen. They come to and from St. Michael's House by mini buses provided by the school. Their day starts at 9.20 and finishes at 2.30.

Our job in the school was to help the teacher with the children when they were in the classroom, outside gardening and in the kitchen cooking. We also brought them on trips to Rathmines so they could learn how to cross roads safely and do some shopping. It was a very enjoyable week for the two of us, and we are looking forward to going back for our next weeks' work experience.

Naomi Keatings (4PR) and Nicola Veale (4PA)

Goal Lunch

On December 5th, Transition Year Home Economics students devoted their weekly cookery class to the preparation and cooking of vegetable soup which was sold the following day at lunch time in aid of Goal.

Their hard work resulted in £30 being collected for a worthy cause – famine relief.

T.B.

The Aran Islands – Innismór

7.30, we met at Heuston Station, a sorry sight of pale faces and tired eyes and far too much luggage. The boys brought more clothes than the girls. 12.00 p.m. found us at Galway (the town of excitement) and 1.00 p.m. on a ferry at Rossaveel. Nicola O'Toole really enjoyed herself, Gavin Douglas gave 100% effort to make her crossing a success. 2.30 found the girls haggling over the beds, the lads playing football in the common room and Mr. O'Connor putting his feet up and enjoying a cup of tea in the kitchen.

The day was spent exploring the village – one supermarket, 2 pubs and a tourist shop. Mrs. Larkin and Miss Parle cooked dinner for all.

Night-time came and we hit the local pub, Mr. O'Connor paid for everyone's game of pool. It was a great night. Jennifer Wright and Grainne took on a challenge from two local farmers for a game of pool. They won, of course. Susan Tracey kept her mouth shut for 10 minutes and won a pound off Mr. O'Connor. Marie-Claire smashed two glasses and Marie was full of chatter.

Saturday found us on hired bicycles on our way to Dun Aengus. We cycled over hills and viewed the beautiful island with its thatched cottages and stony fields. Dun Aengus itself was undescrivable. This historic Celtic fortress on the cliff edge, with a sheer drop to the sea, was mystifying. The mist cleared on the way back and we could see across the whole island. It was like a large patchwork blanket with walls of stone separating each patch.

The rest of the day was spent cycling, sight seeing and souvenir hunting. Janet made friends with some of the locals and spent the day chatting to one girl in particular.

Dinner was cooked and eaten, then preparations were made

for the Ceilí in the evening. It was held in the Youth Hall, an evening to remember. Bryan and Sarah took the floor by storm with all their different jigs and reels. Everyone participated in set dancing and had a great time. When we reached the hostel again, everyone had tea and coffee and Ryan shared a large bar of Bournville chocolate.

Everyone slept that night and we were up bright and early for the journey home. The locals waved us off as the boat sailed from the shore. The Ferry was rough, to say the least, and the coach tiring. We had a 5 hour wait in Galway, but we amused ourselves around the town. The train left at 6 p.m. Finally we reached Heuston Station, tired and worn out. We all said our goodbyes for Easter. The trip was a great success, a thoroughly enjoyable weekend. Our sincere thanks to Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Larkin and Miss Parle.

Grainne Colgan (4PA)

Maire Gallagher (4PA)

Transition Year Creative Writing

There are very few pupils in Transition Year who do not look forward to our weekly dose of creative writing. Contrary to some of our earlier expectations this has turned out to be one of the most popular subjects in the year's timetable. The class itself consists of writing poetry and short stories in various styles. Although many of the pupils do not realise it, this is in fact improving our essay writing dramatically which can only be a good thing.

It must be said, however, that the class would not exist if Mr. Prendergast was not teaching in the school. It is his own experience of writing which he is passing on to us in an effort to broaden our horizons; whether it has worked or not remains to be seen.

I think the whole of Transition Year will agree with me when I say that this class will be badly missed next year.

Graham Nicholson (4T)

The following are examples of the work done in these classes:

Alone

*Hesitate, in silence came the light,
Frightened by mind.
Alone I stayed in sorrow,
Running my thoughts,
The dripping of the tap
The calm, loud pounding all around;
At last the loneliness left,
I felt pain,
A hundred squabbling sounds
Entered and stayed.*

Nicola Rafter (4S)

Reality

*I lay slumped against the wall,
I inhaled once more
I fell to the ground and felt the pain,
I heard surrounding sneers and snidish remarks
I didn't want any more to be there.
I closed my eyes and hoped it would all be over
The pain left my body
I woke, and there was silence;
I was only dreaming but the reality shines clear.*

Nicola Rafter (4S)

Joey's Rabbit

Joey sleeps in his little bed,
With dreams of rabbits in his little head.

Joey's rabbit brown and white
Ran away from his house at night,
With a fox and a turtle and a kangaroo,
And seventeen monkeys from the city zoo,
And Joey came too.

They all went down to the moonlight bay,
The ship sailed in at the break of day.
So they all sat down to watch the sea,
And they all had coolies and Ceylon tea,
And Joey had three.

The mate was dancing in his Red Sea rig,
The monkey and the sailor did a jig,
The turtle played the fiddle and the camel played the gazoo,
And they bowed to each other as polite,
And Joey bowed too.

"My", said the camel as the clock struck three,
"How it's getting very late for me".
"Not at all", said the turtle, "and I'll tell you why,
We still haven't counted every star in the sky",
Said Joey: "Let's try!"

So they counted on the ship and they counted on the shore,
They counted through the forest to the bedroom door.
They counted in bed till they could count no more,
And they all fell asleep and the final score,
Was a trillion and four.

Yes, the camel and the turtle and the kangaroo,
And Joey fell asleep as sleepy folk do!

Jennifer Willis (4PR)

The White Horses

Glossy splendour
Personify me
Oyster open
The dead water sea.

Gulf of new hope
Encapture my soul
Purge it, cleanse it,
Reassemble it whole.

Cast me upon a darkened beach
Re-inact my dreams
Knight me with a golden crown
Crown me with ashen trees.

Surface the glazen oyster
Prise apart its shell
Remove the darkened pearl
Sound the aeolian death knell.

Argue with calamity
As she swings her shining sword
Rejecting the quarrel with the sea
Giving it the final word.

Scowl over the ocean
And kill the white horses of pain
Sacrifice with pleasure
As the final wave is slain.

The Red Bus

Many years ago when I was a boy,
My mother gave me a beautiful toy,
Red and large it was a bus
Of which I made so much fuss,
Until one day when I was at school
The teacher said "What's the rule?
No toys or they'll be taken".
And once home I was shaken,
The thought of no bus I could not stand,
Cried and howled to beat the band.
My mother said you should have known
And now the teacher most probably has thrown
The bus away that made me so proud,
But still I cried and howled,
I'll get that teacher, oh yes I will,
And I'll definitely get the thrill
Of paining her like she pained me
But I'll win, you'll see.

George Armstrong (4PR)

Violetly Blue

Three minutes before nine,
The crowds awaited,
Anxiously, expectantly,
Tears sympathetically fall,
Upon a pale, sad face,
Scarred by love.

Travelling upon a whisper
The news is destructive,
It captures their hearts,
And her body,
So gentle and still,
And loved forever.

Amanda Graham (4S)

La Libertée

C'est commencé en Novembre 1989. Le mur de Berlin est tombé. Puis, l'Europe a éclaté. Les gouvernements ont tombé en chaque pays communiste en Europe. Celui de l'Albanie a tenu pour deux ans, mais il ne pouvait pas résister le vouloir du peuple. Maintenant, les noms comme Slovène, et Nogorna Karabach sont dans les informations.

La tombée de ces gouvernements était vite, trop vite. Ils étaient en train de former des démocraties, mais quand les peuples avaient une chance, ils (les peuples) ont accéléré ce processus à une vitesse jamais vue en avant. Maintenant, il n'y a pas de l'organisation en ces pays. la violence règne. En quelques pays, comme Croatie, c'est de la guerre. L'argument de la flotte de la mer noire, par rapport, est jouer au tour d'une table.

Où était l'erreur de ces pays communistes? Les pays comme la Chine, et le Cuba nous montrent que c'est une idéologie pratique, et, avec un peu de co-opération, peut marcher. Malheureusement, maintenant Cuba ne reçoit pas d'argent russe. Mais ce que Castro a fait était augmenter le niveau de la santé. Maintenant, si vous êtes malade, il y a quatre régions où vous pouvez aller pour obtenir un traitement supérieur: Les Etats-Unis, Angleterre, l'Allemagne et Cuba. En addition, en Cuba, on ne paie pas.

Une autre chose que le communisme a créée était l'agriculture collective. L'année passée, des fermiers en Tchécoslovaquie et Pologne voulaient que cette police continuerait dans leur démocratie.

Mais la chose la plus grande que le communisme a fait était de détruire des économies. Alors, le changement vers la démocratie. Maintenant, je peux compter seulement dix ou douze pays communistes. Le communisme est vraiment tombé.

Donc, qu'est qu'on peut faire pour aider ces pays. Premièrement on doit arrêter la violence. Puis, les pays développés doivent co-opérer pour donner des conseils. Mais plus important que tout ça, les peuples dans ces pays rajeunis doivent être patients. Ils ont attendu pendant un siècle. Surement ils peuvent attendre encore cinquans.

Nicholas Moran (6)

Nicaragua

Naci en Nicaragua en el año 1976. Nicaragua esta situado en Centro America, entre Honduras y Costa Rica, cerca de Mexico. Nicaragua es aproximadamente el tamaño de Inglaterra. Managua es la ciudad capital con una población de medio millón de habitantes. La población total de Nicaragua es de dos y medio millones. Nicaragua es un país agrícola. Sus productos principales son algodón, café, madera, bananas y carne. Hay dos estaciones de clima. De Noviembre a Abril es conocida como la temporada seca, y de Mayo a Octubre es la temporada Lluviosa, siempre hace calor en Nicaragua. Español es la lengua nativa de Nicaragua. Nicaragua es un país muy hermoso.

B. Foley (4T)

School

Sitting in class, it's 9.32,
This morning we have 'Irish', there's
Lots of work to do,
Although it's not all easy and some
Of it is new,
I mostly get the hang of it,
It's not so hard to do.

The hours tick by, the day is
done,
The school bell rings, now I must
run.
The clock strikes four,
And time is no more,
The pupils are all gone but
They'll be back before long.

Diane Hendy (4PR)

Victim

I hit the glass window;
As it shatters, millions of fragments fall around us
As red blood slowly
drips, drips, drips.
Tears of hatred and rage roll down my cheeks
For what has happened to this innocent girl,
The struggles,
The violation,
The guilt I now have in my heart.
I see the world in jagged confusion
Through the broken pieces of glass;
My anger deepens in the pit of my stomach
Where I know it will sit forever,
Waiting for that one precise moment:
The moment of revenge.

Carla Byrne (4T)

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SCHOOL RECORD

SCHOOL NEWS

In September we welcomed back Miss Valerie Parkhill and Mr. Brendan Quinn who had been on career breaks. Mr. Chris Halligan joined the staff, teaching Science and Mathematics. At the end of the summer term we said goodbye to several temporary and part-time staff: Mr. Sean Morrisroe (French), Miss Alison Fish (Science), Miss Fiona Kelly (French), Miss Ann Harrow (Spanish) and Miss Ann Geraghty (Latin).

At the end of July, 1991, our senior groundsman, Mr. Sam Hughes, retired after eleven years of caring for the school grounds. A presentation to him was made by the staff, at which tributes were paid to his excellent work in keeping the pitches in first class order and improving the appearance of the school grounds.

Inside the building two classrooms with a movable partition were converted into a computer centre. On purpose built wide benches commercially produced to the design of our own woodwork teacher we have installed 25 IBM compatible PC's of an advanced specification; 15 of them are Quattro 386 models with colour VGA display, and the other 10 are Quattro 286's with mono display. These computers are linked in a network to a file server unit. With ancillary hardware and a wide range of software the facilities available are almost certainly the best available in an educational setting outside third level institutions, and make a platform for expansion to meet future developments in computers in education. For all their help in advising, supplying equipment, and bringing the whole package into effective use we are indebted to one of our past pupils, Conn Clissman, and his firm Quattro Computers Ltd.

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FORM 6U

Ursula Byrne: Food Science, Nottingham University.
Leanne Cherret: Microbiology, University of Surrey.
Gordon Clarke: Marketing, Institute of Education.
Eoin Corcoran: Natural Science, T.C.D.
Jennifer Crampton: Natural Science, T.C.D.
Lynn Darby: Natural Science, T.C.D.
Karen Darley: Social Science, U.C.D.
Phelim Davey: Computer Science, T.C.D.
Julie Dunlop: Humanities, Polytechnic of Wales.
Kenneth Elliott: Applied Science, D.I.T.
Ciarán Ennis: Environmental Science, Crewe College.
Robert Fay: Auctioneering, D.I.T.
Vernon Glover: Philosophy and Economics, T.C.D.
Guy Gordon: Yeshiva Ashkelon, Israel.
Derek Harris: Bank Official, A.I.B.
Shuman Hashmi: Industrial Engineering and Business Studies, Sheffield Polytechnic.
Karen Hill: Nursing, The Adelaide Hospital.
Julie Kirkham: Nursing, St. James Hospital.
Andrew Monteith: Engineering, Nottingham University.
Fergus Moroney: Business Course, D.C.U.
Geoffrey O'Brien: Marketing, D.I.T.
Gemma O'Donoghue: Applied Science, D.I.T.
Noel Prendergast: Engineering, T.C.D.
Jennifer Proby: Arts, U.C.D.
Stephen Rance: Sales and Marketing, FÁS.
Paul Ritchie: Geography and Economics, T.C.D.
Antony Ryan: Italian and Sociology, T.C.D.
Rachel Scott: Business, Economics and Social Studies, T.C.D.

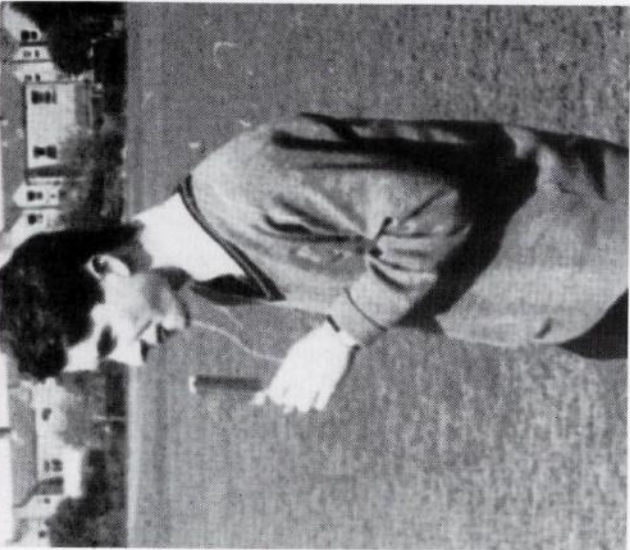
Scott Shaw: Engineering, T.C.D.
Ashley Smyth: Science, Maynooth.
Yoland Smith: Philosophy, Dundee University.
Ian Syngé: History and Political Science, University of St. Andrew's.
Stewart Taylor: Accounting, A.B.C.
Frances Vickers: Hotel Management, D.I.T.
Mark Vincent: Journalism, Newman College.
Ronan Whelan: Marketing, D.I.Y.

6th FORM

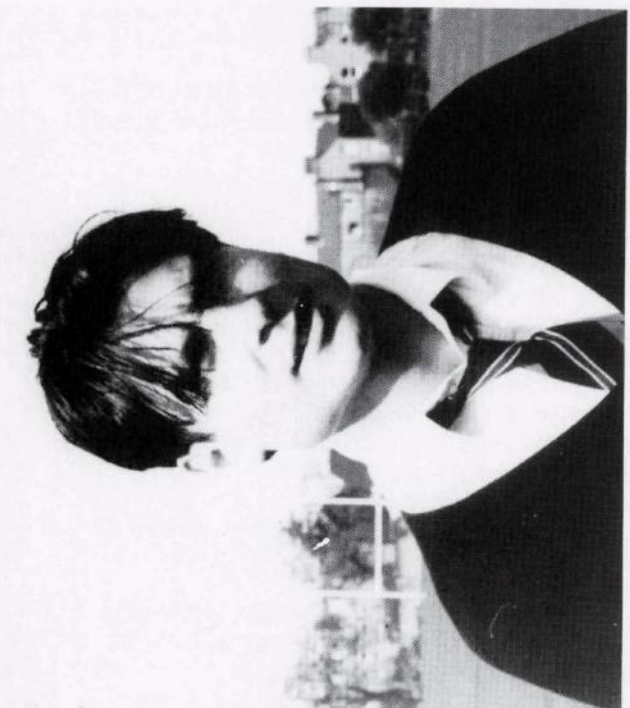
Desmond Armstrong: Engineering, T.C.D.
Alexander Bacik: 6U H.S.D.
Vanessa Barcroft: Au pair in Spain prior to European Studies, T.C.D.
Justin Barrett: Broadcast Communications, Ballyfermot Senior College.
Thomas Barrett: The Education Centre.
Sandra Bell: Accounting Technician, Morehampton Business Collegel.
Derek Bradshaw: Accounting, Dundrum College of Commerce.
Sara Brown: Art Foundation Course, Dundrum.
Shirley Byrne: Dance Centre, Digges Lane.
Pascal Caillabet: Institute of Education.
Leanne Campbell: Marketing L.S.B.
Peter Clements: 6U H.S.D.
Neil Cogan: Sales Assistant, Live Wires.
Peter Cogan: Ideal Systems.
Carina Coleman: Business Studies and Law., U.C.D.
Ross Cooper: Marketing Manager, Coact, Limerick.
Andor Corish: Ringsend Technical College.
Trevor H. Craven: Engineering, D.I.T.
Rachel Crebbin: Au pair in Switzerland.
Wesley Darlington: Computer Science, Q.U.B.
Karen Dawson: Science, T.C.D.
Jeremy Dickson: Year off prior to Science at U.C.D.
Amanda Dixon: Travel and Tourism, Dundrum College.
Selene Donlon: Secretarial Studies, Dundrum College.
Lynn Doran: Secretarial Studies, L.S.B.
Barry Douglas: Sports and Leisure Management, Dundrum College.
Julie Douglas: Social Studies, Inchicore Technical College.
Jennifer Dowling: Hotel Catering Supervision, Cathal Brugha Street.
Susan Dowling: Leinster Secretarial College.
Nigel Eakins: Harkness Electrical Wholesales.
Robert E. Edge: Engineering, D.I.T.
Suzanne Fahy: Leinster Secretarial College.
Mark Farrell: Catering.
Cian Fleetwood: Landscape Gardening.
Colm Flood: Sandymount V.E.C.
Andros P. Florides: Mathematics and Economics, T.C.D.
Nathan Fox: Hotel Management, D.I.T.
Wendy E. Freeney: Dundrum College of Commerce.
Clodagh Galway: Alexandra Secretarial College.
Sean Gilmore: Electrical Repairs.
Sara Giltrap: Secretarial Course, Leinster Business College.
Dylan Giusti: 6U, H.S.D.
Simon A. Good: 6U, H.S.D.
Ada Gregory: Modelling, Elaine's Modelling Agency.
Iris Gyves: Portobello School of Child Care.
Darryl Hagan: The Education Centre.
Sean Hamill: Art Foundation Course, Ballyfermot.



You mean I have to press the buttons?



And over to the left, it's David "Skippy" Walsh.



Well, what can I say?

- Gary Hanahan:** Engineering, D.I.T.
Peter M. Hanan: Foundation Course, N.C.A.D.
Averil Harris: Applied Languages, D.C.U.
Peter Hayes: Sales Assistant, James J. Fox.
Tanya Hempenstall: Drama and Theatre Studies, T.C.D.
Audrey Hession: L.S.B. Secretarial College.
Lucinda Hickson: Art Foundation, Dundrum.
Brian G. Hildebrand: Engineering, Q.U.B.
Pearl Hunt: Trainee Montessori Teacher, London Montessori School.
Trevor L.A. Jobling: Mechanical Engineering, University of Manchester.
Benjamin H. Johnson: Engineering, T.C.D.
Karen Johnson: Portobello School of Child Care.
Robert D. Jones: Year off prior to Forestry, U.C.G.
Matthew Jones: Business, Economic and Social Studies, T.C.D.
Avril Kilbey: 6U, H.S.D.
Jason Kilroy: Business Studies, Newman College.
Simon King: History and Politics, T.C.D.
David Knott: Engineering, T.C.D.
Alexandra Lamont: Business Languages, D.I.T.
Kira Laughlin: Portobello School of Child Care.
Simon Low: Returned to Malaysia.
Peter Lowe: Engineering, T.C.D.
Keith Lowry: Computer Science, Carlow R.T.C.
Vivienne Luke: French and Spanish, T.C.D.
Oisín McManus:
Keith McConnell: Matheson, Ormsby, Prentice, Solicitors.
Jacqui McCoy: 6U, H.S.D.
Paula McGurdy: Overseas Missionary Work in Belgium.
Stephen McNeill: Leisure Management, Inchicore Technical College.
Niamh McSweeney: Arts, U.C.G.
Dawn Metcalfe: Marketing and Languages, Salford University.
Janet Micks: 6U, H.S.D.
Warren Miller: Electronic Engineering Technician, D.I.T.
Andrew Moffett: Marine Technology, Ringsend.
Sharon Moore: 6U, H.S.D.
Justin Morton: Geography and Economics, T.C.D.
Grant Morton: The Education Centre.
Djaomar Mull: Rathmines Senior College.
Geoffrey Needham: Actuarial Studies, U.C.D.
Derek Neilson: Working in father's business.
Alan Nixon: Business and Economic Studies, T.C.D.
Naomi O'Callaghan: Environmental Health, D.I.T.
William O'Connell: Science, T.C.D.
Peter O'Leary: The Education Centre.
Emma Phillips: Leinster Secretarial College.
Alan Poynton: Science, T.C.D.
Clifford Redmond: Engineering, T.C.D.
Jonathan Reid: Theological Studies, T.C.D.
Graham Robinson: Electronic Engineering, University of York.
Aoife Robinson: Communications, Coláiste Dhulaigh.
Andrew Robinson: The Education Centre.
Ian Rowell: Business, Economics and Social Studies, T.C.D.
Geoffrey Sargent: Electrical Assistant.
David Senior: Engineering, T.C.D.
Victoria Shaw: 6U, H.S.D.
Jack Slattery: Trainee Tree Surgeon.
Keith Spendlove: Business Studies, A.B.C.
David Stephen: 6U, H.S.D.
Aileen Strachan: 6U, H.S.D.
Gary Stuart: The Education Centre.
Julian Swann: Morehampton College.
Justin Swift: Electronics Technician Diploma, D.I.T.
Linda Taylor: Secretarial and Computer Studies, Rosse College.
Ciarán Timlin: Engineering, T.C.D.
Joshua Walker: Overseas Missionary Work in Belgium.
Jonathan Walshe: 6U, H.S.D.

Grahame Walshe: 6U, H.S.D.
Shirley Warnock: The Education Centre.
Neil Watson: Engineering, D.I.T.
Robert Wilkes: Marine Biology, U.C.G.
Emma Wilkie: Alexandra Secretarial College.
Mark Wilkinson: Theoretical Physics, T.C.D.
Owen Williams: Rathmines Senior College.
Mark Williamson: Art and Design Foundation Course, Dundrum College.
David Willis: Engineering, T.C.D.
Sarah Willoughby: Modern Languages, T.C.D.
Melanie Woods: Food Quality Assurance, T.C.D.
Dilys Wright: Business and Languages, D.I.T.

T.K.

Prize Distribution

The annual Prize Distribution and Parents' Evening was held on Wednesday, 23rd October, 1991. Mr. Norman Kilroy, chairman of the Governors of the schools founded by Erasmus Smith, Esq., presided and distributed the prizes. The following is the text of the Headmaster's Report.

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

Before I commence my formal report I would wish to express my appreciation to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Norman Kilroy, for making himself available again to act as Chairman for tonight's Parents Evening and Prize Distribution. The position of chief executive of a major business concern makes tremendous calls on both time and nervous energy. But in spite of this, during this year Mr. Kilroy has increased his already considerable commitment to the school by making major contributions in connection with the Fund-Raising linked to the School Development Plan. I expect that as he makes some chairman's remarks at a later stage of the evening he will talk about this important project himself.

Now that our Coalition Government parties seem to have sorted out some small differences of opinion we can expect progress with the long promised Green Paper on Education – progress that from inspired leaks should see it arriving in its final version at the same time as the December school reports drop through the letter-box.

Why do we need such a Green Paper? What will it contain? What actions will follow?

Gone are the days before Christina Murphy and John Walshe, the heady and almost media-free days of the Sixties, when a Minister for Education and the Secretary of his Department could connive together either behind the back of, or with a concealed green light from, the Taoiseach of the day, to put a package involving a free education scheme on the Cabinet table and steam-roller it through before anybody in Dáil or media had a chance to work out its costs and implications. Now we do things democratically. We arrange for a Think Tank to analyse the situation in our education system, to listen to the criticisms voiced by experts from abroad, and to assess the stream of ideas for change coming forward from advisory bodies such as the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment. The Think Tank's collective wisdom will bring forward the key areas for debate, and the financial, political and constitutional constraints that must be heeded. The resulting debate on the Gay Byrne Hour, on TV screens, in staff rooms, in union meetings, in pubs perhaps, will generate a mountain of paper in response. When the Minister and Departmental officials have consigned 99% of this to the waste paper basket unread, a white paper followed by a Bill in the Dáil will result, both containing such of the original cherished ideas of the Minister and Secretary as the Department of Finance can afford to fund. Is this cynicism, or the reality of the straitjacket in which education finds itself? At any rate, there must

be a Green Paper so that the Government can say the people were consulted.

What will it contain? Without a crystal ball we must rely on inspired and uninspired leaks, and for the sake of brevity speak only of that which directly affects second level schools like ours. What problems are perceived as needing to be addressed?

First, comment from experts of other countries, and our own too, says that comparatively our children spend too little of the year in school and in school related activities. In spite of this, they have to admit, a large proportion of our students achieve remarkably high academic standards.

Second, inspectors and administrators know that the differences in the rules governing the core curriculum, and in the resources provided to deliver the curriculum, vary considerably between the three sectors of Irish second-level education – secondary, vocational and community/comprehensive. Children bat on very different wickets, and this for the Junior Cycle period when education is compulsory.

Third, educationalists say that our education system is dominated by academic examinations to such an extent that the personal development essential for being a fully effective person in the present working, social and family situation takes place in too few of our young people.

Fourth, research on the statistics of the examinations suggests strongly that many pupils, perhaps as many as a fifth of those who sit the Leaving Certificate would be better served by a different structure of less academically oriented courses and rather different assessment procedures, procedures that highlight and reward personal competence and co-operation more than competitiveness.

Fifth, our increasingly secular society questions whether the entrenched positions of churches in relation to schooling should continue, the assumption that all pupils shall be involved in Religious Education provision, and that a specifically Christian rather than a humanist ethos shall pervade the school.

Sixth, thoughtful people, sociologists, the politically aware say that our education system is suffering severely from inequity, and so reinforces privilege. The contrast in facilities, provision, performance between a fee-charging school in Rathgar or Killiney and a V.E.C. or free scheme secondary school in North Strand or Ballyfermot is politically and socially explosive, and demands urgent redress. The finance required to redress such inequity could come, it is suggested, by requiring those who opt for the privileged status of fee-charging schools to pay the full cost of their choice, and pay the salaries of their teachers instead of having these paid by the public purse.

Seventh, civil servants in the Department of Finance consider that we spend too much of our scarce resources in training teachers of whom most will never obtain permanent teaching posts in this country, or probably anywhere within the European Community.

Eighth, the same civil servants point out that the fast declining school going population will shortly start to affect our second level schools bringing a much diminished demand for teachers. Without a teacher redeployment scheme covering all sectors of second-level schooling valuable teachers in many schools will be underemployed, while schools serving growth areas or those with a high level of disadvantage will stay under-resourced.

Ninth, the media, heavily prompted by parents and pupils, express deep concern about the performance of some teachers in their classrooms, and the damage to the prospects for qualifications, further education, and scarce jobs that results when learning is less than adequate. Structures to change, rejuvenate, re-educate or remove the inadequate teacher are considered to be essential.

Tenth, teachers and parents question whether pupils who are not prepared to show commitment in school, who persist in disrupting the work of the classroom and the progress of their peers, should be tolerated in schools, and are concerned to see



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

President of the O.G.A.: Eileen Strachen (Jean Scott Trophy); Mr. Brook; Mark Wilkinson; President of O.B.U.; Ciaran Timlin (Old Boys Cup).

procedures operating that make parents take real responsibility for their children's behaviour and learning.

Eleventh, a committee has appeared to report somewhat adversely on the Department of Education Inspectorate, demoralised by a prolonged staff recruitment embargo and so overstretched by commitments to the examination system and to routine office and committee work, that its inspectors are rarely seen in a meaningful way in the schools, and can give little leadership in the in-service training of teachers.

Last of all the obvious themes, and involved with all the others is the problem of accountability. To whom or to what should the schools be held accountable? To a centralised Department of Education? To a regional education authority? To some church body? Or should it be a truly "local accountability" involving parents, teachers and the local community?

What action will follow? It would seem to be cynical, but would certainly be accurate to say, that almost any decision depends more on the Minister for Finance than the Minister for Education. Lengthening the school year seems a simple matter only needing a decision. But are any of us aware of any major body of workers that has increased considerably its annual total of hours worked for no financial recompense? Lengthening the school year either means more teachers, or more pay for the same teachers.

The decision that from September 1991 all students entering second-level education will be able to have a six year cycle available to them has already been taken. Inevitably, but slowly, that will mean more teachers in large numbers of schools. That extra year, whether it be a Transition Year or a Vocational Preparation and Training year, will require teachers already in the system to be more skilled in areas connected with personal development of pupils and a variety of practically and creative courses. To allow for in-service training on a regular, planned, professional basis over a period of years, schools will need more teachers to fill in rotation the places of those away for periods of re-training.

How can an increase in the size and cost of the teaching force at second-level be squared with a government's commitment to

keep the public finances on a sound footing and to reduce income tax rates? It obviously cannot in 1992. But as the expected downturn in pupil numbers commences somewhat later in the nineties so the Department of Education should be able to achieve many of its goals without adding significantly to costs.

So what action will follow? To me the answer is very little in the short-term. But our present Minister and her Department have a golden opportunity to lay the foundations now for the future changes so essential to keep our education system in good trim. They won't be forgiven, if the chance is squandered for political advantage, to curry favour with powerful interest groups, or just to satisfy ministerial whims.

In my report last year I spoke briefly of the problems that curriculum change was bringing about, increasing costs of part-time staff funded by the school. I was pleased to see this and a number of similar problems being addressed in P.E.S.P., the Plan for Economic and Social Progress, agreed by the Government and the Social Partners last winter. We saw one move under this whereby the pupil teacher ratio was improved from 20 to 1 to 19.5 to 1, and I hope that no economic crisis will change the promise to improve it further to 19 to 1 for the next school year. As a large school we could reasonably expect to be fairly early in the queue for the grants towards secretarial provision and the phasing in of the post of Vice-Principal as an ex-quota post, moves that are promised under P.E.S.P. for introduction over the next two or more years. The resulting transfer of some staffing costs from our fee income to the Department of Education will help to keep fee increases within bounds as we continue to develop our facilities over the next few years.

We are pleased with the way the Transition Year classes have commenced the year, and the pupil feed-back seems to be very positive. Another source of pleasure is the way basketball standards have been rising, and this was reflected when two of our Under-15 players, Eamonn Gallagher and Mark Williams were picked for Leinster in the Interprovincial matches to be played during half-term.

It has been a good and exciting year, and as I close I would like

to express my appreciation to the Governors for making the decisions that have already brought us such assets as the new hockey pitch and the computer room, and to the staff both academic and administrative, for their loyalty, efficiency and dedication.

LIST OF PRIZES

Old Boys' Cup: Ciaran Timlin
Jean Scott Trophy: Aileen Strachan

Form

- 6 Up- **Simon Eppel Prize for Science:** Phelim Davey.
Class Prizes: Jennifer Crampton, Fergus Moroney, Noel Prendergast.
- 6 - **High School Exhibition (£250):** Mark Wilkinson.
John Thompson Scholarship (£200): Ian Rowell.
Glorney Exhibition and Cup (£160): Neil Watson.
Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize (£100): Wesley Darlington.
Victor Graham Prize in Mathematics (£1,000): Mark Wilkinson.
Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize (£120): Karen Dawson.
John Bennett Memorial Prize (£50): Kevin Sheehy.
Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize (£100): Brian Hildebrand.
B'nai Brith Scholarship (£150): Grahame Walsh.
Alan Peters Memorial Prize: William O'Connell.
Bessie Bury Prize for English: Ian Rowell.
Casserley Memorial Prize for English: Karen Dawson.
German Government Prize: Mark Wilkinson.
Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Tanya Hempenstall.
S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Neil Watson.
Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Alexandra Lamont.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Peter Hanan.
O.B.U. Debating Medal: Keith Sherling.
Class Prizes: Trevor Jobling, Matthew Jones, Dawn Metcalfe, Justin Morton, Alan Nixon, Ciaran Timlin.
- 5 - **Mitchel Scholarship:** Brian Bird.
Dr. Start's Prize for Chemistry: Linda Coote, Maleka Hashmi.
Parents' Association Prize for English: Caroline Hadley.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Creona O'Connor.
Class Prizes: Neville Cobbe, Gavin Dodd, Emily Doherty, Clare Dowling, Ruth Gibney, Bruce Harley, Nicholas Moran, Jennifer Walshe.
- 4 - **Rogers Memorial Prize:** Rory Timlin.
German Government Prize: Helen Finch.
Dillon Prize for Mathematics: Nicholas McMurry.
Foster Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Patricia Conway.
Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize: Alan Latimer.
Emily Latimer Memorial Prize for English: Naoise Griffin, Judith Haslett.
Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Jonathan Carson.
Casserley Prize for History: Stephen Lipson.
S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Patricia Conway.
Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Stephen Lipson.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Alexander Kearney.
4A1: Ruth Dowling, Rebecca Gageby.
4A2: Aoife Davey, Grace Sweeney.
4B1: Philip Blythman, Timothy Cains, Ross Staunton.
4B3: Stephen Kelly, Geoffrey Shaw.

- 3- **Rogers Memorial Prize:** Ian Wilkinson.
Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize: Heidi Kinsella.
Dillon Prize for Mathematics: Simon Stroughair.
Foster Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Sarah Rowell.
McNay Prize for English: Sinead Whiting.
Parents' Association Prize for English: Stephen Edge.
Parents' Association Prize for Mechanical Drawing: Simon Stroughair.
Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Simon Stroughair.
Casserley Prize for History: Sarah Rowell.
S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Heidi Kinsella.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Sarah Massey.
Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Wendy Lipson.
Diocesan School Music Prize: Heidi Kinsella.
3A1: Janet Craven, Barry Fogarty, Anthony Lock.
3A2: Ciara Griffin, Catherine Loane.
3B1: Andrew Finlay, Samantha Giusti.
3B2: Niall Coghlan, Michael Good.
- 2- **McNay Prize for English:** Isolde Carmody.
Parents' Association Prize for Woodwork: Sharon Jackson.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Isolde Carmody.
Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes: Austin Barrett, Neil Cronly, Constantinos Florides, Robert Walsh.
Dorothy Blakeney Prize for Biology Project: Jamie Tanner.
2A1: Ciuin Doherty, Eamon Gallaher.
2A2: Ross McCulloch, Jamie Tanner.
2A3: Berkeley Vincent, Alison Shaw.
2B1: Leo Byrne, Shwan Henari.
2B2: Kenneth Byrne, Nicola Hodgkinson.
- 1- **Etheline Brady Prize:** Elizabeth Thornburgh.
Jellett Memorial Prize for Irish: Yvonne Maher.
Diocesan School Music Prize: Owen Frazer.
1a1: Owen Frazer, Laurence Simms.
1A2: Gavin Timlin, Emma Eager.
1B1: Graham Cadoo, Trevor Conlon-Grant.
1B2: Timothy Moore, Susan Harrison.
1B3: Emma Murphy, Mark Cantan.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship: Scott Wynne, Rathfarnham Parish National School.
Sarah Marcus, Rathgar National School.
Claire McCulloch, Rathfarnham Parish National School.
Vanessa Carswell, Rathgar National School.
Freda Vora, Taney National School.
Jonathan Pickett, Rathfarnham Parish National School.
Music Scholarships: Freda Vora, Taney National School.
Oisín Boydell, Sandford National School.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 1991

Desmond Armstrong, Alexander Bacik, Rachel Ball, Vanessa Barcroft, Justin Barrett, Thomas Barrett, Sandra Bell, Derek Bradshaw, Sara Brown, Shirley Byrne, Pascale Caillabet, Leanne Campbell, Peter Clements, Neil Cogan, Peter Cogan, Carina Coleman, Ross Cooper, Ander Corish, Trevor Craven, Rachel Crebbin, Wesley Darlington, Karen Dawson, Karen Dawson, Jeremy Dickson, Amanda Dixon, Selene Donlon, Lynn Doran, Barry Douglas, Julie Douglas, Jennifer Dowling, Susan Dowling, Nigel Eakins, Robert Edge, Suzanne Fahy, Mark Farrell, Colm Flood, Andros Florides, Nathan Fox, Wendy Freeney, Clodagh Galway, Sean Gilmour, Sarah Giltrap, Dylan Giusti, Simon Good, Ada Gregory, Iris Gyves, Darryl Hagan, Robert Hall, Sean Hamill, Gary Hanan, Peter Hanan, Avril Harris, Peter Hayes, Tanya



Hempenstall, Audrey Hession, Lucinda Hickson, Brian Hildebrand, Pearl Hunt, Trevor Jobling, Benjamin Johnson, Karen Johnson, Matthew Jones, Robert Jones, Robert Jones, Avril Kilbey, Jason Kilroy, Simon King, David Knott, Alexandra Lamont, Kyra Laughlin, Peng Yong Low, Peter Lowe, Keith Lowry, Vivienne Luke, Oisín McManus, Keith McConnell, Jacqueline McCoy, Paula McGurdy, Stephen McNeill, Niamh McSweeney, Dawn Metcalfe, Janet Micks, Warren Millar, Andrew Moffett, Sharon Moore, Grant Morton, Justin Morton, Dagmar Mull, Clare Mulroy, Geoffrey Needham, Derek Neilson, Alan Nixon, Naomi O'Callaghan, William O'Connell, Peter O'Leary, Cian O'Maolchoille, Emma Phillips, Alan Poynton, Clifford Redmond, Jonathan Reid, Andrew Robinson, Aoife Robinson, Graham Robinson, Ian Rowell, Geoffrey Sargent, David Senior, Leslie Shaw, Victoria Shaw, Elizabeth Sheahan, Kevin Sheehy, Keith Sherling, Jack Slattery, Keith Spendlove, David Stephen, Aileen Strachan, Gary Stuart, Julian Swann, Justin Swift, Linda Taylor, Ciaran Timlin, Joshua Walker, Grahame Walsh, Jonathan Walshe, Samantha Warbrick, Shirley Warnock, Neil Watson, Robert Wilkes, Emma Wilkie, Mark Wilkinson, Owen Williams, Mark Williamson, David Willis, Sarah Willoughby, Melanie Woods, Dilys Wright, Ursula Byrne, Leanne Cherrett, Gordon Clarke, Eoin Corcoran, Jennifer Crampton, Lynn Darby, Karen Darley, Phelim Davey, Julie Dunlop, Kenneth Elliott, Ciaran Ennis, Robert Fay, Vernon Glover, Guy Gordon, Derek Harris, Shumon Hashmi, Karen Hill, Julie Kirkham, David Lenahan, Andrew Monteith, Fergus Moroney, Geoffrey O'Brien, Gemma O'Donoghue, Noel Prendergast, Jennifer Proby, Stephen Rance, Paul Ritchie, Anthony Ryan, Rachel Scott, Scott Shaw, Ashley Smyth, Yoland Smyth, Ian Syngé, Stewart Taylor, Frances Vickers, Mark Vincent, Ronan Whelan.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE 1991

Form 4

Elaine Ball, Kieran Bell, Tara Bell, Nadine Bissoondath, Philip Blythman, Gareth Bradshaw, Leah Burke, Timothy Cains, Fiona Campbell, Jonathan Carson, Graham Carroll, Lee Clements, Simon Clements, Andrew Coggins, Alaric Collier, Patricia Conway, Craig Cooper, Kestrel Darlington, Aoife Davey, Helen Deegan, Jennifer Douglas, Gillian Dowling, Gillian Dowling, Ruth Dowling, Andrew Falconer, Trevor Farrar, Nigel Fennell, Helen Finch, Jeffrey Flynn, Timothy Foster, Kirsá Fox, Kari Fry, Rebecca Gageby, Susan Gibbons, Hazel Glynné, Louise Gobbett, Jayson Govender, Naoise Griffin, Rebecca Griffin, Victor Griffin, Deirdre Gyves, Miraim Hanan, Jason Harbron, Naoise Hardiman, Ciaran Harris, Damien Harris, Amanda Hart, Judith Haslett, Suzanne Hill, Nigel Hodgkinson, Tracy Hooper, Philip Ireland, Benjamin Jackson, Sandra Johnson, Sinead Johnstone, Alexander Kearney, Paul Kearns, Cheryl Keatinge, Edward Kelly, Neil Kelly, Stephen Kelly, Aiveen Kemp, Nicholas Kiersey, Karl Kinch, Philip Knowd, Alan Latimer, Susan Latimer, Arlene Lawler, Daniel Lewis, Pai Wei Lin, Stephen Lipson, Shireen Lloyd, Ruth Loane, Stuart Luke, Conor Lyons, Jonathan Matthews, Nicholas McMurray, Dominic Merriman, Duncan Micks, Janet Moffett, Niamh Morrison, Graeme Murdock, Bruce Murphy, Desmond Murphy, Desmond Murphy, Nicola Murphy, Tanya Nixon, Manus O'Donnell, Timothy O'Donovan, Michael O'Dwyer, David Owen, Verney Poynton, Richard Price, Glynis Redmond, Cian Rice, Karl Richardson, Peter Robertson, Janet Robinson, Samuel Robinson, Emmett Rogers, Zoe Sainsbury, Geoffrey Shaw, Mark Simms, Andrew Sinnamon, Ross Staunton, Kim Stephen, Duan Stokes, Grace Sweeney, Nicola Sweeney, Alan Thompson, Rory Timlin, Isabel Toolan, David Vora, Peter Walker, David Walsh, Diane Wright, Ivor Young.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE 1991

Form 3

George Armstrong, Helen Ball, David Bell, Glenn Birney, Jonathan Blain, Beverley Bryan, Stephen Byrne, Ceasan

Clarke, Niall Coghlan, Warren Conlon-Grant, John Connolly, Angus Cowie, Janet Craven, Stephen Cusack, Bruce Dodd, Gavin Douglas, Gordon Dunne, Stephen Edge, Andrew Finlay, Dermot Finn, Mandy Fletcher, Barry Fogarty, Brian Foley, Gillian Gibson, Samantha Giusti, Michael Good, David Gould, James Goulden, Peter Gourley, Amanda Graham, Ciara Griffin, Caroline Hall, Gordon Harris, Diane Hendy, Julian Hickson, Samantha Holley, Elizabeth Jenkins, Graham Jones, Naomi Keatinge, Adam Keegan, Sarah Kelly, Stephen Kenny, Benjamin Kiersey, Aoife King, Heidi Kinsella, Victoria Levis, John Lindsay, Wendy Lipson, Catherine Loane, Anthony Lock, David Lyons, Gerard McCarthy, Roger McCormack, Caroline McCoy, Richard McCrae, Ronan McGrogan, Andrew Mahon, Sarah Massey, Ross Metcalfe, Emma Miller, Gavin Miller, Gregory Molins, Nigel Moody, Graham Nicholson, Andrew Norris, Helen Patterson, Andrew Price, Nicola Rafter, Melissa Rowan, Sarah Rowell, Janet Sheppard, Nicola Slack, Simon Stroughair, Jenefer Taylor, Keith Thompson, Susan Tracey, Sandra Treanor, Nicola Veale, Ryan Vento, Claire Warnock, James Watson, Aaron Weinrib, Sinead Whiting, Ian Wilkinson, Keith Williams, Michelle Williams, Jennifer Willis, Jennifer Wright, Nicola Wynne.

The Debating Society

The Senior Debating Society, which meets every Thursday in B7 at half-past one, got off to a good start this year with some lively and interesting debates. The main difficulty encountered, however, was a shortage of good speakers, resulting in the cancellation of some of the debates. Attendance, over all, had been very good, moral and highly controversial topics being the most popular.

The annual Old Boys' Union Debate, with the motion "This House believes that Ireland was right to join the E.C.", was chaired by Mr. Rodney Rice. After a very fair performance by each side, the motion was carried, causing the school team to win. It was a very enjoyable evening and we are most grateful to Mr. Rice and members of staff concerned.

Stephen Kelly and Nicholas Kiersey were selected to attend the European Youth Parliament sessions in Barcelona and Oxford respectively. Grace Sweeney, Stephen Kelly and Aoife Davey attended the European Parliament session in Tralee, organised by the World University Service. Also, High School sent a delegation to the Model United Nations Conference in St. Andrew's College, this year, with the team representing Cuba.

The O.B.U. medal for debating was awarded to Brian Bird. We thank Mr. Wallace for his guidance and encouragement in organising the Debating Society and other events in which we have participated.

Stephen Kelly (Secretary)

The Orchestra

The School Orchestra now contains about sixteen members who practise together after school on Tuesdays.

Its members include: Gwendolyn Masin and Owen Frazer (First Violins); Isolde Carmody, Oisín Boydell, Paul Kirwin (Second Violins); Heidi Kinsella (Viola); Richard Sweeney (Cello); Linda Coote, Nicki Veale, Liam Lyons (Flutes); Philippa Wilkes (Bassoon); Freda Vora, Emer Roberts, Stephanie Sheppard, Jane Toolan (Clarinets); Jennifer Walsh (Trumpet).

The Orchestra has played at the Parents' Evening and Prizegiving Ceremony, the Carol Service and has entered the Wesley Feis. We won first prize, playing an excerpt from Beethoven's First Symphony.

We entered an examination with the Department of Education and we were awarded a "Pass with Distinction" gaining 139 marks out of a possible 150 (92 $\frac{2}{3}$). For that, we played Beethoven's Allegro con Brio, and Verdi's Grand March from his famous opera "Aida".

We all enjoy playing in the orchestra and I would like to thank Mr. Wisener for giving up his Tuesday afternoon to lead us.

Liam Lyons (2A2)

Violin Recital

In 1991 Nicky Sweeney (5th Year) gave a recital in the 18th Century House of Lords in the Bank of Ireland, as part of the Bank's "Classical Choice" series. The following review was published in *The Irish Times*.

VIOLIN AND PIANO RECITAL IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

By Martin Adams

Sonata in D. Op. 12. No. 1: Beethoven
Melody on the G String (Vocalise, Op. 34, No. 14)
Rachmaninov
Aus der Heimat. No. 2. Smetana.

Few young players can plumb the depths and scale the heights of expression, and the lunchtime recital given in the House of Lords by violist Nicky Sweeney and pianist Fergal Caulfield as part of the Bank of Ireland's "Classical Choice" series was no exception. But it is also uncommon to encounter a sixteen-year-old violinist who understands that it is best not to sham these extremities – who knows how to be unaffectedly musical despite the technical and other limitations of youth, and how to make the music sound natural to herself, rather than a crude shot at the style of some vastly experienced, much-admired player.

Sweeney and Caulfield worked well together and although both were sometimes pushed in holding the tempo in Beethoven's early D major sonata, their performance of this piece was full of embellishment. But the most relaxed and communicative music making was in Rachmaninov's "Melody on the G String", the endless line of which Sweeney shaped with natural ease, and in the second of Smetana's "Aus der Heimat" which was given just the amount of subtle flexibility it needs.

Pirates of Penzance

Every year the Fifth years are expected to put on a play and this year Mrs. Milne chose a musical, *The Pirates of Penzance*. Anybody who wanted to take part was asked to audition and the roles were filled. People volunteered for positions in publicity, set construction, lighting, photography, make-up, costumes and props., video, stage crew, and the Orchestra.

Mrs. Milne was chosen as director; Isabel Toolan as stage manager; and Ciaran Harris as producer. Over fifty people from all years actually starred in the show, as Frederick, the Major General, the Pirate King, the Police Sergeant, the daughters, pirates and policemen.

MAIN CHARACTERS:

Frederick	– Nicholas McMurry
Major General	– Alexander Kearney
Pirate King	– Simon Clements
Police Sergeant	– Nicholas Kiersey
Samuel	– Damien Harris
Mabel	– Sarah Deagen
Ruth	– Janet Veale
Edith	– Helen Finch
Kate	– Ruth Glacken
Isabel	– Diane Wright
	– Nicola Veale



Camera . . . Duan . . . Evicted . . . No Way!!



I can't dance



So you're out next week mum!

Photos by P. Knowd, D. Stokes

DAUGHTERS

Kelsey Baldwin, Trudie Carrol, Jenny Cole, Georgina Dunne, Emma Eager, Gillian Free, Kari Fry, Rebecca Griffin, Ruth Harley, Aimee Harris, Amanda Hart, Felicity Hart, Molly Hashmi, Suzanne Hill, Shuna Hutchinson, Cornelia Kennedy, Shalom Lambert, Susan Latimer, Yvonne Maher, Emma Murphy, Nicola Slack, Jané Toolan.

PIRATES & POLICEMEN

Kieran Bell, Graham Carrol, Lee Clements, Gavin Cobbe, Craig Cooper, Andrew Falconer, Leonard Galvin, Sam Jackson, Neil Kelly, Alan Latimer, Daniel Lewis, Liam Lyons, Cian Rice, Sam Robinson, Ross Staunton, Duan Stokes, Rory Timlin.

<i>Orchestra Director</i>	- Mr. Wisener.
<i>Director</i>	- Mrs. Milne
<i>Stage Manager</i>	- Isabel Toolan
<i>Producer</i>	- Ciaran Harris
<i>Asst. Producer</i>	- Philip Knowd
<i>Accountant</i>	- Michael O'Dwyer.

1st VIOLINS

Nicky Sweeney, Gwen Mason, Owen Fraser.

2nd VIOLINS

Nicholas Milne, Isalde Carmody, Philippa Wilkes, Oisín Boydell.

VIOLAS

Mary Miller, Heidi Kinsella.

CELLO

Mark Wilkes, Clare O'Keefe, Richard Sweeney.

OBOE

Ian O'Keefe.

FLUTE

Linda Coote, Catriona Talbot.

CLARINET

Ruth Hickey, Freda Vora, Susan Coote.

TRUMPET

Jennifer Walshe.

COMMERCIAL REPS.

Rebecca Gageby and Paul Needham.

STAGE CREW

Aiveen Kemp, Janet Moffett, Richard Price, Glynis Redmond, Andrew Sinnamon.

SET CONSTRUCTION

Leah Burke, Tim Foster, Ciaran Harris, Edward Kelly, Dominic Merriman, Philip Knowd, Stephen Lipson, Stuart Luke, Nicholas Kiersay, Graeme Murdock, Zoe Sainsbury.

LIGHTING

Geoffrey Bradley, Ben Jackson, Jeffrey Flynn, Aoife Davey, Karl Kinch, Duncan Micks, Bruce Murphy.

PUBLICITY

Geoffrey Bradley, Leah Burke, Gavin Buttimore, Fiona Campbell, Andrew Coggins, Rebecca Gageby, Nicholas Kiersay, Shireen Lloyd, Dominic Merriman, Emmet Rogers, Zoe Sainsbury, Garret Sheehy.

PROGRAMME

Rebecca Gageby, Stephen Kelly, Paul Needham, Fiona Campbell.

MAKE-UP

Helen Deegan, Gillian Dowling, Ruth Dowling, Hazel Glynn, Miriam Hanan, Cheryl Keatinge, Ruth Loane, Nicola Murphy.

COSTUMES & PROPS

Naoise Griffin, Judith Haslett, Sandra Johnson, Tanya Nixon, Kim Stephen.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Tim O'Donovan and Eric Lin.

REFRESHMENTS

Leah Burke, Andrew Coggins, Shireen Lloyd, Emmet Rogers, Zoe Sainsbury.

Set Change: Stage Crew & Set Construction. Clean Up: Stage Crew & Set Construction. **Video:** Manus O'Donnell.

The Library

The Library contains over twelve thousand books and is extremely useful for projects as well as personal reading and essays.

It is run by the kind, generous and watchful Mrs. King. She also put up several displays which change and rotate weekly.

There is a club set up called the "Friends of the Library". Through Mrs. King, its members are involved in several fund-raising events as well as maintaining the library.

Some of these activities have been the ever-popular "Feed the Pig" where a pig-shaped money box is filled with all our spare coppers and our change from our lunch money. This Christmas, £40 was raised and donated to the "Cottage Home for Little Children", an orphanage in Dun Laoghaire.

On Daffodil Day in March, £178 was raised selling silk daffodils in the Library. Also, by selling four-hundred fresh daffodils picked in the school grounds (by kind permission of Mr. Brook), £70 was raised and both sums of money were given to the Irish Cancer Society.

In addition, through Mrs. King's kindness and generosity, when it is anybody from the Friends of the Library's birthday, she buys us a card which everybody signs, and a Mars bar. At Easter, she buys us Creme Eggs.

The President of the Library is Liam Lyons and the committee members are Trudie Carroll, Stephanie Sheppard, Amber Walsh, Derek Fisher and Georgina Dunne. There are also ordinary members.

If anybody would like to join the library, he/she should go along to Mrs. King and register their name and class. Having done this, you will be supplied with a ticket and will be allowed to take out up to two books at any one time. (More if doing a project). You can have these books out for up to two weeks. If they are late, there is a fine to be paid of five pence per week. At the end of the year new books are bought with this money.

When Cabinteely Library closed down due to extensive fire damage, its books were auctioned and High School bought about 7,000 of them. In the future these will be catalogued and shelved and you will be allowed to take them out.

The High School Library is a very good one and I recommend and encourage students to use it more frequently.

*Liam Lyons (2A2)
and the committee of the
friends of the Library*

"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them". — Mark Twain.

The Kerry Trip 1992

There was a 5th form Educational trip to the Dingle Gaeltacht on 19th, 20th and 21st of March. Twenty pupils travelled in the school bus to Dun Chaoin, the most westerly part of Ireland. On the way we stopped for lunch on the Shannon at Killaloe in Co. Clare. Having arrived in Kerry, we visited places of cultural and historical significance as well as using "cúpla focal". The weather was excellent and the scenic beauty was out of this world.

On our return journey we visited Garryowen club house in Limerick where we watched the rugby international between Ireland and France. I need not mention the score. The trip itself was pleasant and beneficial and will help greatly with our Leaving Certificate. Our thanks to Miss Parle and Mr. O'Connor.

The Christian Union

Coming into September the remaining members of last year's C.U. were afraid that it might come to an end due to the lack of interest. Most of the 1990/91 stalwarts had left High School but we who remained decided to "give it a lash" anyway. By mid-September we had a regular attendance of around 17 at our Friday meetings. The High School C.U. was alive and kicking once again!

As many as 21 have come to hear the various speakers or do the Bible Studies. Topics discussed have included abortion, evolution, the role of women in the church and alcoholism. It hasn't all been so serious though! Notably, at Christmas we went carol singing for Tear Fund and gorged ourselves at the Reid's house afterwards. We would like to thank Miss Graham for the use of C3. New members welcome!

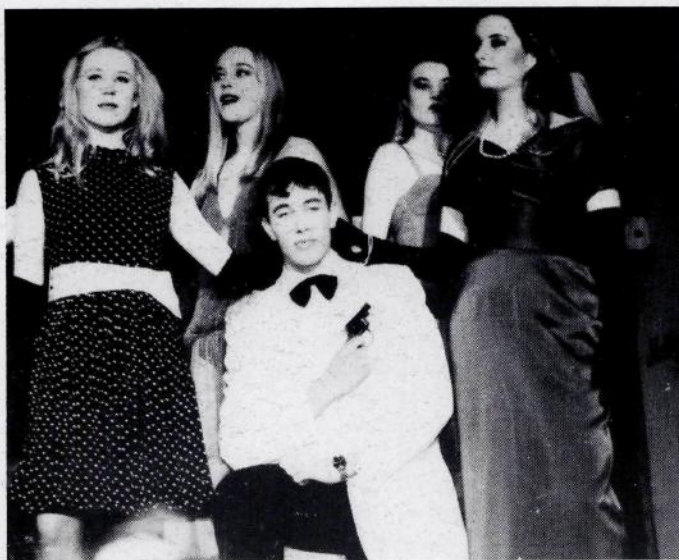
The C.U.

The Fifth Year Fashion Show, 1992

THE fifth year, finally taking matters into their own hands decided to organise a show to top all others. Meetings of all descriptions were held and a fashion show in co-operation with Oxfam was decided upon. The theme was Hollywood and it was to be staged on the 3rd and 4th of April. We chose films and songs as the inspiration for each item.

Besides the obvious ambition to raise money (£2,000) for Oxfam and High School, the desire basically to have a good time was foremost in everybody's mind. In both of these cases, I think we succeeded. The most noticeable result was the money aspect but there was more, we actually proved that it was possible for us to do something successfully – to the amazement of many.

Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wallace set us in motion about three weeks before the deadline of the 3rd. Committee meetings were held and people put in charge of appropriate topics. For the next two weeks the remarkable stage crew (along with many others who



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**FASHION SHOW 1992
"BATBOYS IN CONFUSION"**

volunteered their inexhaustible help), scoured the dumps of the city for anything which resembled a vehicle for the Hollywood stage set. And what they could not find they imaginatively built, and were helped by many others who provided the art work for a multitude of things. Luckily, Sally-Ann Kinahan, the Oxfam representative, took control of the clothes' side and also organised the models – which took some doing.

The two nights were without any major mishaps. Back stage was, of course, havoc, but the make-up artists managed to somehow carry out their works of art. Not forgetting the incredible dressers who designer-fitted the clothes with a multitude of pins. There's no need to mention the models – they strutted their stuff clearly enough!

The effort from the whole year, and also those involved in the competition, together with so many of the teachers was outstanding and it certainly paid off. The £1,000 cheque was presented to Sally-Ann during Assembly and was particularly appropriate as the resurgence of famine continues in Africa. £1,000 was also raised for the High School development fund.

The event proved to be great fun for all the participants and I am personally grateful to all those who contributed both effort and time.

Models - Female: Fiona Campbell, Helen Deegan, Kim Stephen, Sinead Johnstone, Rebecca Gageby, Gillian Dowling, Susan Gibbins, Amanda Hart, Isabel Toolan, Sandra Johnson, Kirsia Fox, Janet Robinson, Suzanne Hill, Elaine Ball, Grace Sweeney, Shireen Lloyd, Leah Burke, Rebecca Griffin, Tanya Nixon, Ruth Dowling, Antje Erdman.

Male: Timothy Cains, Graham Carroll, Lee Clements, Alaric Collier, Neil Kelly, Daniel Lewis, Duncan Micks, Desmond Murphy, Manus O'Donnell, Shane Pemberton, Richard Price, Cian Rice, Karl Richardson, Emmet Rodgers, Sam Robinson, Garrett Sheehy, Ross Staunton, Rory Timlin, Peter Walker.

Fashion competition entrants – Third years: Rowena Browne,

Rebecca Martin, Rebecca Woolfson, Susan Plummer, Natalie Burke. *Second years:* Beverly Jones, Emma Kenealy, Jill Carroll, Suzanne Moody, Nadine Mull. *Fifth year:* Elaine Ball.

Set construction – Rory Timlin, Tim Foster, Stephen Lipson, Jonathan Matthews, Andrew Falconer, Alan Latimer, Pai-Wei-Lin, Stuart Luke.

Publicity – Accountant: Karl Kinch. *Tickets:* Shireen Lloyd, Rebecca Griffin, Cian Rice, Emmet Rodgers, Garret Sheehy, Dominic Merriman, Niamh Morrison, Karl Richardson, Zoe Sainsbury, Ross Staunton. *Programme:* Jeffrey Flynn, Bruce Murphy, Diane Wright, Duncan Micks, Cian Rice. *T-Shirts:* Tim Cains, Des Murphy, Kirsia Fox, Glynis Redmond. *Posters:* Tim Cains, Des Murphy.

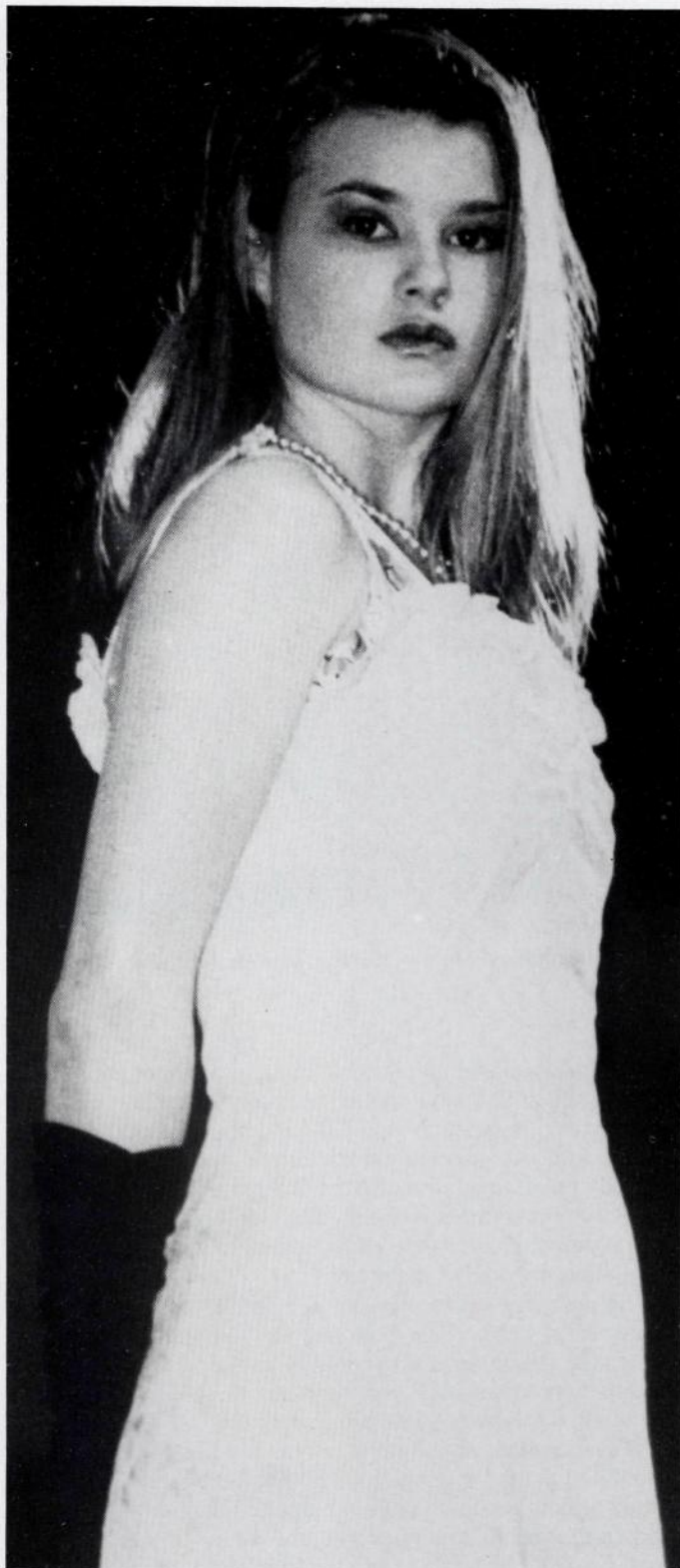
Lighting – Aoife Davey, Karl Kinch, Jeffrey Flynn, Bruce Murphy.

Make-up – Rachel Hanan, Helen Deegan, Louise Gobbett, Nicola Murphy, Glynis Redmond, Julie Stokes, Clare Corcoran,



"The Final Word"

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT BARCELONA '91



"Mad about the Boy"

Miriam Hanan, Nadine Bissoondath, Leona O'Reilly, Kim Stephen.

Music – Janet Moffet, Nicola Murphy, Andrew Coggins, Diane Wright.

Stewards – Craig Cooper, Geoffrey Shaw, Simon Clements, David O'Connell, Glynis Redmond.

Organising Producers – Co-ordinator: Aoife Davey. Oxfam Representative: Sally-Ann Kinahan. Committee: Aoife Davey (Lighting), Rory Timlin (Stage Crew), Cian Rice (Publicity), Janet Moffett (Music), Gillian Dowling (Modelling), Kim Stephen (Organisation), Helen Deegan (Make-up). Chairperson: Mr. R. Wallace. Technical co-ordinator: Mr. K. Hayes.

Aoife Davey

THE Association for the European Youth Parliament, founded in 1987, aims to bring young people together, helping to build a New Europe. A couple of times each year, the Association calls the European Youth Parliament (E.Y.P.) to meet at various locations around Europe. The Parliament is composed of twelve committees, each with its own chairman, interpreter and secretary. The entire assembly is presided over by a president. In addition, there are some 'journalists', with their own publications, and observers from other non-E.C. countries. Each E.C. member state sends one delegate to each committee. Chairmen, journalists and the president are all chosen from ex-E.Y.P. participants.

After a selection conference in St. Andrew's College the twelve Irish delegates prepared to leave for the November session in Barcelona. Each delegate is expected to pay for his own travel expenses but, fortunately, I was sponsored by the Old Boys' Union and the Parents' Association as well as the I.C.S. Building Society and the Children's Press.

The Irish party arrived early which gave us time to see the city itself, staying in a rather shoddy hotel which came to be known as "El Kipo". After a dispute with the hotel owner and a rather unpleasant experience, on my part, concerning some poisonous orange juice, we set off for the airport by Metro. At the airport we were met by representatives of the E.Y.P. Association and taken to a hotel outside the scenic town of Planoles in the Pyrenees. There we had our 'outward bound' weekend which involved rock-climbing, bridge-building and various other activities. On the second day each committee presented a short play or 'sketch' in which I performed as an English football-hooligan. This weekend was invaluable as it gave us the opportunity to get to know the other delegates on our committees which helped considerably in the committee discussions that were to follow.

On the evening of the fourth day of our stay in Catalonia, we returned by coach to Barcelona where we were received by our host-families at Aula School. Mine were very nice although they didn't speak much English. The following morning saw the official opening of the Parliament in the Palau de la Generalitat in which the ambassadors introduced their delegations. I was interested to meet a leading Catalan politician whose parents were Irish and who lived in Howth for most of the year. After the official opening, we were transported to the Palau de Congressos where we were to meet in our committees for the next few days in order to prepare our resolution.

Some of the high-points of our stay in Barcelona were a visit to the newly-constructed Olympic Village and stadu, a cultural tour of Barcelona given by Manuel Naraiyo i Tevcido and a champagne reception given by "Molt Honorable Senyor" Jordi Pyol i Soley, President of the Catalan Parliament at the Palau de la Generalitat. This was followed by a musical evening at the Alianca del Poble Nou.

The resolutions having drawn up by each respective committee, open debate began at the General Assembly held in the sumptuous surroundings of the Parliament of Catalonia. This was the first time in history that the Parliament building has been used for anything other than the meeting of the Parliament itself. This, in my view, marked the lowest ebb of the E.Y.P. experience with English speakers, who, incidentally, monopolised the discussions, having increased difficulty in getting through to their Italian or Greek counterparts. Delegates were also suffering the consequences of their nocturnal escapades from the previous night. The General Assembly ended officially on Saturday, 9th



Members of the European Youth Parliament outside the Olympic Stadium, built originally in the 1930's. The Irish delegation are standing to the left of the main entrance.

November, with a talk from a selection of M.E.P.'s and a final address by the organiser, Betina Carr-Allison. We were sorry to leave. The Barcelona experience had far exceeded any of our expectations and I strongly recommend anyone who has the opportunity to participate in this wonderful event.

Stephen Kelly (5th)

Oxford '92

THERE is only one publication in the world that is a better read than *The Erasmian* and that is *The Lie*, published only for a brief time when the E.Y.P. hits town. We can find within its sacred binding everything from theories on the future of central Europe to the best traditional cures for a hangover.

The E.Y.P.'s mission on earth is to draw together the youth of Europe and try to increase their awareness of the culture and ideals of their neighbours, while retaining their own individuality.

The E.Y.P. certainly did break down more barriers and borders than the Single Market ever could, as students from all over Europe and many other places including the C.I.S. gathered to take part firstly in the team-building activities, committee work, General Assembly and of course all the inevitable pub crawls that followed.

The team-building activities were perhaps the most important moment in the proceedings. It was here that the strengths and weaknesses of each delegate were exposed and taken into account by the committee. The activities created the relationship that will be remembered by those who participated as one of the greatest friendships we will ever have known. The activities consisted of various games or tasks for each team to tackle, their success being judged by their teamwork involved in the solution. The games ranged from trying to bridge a river with two planks and three empty barrels to defusing an imaginary nuclear device with a tyre ring and rope!

After the weekend the next few days were spent in committee and it was here that what we had learned was put into practice. I was on the Information and Media committee and we were dealing with over-exposure in the media. We had to prepare a resolution that would deal with the problems we found with over-exposure during our discussions. This was easier said than done as any proposals we made had to consider the fact that it may infringe on freedom of the press!

The next step was to present our resolution in front of the General Assembly. This involved the delegates from every committee, observers and journalists gathered in a large hall, chaired by previous E.Y.P. participants now moved on to greener fields but still hooked! This was the time when we found out whether our work was worth it or not. We had to read out our resolution, defend it, listen to it getting decimated by budding young orators eager to make a name for themselves and then endure the painful voting procedure. Well, our resolution was passed eventually, much to our satisfaction.

I consider my attending of the Oxford session to be one of the biggest landmarks in my life so far. It has achieved this status for several reasons. One, I met 'The Greek Goddess', but I guess that's another magazine's article. Two, I have never experienced such a feeling of camaraderie and friendship with people my own age whom I knew for only nine and a half days.

One leaves the European Youth Parliament with only the sense of having made a big step in the right direction. If European Unity can even partially recreate this then that too can only be considered a step in the same.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all those who helped me reach the E.Y.P. Without your support I may have never experienced the great sense of hope for the future I found there. Thank you.

Nicholas Kiesey (5)

Festival of Languages

LAST May The Linguistics Institute of Ireland (Institiúid Teangaíolachta na hÉireann) organised a major competition for language students of all ages. The Festival, sponsored by Bank of Ireland, was a major success with over 40,000 participating in many different sections. Four High School students entered and won three sections. The Senior Debating Section was won by Brian Bird, Nicholas Moran and William O'Connell. William was also declared best public speaker. Mark Wilkinson and Brian Bird carried away the Improvised Drama Section with a satire on Mitterrand's France and the U.N. Brian's essay on "Les rapports entre l'individu et la société" took first place as well. Brian was selected as one of the 8 Young Linguists of the Year and flew to Brussels in February.

The School's triumph was in no little part due to the assistance of Mr. McMullen, Mrs. Purdy and Mrs. Harris who respectively entered, trained and negotiated for us so we got our little winners' trophies and plaques eventually. While this success was very heartening it does not mean that a superlative level of French is to be found here (apart from the teachers). When thousands are being spent on the hockey pitch would a little investment in modern languages go amiss?

Brian Bird (6)

The Computer Club

MR. HILLIARD, who used to have only three basic computers, and only about four or five regular followers, has seen a complete change since the summer of 1991. A new computer room has been set up, at a cost of around £75,000, in the converted B23-B25 room. The money was raised through the School Development fund, at the same time major investment was taking place in the new lower hockey pitch. Work was started last summer and was opened to pupils in September. The partition was opened up between the two rooms, B23-B-25, and a new door between B27 and the computer room was opened for Mr. Hilliard.

Altogether there are 25 computers, 10 with monochrome monitors and 15 with colour monitors. There is a laser printer, an ordinary printer and disks which can store different levels of data are available to pupils. Anybody new to computers can read the tutorials for every programme. There is a Keyboard programme available for typing, an Asketch programme for technical drawing students, a geography programme, PC Globe, as well as a programme for general use: Windows. This has word processors and spreadsheets and is used for general use. People should read the rules before starting, but everybody is welcome, and the room is available before and after school and during all breaks.

Third Year Fund-Raising for the High School Development Fund

PLANNING for our 3rd Year Fund-raising events began in Summer Term 1991, under the guidance of Year Head, Mr. Ryan, with the formation of Pupils' and Parents' Committees. Co-operation was sought from all 3rd year pupils and their parents, and the response was excellent!

The events began with a Fête and Dog Show held on Saturday, 28th September, 1991. The Reynolds Hall was ideal as a centre for the many stalls – cakes, ices, tapes and cassettes, plants, fruit and veg., bottle stall, white elephant, books, and even shoeshine! Refreshments were available all afternoon.

A parent kindly donated two Bouncing Castles which were set

up in the Gym and great fun was had by all age groups. The younger children also enjoyed the Face-painting.

In one of the classrooms a steady stream of spectators visited Mr. Arthur Lawrence's Model Railway, whilst outdoors, others watched the Penalty Shoot-out, where there were lots of prizes to be won.

The appetising smell of hotdogs and burgers drifted across the grounds from the Barbecue as shrieks of laughter echoed around Danum as the 'good sports' stuck their heads into stocks for the 'Wet Sponge Throwers' to take their revenge!

Elsewhere in the grounds, a judging ring had been set up for the Dog Show. All of the dogs were beautifully presented, well-groomed and well-behaved. The judges were also very impressed with the 'handlers' and the general display of responsible ownership. Many valuable prizes were distributed at the end. The Dog Show was a great success and an overheard remark from one of the judges said it all: "The Kennel Club would be green with envy!"

The combined events of Saturday, 28th September, 1991, raised £2,757.00. Sincere thanks must go to all our sponsors and to those who kindly donated their time and talents.

The next fund-raising event was a Gala Race Night which was held on Saturday, 23rd November, 1991. Once again it was co-ordinated by Mr. Ryan, and with tremendous support from the Parents' Committee and pupils, the Reynolds Hall was transformed for the occasion!

The event was very well supported by many parents as well as pupils, staff and Board members. Mr. Rodney Rice of R.T.E. kindly agreed to compere the evening, giving it a professional touch! Thanks also to the expertise of Mr. and Mrs. Peter McGouran, the proceedings went without a hitch.

Great praise and thanks must also go to Mr. and Mrs. David Wright who contributed 'in no small measure' to the enjoyment of the evening by organising the bar facilities with the help of members of staff and parents.

The event was very successful, both socially and financially. A net figure of £5,258.24 was raised.

The 3rd year have, therefore, with the tremendous support of the rest of the school, raised £8,015.24 for the High School Development Fund.

Caitriona Rice, Andrea Laughlin, Julie McGowan.

Fashion Show 1991

THE High School launched the School Development Fund in 1991. Each year-group was encouraged to contribute. The present sixth form (then 5th form) took upon itself many projects.





One of the main functions was a fashion show extravaganza, in which the whole year worked together looking after all the elements to make both nights a huge success and a very professional production.

We selected the Ha'penny Bridge as our theme in the year when Dublin was the Cultural Capital of Europe. The bridge is rich in character and a symbol of Dublin. We constructed a replica of the bridge on the stage and had the models entering and leaving over the bridge. The catwalk was constructed in a Y-shape allowing for more freedom of movement. (Much praise and thanks are due to Mr. Hayes's trojan work in this department especially). This design led to exciting choreography created by the models themselves and the professional help of Sarah Lamb. The lighting system which was supplied by Ray Leder was sensational and a professional set-up. This combined with dynamic music created an electric atmosphere.

On the publicity end we designed T-shirts and posters carrying a logo of the Ha'penny Bridge, designed and printed by the students. Our programme, also designed by the students, contained write-ups and sponsorship from many local shops and businesses.

All in all, the show was a great success both from a financial and an enjoyment point of view. A great night!

*Niamh O'Sullivan
Bruce Harley
(Co-ordinating producers)*

Second Year Fund-Raising

2nd and 3rd Years jive!

WE thought Friday, 11th October, would never come. We were having a disco in school. There had been talk about a disco but no one believed in it until the actual night. This was to be the first fund-raising event for the 2nd years. Mr. Tector, who is in charge of fund-raising, and Miss Graham helped to organize it. The excitement started at 4.00 o'clock on the Friday when some volunteers helped to decorate the Reynolds Hall. Within twenty

minutes to half an hour the Reynolds Hall was transformed with balloons and streamers.

Half-past eight finally arrived. Pupils and their friends flooded in excitedly, all paying their £2.50. The disco lights and music were already in action. It was a fantastic night with everybody dancing away. Sadly, the disco ended at 12.00 o'clock.

We would like to thank Mr. Fennell, Mrs. Cummins, Mr. Ryan, Miss Graham, Mr. Davies, Mr. Mills, Miss O'Sullivan and Sergeant.

*Trudie Carroll (2A1)
Georgina Dunne (2A1)*

6th Year Dance, 1992

ONCE upon a time in the Land of Ud, the tradition of Debutantes' Ball at Easter began, and so, this year was no different, with a black tie, ballroom function in Jury's Hotel. On Thursday, 23rd April, each debutante frantically prepared for a long evening's entertainment.

A comfortable group of 170 gathered in the evening at a merry reception with parents and other interested parties. After a splendid meal that would do hotel catering proud, no calories were left unburnt in the hours of dancing that followed.

The 1st XV lost the "cup" to the band "Girl Talk", who entertained without fault till the early hours. Many faces were brightened when a select group of "men" decided to display their under-garments which were equally bright. A sharp-eyed Ms. Purdy was at no loss to decide on the winner (Johnny, you lucky boy!). Then we trundled to Fibber Magee's Nightclub where weary-eyed groups managed to rave for their breakfast, which was consumed after a long but thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Many thanks are due to the Debs' Committee, Mr. Benson and Mr. McMullen for their hard work and efficient organisation.

*Wendy Moffett (Head Girl)
Bruce Harley (Head Boy)*

A Very Model United Nations

THERE were strange things happening in Ballsbridge between the 21st and 24th of April. During this time approximately

500 teenagers descended on Jury's Hotel to participate in St. Andrew's model U.N. session. This year delegations from Italy, Holland and Britain were included to make this session one of the most enjoyable yet! The four days were split up into three sections which ran relatively smoothly except for the 23rd, when we had to pack up early so some obnoxious High School 6th formers could have their Debs!!

The first section involved lobbying. This is where countries campaign to get resolutions which they have made up on various topics supported by other countries (sounds like fun!). The next stage is 'committee' where your resolutions are debated by you, your supporters and those who oppose you. This can be quite interesting as points can be raised here that can destroy any chance you had of 'succeeding'.

But what constitutes 'success' at the U.N.? Well, if you make it past committee, you are nearly there!

General Assembly has been known to make strong men break. Some have described it as the most boring experience of their lives but we, The High School delegation, this year having the honour of representing Cuba, had a great time!

General Assembly is the time when committees are reorganised into delegations who then take their seats in a large hall and debate with other countries how the resolutions will work on an international level. This leads to lots of fun especially when this year saw the Arab League nearly declare World War III over a resolution that they thought Allah wouldn't approve of.

Well, as with most of this sort of event, all unofficial lobbying took place in a Public House. This year's victim was 'The Horse Show House' which the Cuban delegation will have very happy memories of. However, it was with some regret we discovered they didn't sell Havana cigars!

I am more and more pleased to see the obvious increase in interest in events such as these and I hope it will continue to grow. They are very educational and very good fun, too! So on behalf of the Cuban delegation, Rebecca Gageby, Fiona Campbell, Edward Kelly, Andrew Grimason, Aoife Davey and myself, Nicholas Kiersey, I would like to thank everyone who made it possible for us to be there. Thank you.

Nicholas Kiersey (5)

High School Parents' Association

THE Annual General Meeting of the HSPA was held in October and the following members were elected to the committee for 1991/92: Kay Brosnan, June Campbell, Frank Free, John Fry, Deirdre Haslett (Hon. Secretary), David Hilliard, Kate Lambert, Gerard Moody (Hon. Treasurer), Carol McGouran and Trevor Walsh. At the first committee meeting Trevor Walsh was elected Chairman.

The first meeting for parents, held in November, was addressed by Prof. Denis Weaire (TCD) who spoke on the topic "Careers in Science" to a highly appreciative audience. On that same evening Mr. Martin Hilliard kindly agreed to open and operate the newly installed computer laboratory for the benefit of those who had not already had a chance to visit it.

The Spring meeting, held in April, was given by Mr. R. Wallace (High School) and Mrs. B. Miller (UCD) on the topic "The High School and Rathgar - A Brief History". This talk was of particular interest to the many new (and, indeed, not so new) parents who learned a great deal about their children's alma mater.

Instead of the annual Beer, Wine and Cheese Party, this year we are looking forward to a new venture - the May Day Dance - which was held on 1st May. We are also looking forward to the Parent/Teacher hockey and cricket matches in June.

One of the major tasks of the committee this year has been to work, with the members of the school staff, on the development of the new High School uniform. This work is nearing completion and it is hoped that the final product will be presented to the parents at the AGM in October 1992.

Other activities this year have included sending two delegates (June Campbell and Trevor Walsh) to the NPSSPA, contributing financial support to the caving club, the sending of a student delegate to European Youth Parliament in Barcelona, and the Fifth Form Fashion Show.

The committee of the HSPA would like to acknowledge the strong support it receives from both parents and the school staff in all its activities and looks forward to the completion of yet another happy and successful year.

Deirdre Haslett, Hon. Secretary.

Careers Library

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

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

Career Talks

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

Summer Term 1991

Psychology: Ms. Alison Rooney, Cluain Mhuire Family Centre.

Insurance: Mr. Neil Emery, Prudential Assurance Co.

Computers: Mr. Conn Clissman, H.E. Clissman.

Opportunities in Europe: Ms. Mary Banotti, M.E.P.

Fashion Designer: Ms. Suzanne Maher, Grafton Academy.

Sales Representative: Mr. Ian Byrne, Mars Ireland Ltd.

Church: Rev. Paul Willoughby, St. Paul's, Glenageary.

Autumn Term 1991

Going to University: Mr. Anthony Kelly, High School.

D.I.T., R.T.C., P.L.C.: Mr. Robin Miller, High School.

Law: Mr. Graham Richards, Matheson Ormsby Prentice.

Secretarial Courses: Ms. Yvonne Canavan, Alexandra Secretarial College.

Business Courses: Mr. Pat Farrell, Institute of Education.

Medicine: Dr. Mervyn Taylor, National Children's Hospital.

Journalist: Ms. Christina Murphy, Irish Times Ltd.

Banking: Ms. Clodagh Keher, A.I.B., Rathgar.

Airline Pilot: Capt. Stuart Dobbyn, Aer Lingus.

Veterinary Nurse: Ms. Annora Britain, Argyle & Bainbridge.

Montessori Teaching: Ms. Maire Mhic Giobuin, London Montessori Centre.

Management Accountancy: Mr. Frank Guilfoyle, H.R. Holfeld Ltd.

Engineering: Mr. Roger West, Trinity College, Dublin.

Accountancy Courses: Ms. Arlene Clark, Accountancy & Business College.

Marine Biology: Dr. Paul Hillis, Fisheries Research Centre.

Hotel Industry: Video shown.

Spring Term 1992

Pop Music Industry: Mr. Keith McDonald, The Arts Council.

Photography: Mr. Ian Epstein, The Set Up.

Your Future: Fr. Michael Cleary, Harold's Cross.

Science Careers: Dr. John O'Grady, Nuclear Energy Board.

Marketing: Mr. Alan Chapman, Corporate Image Management Ltd.

Paramedical Careers: Mr. Robin Miller, High School.

R.T.C. Courses: Dr. Columb Collins, Tallaght R.T.C.

Chartered Accountancy: Mr. Richard Ensor, Richard Ensor & Co.

Cordon Bleu Cookery: Ms. Debbie Davis, Terenure.

Architecture: Mr. Peter Roberts, Scully Roberts.

Social Worker: Mr. Colin Fallon, Probation Service.

Defence Forces: Lt. Mick Boyle, Naval Service
Lt. Tom O'Connor, Air Corps.

Advertising: Mr. Brian Ross, Bell Advertising.

Acting: Mr. Ronan Smith, Rathmines.

Film/Video Industry: Mr. Louis Marcus, Terenure.

Child Care: Ms. Delia Lyons, Portobello School of Child Care.

Physiotherapy: Ms. Sarah Nichols, Sandycove.

Fashion Design: Ms. Suzanne Maher, Grafton Academy of Dress Design.

Business Courses: Mr. Pierce Kent, Griffith College, Dublin.

Openings for Arts Graduates: Mr. Eric Guiry, Careers & Appointments Office, T.C.D.

European Action for the Environment

THIS year form 4T continued High School's involvement in environmental project work with schools from the North. This year, however, we worked with only one of the schools, St. Columbanus High School, Bangor. The project is organised by the O.E.C.D. across 22 countries. In Ireland it is organised by the Departments of Education, North and South, and administered by the Curriculum Development Unit, Trinity College, Dublin.

The St. Columbanus Visit to Dublin

They arrived in the afternoon on Tuesday, November 5th, 1991. After introductions, we took our visitors to our homes. The following day we started our field work. In the morning we studied the Rathmines area, then after lunch at the High School we headed off again to the Dodder Valley at Milltown. The work involved geography and history. In Rathmines we studied Victorian architecture and the part it plays in modern Rathmines.

By the Dodder we studied the linear park and the various constructions by the Dodder. The rest of the afternoon was spent at the High School putting the information gathered together. That night we entertained our guests at Dundrum Bowl, where a few spectacular strikes were made. The next day was the last of



Nicola Slack, Sandra Treanor and Niall Coghlan make final preparations for the exhibition at E.N.F.O., April 1992.



President Robinson at the opening of the Environmental Exhibition at E.N.F.O., 10th April, 1992.

St. Columbanus's stay with us. We started the day with a tour of St. Michan's, where the vaults sent a few people of weak constitution running. We then went on to Dublin Castle. After the tours everyone split up, had lunch and spent money. We saw our visitors off and headed home.

High School's Return Visit to Bangor

On Tuesday, November 25th, 1991, we caught the train to Bangor where we were met by students from St. Columbanus. The next day we studied Bangor seafront in the same way we had Rathmines. That night we were brought bowling in Belfast. The next day saw us saying our final farewells and promises of letters to come. We went to Belfast where we visited the Ulster Museum and then to Belfast City Centre to spend any money we had left. We caught the train home after an enjoyable day.

The final projects were displayed in ENFO, Dublin, for two weeks. The display was opened to the public by President Mary Robinson on the 10th of April, 1992. Our thanks to Mr. Irwin and also to Mr. Benson for the back-up support.

Sarah Massey (4T)

History Field Trip to Kilkenny

2nd Years Go South

MISS GRAHAM had been promising a field trip. Everyone was sceptical about when it would materialise. However, one day during our History class we received forms to fill out for the following day. To our delight it was about a field trip; we were going to Kilkenny. It was planned for the 9th of April. 2A1 and 2B3 were going on the same day. 2A2, 2B1, 2B2 had gone the week before.

At 8.30 we set off for Kilkenny. We were going to visit Kilkenny Castle, St. Canice's Cathedral and Rothe House. Our first stop after our two-hour journey was Kilkenny Castle. Once off the coach we were given a questionnaire and a clipboard. We were greeted by a very friendly guide who gave us an informative tour of the castle. She answered all our questions. The most fascinating room was the Long Room.

After the castle we made our way to St. Canice's Cathedral. There were many interesting things to look at and admire. The Curate was very helpful. We were very privileged to see the priceless gilt religious vessels. The Cathedral was celebrating 700 years of people worshipping there. When we left the Cathedral we went to the Kilkenny Castle Rose Garden. We were very fortunate that the weather was so good we were able to eat our lunch outdoors.

Our last stop was Rothe House. It was a medieval merchant's house but now is a museum. There were many interesting rooms

to see. We had a very good guide. The best room was the small museum. There were very interesting objects to see and we wished we had more time to spend there. Unfortunately, time in Kilkenny ran out and we had to go home. It was a brilliant day.

Trudi Carroll (2A1)
Georgina Dunne (2A1)

A Visit to a Georgian Town House

"I CAN'T wait," said many people from 2A1 as Thursday drew nearer and nearer. Miss Graham, our form teacher, was taking us all to a Georgian house in Fitzwilliam Square. No. 29 had been renovated by the E.S.B. and the National History Museum.

Mr. Fennell and Mr. Benson kindly drove us all in the two minibuses to Fitzwilliam Square. Excitedly we went into the house and a guide met and welcomed us. We watched a short film-strip on the house and Georgian times. It was very enjoyable. We all divided into different groups and set off, one group at a time, on our interesting tour. We started at the basement.

The first room we went into was the small cellar. The walls were lined with shelves which were filled with bottles of wine. We then went into the kitchen where the first thing that caught our eyes was the range. We examined the room like little historians should and then moved on. We then peeped into the pantry where, to our surprise, we saw a bath. There was a problem about rats so they kept their food on high shelves.

We noticed a window looking into another room. This was Mrs. O'Reilly's room; she was the housekeeper. Mrs. O'Reilly looked after the pantry and all the keys and also the accounts. We visited



No. 29 Fitzwilliam Square

several more rooms like the dining room and drawing room, governess's room which included a lovely big doll's house which the children could actually go into. There was also the lady's and master's room which were beautifully decorated. The paintings and furniture were magnificent. We also learned a lot about their lifestyle. Everybody loved the tour around the house. There is a lovely restaurant where you can eat tasty homemade things. Unfortunately, we didn't have time to eat anything but many people returned later to the lovely array of food. The trip was very enjoyable and will always be remembered as a fine day out.

Georgina Dunne (2A1)
Trudi Carroll (2A1)

The Sixth Upper Disco

SOME members of Sixth Upper held a disco on January 11th to raise money for the High School Fund and to help clear Nicholas O'Gorman's overdraft. It took place at Old Wesley Rugby Club. The evening started early for the organizers and their helpers who had everything ready for the first contingent of fun-seekers when they arrived shortly after nine o'clock. By that time the music was pumping hard under the supervision of the D.J. for the night, the aforementioned Nicholas. As the floorboards began to vibrate and the rafters began to throb we notice that even the veterans like Mr. Davies couldn't resist the temptation to shake a leg.

The disco was well supported by pupils from Fifth, Sixth and Upper Sixth and by students from other schools also. A large group arrived from Terenure College, Nicholas O'Gorman's old school, and they said they couldn't believe he was still being allowed to run discos. The fact is, of course, that Nicholas is very persuasive, and while he had no problem with his gullible form teacher, he even managed to convince the shrewd and experienced Mr. Fennell that the event was worthy of his support. And so we thank the Vice-Principal for all he did. We thank all those pupils who helped us on the night, and we are also grateful to Mr. Davies, who was the last to leave the floor; Mr. Mills, who enjoyed himself from start to finish; Mr. Cole who managed to fit us into his busy Saturday evening social schedule, and Peter Pan who came disguised as Mr. Wright. We thank all those who paid their money to dance to Nicholas O'Gorman's own brand of beat. They helped us to add £300 to the High School Fund.

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D.E.I.P – TRALEE

1992

“Educate to Liberate”

THE Development Education Integrated Project (D.E.I.P.) is organised every year by the World University Service of Ireland and is comprised of three stages – the Regional Parliaments, Model European Parliament and the Model Court of Justice. Delegates are elected to the Regional Parliaments by debating against another school. They then attend the Model European Parliament in Tralee, staying at the Brandon Hotel. Out of this twelve delegates are selected to attend the Model Court of Justice in Stormont Castle. Three finalists then receive a prize of a working trip to Brussels, visiting the European Parliament and Commission.

As Saths Moodley, President of the Parliament and former Executive Director of W.U.S., pointed out: “W.U.S. is the only youth organisation in Ireland which brings young people together from all parts of the country, both north and south of the Border.” Furthermore, it is the only organisation in Ireland which combines schools, youth clubs and universities in a project of this kind.

This year, Grace Sweeney, Aoife Davey and I, Stephen Kelly, had the good fortune to be elected to the Model European Parliament in Tralee. We boarded the train at Heuston early on Friday, 1st May, and set off on a five-hour journey to Co. Kerry. Unfortunately, one of the trio, who would probably prefer to remain nameless, was left behind and had to take a later train. No further hitches occurred, however, and we arrived in time for the formal opening of the Parliament at 8.00 p.m. This was followed by an address from Dick Spring.

Next day, each M.E.P. having been formerly assigned to a certain political grouping, we began debating on the resolutions. Debate was very free and quite entertaining, in particular with contributions from a certain Northern delegate, Anthony Dugan, who later spoke on behalf of the Parliament at the banquet-dinner that Saturday night. The hotel itself was excellent. During the course of the day I visited a windmill, which had recently been restored. Saturday night ended with a disco and party which was enjoyed by all.

The Parliament closed at midday on Sunday with the announcement of the results. Twelve people were selected for the next stage in Stormont by the judges who complimented the assembly on its high level of debate. Each delegate was presented with a biro and certificate of merit. After a hasty lunch at the hotel we returned by train to Dublin.

The experience, overall, was highly educational and great fun, with a unique opportunity to meet people of our own age group from all over Ireland – north and south. I recommend it to anyone who has the opportunity of participating.

Stephen Kelly (5)



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SPORTS REVIEW



1st XI 1991-92 CUP SEMI-FINALISTS

Standing: C. Keatinge, S. Lloyd, A. Goulden, P. Conway, J. Micks, F. Campbell. **Seated:** G. Mellon, C. Moore, W. Moffett, D. Walsh (captain), R. Boyd, S. Moore.

Girls Hockey Report 1991-92 1st XI

This year's 1st XI was chosen from a base of 6 players who remained from last year's successful team, training for the first time on High School's new artificial surface, which proved to be a great asset to us throughout the season.

In goal this year, as last year, was Anne Goulden who performed very consistently throughout; helping her out in defence was Cheryl Keating who improved greatly during the year and with Sharon and Carol Moore working alongside her, our opposition forwards were made to work extremely hard. The determination and experience of Janet Micks in the centre back position also paid off, again to the detriment of our opposition, and with the ever impressive and very talented Wendy Moffett in centre midfield we were well equipped with one of the strongest defences in Leinster. Midfielder Ruth Boyd, whose great defensive work and determination never failed us, and Patricia Conway, who continually clocked up points on our scoreboard and whose skill and experience also proved a great asset, helped ease the workloads on both our forwards and defence. Our centre-forward, Fiona Campbell, consistently added to the score sheet, as did Shireen Lloyd on the left wing and Debbie Walsh on the right wing.

We started our League campaign very well in October with a decisive 4-1 win over Sion Hill, and with good performances and victories in our friendly matches, the scene was set for a good year. Our next League match took us to play Wesley College. An early goal from Wesley seemed to rattle us but in the second half Patricia equalised, leaving the final score at 1-1. A win over King's Hospital was now necessary for us to secure a place in the quarter finals. In an extremely exciting game neither team succeeded in

putting any points on the board and High School's numerous short corner opportunities just wouldn't come right. A Wesley defeat by Sion Hill would have seen us through, but this was not to be and with their 2-2 score draw, Wesley qualified. It was a disappointing time in the season and we were unlucky in that we hadn't yet lost a match and still failed to qualify.

From there on everything was thrown into the cup campaign. Unusually, we received a bye into the second round, which gave us extra time for ironing out any remaining problems (notably our short corners, as our more regular supporters will remember!) Again in friendly matches we proved united and determined, with decisive victories over Alexandra College, Muckross Park, Mount Sackville and Beaufort, our only loss being to old rivals Newpark.

In January, the time came for the second round to be drawn. Our opposition, Mt. Temple, were easily overcome with two goals from Trish and one from Fiona, leaving us the 3-0 victors. In the quarter finals we drew Loreto, Dalkey, to be played away. On a bumpy pitch, on a freezing morning, we played some of our best hockey of the season. High School really rose to the occasion and put in a tremendous and determined performance throughout the match. In a nail biting game, which produced brilliant defensive play, notably from Ruth, Janet, Wendy and Sharon, a text book goal from Trish clinched our place in the Semi-Finals. On the 15th January we came up against Wesley again. In yet another extremely tight game, we went into the lead in the first half after a penalty flick was awarded to us. Wesley, however, were quick to return fire and equalised in the second half. Extra time was played and with everyone tiring, Wesley scored again, so in a repeat of last year's semi-final 2-1 score we went out. Again, High School missed the cup which has so long eluded us.

This year's Hockey tour brought us to York, where we beat Bootham College 3-0 and drew 0-0 with The Mount School. It

was a very enjoyable trip and I'd like to thank Mrs. Mellon and "Little Liz" for taking us and putting up with us for the week.

Congratulations to Wendy Moffett, Debbie Walsh, Ruth Boyd, Trish Conway and Elaine Ball who all received U-18 Leinster trials. Special congratulations to Ruth and Trish who both secured places on the Leinster squad. Trish went on to gain a place on the Irish U-18 team and the Leinster U-21 squad, a notable achievement.

Thanks must go to the subs Elaine Ball, Nicola Slack, Liz Jenkins and Michelle Williams who often made themselves available at short notice. We are very grateful to our ever faithful supporters who spurred us on from the side lines in all weathers.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for all the hours she put in with us and I would like to thank the team as a whole for their dedication and determination throughout the season, which made it both successful and very enjoyable.

Debbie Walsh (Captain).

The New Hockey Pitch

Last year, the whole school undertook a great many fund-raising events to raise money for the school developments this year. This helped towards providing a new sand-filled savana hockey pitch which was built in the school grounds, during the summer of 1991.

This hockey pitch was of great benefit to both boys and girls hockey teams this season. With the increasing use of these pitches, in both schools and club hockey, it played an important role in the many fine results that once again High School produced. This surface will be used by pupils for many years to come and is a tremendous asset to the school. Finally, on behalf

of all the players who use the pitch, I would like to thank all those who made this pitch possible.

Anne Goulden (1st XI)

Intermediate A Hockey

The Intermediate A had a very enjoyable and successful season. We won ten and drew nine out of the twenty-seven matches we played. We drew our first League match 0-0 against Mt. Anville, in a very exciting game. We met Loreto, Dalkey, in the next match and came back from a two goal difference to achieve a draw, having had a goal disallowed. We then met Loreto, Foxrock, winning 8-1. Unfortunately we did not qualify due to our scoreless draw. We would like to thank Arlene Blain for all her support and encouragement throughout the season, and all the parents and supporters.

Aileen Strachan (Captain)

The 3rd XL

The 3rd XI enjoyed an extremely good season. Out of 21 matches we won 13, drew 3 and lost 5.

After beating Cross and Passion Convent 3-0, Mt. Anville 1-0, and Wicklow 2-0, we reached the quarter finals where we were beaten by a last minute goal by Wesley 0-1.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Arlene Blain, our coach, who encouraged us all throughout the season.

Brenda Slack (Captain).



JUNIOR "A" 1991-92

Standing: E. Jenkins, L. Maidment, G. Bovinizer, W. Strong, M. Williams, V. Parkhill, **Sitting:** A. Loughlin, J. Gillen, N. Slack (captain), E. Fitzpatrick, R. Reid, N. Smith.

Junior A XI

This year we welcomed back Miss Parkhill as our coach. After a slow start to the season, we eventually got together a good team. Three of us received Leinster trials: Emma Fitzpatrick, Liz Jenkins and myself. Liz and I received second trials, but unfortunately we didn't get any further. The team was very successful in our league but were knocked out in the quarter finals by a very interesting goal by King's Hospital. Losing only five matches this season, we had a most enjoyable year and on behalf of the team I would like to thank Miss Parkhill for her excellent coaching and support.

Nicola Slack (4)

Junior B XI

The Junior B had a very enjoyable season, either winning or drawing most of our matches and losing only a few. We played three matches in our section of the League, unfortunately losing our first match to Wesley College, but going on to win our other two matches. As the season progressed the team improved, and on the two subsequent occasions when we met Wesley, we beat them.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Miss Parkhill for her encouragement and support throughout the season.

Wendy Lipson (Captain)



2nd XI '91-'92

Standing: E. Ball, I. O'Callaghan, C. Ennis, S. Coleman, R. Gageby, S. Hutchinson. **Seated:** R. Jenkinson, A. Warbrick. A. Strachen, V. Shaw, A. Blair.

Minor A XI

The Minor A XI had a very successful, high scoring season, winning most of our matches. All through the year the team combined well together.

In the Minor A Cup we got a bye in the first round. In the second round we were drawn to play against Loreto, Foxrock, away. We came out the victors by a 2-0 margin. In the third round

we were drawn to play against Loreto, Bray at home. The match was even and at last the pressure proved too much for us and they won by one goal.

Throughout the year the team improved a great deal. The defence was very strong and the forwards played well together. We would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her coaching and dedication to the team.

Suzanne Murphy (Captain)



MINOR A '91-'92

Standing: Left to Right: C. Kennedy, B. Jones, N. Swords, L. Dunne, J. Carroll, L. Caulwell. **Seated:** G. Nellan, N. Mull, S. Moody, S. Murphy (captain), R. Harley, C. Wright.



MINOR B PLATE WINNERS 1991-'92

Standing: E. Eager, N. O'Flynn, F. Shine, S. Sheppard, L. Cogan, R. Glacken, S. Quinn, G. Free, S. Coghlan. **Seated:** G. Mellon, D. Lunny, M. Dorney, D. Govinder (captain), N. McCarthy, S. Moore, V. Crowell.

Minor B XI

The Minor B XI had a very successful season, winning most of their matches. Our biggest success was winning the Minor B plate. We beat teams from Coolock in the 1st and 2nd rounds. Then we went on to play Alexandra College, after that we played Sancta Sabena, Sutton, whom we beat 3-0. In the final we had to play a very good Notre Dame side.

In the first half we didn't play very well and went 1-0 down, but then in the second half we got our first goal. The same had to go into extra time and quite early in it, we scored a goal which was to be the winning goal. The goal scorers were Susan Moore (1) and Mairead Dorney (1).

The standard of playing improved as the season went on with a good few changes being made in the team. We couldn't have done any of this without Mrs. Mellon and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and enthusiasm throughout the season.

Minor, C, D, E

These three teams consisted mostly of 1st years. This year we had a very enthusiastic group of 1st years who were very successful in most of their matches. They turned up regularly on Thursday for after school practice and really enjoyed playing their matches.

Rugby Report 1991-92

FIRST XV

From a very early stage in the season, the First XV opted to play an extremely open, running game. This was the game plan most suited to the team which consisted of a light but mobile pack and an excellent, pacy backline.

The season had its inevitable ups and downs and during the early stages of the year, the team lost a number of matches it should have won. A tough C.B.C. Cork team were first on the fixture list and, despite being narrowly defeated (17-13), it was an excellent start to the season. Following this encouraging performance, the team had a comprehensive (24-4) win over Newbridge.

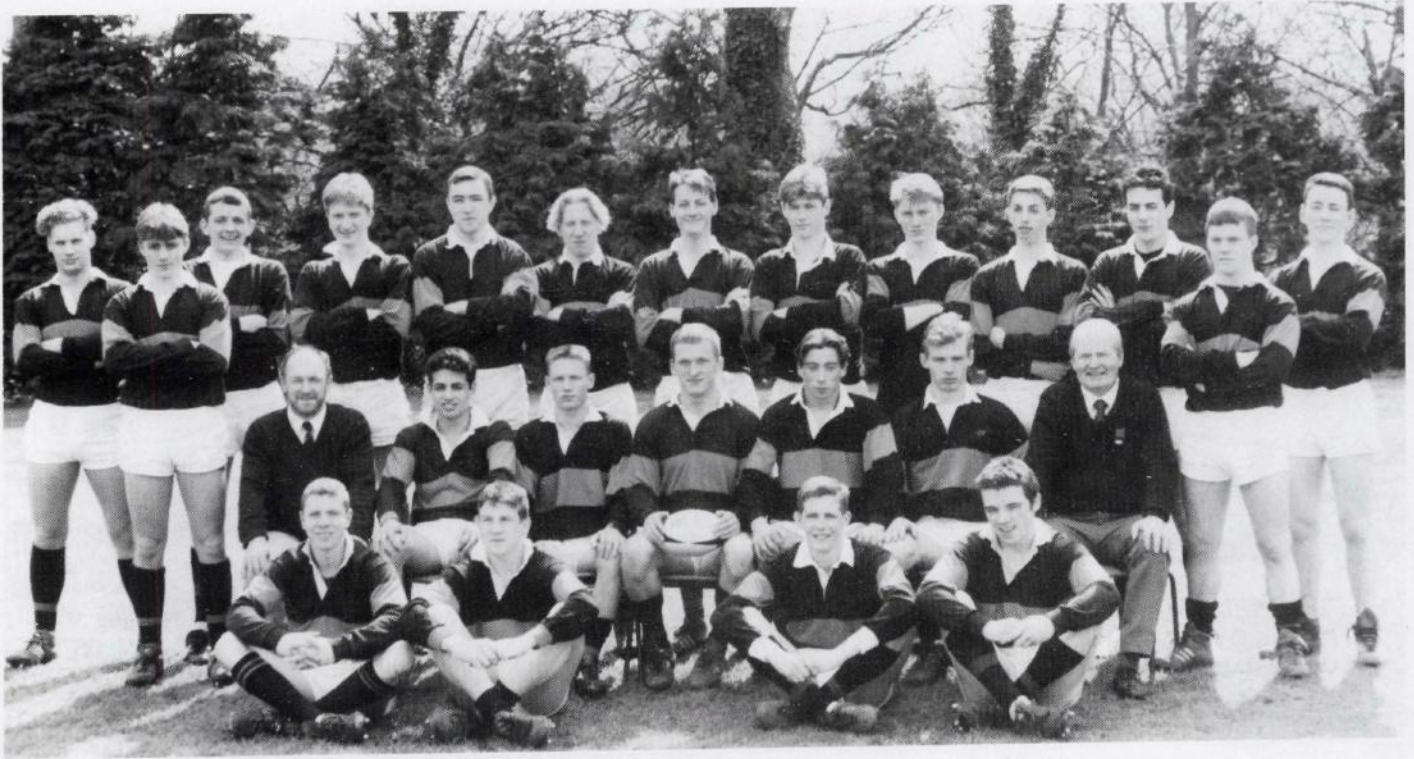
It was at this early stage of the season that John Caird, John Sherry, Warren Bell and Gareth Jacobs were awarded Leinster trials. Congratulations are due to John Sherry who received a place on the Leinster squad and who was subsequently awarded a place on the Ireland Schools "B" Squad.

After a period of disappointing play the team regained its form to defeat King's Hospital (14-8). This form carried through to our next match; however we were narrowly defeated (8-10) by a strong Worcester School XV. Gareth Jacobs scored two fine individual tries in this game.

The following day, the squad departed on its annual tour, destination Holland. The trip was an absolute success by all accounts. The team was undefeated on its five day tour. Our first match was played under floodlights against a monstrous Den Hague team. It was a gruelling and exhausting affair but we emerged victors (16-12), thanks to a superb late try from Warren Bell. It must be added that Den Hague rugby club were very hospitable after the game. The following day the team won a slightly more lighthearted game against B.S.N. (30-6). Dara Brown recorded a notable performance in this match. The tour was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved and it did much to boost an already excellent team spirit.

The three matches directly after the tour were slightly disappointing. We lost to Bangor Grammar School (29-17) despite playing some good rugby. St. Paul's, Raheny, proved too strong up front in the next game and they defeated us (24-12). It was on the same day that the cup draw was released and Gonzaga College were to be our first round opponents. Although some felt that Gonzaga were a very beatable team, all knew that they would be a tough side.

The mighty Saint Munchin's were our next opponents and an excellent try by Manus O'Donnell in the opening moments set our



FIRST FIFTEEN 1991-1992

Standing: (left to right) G. Sheehy, G. Richmond, E. Rogers, K. Richardson, P. Clements, T. Cains, A. Skelton, R. Timlin, M. O'Donnell, D. Micks, W. Bell, T. Farrer, N. Kelly. **Sitting:** (left to right) D. Wright, R. Govender, J. Sherry, J. Caird (captain), G. Jacobs, A. Allen, Mr. D. Cole. **On Ground:** (left to right) G. Carroll, G. Jones, B. Dodd, W. Conlon-Grant.

hopes up early on. However, the powerful St. Munchin's pack proceeded to dominate the afternoon and ultimately to win St. Munchin's the match. Few will forget the 6'5", 16 stone Anthony Foley in a hurry.

The team proved its excellent spirit by overcoming these defeats and defeating cup holders Clongowes (14-9) in the following game. This was undoubtedly our best performance to date and credit must be given to Warren Grant who scored a great try. We also recorded a reasonable performance against the cup favourites St. Mary's. Unfortunately, we lost (22-10); the tries on this occasion came from Emmet Rogers and John Caird. Despite two poor displays against Blackrock College and Castleknock College our form returned and resulted in a (32-10) victory over C.U.S.

History was then made by the First Fifteen as we hosted the First South African team to tour Ireland for over thirty years. It was a learning experience, the match included, which will also be put down to "experience".

Christmas came and went and our first match of the new year was against Ulster rivals, Campbell College. The pack played tremendously in this game and a confident start was made to 1992, despite a narrow (17-12) defeat. After this game, training was intensified, the cup being less than a month away. The squad trained five days weekly and morale was high.

The two matches directly before the cup resulted in two good wins. The first of these two fixtures was against a rough De la Salle team. The match proved to be a gruelling test of character which we won (16-6). The decisive try of the game was scored by Karl Richardson following a fine 60 yard dash down the left touch line. The last match before the cup was against a reputable Presentation College, Bray side. The team recorded a glorious (22-9) win with tries from John Caird and Reuben Govender. The team played brilliantly with the pack dominating the Pres. Bray lineout. Andrew Skelton was exceptional at number four. Peak form had been reached. Next stop was Donnybrook where Gonzaga would be our first round opponents.

After much anxious waiting, January 28th arrived. We started the game exceptionally well with the pack tearing into the

Gonzaga eight and the backs causing Gonzaga a lot of trouble on both wings. John Caird cut through the Gonzaga defence several times in the opening quarter and was unlucky not to score on two occasions. This early pressure was converted into a six point lead by penalties kicked by Warren Bell after two minutes, and by John Caird after 14 minutes. However, in the second quarter High School lapsed and allowed Gonzaga back into the running. Gonzaga scored two first half penalties, leaving the score six all at half time. High School had squandered their early advantage.

We started the second half disastrously. A further slip in concentration allowed Gonzaga to score another penalty closely followed by a converted try. The score was (15-6) to Gonzaga and the season looked over for the first fifteen.

Nevertheless, undaunted by the massive uphill task ahead of us, the pack began to find their feet and the backs found their rhythm once more. Caird continued to bring the attack to Gonzaga and Jacobs began to look more threatening in midfield. High School started to shift their game up a gear. Following a scrum on the half way line, John Sherry moved the ball left to Andrew Allen. An inch perfect kick ahead by Allen resulted in the pack winning second phase possession yards from the Gonzaga line. The ball was moved back across the line, Emmet Rogers linked with Graeme Jones, and Jones drew the final cover before sending Graham Richmond over for a spectacular try. Warren Bell converted the score, narrowing the Gonzaga lead to (15-12). We had found our form once more and that attack commenced again after the restart. With only six minutes remaining on the clock all looked lost. Gonzaga had tightened their defence and seemed strong enough to hold out. However, the day was saved by a heroic 50 yard dash by Duncan Micks. After receiving the ball on the half way line Micks dummied the Gonzaga defence and wove a path through the enemy cover. He was tackled five yards short but a struggled pass was gathered by Jacobs who grounded the ball beside the Gonzaga posts. Another Bell conversion made it (18-15) in our favour. Gonzaga's last ditch attacks were repulsed and a nailbiting last minute penalty attempt was sent wide by the Gonzaga kicker. An inspired fightback had seen us



SECOND FIFTEEN 1991-1992

Standing: (left to right) S. Kilbride, M. O'Donnell, D. Brown, T. Cains, N. O'Gorman, A. Collier, R. Staunton, S. Hanley, I. Young, S. Pemberton, Mr. D. Cole. **Sitting** (left to right) B. Dodd, G. Carroll, T. Farrer, S. Moody (captain), K. Richardson, R. Price, D. Walsh. **On Ground:** (left to right) M. Kelly, N. Kelly, N. McMurray, G. Dunne.

through and this victory showed the spirit and character of the team.

Our second round opponents were a formidable C.B.C. Monkstown side. Monkstown had had an impressive season and although the team were quietly confident, all knew that Monkstown would be a handful. Again, the team had an impressive start, taking a possibly complacent Monkstown XV completely by surprise. Credit must be given to the pack who contained, and often beat, a much heavier Monkstown eight throughout the game. We opened the scoring in the third minute by means of a try from Bell. A lightning counter attack resulted in good ruck ball being won close to the Monkstown posts. An attempt by John Sherry to burrow over the line was foiled but the forwards secured possession once more. This time the ball was popped up to Warren Bell who burst through for the score. Warren converted his own try and we were (6-0) up after only three minutes.

Eight minutes later, following another counter attack by John Sherry, we won a scrum close to the C.B.C. line. The ball was flashed to Caird on the blind side and he powered over for the score. Monkstown could only manage a drop goal before half time making it (10-3) in our favour at the interval. Unlike the previous round we maintained our concentration for the whole game. No half time lapse occurred, in fact the score was added to by an opportunist score from Micks early in the second half. Another fine kick ahead from Allen caused the Monkstown winger immense trouble, Jacobs was on hand to make the tackle. The ball fell loose and Micks gathered and grounded the ball. This 14-3 lead was too great for Monkstown to overcome. A late Monkstown try did little to worry the Reds and Blacks. This match was undoubtedly our best performance of the season and although the backs were fantastic, the pack won the game. Reuben Govender, Graham Jones and Peter Clements were outstanding in their loose play.

This win over Monkstown had earned us a quarter final date with Castleknock College. Castleknock had beaten us during the season but everyone felt that we could beat them in a cup match situation. The match was far from the comprehensive defeat of C.B.C., a match in which we had enjoyed a great deal of possession. The pack came under some difficulty in the lineout and the backs didn't quite click. Nevertheless, we ensured a good start once again. The infamous "Logger" backrow move broke down the blind side and John Caird powered over the line, after receiving a well turned John Sherry pass. The conversion was missed but we were four nil up after 10 minutes.

Castleknock proved to be a tough side and much of the match was spent inside our own half. The half-time score remained (4-0). After the interval Castleknock scored a penalty, making the score (4-3). We were under huge pressure for long periods and it was not until the 54th minute when Warren Bell stretched our lead with a well struck penalty that the pressure was slightly eased. However, Castleknock came back even more ferociously and scrambled touch kicks by Bell and Caird did much to relieve the 'Knock onslaught on many occasions.

In the dying moments of the game the 'Knock winger made a dangerous burst for the line only to be bundled into the corner flag by Caird, the hero of the day. We had managed to hang onto our lead and we had reached the Semi-Final, next stop Lansdowne Road. Needless to say, there was absolute euphoria amongst the team.

Belvedere College emerged victors over St. Michael's and thus became our next opponents. Being the first High School team to play in Lansdowne Road for twelve years. Mr. Cole made every attempt to familiarise us with the ground before the big day.

On the day itself, lady luck was not on our side. The weather was not favourable to our running game, torrential rain making the ball and ground very slippery. Coupled with the elements was the fact that the team had a genuine off-day. Belvedere were too quick to the loose ball and the kicking of their out half, John Philpot was outstanding. The final score was (24-0) to Belvedere who were in fairness the superior side on the day. It wasn't a totally one sided affair; both Caird and Richmond were unlucky not to score on separate occasions.

The season ended on that disappointing note but nothing could take away from the fact that reaching the semi-final was a marvellous achievement.

At the end of this successful season there are a number of people who deserve a great deal of thanks. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Wright and Mr. Cole who were dedicated to the team throughout the season. I would also like to thank John Caird on behalf of all the players. John, as well as being an excellent player, was an excellent and committed captain. The team are also grateful to all their supporters who did much to urge them on and also the Old Wesley Rugby Club who were very generous to us on several occasions.

All that remains to be said is that all involved thoroughly enjoyed the season and those eligible to play next year look forward to the start of the coming season.

Rory Timlin (Secretary)

LEAGUE XV RUGBY SEASON

At the end of last year's season, the prospects looked bleak for the league XV with only the possibility of a skeleton squad for the next year. These fears were soon discovered to be unfounded due to the strengthening of the 1st squad, therefore leaving some first class ranks to boost the team. This added to the fact of our priceless 'Terenure imports' meant the seconds had a starting squad of twenty three players.

Fielding rather a mixed team, mostly playing together for the first time, we dispatched Newbridge (12-7) in our opening match. Despite the winning start, it was clear we needed to mould as a team, which three successive defeats confirmed – St. Mary's, Wesley and King's Hospital. As we slowly developed, so too did our results which a draw against a strong Whitgift side from England proved (13-13). Then, began a successful patch with wins over De la Salle, Churchtown, (3-0), St. Columba's 1st XV (26-0). Our winning streak was only interrupted by some throwaway matches, as we learnt to our cost that pressure on its own does not earn victory, losing to Templeogue, Blackrock and C.U.S. Our form soon returned as we recorded wins over Wesley (15-10), St. Andrew's (38-0) and Clongowes (16-9).

The team underwent some momentous changes during our unpredictable season. From the outset, we gained players previously unknown to High School rugby. These included Timmy Cains, our second row whose ball winning aggression was always present; Trevor Farrar, a prop whose superb technique was matched only by his speed around the pitch, and Sheerin Hanly, the wing who enjoyed nothing more than to run at the opposition in his dangerous attacks. Other new arrivals included Nicholas O'Gorman, whose size and strength on pitch were unusual for a High School number eight as was his lack of seriousness, and Darragh Brown, who played at wing forward and second row and some from J.C.T. level such as Bruce Dodd who, as a centre, could read a game expertly and became famous for his crunching tackles, and Duan Stokes, who made up for his medium speed with aggression, technique and handling ability.

These new team members mixed well with our seasoned players which included Graham Carroll who, after settling into the roll of a team player, used his speed to devastating effect, scoring nine tries; Manus O'Donnell on the wing where his speed and strength made him one of the most dangerous backs; Karl Richardson, who, after making a difficult switch from forwards to the backs established himself as a strong attacker and defender; Ross Staunton, an out-half who with his safe kicking and strong

running became an essential player; Richard Price, a scrum half who worked hard behind his forwards and who, being an excellent passer of the ball, linked well with his out-half; Neil Kelly as hooker was always in evidence in the loose and driving play.

The final member of the team was a certain Alaric Collier who deserved a special mention. This is due to astonishing rise over the season with his fearless desire to win ball, his stern tackling and his overall handling skills. It is for this that he has become the league's player of the season.

The players made my job as captain a lot easier and more enjoyable. A special mention must go to the other squad members whose dedication and commitment were obvious throughout the season. All of these players were skilled, and they were unfortunate not to be chosen for the actual team, although they helped to improve the side. These included Ivor Young, Nicholas McMurray, Simon Kilbride, Gordon Dunne and David Walsh. Also, Dan McKeever and Adam Keegan were lost to injury.

With our team still on a winning streak, spirits were confident for our first league match against Blackrock. On a windy day at Danum, we gained a notable victory with tries from G. Carroll and N. O'Gorman to leave the score (14-3). Next on our league agenda was the Mount Temple 1st XV who duly succumbed to our stronger back play with tries from both wings, M. O'Donnell and S. Hanly, to win (8-3). Fortune was now on our side as our closest rivals Terenure were beaten by the Blackrock side, whom we had already defeated, to allow us lead the league table. So, the league semi-final place was to be decided on our final match against Terenure. We journeyed to a windy Terenure to face our strong opponents. This was to prove our undoing as with our over confidence, we were two tries down in the first few minutes and despite a desperate clawback, we lost 8-3. This plunged ourselves, Blackrock and Terenure into playoffs; Terenure were to play Blackrock to decide who were to play us. We, due to our win over Blackrock, were to rematch Terenure. Although seemingly having learnt our lessons from the first match, we finished the losing side, 7-3, with the match ending the way it started, with us encamped deep in the Terenure half. It was a disappointing end to a very promising season.

All that is left now is to express on behalf of the team, our appreciation to Mr. Wright and Mr. Cole as our initial coaches and then to Phelim McHenry who coached us for the latter half of the season and almost led us to a semi-final place.

Steven Moody (Captain).

JCT Rugby Report

The Junior Cup rugby team had a very successful season. As the season progressed they developed their rugby skills. The backs became a very useful unit learning good, quick handling skills and the ability to run straight at the opposing back-line. The forwards became a strong cohesive unit thanks to the excellent coaching of Duncan Cole. That their progress was not reflected in a Cup run was disappointing to the team. However, as coach I was not disheartened as the players had learnt skills that will allow them to enjoy the game and play it to a high level in future years. The first round cup game in which we were defeated by Kilkenny College was only a small part of our overall season.

Throughout the season this team continually trained very hard. They trained or played games five times a week including early morning fitness sessions in the gym. These sessions developed skills and a level of fitness at a very important stage in their sporting lives. So their defeat against Kilkenny I see in a different light to other people. I see the season in terms of what players have learnt and the enjoyment they derived from playing rugby.

The backs' captain was Mark Williams who played at out-half. He is a fearless tackler who can read the game very well. He can decide quickly whether to make a break himself through a gap or

to get his back-line moving and support them outside. He was encouraging to his players and a great help to me as coach. The forwards captain was Gavin Douglas who played at No. 8. Likewise he was a good captain. He became an excellent lineout jumper and a good supporter of his forwards around the field.

At scrumhalf Adrian McDowell developed into a fine player learning to pass quickly and accurately. The inside centre, Keith Williams, became one of the finest backs on the team, constantly probing gaps with a quick change of pace. Outside him was Ian Marconi who was also a strong runner. The wingers were Leo McKenna – James and Gareth Staunton, Leo having a great pace and Gareth being one of the team's best tacklers. At fullback was Trevor Grant who constantly joined the line to good effect and developed a fine sense of positioning as the season progressed.

The front row was very solid. At loose head was John Lalor who was a mobile forward capable of tidying up the loose ball. John was also the team's place kicker. Timothy Carty was hooker. He established himself in this position in a remarkably short time. The tight head prop was Julian Caillabet who was never beaten up front. The second row was made up of Garret Lyons and Angus Cowie. Both these forwards contributed in so many



J.C.T.

Back Row: Mr. Mills, G. Rave, D. Long, J. Green, I. Marconi, G. Douglas, D. Finlay, L. Byrne, K. Williams, J. Caillabet. **Middle Row:** T. Carty, G. Staunton, G. Lyons, M. Williams, T. Conlon-Grant, M. King, A. Reidy. **Front Row:** M. Good, J. Free, J. Green, J. Lalor. **Inset:** Angus Cowie.

departments of the game, especially the lineout. The wing forwards were Andrew Finlay, who became one of the finest forwards on the team and Michael Good, who was one of the most intelligent forwards on the team.

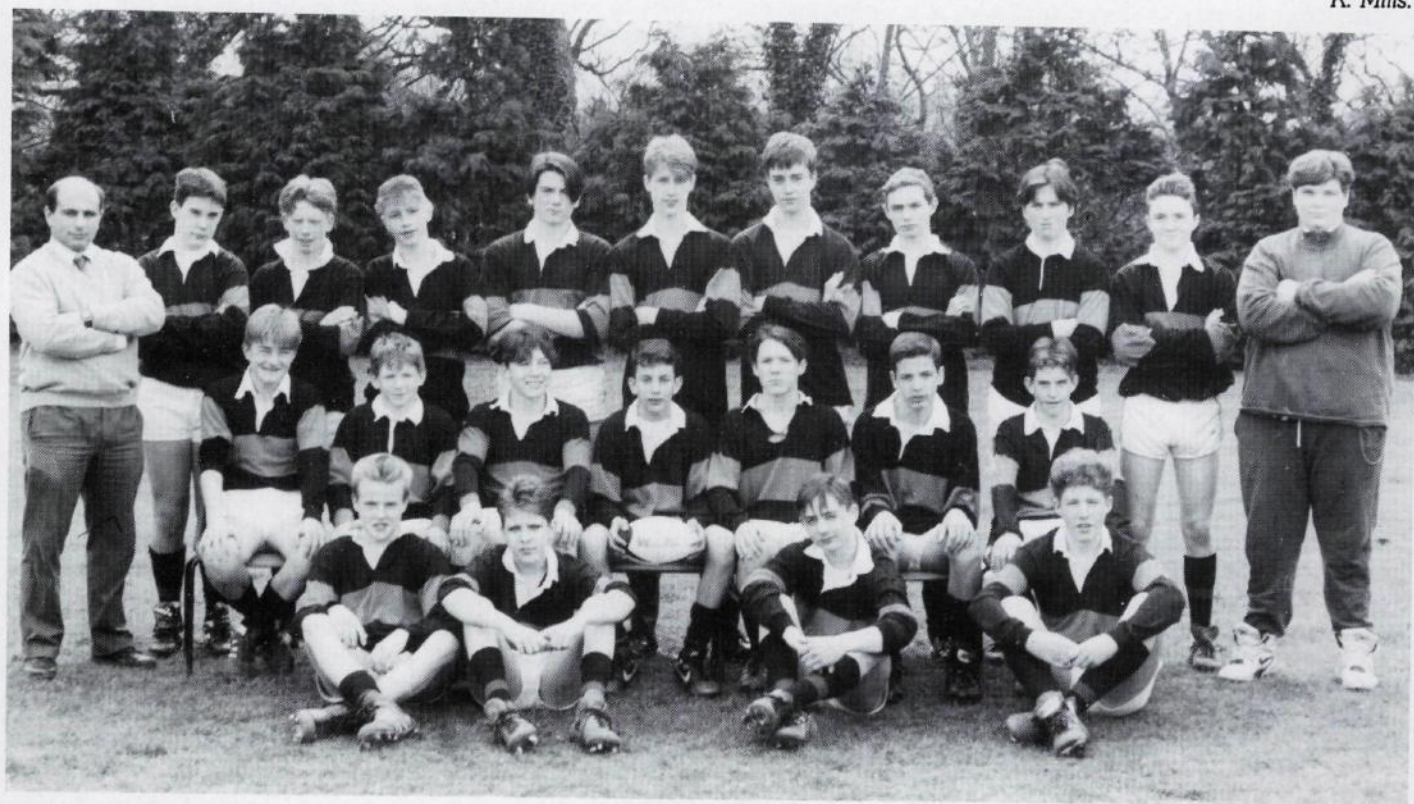
Backing up these players throughout the season were John Free, Stephen Greene, David Long, Gareth Hopkins, Michael

King and Ben Kiersey.

The 'B' Team enjoyed their rugby as well. They were captained by Stephen Greene and coached by Mr. Irwin.

The Junior team this year was made up of a large number of U-14 players. This augurs very well for next year's Junior Cup Team.

K. Mills.



UNDER-14 "A"

Standing: Mr. Davies, P. Forde, T. Carthy, G. Timlin, J. Lamlor, A. Whelan, A. McKee, C. Lowe, K. Byrne, M. Reid, J. Caillabet. **Seating:** J. Hanan, P. Campbell, M. King, D. Bell, T. Conlon-Grant, R. McCullagh, T. McDonnell. **In Front:** D. Gordon, R. Casey, J. Brown, F. Rice.



U-13 "A" RUGBY 1991-'92

Standing: Mr. Fennell, A. O'Sullivan, P. Kirwan, G. Harper, M. Craven, J. Griffin, F. White, S. Koya, **Sitting:** P. Johnston, M. Nolan, S. Wynne (captain), P. Tanner, D. Finaly, S. Halligan, K. Egan, G. O'Meara.

UNDER-13 RUGBY

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
U-13 A	18	7	0	11
U-13 B	16	4	3	9
U-13 C	9	6	0	3
U-13 D	3	3	0	0

The above statistics seem to show that 1991-92 was a poor season but the reality is that most of the defeats were at the beginning of the season against the strong schools such as Blackrock, St. Mary's, Belvedere and Terenure who have been playing rugby for three or four years. As the season progressed the teams developed in skills and confidence. Some fine results were achieved against St. Benildus, Wesley, Clongowes, Newbridge, Willow Park, Newpark, C.U.S., Templeogue, De La Salle and Sandford Park.

The season ended with a most enjoyable performance in the Benildus Invitation 7-a-side when 28 tries were scored in four matches and only 4 against. The High School group were considered by the organisers to be the most skilful and enterprising of the tournament. This group contains many fine players with determination and a brave fighting quality who should develop into the stars of future High School teams.

I would like to thank Grahame Walsh and Russell Fennell for all their coaching help during the season. We also appreciate all parents' support on the touch line and last minute help with transport.

R.H.F.

CRICKET REPORT 1991 SEASON

1st XI

High School's season began with three friendlies, warm-ups before the campaign to retain the senior cup.

The first was against Mount Temple; batting first we made 185/4 (J. Molins 68, G. Clarke 56). Mount Temple were dismissed easily for only 56 (G. O'Meara 5/19). The second friendly was against Sandford Park which provided us with another win. We made 156/5 (G. Murphy 51, G. O'Meara 50) Sandford were bowled out for 124 (G. Molins taking 4/17). The final friendly was away to St. Columba's College, a game which ended in a draw.

Our opening League match was against Wilson's Hospital at Danum. We won the toss and batted first, making 146/6 (J. Molins 50, S. Taylor 35). Wilson's showed little resistance and were dismissed for 74 runs, S. Taylor taking 5/35 on his debut for the school.

The annual match against the Leprechauns resulted in our first loss of the season. We made 162/2 (J. Molins 41, G. O'Meara 41). The Leprechauns had no problem reaching this target and won by 5 wickets.

Our second league match was played on the artificial wicket at C.Y.M. against Terenure College. Batting first, High School made 186/2, which included a brilliant batting display from Jason Molins who scored 119 not out. They were all out for 127 with S. Taylor taking 7/41.

Wesley College was the venue for our second last qualifying match. Three fine innings from G. Murphy (46), J. Molins (44) and S. Taylor (42) brought our score to 158/4. Wesley were all out for 127, despite making an encouraging start, (J. Molins 4/25 and G. Molins with 3/50).

Next came the match against Old Boys XI played at Danum.



1st XI 1991

Standing: (right to left): Mr. P. Prendergast, B. Jackson, Jason Kilroy, Jason Molins, Glyn Murphy, Timothy Cains, Debbie Finnie (scorer). **Seated:** Gavin Miller, Greg Molins, Graham Walsh, Mark Vincent, Gareth O'Meara, Gordon Clarke, Mr. R. McMullen. **Absent:** S. Taylor, J. Carson, S. Rance.

High School batted first and again the batting came from J. Molins who scored 106. We finished up at 159/4. The Old Boys just missed victory, 154 all out. The final qualifying match was against King's Hospital. High School batted first and made 138/8 (G. Molins 53, G. Murphy 30). King's Hospital as their score shows never posed any threat. They were bowled out for 54 (S. Taylor 3/10, G. Molins 3/11, J. Molins 3/15).

Before the final came a match against Coleraine XI and a visit to meet the President Mary Robinson. The match against Coleraine was played on the Saturday before the final. Coleraine made 201/6 and we were all out for 96, not exactly a morale boost before the final.

The final was on the 28th of May, our opponents were the same as last year, Belvedere College. High School played their worst cricket of the season and we were dismissed for only 89 runs. J. Molins was top scorer with 28. We came out from tea knowing that we had nowhere near enough runs on the board for victory. However, for a time it did look as if we were going to pull off a brilliant escape; S. Taylor took their first four wickets for only 14 runs in a spell 15-10-14-4. But when he had finished his spell and their captain and number two batsman began to open up, the game slipped away from us. Belvedere won by 5 wickets and the cup was leaving Danum.

End of season awards went to Jason Molins for his brilliant batting throughout the season. Stewart Taylor received an award for the best all rounder and the fielding award went to Graham Walshe.

Congratulations to Stewart Taylor who was selected to play for Ireland as well as playing for Leinster Schools and South Leinster U-19. Well done also to Jason Molins who played for Leinster Schools XI and along with Gareth O'Meara played on the South Leinster U-19 side.

Thanks to Mr. Prendergast for his coaching and encouragement, to the captain Mark Vincent and to our dedicated scorer.

D. Finnie (6th)

SECOND XI

This season the 2nd XI played in the 'B' league and were reasonably successful, winning two out of their four matches. Our first match was against a fine St. Mary's College side who scored 120 off their 20 overs, with some good bowling by Matt King and Peter O'Leary for High School. But we could not muster enough runs, eventually being bowled out forty runs short of our target, with Glyn Murphy scoring 46.

The next match was against arch-rivals Belvedere College and we notched a very satisfying victory, scoring 103 for 2. (T. Cains 39*, G. Murphy 51*) and then fine bowling by David Walsh and Benjamin Jackson (3 wickets apiece) restricted our opponents to a score of 84. In our next game, versus CUS, we turned up with only nine players. Two innocent bystanders, Simon White and Steven Moody, were snatched from the soccer pitch and cajoled into playing for us. Both duly provided some memorable moments in the field as we dismissed CUS for 68, through some fine spin bowling by Mark Johnstone, and then easily attained this total.

We needed to win our final match against a strong St. Columba's side in order to keep alive our hopes of reaching the league final, but despite some enterprising play from Johnny Walshe and Grahame Walsh with the bat and the efforts of Colin Darby and Dave Curtis in the field, we were narrowly beaten. Despite this disappointing end to the season, the players all enjoyed their cricket which was played in a nicely relaxed manner, and on behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. McMullen for his umpiring and coaching during the season and also to those who supported us.

Glyn Murphy (captain)

JUNIOR XI

The team started this season enthusiastically with their target being to recapture the league cup from Belvedere. Our first match was a friendly with Wesley College. High School batting first made 125 for 6 (J. Carson 26, G. Molins 40*) in 30 overs.



J.C.T. 1991

Standing: (left to right): S. Sheldon, D. Bell, N. Walsh, M. King, T. McDonald, S. Moody (scorer). **Sitting:** (left to right): Mr. R. Davies, B. Murphy, K. Kinch, D. Micks (Captain), R. McCulloch, G. Miller, G. Molins.

Then, due to some excellent bowling from Niall Walsh, Wesley were bowled out for 87 (N. Walsh 5 for 17).

The first league game was against St. Andrew's College in Booterstown. Batting first, The High School made 152 for 3 (D. Micks 67*, G. Molins 50) and in reply St. Andrew's were bowled out for 43 (G. Molins 3 for 7, N. Walsh 2 for 15, J. Carson 2 for 16).

The second league game was an equally impressive win for The High School. Sandford Park School batting first were bowled

out for 28 (G. Molins 3 for 0, F. Carson 2 for 1) and High School made 32 without loss (D. Micks 15*, J. Carson 17*). Then an understrength High School side played a friendly with St. Columba's. They were bowled out for 73 (G. Miller 2 for 6, C. Rice 3 for 13) and in reply High School made 54 all out.

The third league match was against Wilson's Hospital at Danum. High School batted first and made 135 for 7 (J. Carson 30, G. Molins 35, R. Timlin 19*). Sadly we lost Rory after this game through injury.



UNDER-14 CRICKET 1991

Standing: S. Sheldon, D. Haslett, D. Gould, A. Finlay, N. Walsh, Mr. Fennell, **Sitting:** L. Byrne, I. Wilkinson, J. Murphy, D. Bell, R. McCulloch, M. King, J. Free. **Missing:** F. Carson.

The last league game was against Gonzaga College and High School made 123 for 8 with an excellent innings from David Bell who made 74. Gonzaga were then bowled out for 71 (F. Carson 4 for 9).

The league final was against Belvedere College at Wesley College on 30th May. High School batting first made the disappointing total of 75 (G. Molins 18, C. Rice 14*) due to some excellent bowling and Belvedere reached this total without loss.

Finally on behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Davies and Mr. Fennell for all their encouragement and coaching throughout the season.

Duncan Micks (captain)

UNDER-14

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The under-14s got off to a terrible start, losing their opening two matches, the first to C.U.S. by 6 wickets and the second to Gonzaga by 4 runs.

Then things started to improve, we beat St. Mary's College by

79 runs (D. Bell 74, N. Walsh 31) and Sandford Park by 9 wickets.

At the end of the season we lost our last three matches to Wesley, Belvedere and St. Andrew's. We all look forward to a better season next year.

David Bell (captain)

Under-13

The under-13's started the season very well with a 105 run victory over C.U.S., followed by a 9 wicket win over Sandford Park and an 8 wicket win over Wesley College.

Then we started our Cup run. We met Sandford Park in the first round and beat them by 10 wickets. In the second round we beat Castlepark by 8 wickets. In the semi-final we met St. Andrew's and got them out for 103 runs thanks to Jonathan Murphy who took 3 for 24 and Leo Byrne who took 2 for 20. We replied with 105 for 1 (Fraser Carson 36*, Ross McCulloch 38).

In the final we faced a much tougher Belvedere College side who beat us by 27 runs. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Fennell whose coaching got us all the way to the final.

David Bell (captain)



U-13 CRICKET 1991 CUP FINALISTS

Standing: A. Burke, T. White, G. McClintock, L. Byrne, A. Hilliard, M. Homan, D. Haslett, B. Fogarty, Mr. Fennell. **Sitting:** J. Scales, G. Cadoo, J. Murphy, D. Bell (captain), R. McCulloch, M. King, T. McDonald. **Missing:** F. Carson, T. Carty, W. Sinalby.

Athletics 1991/92

The High School annual Track and Field Championships were held, in splendid weather conditions, early in the Summer term, on May the 8th, and produced one of the most exciting and closest Senior Boys' 100 metre finals seen in High School for a long time, with Andrew Monteith just scraping through to take gold.

Sports Cup Winners 1991

Boys:

Taylor Cup
Moore Cup
Cornick Cup
Southam Cup
Walker Cup

Senior 100 metres
Senior 200 metres
Senior 400 metres
Senior 800 metres
Senior 1500 metres

Andrew Monteith
Andrew Monteith
Jack Slattery
Jack Slattery
Jack Slattery

Sloan Cup

Travers Cup
Whyte Cup
War Memorial Cup
Magill Cup
Cunningham Cup

Senior Long Jump

Senior High Jump
Senior Field Events
Senior Points
U-15 100 metres
Junior Points

Gareth Jacobs

Gareth Jacobs
Gareth Jacobs
Andrew Monteith
Duncan Micks
Duncan Micks

Girls:

Taylor Cup
Belgrave Cup
Hughes Cup
Packenham &
Hamilton Cup

Senior Points
Senior 200 metres
Senior Track Events
U-14 High Jump

Sinead Whiting
Sinead Whiting
Sinead Whiting
Wendy Lipson

The highlight of the 1991 Leinster Schools Track and Field Championships was the performance of the Senior Boys 4 x 100 metre relay team who finished a very close third in the final for the second year running. The team just missed qualifying for the All-Ireland Finals by one hundredth of a second. The members of the team were Gareth Jacobs, Andrew Monteith, John Caird and Josh Walker. Other athletes to qualify for the Leinster Finals were Jack Slattery in the 800m., Gareth Jacobs and Duncan Micks in the Long Jump, Matt King in the Shot, Neil Cogan in the High Jump and Andrew Monteith in the 110m. Hurdles.

In High Jump, interest continued to grow and standards improve thanks to the time and specialized coaching generously given by Mrs. Marjorie Travers during the Spring and Summer terms of 1991.

The 1991/92 Cross Country Season opened with a race against St. Columba's, at High School. Michael O'Dwyer won the Senior section, with Geoffrey Bradley 3rd, Stephen Lipson 4th, Andrew Sinnamon 8th, Mark Simms 10th and Richard McCrea 15th. The team event was lost by one point. Graeme Flower came in a very good second in the Junior section with Tadgh and Fiacre White coming in 4th and 5th respectively. The Juniors won the team event which compensated them for not winning the actual race.

The next race was in St. Enda's. Several schools took part in this race. The Junior team of G. Flower, F. White and R. Hamilton ran a good race. S. Lipson came 4th in the Intermediate section. The Senior team won the team event with M. O'Dwyer coming in 2nd, M. Simms 4th and G. Bradley 6th.

Our return leg against St. Columba's took place at their grounds in the Dublin Mountains on the 1st of February. The

Juniors ran a two lap course with G. Flower coming in a very close second. Tadgh and Fiacre White ran well also. The Senior race was an experience for those who ran it – a three and a half mile, one lap race, which included one very steep hill along with plenty of slightly less severe ones, countless gates and fences which had to be surmounted, ditches to be jumped over, mud baths in which to wallow, a big stream to wade through and, to cap all those, a ploughed field to cross. In spite of all these obstacles the High School Seniors ran rings around St. Columba's, with M. O'Dwyer coming in 1st, M. Simms 3rd, S. Lipson 4th, G. Bradley 5th, R. McCrea 10th and Stephen Kelly 14th (after getting lost somewhere up in the mountains). These placings guaranteed High School victory in the team event.

These great performances were carried on into the East Leinster Championship 12 days later in St. Benildus College, with G. Flower coming in a well deserved 36th in the Junior race, with the White brothers not far behind. S. Lipson was placed 28th in the Intermediate section. The best performances to be noted were in the Senior race with M. Simms 8th and A. Sinnamon 22nd, both qualifying for the Leinster Finals. R. McCrea came 24th. The Leinster Finals took place in Coolmine where M. Simms came 62nd.

A six mile mountain race took place in early December at St. Columba's. The competitors ranged in age from 16 to veterans. S. Lipson came in 5th with M. Simms and Mr. Toomey not far behind.

I should like to thank Mr. Toomey for his support and encouragement throughout the season and for the time he spent in training us all.

Stephen Lipson 5th (Athletics Captain)

Boys Hockey 1991-92

SENIOR 1st XI

This season's boys XI was probably the best team produced by the school in recent years, playing some excellent hockey and reaching the Final of the Leinster Senior 'B' League. Our first league match marked the beginning of an eight-match undefeated run as we beat Newpark 2-1 (G. Murphy). Local

opponents Wesley were the next to be beaten, this time 2-1 (V. Poynton, G. Murphy) with outstanding efforts from Bruce Murphy and Mark Johnston in defence. High School then drew 1-1 (G. Miller) with St. Andrew's. We ensured that we topped our section of the league with a fine attacking performance against Newtown winning 5-0 (J. Walshe 2, K. Edgely 2, G. Murphy).



S.C.T. "B" LEAGUE FINALISTS

Standing: J. Walshe, G. Miller, M. Johnston, E. Nicholson, G. O'Meara, K. Kinch, B. Murphy. **Sitting:** C. Lyons, J. Chipperfield, B. Harley, G. Murphy (captain), E. Kenny, K. Edgely. **In absentia:** V. Poynton, S. Robinson, R. Pearce, Mr. I. Blackmore.

In the Cup, we first met Sutton Park and won 1-0 (G. Murphy) in a scrappy game. An understrength side then travelled to play Kilkenny in the Quarter-Final of the competition and produced what was undoubtedly the best performance of the season, only losing 0-1 to one of the strongest 'A' league teams in Leinster. Ed. Nicholson in goal, Sam Robinson and Bruce Harley in midfield all turned in superb displays that day and Karl Kinch and Gareth O'Meara came close to scoring for High School.

The Semi-Final of the League was next on the agenda and we progressed to the Final, beating Drogheda 2-1, through a penalty flick from G. Murphy and a short-corner 'exocet' from Gareth O'Meara, our centre forward. In the Final we were matched against Sandford Park and our confidence was high, particularly as we had scored four goals against them twice in two previous friendlies.

The Final was played at Grange Road and despite the encouragement of a large and vociferous crowd, the team never really began to play their passing game on the slick superturf surface. An early strike from Sandford was cancelled out by a penalty flick from Glyn Murphy and thanks to the efforts of Eamon Kenny at right-back and Ronan Pearse at sweeper, the score remained at 1-1 after extra time. A marathon penalty flick 'shootout' then ensued, with Sandford eventually winning 8-7.

Despite the failure to collect any silverware, this was a most rewarding season for the squad as a whole and I would like to thank all those players, including Jeremy Chipperfield and Conor Lyons who were on the fringes of the team during the season, for their commitment throughout the season. On behalf of the team I would also like to thank all our supporters and most particularly, our coach, Mr. Blackmore, whose dedication and enthusiasm were the main factors in the team's success during the year.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the Governors of High School on their far-sighted decision to build an astro-turf pitch. This new facility has undoubtedly increased skill levels among the entire hockey-playing population of the school and has led to a greater interest in the sport within the school. I would suggest to those in authority that they harness this new interest by making hockey an optional sport for every boy in the school. Such a

move, coupled with an increase in the number of boys' teams playing hockey and a substantial increase in coaching resources, should see High School sides competing at the highest levels within a few years. The success of this year's rugby S.C.T. and the experience of similar schools such as the King's Hospital and Wesley, prove that such a decision need not necessarily be to the detriment of rugby. A more liberal policy such as the one outlined above would give a sporting outlet to many who do not wish to play rugby and permit an environment where rugby and hockey for boys can exist equally.

Glyn Murphy (captain)

JUNIOR 1st XI

This year's JCT hockey team had a very successful season considering that many of the team had only started playing in Third Year.

We started off the season drawing against Wesley 2-2 in the League and this result was extremely encouraging as the team hadn't played a full competitive match before. We then went on to beat a very weak St. Patrick's team 7-0. Our next match was away to Kilkenny whom we beat 3-1. We continued our fine run beating Newpark School 2-0. With this win we finished 1st in our section of the League.

The semi-final match was against Sutton Park School. We started off well taking a one goal lead: however Sutton came back strongly to beat us 2-1.

In the Cup we came up against a much stronger Newpark team while we were also missing many key players. They beat us fairly convincingly and went on to become finalists.

The season closed with a friendly match against a Northern Irish team, Newtown Bready, who defeated us in a very close game 2-1.

The standard of our hockey this year has improved considerably due to the use of the "astro-turf" pitch and a lot of thanks must go to Mr. Blackmore whose coaching and expertise were just as important.

Gavin Miller (captain)



J.C.T. "B" LEAGUE SEMI-FINALISTS

Standing: G. Molins, I. Wilkinson, J. Blain, B. Murphy, A. Locke, C. Rice, K. Kinch, G. Miller (captain), D. Bell, J. Goulden. **Sitting:** R. Metcalfe, D. Gould, L. Clements, B. Fogarty, R. McCormack, S. Edge. **Inabsentia:** Mr. I. Blackmore.

Basketball Report 1991/1992

The High School had their most successful year to date, capturing the U-19B and U-16B Championship titles and reaching the final of the U-15A League.

UNDER-19 TEAM

Captain: Peter Walker.

Team: Peter Walker, Gavin Dodd, Eamonn Gallagher, Garret Lyons, Rory Kavanagh, Mark Williams, Gavin Douglas, Mark Reid, David Bell, Shane Pemberton.

In the quarter-final of the championship Portlaoise were beaten by 9 points. In the semi-final the Spanish school Yago were beaten by close to 30 points, a fine victory considering they had beaten us at the same stage of the competition the previous year. The final was against Newbridge College. High School got off to a very good start with Peter Walker notching up 21 points in the first half. Unfortunately, he got into foul trouble and got fouled out with minutes to go to half-time. Gavin Dodd, our main baseline player also got into foul trouble which severely limited his scoring potential. Despite the problems High School managed to maintain a lead throughout the second half with Eamonn Gallagher and Mark Williams putting in strong performances. Eamonn scored a game high of 28 points. This was the most important trophy in basketball that High School had won.



U-19 BASKETBALL TEAM

Back Row (l-r): Mr. K. Mills, Mark Williams, Gavin Douglas, Gavin Dodd, Eamon Gallagher, Shane Pemberton. **Front Row** (l-r): Garrett Lyons, Mark Reid, Peter Walker, Rory Kavanagh, David Bell (Capt.).

UNDER-16 TEAM

Captain: Eamonn Gallagher.

Team: Eamon Gallagher, Garrett Lyons, Gavin Douglas, Rory Kavanagh, Mark Williams, Julien Caillabet, Nigel Moody, Mark Reid, David Bell.



U-16 BASKETBALL TEAM

Back Row (l-r): Mr. K. Mills, Nigel Moody, Mark Williams, Gavin Douglas, Julien Caillabet. **Front Row** (l-r): Garrett Lyons, Mark Reid, Eamonn Gallagher (Capt.), Rory Kavanagh, David Bell.

This team had massive victories in their quarter-final match against St. Declan's (108-28) and in their semi-final against St. Fintan's. The final was against Gormanston who had excellent three point shooters and good rebounders. Despite a 12 point lead at half-time we went 8 points down in the second half and only rallied in the last four minutes to obtain victory (71-61). Eamonn Gallagher achieved a High School record of 50 points in the final.



U-15 BASKETBALL TEAM

Back Row (l-r): Mr. Mills, Mark Reid, Mark Williams, Julien Caillabet, Nick Cogan. **Front Row** (l-r): Mark Nolan, David Bell, Eamonn Gallagher (Capt.), Gary McGouran, Ian Marconi.

UNDER-15 TEAM

Captain: Eamonn Gallagher.

Team: Eamonn Gallagher, Mark Williams, Mark Reid, David Bell, Julien Caillabet, Ian Marconi, Eric Field, Nick Cogan, Mark Nolan, Gary McGouran.

This team participated in the Premier A League. They are a team with a very good future. They qualified for the final having finished runners-up in the league. They met Coláiste Eanna in the final and went down by three points in a very close encounter. David Bell scored a game high of 14 points. They also competed in an All-Ireland Schools invitation tournament in Cork where they were narrowly defeated in the semi-final by the eventual winners, North Monastery.

UNDER-14 TEAM

Captain: Gary McGouran.

Team: Gary McGouran, Mark Nolan, Peter Johnston, Aaron Jewell, Trevor Steadman, Gareth Nevin, Robert Kiernan, Robert Hamilton, Laughlin Sweeney, David Finlay, Fiachra White, Matt Walker, Nicky White, Ian Love, Stuart Halligan, Philip Maher, Alan O'Sullivan, Geoffrey Griffin.

This is mainly a first year team who have started learning the game this year. They will be playing in a first year league in the summer term. This team contains some very good prospects. They train exceptionally well.

Finally I must mention some notable achievements by High School players. Eamonn Gallagher is a truly outstanding player. He captained the Leinster U/15 Team which won the Inter-Provincials. He captained the Irish U/15 Team which won the Home Countries Internationals in Southampton. In the process Ireland beat England by over 20 points. By all accounts he was one of the finest captains and players ever to represent Ireland at this level. Mark Williams was also chosen to play on the Leinster U/15 Team and Mark Reid was chosen for a final trial for this team.

So it was a very successful year for High School basketball and gave players in first year something to aim for. From now on High School teams will be playing in the premier 'A' Leagues at all levels, a remarkable achievement considering the school has only been playing in competition for five years.

K. Mills

SECOND YEAR GIRLS

This year the 2nd year girls competed in the S.S.A. Basketball League. Training involved a lot of hard work on the team's part and a lot of time outside school hours. We have also played a number of friendly matches against schools in the area which were thoroughly enjoyable. We are looking forward to another successful year. The team members are:

Susanne Moody, captain.
Jill Carroll, vice-captain.
Nadine Mull
Beverly Jones
Jane Toolan
Kirsty Clarke
Emma Kenealy.

We would like to welcome the following new members to the team:

Leah Caulwell
Sarah Quinn McDonagh
Niamh Swords
Kelsey Baldwin

Last but not least we would all like to thank Miss Bergin for all her hard work and effort throughout the year.

FIRST YEAR GIRLS

Miss Bergin asked us if we would be interested in playing basketball, so a few girls went at the start and really enjoyed it and encouraged other girls to play.

So our first proper training session was on a Saturday. We played basketball on the outside court and it was great fun. Miss Bergin showed us the basics about basketball, for example, she showed us how to do the lay up. A week later we had our second training session and we were shown how to play a proper match and we really enjoyed ourselves. Miss Bergin set up our first basketball match with St. Louis. We lost that match because they were a more experienced team, Miss Bergin thought we played well for our first match. Members of the First Year team are:

Cleona Gray
Grace McKee
Caroline Ruane
Rachel Kiersey
Lynn Cogan
Cheryl Hodgkinson
Sally Walsh
Gillian Palmer
Deirdre Lunny
Janice Duggan
Vanessa Carswell.

Girls Cricket 1991

1st XI

This year's 1st XI cricket team had a most enjoyable season for those who took part. The team was made up of a much younger side than in previous years, with the loss of a lot of Senior members.

We had the privilege of being coached by a member of the Leinster Cricket Team, Miss Squires. Unfortunately, we were unable to regain the League Trophy that had been won in 1989.

We had a close match against Skerries at the start of the season, when we were beaten after a testing match. We went on to win our next match which was against Mount Anville, but were unable to win our final match.

Many thanks to all who played and supported us throughout

the season and finally to Mrs. Mellon for her enthusiastic encouragement and commitment throughout the season.

Wendy Moffett (captain)

2nd XI CRICKET 1991

Due to the shortness of the term, the 2nd XI had very few competitive matches. Nevertheless, it was a most enjoyable season with plenty of team spirit and enthusiasm.

We failed to win our section of the league with narrow defeats by Mount Anville and Wesley College. The standard of play was very high, so on behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her continuous encouragement and support.

Ingrid O'Callaghan (captain)



U-15 CRICKET 1991

Standing: M. Forrest, D. Govinder, S. Hardiman, S. Murphy, N. Mull, J. Carroll, L. Caulwell. **Seated:** Mrs. G. Mellon, E. Kinealy, C. Kennedy, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Gillen, L. Harris, S. Moody.

BADMINTON

BOYS

The Under-19's were a very young team and, consequently did not do too well in their matches. However, there was much experience gained during the matches played, which should help to produce a very strong team next year, who should win their section. The Under-16 and Under-14 teams won many of their matches but just failed to gain sufficient points to progress any further in their sections.

CUPS

U-19 Boys: Won by Conor Lyons (5th Year)

U-19 Mixed: Won by Conor Lyons and Amanda Hart

U-14 Boys: Won by Derek Fisher.

Conor Lyons (5th)

GIRLS

This year we entered three teams in the Leinster Badminton Schools League. Mrs. Turpin coached the Under-19's, Under-16's and the Under-14's for the past year for which we are extremely grateful.

The Under-19 team consisted of Leona Reilly, Amanda Hart, Gillian Dowling and Avril Patterson. The Under-16's were Sandie Johnson, Wendy Lipson, Samantha Giusti and Gail Bovenizer.

Finally the Under-14's consisted of Sinead Fry, Gemma Kenealy, Trudi Carroll and Kirsty Clarke.

The teams played well throughout the League matches and we are looking forward to a high standard again next year.

Gillian Dowling (secretary)

Tennis Report 1991

GIRLS

The senior tennis team for the 1991 season consisted of Charlotte Harrison, Fiona Campbell, Carina Coleman, Wendy Moffett, Hazel Glynn and Carol Moore. In spite of good play and talent shown by all the team we had a short lived season, being beaten by a very experienced team from Our Lady's, Terenure.

The Junior tennis team consisted of Liz Jenkins (captain), Jennifer Gillan, Michelle Williams, Samantha Holly, Wendy Lipson, Vicky Levis, Lindsay Maidment. An enjoyable season was had by the team with matches against Alexandra College and Chapelizod.

We hope that with the new hockey pitch just completed which can be converted to fabulous tennis courts, there will be a renewal of interest and enthusiasm in tennis and next season will prove to be a successful one.

Fiona Campbell

BOYS

The Senior Boys team found themselves drawn against a strong Terenure team and were defeated 4-2. The Juniors for the first time played in the strong section of the cup but were outclassed.

Once again we were indebted to Rathgar Tennis Club for the use of their courts and next year we hope to have our own courts in school which will encourage pupils to play more.

L. McC.

Caving Report

This season's caving exploits have been slack enough, formerly because of some strange and select excuses from our guide and mentor, Mr. Wright and, latterly, due to the success of the S.C.T. However, the few trips there were produced some excellent potholing. The first of these excursions was to Fanor in County Clare. On Saturday a small and select group descended into Fannarooska, a cave with some "interesting" traversing and footwork. It is a beautiful cave which follows a very twisty path and

it is well worth the trouble. It does, however, leave you with one dilemma before you would do it again - whether to diet to fit down it or to binge and protect yourself from some of the sharp rocks! The next day we did an old school favourite called Poll Dubh, a cave that goes down well with everybody on a Sunday. There were no surprises down there and I don't think we left too many behind us for the next group.

Our next trip was during November to Lisdoonvarna. There we bumped into the Trinity caving club and hence joined forces with some old boys and girls from H.S.D. The cave we did on Saturday was another part of Poll Dubh, a passage not frequented very often by the pupils of the school. Down this cave some of the students had the opportunity to help and watch experiments that were being conducted to test for Weils Disease, an infection which can be caught down caves. Our impromptu biology lesson 10 metres underground was very interesting. On Sunday we ventured down Pol na Gree; no great skill is required to attempt this cave and if you do, your reward will be a spectacular underground waterfall at the end.

Our final trip took us once again to the sprawling metropolis of Lisdoonvarna in the west of Ireland. The first day was spent exploring vast amounts of Lower Poll na Gollum; unfortunately though, we would have needed about a week to get through all 22kms. of it - it is the longest cave system in this country. The second day we set out with every good intention of doing Gragan, but we failed to realise that An Coillte Teo had been there since we last had, and in our absence they had planted several hectares of forest around the entrance to our cave, hence making it impossible to find. Some of us struggled (in wet suits) through the forest for a few hours and eventually we did find the entrance, but unfortunately it was too late to do anything about it.

The budding speleologists among us in 6th year would like to take this opportunity to thank (whole-heartedly) Mr. Wright and all the other guides for introducing us to the sport all those years ago and for their never-ending help, patience and sense of humour.

Niamh Lunny (6)

Swimming



Swimming took place every Tuesday evening at Terenure College Pool. A very large attendance in September saw the season off to a good start with several promising young swimmers coming into Form I.

The Gala was held in November where the major awards went to:

Gwen Le Lu, Senior Girls Championship
Ciúin Doherty, Senior Boys Championship
Robert Walsh, Junior Boys Championship.

J.S.

Hillwalking 1991/1992



As has been traditional in the last few years, the first hill walk of the school year was the assault on Lugnaquilla - Ireland's

second highest mountain – situated in the middle of Wicklow. This year was no exception to the rule.

However, there are many other interesting mountains which we have walked, for example Djouce, Warhill and down to Powerscourt Waterfall in one expedition.

The day began bleak and cold and the journey there wasn't the best – but we are used to that. As we began the ascent on Djouce the rain came on cue and as we climbed we prepared for the hidden bog holes waiting to swallow us up to our waists in water.

The top Djouce revealed no lifeform for miles. We plodded onto Warhill and were all taken aback by the sheer strength of the wind. The day was redeemed by the golden brown colour of the landscape as we descended the mountain range and Powerscourt was lit with a warm sun setting on the horizon.

Each year there is a weekend trip away hillwalking. Last year's trip was to the Comeraghs where they climbed most of the surrounding mountains. The group was relatively small and was made up of 9 boys. They all had great fun or so I'm told!

I'm sure I'm speaking on behalf of all the hillwalkers when I convey our many thanks to Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Cryan and Mr. Gardner who organise these events.

Geoffrey Bradley

Rock Climbing



The 1991 season was again lucky with the weather, so vital to this sport, and not one session had to be cancelled. More than 30 pupils were introduced to the thrills (no spills!) of learning how to overcome fears and scale the vertical heights in Dalkey Quarry. Some of these we hope to see again this year, developing their skills and perhaps acquiring the confidence to lead a climb or two.

We were greatly assisted by "old" past pupils Niklas Price, Colin Kirkham, Colin Harris, Dermot Brosnan, Tim Hawkins, Michael Lunny and Duncan Foster and by our only "present" pupil Sean Gilmore, not forgetting the ever reliable Mr. F. A. L. Gardner.

Thanks to all the above who gave up their time to encourage the next generation of lunatics.

In general the season was a success but, possibly due to the pressure of exams, the numbers of pupils dwindled in the last session of term. In 1992 there were three year groups sitting exams, an event not likely to be repeated. However, it might be worth reassuring any parents who may have a perception of the sport based on spectacular television climbs, that there is no danger (above the danger that threatens everyone who gets out of bed in the morning) to pupils who are being introduced to the sport. There is an instructor for every two pupils, only one of whom is climbing at any given time and always secured by a rope and special safety equipment with a helmet for protection from any falling stones. In spite of being perfectly safe it still requires considerable nerve to defy gravity and ignore incipient vertigo on one's first climbs. Confidence grows with experience, fuelled by the enormous satisfaction (not to mention relief) derived from attaining one's goal.

I. Blackmore

Canoeing

Canoeing continues to be a popular sport in High School. Throughout the summer term, outings took place every Saturday on the Liffey. In the Autumn term the Form I pupils canoed every Saturday on the Dodder where they were able to get a good introduction to the sport.

The main event of the year was the schools Liffey Race held in May in which High School had fifteen competitors, all of whom finished this challenging race.

In the Annual School Awards, David Long won the Liffey Cup, Niamh Morrison was awarded The Canoeist of the Year and Niall Lloyd won The Broad Cup for The Form I Dodder Race.

J.S.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION

President's Letter

Dear Members,

I would like to say how honoured I was to be elected President of the O.B.U.

I have greatly enjoyed my year of office to date and took every opportunity to represent your Union at the Dinners of Schools with which we have had such a lasting reciprocal arrangement.

Our dinner, as usual, was a great success and my thanks must go to Harry Booker, Robin Miller and Wayne Sheridan for their sterling organisation. I must also thank Maurice McDonagh and his musical guests who entertained us so well, Howard Kilroy who proposed the health of our guests so eloquently, and our Principal Guest and my old friend, Eric Pembrey, who received a standing ovation for what was a masterful performance.



Malcolm Brambell

The London Dinner took place on the eve of the Twickenham match when a gathering of Old Boys and their ladies spent an enjoyable evening in the Gloucester Hotel, and its success was largely due to the tireless efforts of Harry Booker.

I must take this opportunity to congratulate the Senior Cup team on their achievement in reaching the semi-final when they lost to a strong team from Belvedere College.

It is a great disappointment that the usual match between the S.C.T. and the O.B.U. could not take place this year.

Discussions are at an advanced stage with the Old Girls' Committee with a view to a merger to form a High School Past Pupils' union. The proposal will be placed before the next A.G.M.s of both unions and, if approved, E.G.M.s will be held in May 1993 with a proposed start-up date of September 1993.

Both our dinner and that of the ladies will continue in their

present form. It has been decided to hold a joint fork-supper in the Reynolds Hall on Friday, 25th September, 1992.

Fund-raising continues and the O.B.U. intends to run a golf classic and a concert in the N.C.H. later in the year.

In conclusion, may I ask you to support our fund-raising so that the great tradition of High School in which we are so unashamedly proud may flourish in future years.

Sincerely,

Malcolm G. Brambell.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT 1991-92

The Annual General Meeting was held in the School on Friday, October 18th, 1991. The following officers and committee were elected for the year: *Patron:* W.G. Booker; *President:* M.G. Brambell; *President-elect:* N.H. Kerrison; *Vice-President:* A.P.R. Brook; *Hon. Secretary:* R.J. Miller; *Hon. Treasurer:* E.W. Frith; *Hon. Registrar:* G.W. Keegan; *Asst. Hon. Secretary:* W.M. O'L. Sheridan; *Hon. Auditor:* D. O'Maolchoille; *Hon. Sports Secretaries:* J.D. Ridgeway (cricket); W.M.O'L. Sheridan (rugby); B.G. Priestman (golf). *Committee:* J.K. Bailey, K.A. Gregory, W.A. Ingram, T.H. Lloyd, S. McCaughey, K.V. McConnell, J.R. Morton, S.A. O'Riordan, C.C. Timlin, G.R. Walsh. It was particularly pleasing to see some recent school-leavers at this meeting, and a number of them were elected to the Committee. Already they have made most useful contributions to our discussions.

The main event of the year, and for some the only event, was the Annual Dinner, held in the School on Saturday, 25th January, 1992. Again this year's Dinner was a success, and there was much praise for the speeches and entertainment. The principal guest was Mr. E.J. Pembrey, who replied to the toast proposed by Mr. Howard Kilroy. Congratulations are due to the President for a most enjoyable evening. The previous week, the President had attended the London Dinner along with 68 members and their guests.

Despite some excellent speeches, the Old Boys' team were beaten in the Annual Debate against the School. The motion, opposed by the Old Boys, was "That this House believes that Ireland was right to join the E.C." The chairman was Mr. Rodney Rice of R.T.E. Debating in the School is obviously in a very healthy state when such strong teams are consistently produced.

The annual Golf Outing will be held on 22nd May, and the annual Cricket Match early in June. Unfortunately it has been decided to discontinue the annual Rugby Match. This event in recent years has been both enjoyable for the participants and entertaining for the spectators, and sincere thanks are due to Wayne Sheridan for all his work to make it so. However, the risk of serious injury when a school team takes on more mature players cannot be disregarded.

The Union gave financial support to two pupils during the year to help them attend meetings of the European Youth Parliament. A sum of £660 was also given to the Canoe Club to enable them buy replacement canoes.

Committee meetings during this year have been more frequent and more lengthy. This has been largely due to discussion about fund-raising activities and about the proposed merger with the Old Girls' Association. The former are intended to improve

facilities for future pupils of the School, and the latter looks ahead to the future of the organisations for past pupils. We appeal to Old Boys to support the efforts of Mr. Bill Tector to raise funds for the school developments. If you have not yet returned your covenant form, please consider it again and act NOW rather than later.

Robin Miller

Past Pupils: Galway Trip

In an attempt to involve the younger members of the past pupils' Unions in their activities, some of the most recent additions to the OBU and OGA committees are arranging a trip to Galway next October.

The trip is intended for pupils who have left the school in the last few years. We plan to go to Gaillimh over the third or fourth weekend in October. The programme, although not finalised, will include an outdoor activity in the surrounding area as well as the sampling of the sights and sounds of Galway life.

If you are interested contact either Ciaran or Aileen while it is fresh in your mind and we will get back to you when the arrangements are finalised.

If you have any questions or suggestions as to what the Unions (hopefully soon to be one) could be doing for its younger members, don't hesitate to call and let us know. We welcome all input.

Ciaran Timlin: Ph 909685

Aileen Strachan: Ph 942335

THE HIGH SCHOOL & DIOCESAN OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

President's Letter

Dear Members,

Greetings and best wishes to you all.

I have enjoyed my first year in office and look forward to repeating many of the pleasant duties which befall the President of our Association during next year.

One of my first duties was to attend the school last May to talk with the 6th year girls about the purpose of our Association, to enlighten them about our activities and to encourage them to take an active part in the Association when they have completed their schooling in Danum. My thanks to Mrs. Cummins for her warm welcome to the school and for her permission to talk with our future members.

At the Prize Distribution last October, I had the pleasant task of presenting The Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl to Aileen Strachan. It was a most interesting evening, quite different from Prize Distributions in my day in Adelaide Road, and an occasion underlining the present day achievements in many facets of education which were not available some years ago, but so essential for our young people in the modern world of technology.

We followed the tradition of the O.B.U. and invited Aileen Strachan, last year's Head Girl, to join our committee and we were pleased when she readily accepted to take an active part in the Association.

The Old Wesley Past Pupils' Association invited me to attend their Cheese & Wine Evening in November. I was delighted to meet the Lady President of their newly formed joint Association and to hear how their amalgamation is working. This is especially topical at present as we have had meetings with the committee of the OBU to discuss the proposed unification of their Union and the Old Girls' Association. Along with the OBU we have produced a document for discussion setting out all aspects of such an amalgamation which will be circulated to members in time for our forthcoming AGM. There we hope to have a good attendance so that the matter can be discussed fully and all views aired.

We have had a busy year fund-raising for the School Development Programme and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our various ventures including the 100 Club Draw, our Fashion Extravaganza and, more recently, the Antiques Roadshow, run in conjunction with the O.B.U. in Danum, which was a great success.

To conclude I would like to thank members of the Committee for their support and hard work during the year. Many thanks also to Mr. Brook, David Benson and Gene Draper for their help and co-operation in the organisation of our meetings.

Sandra Watkins, President



Sandra Watkins

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 1991/92 season started in September with a Fork Supper Welcome Night which, as the name implies, is an evening of informal supper with plenty of time to chat among friends both old and new. Existing members are asked to encourage past pupils who do not regularly attend our monthly meetings, to come along and renew their acquaintance with former classmates. We were delighted to have several of the recent school-leavers with us on that evening and no doubt their attendance was due largely to the influence of last year's head girl, Aileen Strachan, who has been taking an active part in the Association and currently serves on the committee.

Our bank account for the School Development Programme received a reasonable boost from the proceeds of our Fashion Extravaganza in October. We chose the Spawell Leisure Centre

over our normal venue – The Reynolds Hall – as we had hoped to have some 400 people supporting the event. On the night, the show ran with a very professional air with some of last year's 6th Form bringing a very lively display to the cat-walk. The highlight was undoubtedly the magnificent furs supplied by Barnardos – their participation due very much to former High School pupil, Elizabeth Barnardo. The only disappointment for the organising committee was the poor level of attendance at the Show, but in spite of this we raised almost £2,000.

Our November meeting brought us back to The High School when we had a very entertaining evening entitled "Creative Christmas," with Christmas cards and wrapping paper on sale in aid of many charities including Multiple Sclerosis, Irish Cancer Society and The Leprosy Mission, together with several demonstrations including Party Make-up by Adrienne Taylor, using Jafra Cosmetics. Festive flower-arranging and cake decorating ideas were demonstrated by two of our members, and mouth-watering samples of chocolate truffles, complete with recipe leaflets, added a very sweet touch to the evening. Tasty morsels of some of the recipes from the St. Patrick's Cathedral Cookbook were available for sampling, which helped boost the sales of this excellent publication which contains recipes from three of our members alongside recipes from many famous celebrities.

Our now traditional carol singing visit to nursing homes in the Rathgar area brought us in December to Rostrevor and Orwell Nursing Homes where our festive melodies were enjoyed by both residents and staff. The Orwell Nursing Home held their Christmas Party on the same evening and so our carol-singing provided a musical ending to their festivities. Mince pies and mulled wine awaited the carol-singers on their return to Danum.

January's weather can play havoc with any event so this year we planned a Beetle Drive which could take place even if only four members turned up on the night! In fact we ended up with ten times that many and hilarious laughter rang through the staff room with cries of "Beetle" coming fast and furious. A very simple night to organise which generated great enjoyment.

The monthly draws in the 100 Club, which was launched at the end of the 1990/91 season were held each month with the tenth and final Bumper draw taking place in February at our Antiques Roadshow. The antiquarian hosting the evening, Robert Jones, treated the audience to many amusing stories while giving brief descriptions and origins of over 170 items which he also valued for the owners. There were no Ming vases nor undiscovered Rembrandt paintings in the Reynolds Hall on the night but quite a few surprises for some of the audience when they heard the value of their possessions, none more so than one of the committee who brought along a silver ring purchased at a Sale of Work for just 20p, valued by Robert Jones at £250! This joint venture with the Old Boys' Union raised a further £500 towards the School Development Fund.

In March we listened to a talk given by a representative of the Irish Cancer Society on the many things we can all do to help narrow our chances of developing this disease, which claims so many lives worldwide. We heard hints on diet, lifestyle and information on early detection together with explanations of the various treatments which are used if cancer does occur. The marvellous work of the Hospice Foundation and the help which is available to terminally ill patients and their families from the home care nurses working all over the country made us more aware of the importance of supporting Daffodil Day which is run by The Irish Cancer Society to raise funds to sponsor these home care nurses.

As we go to print we look forward to our Annual Dinner which will be held in The Tara Towers Hotel. We are very pleased this year to have as our guest speaker Maeve Douglas, a past pupil of Diocesan. Maeve is well known in the stockbroking world of high finance and hit the headlines some years ago when she became the first female stockbroker for over 30 years. She also holds a

teaching diploma in Speech & Drama and gives classes to people from all walks of life who wish to improve their public speaking abilities. Her obvious talent for public speaking, together with her notable sense of humour, will ensure a very entertaining evening.

Our season ends in May with our AGM which is customarily followed by a Fork Supper. One of the many items on the agenda, which is expected to give rise to much discussion, will be the joining of the Old Girls' Association with the Old Boys' Union. This proposal brought about an informal joint meeting of both bodies last December and further talks have taken place between the officers of our Association and the Old Boys' Union. It is clear from these meetings that both bodies are interested in working towards a joint association/union but any such move will first have to be passed at an EGM or AGM of each body. It is not foreseen that such a move will bring any sudden dramatic changes but the inclusion of more events, suitable for everyone, will bring about a gradual integration. Almost twenty years have passed since the amalgamation of the two schools and personally I hope that the formation of a joint body will emerge before many more years elapse.

Our thanks to David Benson and Gene Draper for their assistance during the year and special thanks to Olive Bates, Catering Manageress, for the light refreshments at our numerous committee meetings.

Our Association has enjoyed a year when attendances at our monthly meetings have increased and this has been very encouraging for the committee who have all put in a great deal of extra effort over the past year because of our commitment to raise funds for the School Development Programme. We look forward to the continued support from our members in the changing times ahead.

June Leach, Hon Secretary.

Diocesan Hockey Club

Our season this year started with the members looking forward to playing on the new hockey pitch which exceeded our expectations and made the season very enjoyable and reasonably successful, with our 1st and 2nd XI teams finishing very near the top of the Senior B and Middle A Leagues. We also had the top goal-scorer in the Senior League, with a total of 15 goals. Our club consists of approximately 50 members and as we now have two coaches this ensures that all hockey skills are coached to the best advantage, and all members get to know each other, which leads to a very friendly atmosphere.

We would like to welcome more school members into the club and with the great facilities we now have in High School, why not come along and meet us next season.

Lorraine Moore, Secretary

Obituaries

Frank Peters

Frank Peters passed away on the 15th March, 1992. He had retired from High School in 1983, having spent twenty-nine years on the staff mainly teaching Irish. I first met Frank when I joined the staff as a student teacher in 1964. I was greatly impressed by his independence of mind, his sound judgement, his promotion of the interests of the school and colleagues and the protection of those whom he taught.

Former pupils will remember Frank and his association with the now extinct High School boxing club. It was Frank who erected and dismantled the boxing ring with the assistance of 5th Form before and after every boxing tournament. In the old Harcourt street days when the annual school concert was presented, it was Frank again who took care of the stage and lighting in the old Clock Room.

In the staff-room Frank's knowledge of fishing and other outdoor activities was a constant source of lively banter among

those who were similarly disposed. His 'homework' in these areas was meticulously researched and skilfully disseminated.

Frank was a man of his word. He said what he meant and he meant what he said. The tragic loss of his son Alan in 1972 was borne with dignity and courage. It was a great honour for me to have worked for so long with Frank. To his wife, Anne, and daughter, Linda, we extend our sympathy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

W.A.O'C.

John (Jack) Emerson Cornish

Jack was born in Bandon, Co. Cork, on 1st April, 1909 (a closely guarded secret). He was educated at Wesley College (Boarder) 1921-1927. During his six years there, Jack ("The Nipper") achieved a high academic standard and excelled in sport. In his final year he was vice-captain Rugby XV, and captain of Cricket XI while in Trinity College, 1927-31, and graduated with a B.A. Mod. Class II, English and French.

His first teaching position was at Ranelagh School, Athlone, 1932-36, where he taught French and Latin. Then Kilkenny College 1936-45, French and English, and finally The High School 1945-74, English and French. Having retired at the age of 65, Jack gave another 14 years of his life to the legal profession in A&L Goodbody, Solicitors, Hatch Street, Dublin 2.

Jack devoted most of his spare time in all three schools to coaching rugby and cricket, but also found time to play rugby at weekends for Old Wesley 1931-32, Shannon Buccaneers (Athlone) 1932-36, where he was captain of the Town's Cup winning XV 1936, and Kilkenny R.F.C. 1936-45. As a player I believe he was a fine, enterprising, attacking centre, with a devastating tackle. Had he the time or the opportunity he could have played to a very high standard in Dublin rugby. A quotation from the *Evening Herald*, 29/12/37: "Shannon Buccaneers consider Cornish the best back who has ever played for them." He played for the Leinster Junior XV in 1935. He was a member of the Leinster Schools' Committee in 1955, '67, '68, '69 and '73, where his expert knowledge was much appreciated. Kevin Kelleher told me that Jack was always given the honour of choosing the wine for the Branch dinners.

As a coach he had the knack of developing the basic skills of rugby to the highest level without curbing the natural flair or talent of the individual player. Two of his pupils at Ranelagh, H. de Lacy and D. Higgins, also two from Kilkenny B. Agar and W.R. Tector

and four from High School, W. Borneman, P. Orr, J. Robbie and I. Burns later played for Ireland. Jack always sent a note of congratulations to those players who received honours in sport and here is what some of them had to say in reply. "I have found that the training, tactics and style of rugby instilled into us in Ranelagh days has few equals in any other school in Ireland. I owe my success to your patience and expert coaching." Dudley Higgins. "Your keen interest and coaching has borne fruit at last. I never forgot the basic principles which you inculcated into me when at school. As you know they are responsible for any success which I have achieved." Hugh de Lacy. "I have learnt all I know about the game of rugby football from you when in Kilkenny College." Bill Tector.

Jack always insisted that he hoped he would be remembered for his classroom work and not completely for his extra curricular activities. Here are some quotations from his former headmasters and colleagues. "He is a boy of excellent character and considerable ability. He has a good manner and a fine personality." T.J. Irwin, Principal, Wesley College. "At the time of his appointment the standard in French and Latin was far from satisfactory, but soon after his appointment, a marked change for the better took place. His methods of teaching are attractive. He keeps excellent discipline. He never spares himself in carrying out all duties entrusted to him. He is a most pleasant colleague, cultured and a gentleman of the highest personal character." W. Tate, Headmaster Ranelagh School. "His teaching has been outstandingly successful and the report on his work from the Department of Education inspectors have been excellent. He possesses the faculty of keeping his pupils' interest alive and they acquire a taste for what is best in literature. He is a splendid coach in both rugby and cricket and his teams have done extremely well against older and bigger teams. He also takes a considerable interest in the production of the dramatic shows. He is a colleague with whom it is a pleasure to work". C.J. Shankey, Headmaster Kilkenny College.

Unfortunately Jack had left Kilkenny before I arrived there, so I never experienced his expert coaching as a pupil. I first met Jack at Belgrave Square in 1953. I was impressed by his enthusiasm and optimism for games in High School. Shortly afterwards I accepted an invitation from him to visit the new site for sports' fields at Danum. On our trip around the grounds he was so proud of his new acquisition and full of hope for the future of sport in High School. "Can you believe it 'laddie' (a term used when he



Jack Cornish with some of his colleagues in Harcourt Street in the early sixties.

considered you a good friend) five rugby pitches, two cricket squares, four tennis courts and an athletic track; what a change from Belgrave Square?" As a colleague for seventeen years and a friend for almost forty years, I found Jack to be a sincere, frank, kind and generous gentleman. His organising skills were unsurpassed, with great attention to detail and his delegation of duties, even though not always popular, was at all times for the good of the particular office. In early June the members of his Sports' Staff would be given a neatly folded note to say "Your team next season will be under . . . , assisted by Mr. . . ." Jack rarely used two words where one would suffice. On Tuesdays and Fridays at 1.55 p.m. you were also sent a note, "Your match is . . tomorrow; the following are excused from games today." I remember one morning in the late 'sixties getting an excused list from Jack with the name Bowie in it, (captain of Jack's Cup Final Team in 1963), when I queried it with him he straight away could see the funny side of it as he had written the name of the doctor who had signed the certificate for one of the pupils. Two days previous to any game you were expected to send him a list of your team plus two substitutes, he then proceeded to re-write it himself and post it on his notice-board. If you were away for a week-end in Belfast or Cork with a team, as soon as the game was over he expected you to phone the result to him or, failing to contact him, send a telegram.

His rugby secretary (a fifth year boy) was expected to keep an exact copy of all the matches during the season. Speaking to John Carson, recently, he told me he still had a copy of his records for Jack, made in the late 'sixties.

In his private life, I suppose Jack would have been considered a reserved, lonely man. Yet he invariably spent a good holiday in France and enjoyed an invitation to dinner when he could be the "life and soul of the party", especially after a good wine, on which he was an expert, or after a few Gordon's Gin and Roses Lime. He had a great love for Gilbert & Sullivan and when the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company were appearing in the Gaiety Theatre in the 'fifties and 'sixties, he never missed a performance. He was often heard humming a Percy French tune or at a party, after some persuasion, he would give us his rendering of "The West Clare Railway."

Jack could never be considered less than a fighter and this was borne out in his last months of illness when it was a pleasure to go to see him in hospital and find him in a cheerie mood. Shortly before Christmas I went to see him in the company of Frank Peters, another highly respected colleague, also sadly no longer with us. During our chat I read to Jack a rugby report from a paper in 1934, with the heading "Cornish Scores". Frank said, "I suppose Jack that was a penalty". Jack replied, with a twinkle in his eye, "Oh no, laddie, there is only one classic way to score in rugby" and left it at that.

Where his past pupils or colleagues are, Jack will be remembered for his great sense of fair play; his popularity or unpopularity did not enter into the question. Perfection was his goal in life.

R.H.F.

Senator David Norris writes: I am glad to have the opportunity to contribute a few words to the Obituary Notice for my old teacher, Mr. Cornish, known familiarly to generations of High School boys as "Jack" or even, for some obscure reason, "Nipper".

I always consider I was lucky to have been sent to High School where, instead of inflicting knowledge on unwilling students, the great majority of teachers felt it a vocation to communicate to young people a love of their subject. Supreme to me among these was the late Jack Cornish. I have every reason to be grateful to him for encouraging and fostering in the most generous fashion my own love of literature and of the English language.

One of the things most striking about Jack Cornish was his natural authority. He exercised this without any recourse to the slightest suggestion of physical violence. Jack did not have to

raise his hand or even his voice to reprove a pupil, the quizzical raising of an eyebrow was quite sufficient. His sense of an absolute standard of behaviour and his dry humour commanded the respect of the classroom. At his funeral another old friend and teacher, Mr. Willoughby, reminded me that some years ago I had written of Jack Cornish that he had the head of a Roman Emperor. I am not now sure that it wasn't the bust of Cicero of which I was thinking and this would be appropriate too. I would not, however, wish to give the impression that Jack Cornish was all severity. There was a kindly and generous streak about him although he was not a clubbable man.

I recall with great affection what may have been my first term studying English with Jack Cornish. The text was one of the essays of Elia by Charles Lamb – the essay on roast pork which recounted with whimsical humour how an ancient Chinese swineherd fell asleep on duty, the hut he was guarding went on fire and when he awoke and tried to rescue the now defunct pigs from a conflagration he burn his fingers and, by sticking them in his mouth to cool them, discovered the delights of crackling. Something in Jack Cornish's appreciation of this tale and its gentle bachelor author communicated itself to the class and opened up the pleasure of reading what otherwise might have been an obscure and irrelevant 18th century text.

Because of the respect in which we all held him we vied with each other to do well in the composition of English essays. Praise could, indeed, be won from Jack Cornish but it *had* to be won and was hard won. I remember well the pleasure experienced when if, on turning to the last paragraph of the week's essay, you saw written in that neat tiny crabbed handwriting, 'Very Good, JC' or was it twice, or only once, that supreme accolade, 'Excellent'.

I knew of Jack Cornish's passionate interest in games, particularly rugby and cricket, and his interest in politics evinced by his friendship with Owen Sheehy Skeffington, but I was never coached in rugby by Jack and even in later years rarely discussed politics with him. It was almost invariably literature about which we talked on the too infrequent occasions on which we met of late years. I am glad that some weeks before his final illness and death I accidentally bumped into him in Kildare Street crossing from Leinster House to my office and kidnapped him, taking him in to show him the Senate Chamber with its wonderful 18th century ceiling and then down to the restaurant for tea and a chat. He had some difficulty recollecting names but seemed in good form and we had an animated discussion of the biography of his old friend Skeffington by Mrs. Andre Sheehy Skeffington. I did not realise he was to die so soon and am glad that chance has left me with this final pleasant memory of a gentle and good man to whom I owe such a great deal.

Babies of Romania

To be honest, when we decided to go to Romania for our summer we didn't think it would turn out quite the way it did. We thought "Babies of Romania" would only accept doctors, nurses and those with childcare experience, but when we read an article in the newspaper about ordinary people going out to paint the orphanages, we knew even we could do that. Only being accepted 3 weeks before our departure date, with our Leaving still to sit, and £10,000 to raise between the two of us, we hadn't got time to ask questions or wonder what we were letting ourselves in for.

When we arrived in Nicaresti, a remote rural village near the Russian border, the small team already there were not expecting painters. What they needed were people to feed, change, wash, teach and play with the children of the orphanage (Spital).

The children live in a large impressive building, the downstairs of which is a maternity and paediatric unit. One look at the bathing chair (including the rust) gave us our first impressions of the health standards of Romania.

In the second month "Babies of Romania" rented a large unused farm worker's residence known as the Ranch. With the help of firemen volunteers who brought us supplies, we built our own kitchen counters, shelves and toilet seats.

Our most enjoyable times were when we got out of the Spital grounds with the children, either on walks or outings. This is when the children were at their happiest, being very curious of the outside world. Some of them had never been beyond Spital gates. We developed great relationships with the children as they could really make us laugh with the perfect imitations of us. They picked up the English language quickly and communication was never a real problem.

Since we have come back we have heard that 13 of the children have successfully entered the nearest school. Although there is still a long way to go, great progress has been made in all areas. It was difficult to leave but we knew we were handing over to capable volunteers.

Thanks to all those who supported us in our fundraising, and if you would like to become involved with Babies of Romania please write to: Babies of Romania, 2 Upr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin 2.

Grace Hamilton
Hannah Smolenska

NEWS OF PAST PUPILS

Ronald R. Condell (1960-1969) has been appointed Survey Manager, Guardian National Insurance Co., South Africa.

Keith Dungan (1948-'60) has been appointed Diocesan Secretary to the Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough.

Norman Gamble (1961-'68) was appointed Rector of the parish of Malahide with Balgriffin, in September, 1990.

Michael Hamilton (1984-'90) won first place in a competition for the design of a restaurant, as part of his course in Hotel Management in Brighton Polytechnic. He and another student went on to win first place in a similar competition for the winners from more than fifty Hotel Management and Catering Colleges in the U.K. The prizes were presented by Lord Forte at a ceremony in the Palace of Westminster on May 14, 1992.

Denis O'Brien (1970-'76) was the subject of an article in the Working and Living Section of "The Irish Times", in January, 1992, on his role as chief executive of Dublin's Classic Hits 98FM.

Bruce Andrew Pierce (1968-'76) is curate assistant in the parishes of Raheny and Coolock.

DEATHS

Blair, David Murray (1943-47), March 30, 1991 in Dublin.

Browne, Very Rev. Cecil C.W. (1928-34), October 24, 1991, in Wicklow.

Bryson, Reginald Lloyd (1920-27), March 3, 1992, in Llandudno.

Butler, Right Rev. Arthus H. (1920-26), former Bishop of Connor, July 6, 1991, in Ballinahinch.

Fogarty, Henry (Harry) (1932-39), March 22, 1991, in Bray.

Jackson, Thomas F. V. (1928-33), Nov. 15, 1991, in Dublin.

Lovell-Butt, Richard, G., (1933-37), September 5, 1991, in Dublin.

Meyer, Denis (1923-32), April 8, 1992, in Dublin.

Pappin, Michael (1927-31), June 21, 1991, in Dublin.

Proctor, Rev. W. Cecil (1912-21), December 15, 1991, in Dublin.

Scott, Trevor (1923-30), April 25, 1991, in Bray.

Smyth, W. Gordon (1930-31), March 30, 1992, in Dublin.

Williams, Shirley (1974-80), December 1, 1991, in Dublin.

McCoy, Elsie, April 1991.

Maccabee, Edith, January 1992.

FORMER STAFF

Cornish, John Emerson (Jack), Christmas Day, 1991, in Dublin.

Peters, Frank, March 15, 1992, in Dublin.

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Upstairs, with its 8 rooms (salons) and its one dining-room, is home to 110-129 children, each one of whom is diagnosed as "irreparable". The age range of the children is reportedly from 1 year to 18 years, although many of the given dates of birth are questionable. A large population of the children are in the 6-14 year age bracket.

Three of the salons were devoted to "crib kids", kids aged 1-10, some of whom were underdeveloped and unable to walk or feed themselves.

Our first impression as we walked upstairs was the unbelievable stench. It took us a while to get used to that, and another thing which took getting used to was the children, mauling, jumping, biting and kissing us. However, we realised that this was just a craving for attention and affection. It was hard to distinguish between male and female as they all looked boyish with similar clothes, shaved hairstyles and similar behaviour.

We were both needed to help out in the "crib-kids" salons. Our day started at 8.30a.m. when we helped feeding the children breakfast, which consisted of a watery soup with floating stale bread. We supplemented this with whatever Irish baby food we had. Some of the kids were not yet weaned and it was our job to encourage them onto solids. This was difficult as after 6 years on the bottle some of them were frightened of a spoon, refusing to accept it into their mouths. Afterwards we changed them into their nappies, usually damp, with no pins. Some of the children hated their nappies and more than once we had a soiled nappy thrown in our faces.

Many of the "crib-kids" needed psychotherapy, and the American team working alongside us were mainly involved with this but we helped them with basic massage of the kids' limbs. This built up a relationship of trust as well as benefiting the children. The rest of the morning in the salons was spent singing or playing with the children, and we tried to involve the Romanian aides (infirmiere) in this. The infirmiere was a local

untrained woman who worked an 8-hour shift a day. The infirmieres, understandably, resented our presence and so were not very co-operative. It is important to point out that the locals did not consider the orphans as worthy humans and often stole the Irish donations of clothes and toys for their own children. They thought this was justified as they had so little, and they thought it unfair that the orphans should get all the western goods. They sometimes handled the children quite roughly but it is the aim of the five year programme by "Babies of Romania" to teach the Romanians and enable them to carry on the work and, hopefully, alter their attitude towards the children.

We had to return to our designated salons for dinner and tea but we also participated in other programmes. In the morning we were divided between the playroom, schoolroom, or outdoor games depending on our own talents. These programmes were mainly for the older children to stimulate and educate them through Romanian interpreters.

Grace held art classes for the children for hour long sessions. It was very basic artwork as the children had never seen crayons or colouring materials of any kind. Discipline was often a problem as their attention span was short. However, some of the children showed great artistic potential. As our numbers increased Grace moved on to painting colourful murals which really cheered up the salons and gave something for the children to look at.

Hannah's job was in the playroom, a renovated outhouse with murals and full of toys. There were 4 sessions a day, each with the same 6 children between the ages of 6 and 16. The children began the session by washing their hands and feet. Hannah and another volunteer tried to involve them all in games, though often they were happier just to amuse themselves with the toys. They always had to be frisked before they left each day as they tended to stuff crayons, toys etc. into their clothing.

The children were arranged within a hierarchal system. Two of the older children (both male) dominated the rest. Ionel was 13, Lucien 14, both extremely cunning for their age, often undermining our authority. Violence was a problem with most of the children because it was the survival of the fittest. Sometimes we came up against this but while we were there nothing serious occurred. Children not included in a programme would try to invade the activities and barricades were necessary.

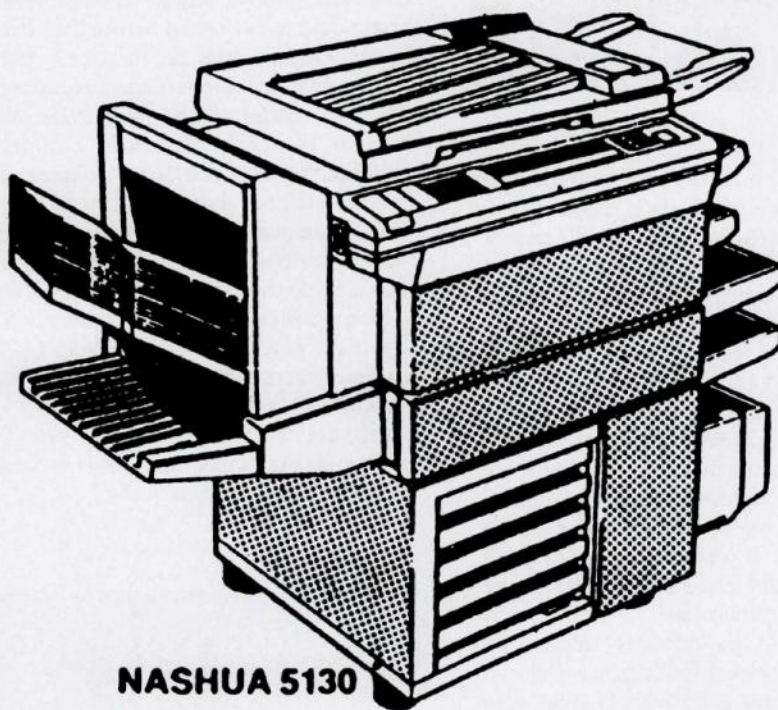
Home for us for the first month was with a Romanian family who bent over backwards to help us. In fact, having us was a status symbol for them and the volunteers were known throughout the village. We soon adapted to the living conditions, the toilet of Turkish 'squat' style was up the garden path and our water was from a well nearby. However, our stomachs never really adjusted!



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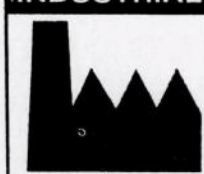
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