

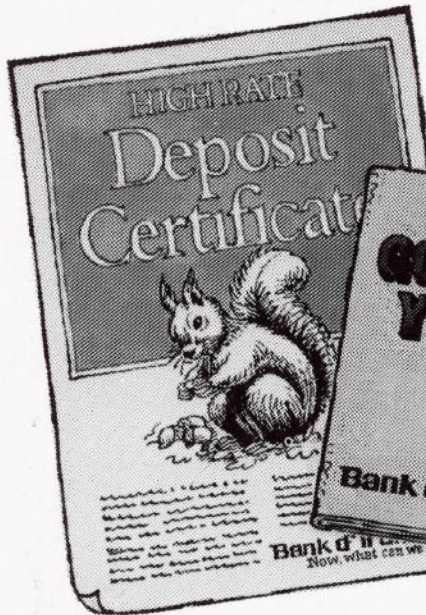
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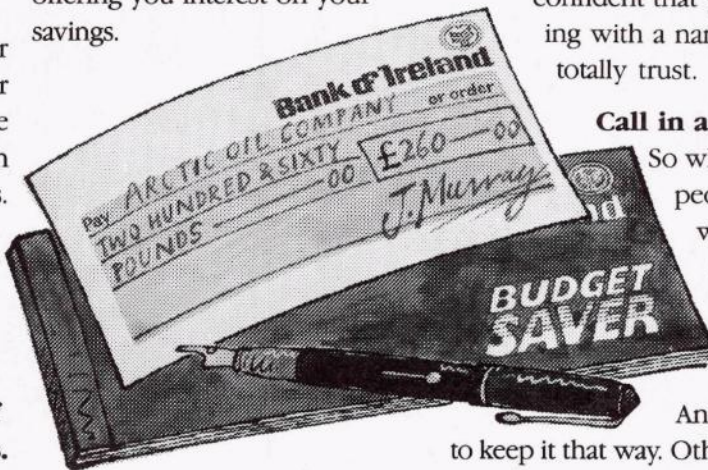
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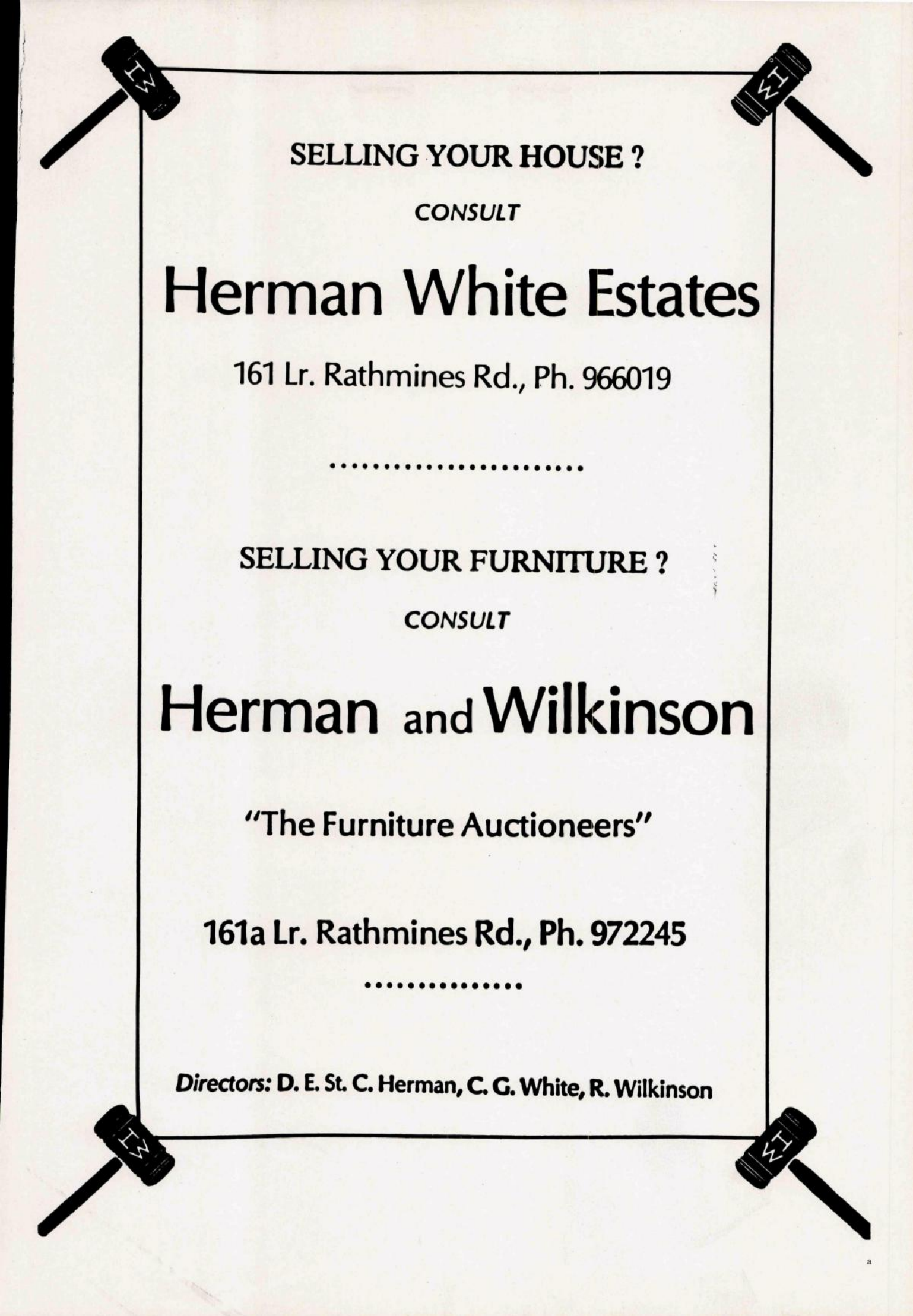
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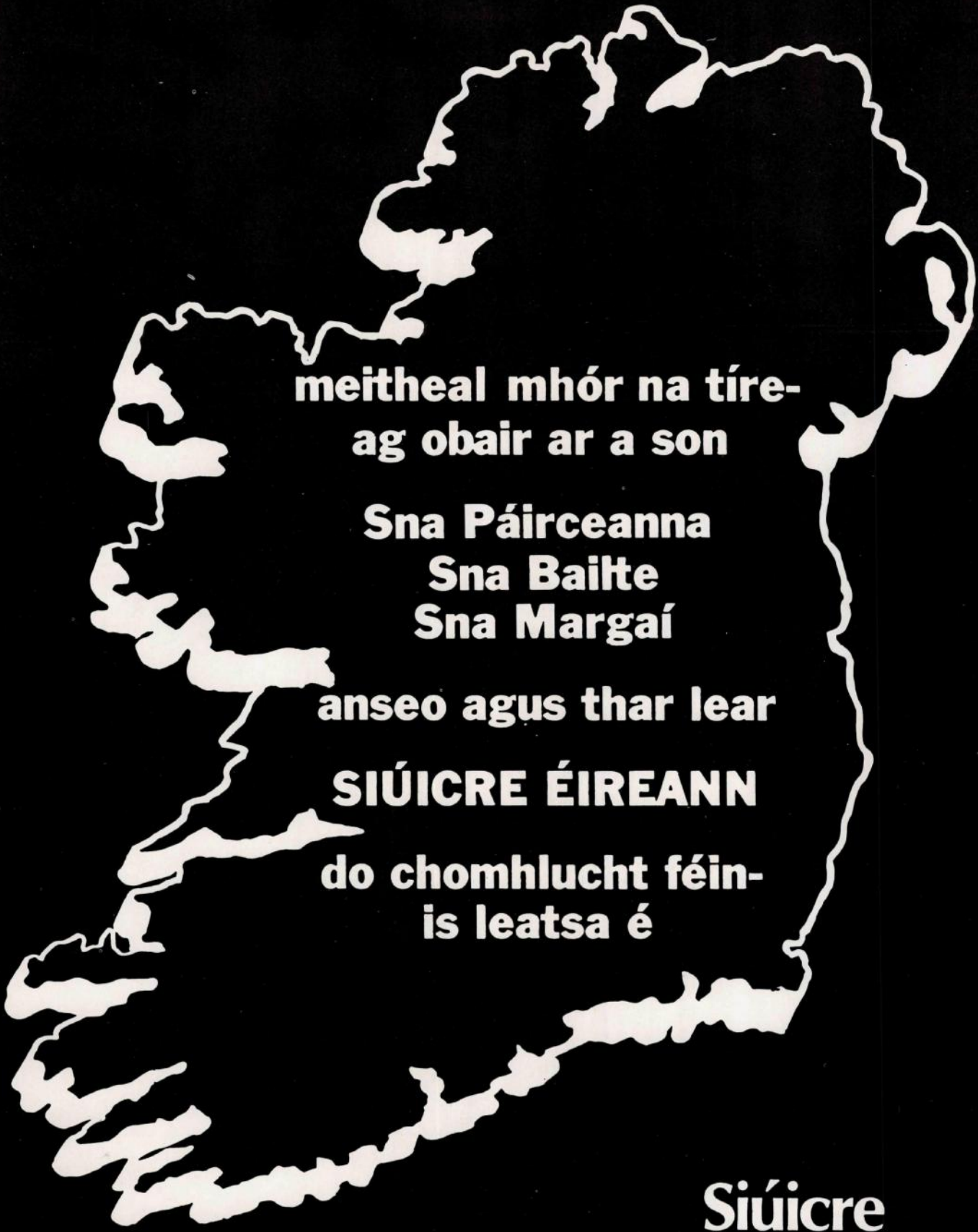
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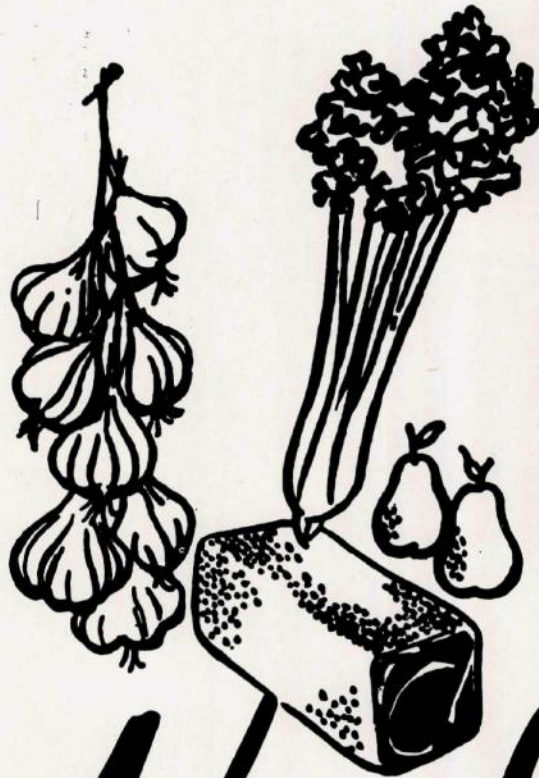


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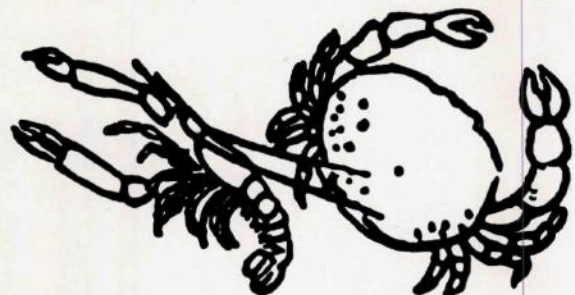
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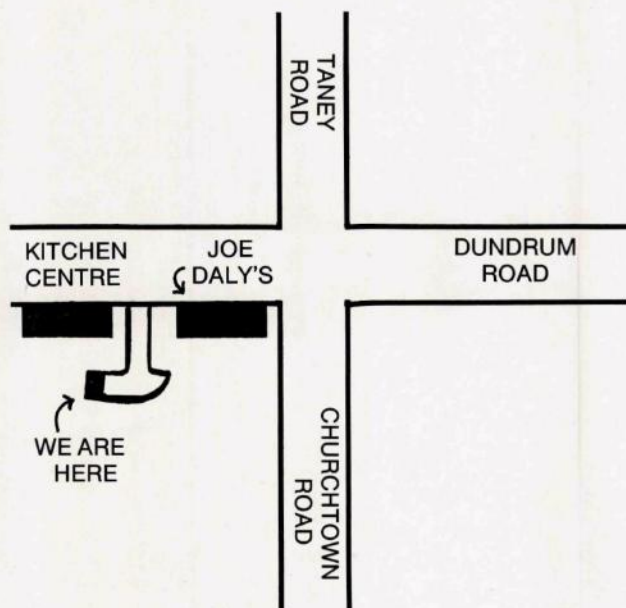


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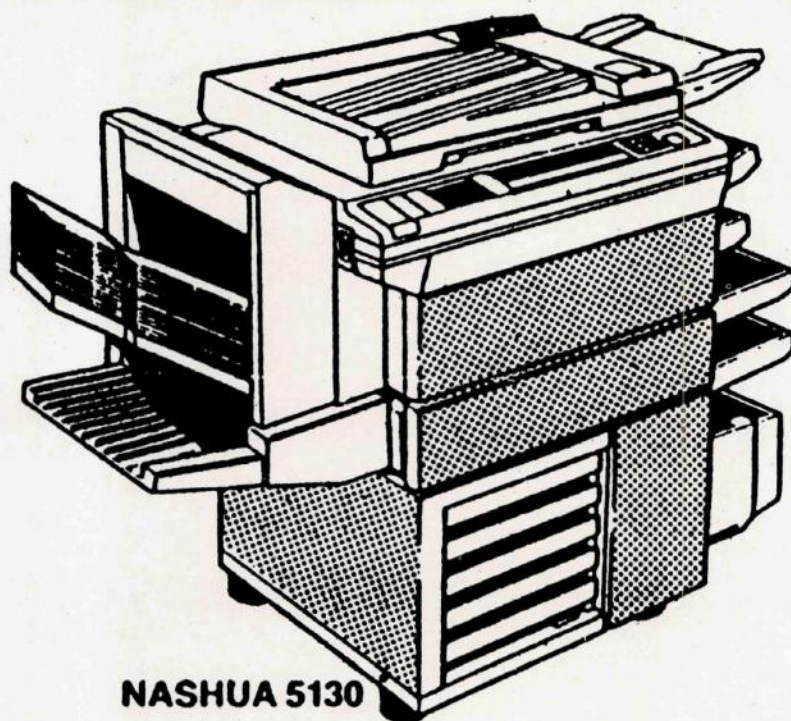
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EDITORIAL

In the course of putting together the article on past "Erasmians", found elsewhere in this magazine, we had a chance to see what previous editors had written in their Editorials. The number and diversity of subjects was quite startling. In the past the editor approached his (or her, since 1973) duty with a report on happenings in the School, on the political stage, the area of education in general, or even on why editorials should be forced upon us at all.

One thing I noticed, which formed a constant in all the different types, – was the use of a central theme to link the various things that the individual wanted to say. Not wanting to break with this noble tradition, I searched long and hard for my own Editorial Theme. In the end, I hit upon that of change. Another device used by many of my predecessors is the quotation, and so, before I begin, I shall produce one. A quick dip into the school's "Dictionary of Quotations" provided me with this, from the American Traveller, Washington Irving:

"There is a certain relief in change, even if it is from bad to worse".

(You may be wondering why I didn't use our most famous Old Boy's "All is changed, changed utterly . ." It's because it was used in 1971). About now, you are wondering when I am going to launch into a detailed description of how the present political scene affects education, as has been the recognised pattern for the last decade or so. Well, this year, despite ample provocation as the Transition Year surfaces again, 'cuts' reign supreme, and Irish itself is under threat, that worthy topic is going to be given a well-earned rest. While all these editorials are excellent in themselves, over a long period of time they do become monotonous. Why limit editorials to a single function, that of commenting on current affairs of an educational nature, when in the more distant past the content was so varied?

Enough, particularly on my part! On to the reason behind all this change, The Millennium! Surely the more publicised aspect of Dublin this year, High School has done little to celebrate it, with the notable exception of the fascinating display in the Library. We at "The Erasmian" have moved to change all that! To this end, you will find a photo-essay on the Millennium in these pages, as well as the aforementioned dip into the 'Erasmian' archives. However disputed the accuracy of the Millennium may be, it is important that The High School, as a Dublin-based school for the whole 118 years of its existence, acknowledges the event.

A change that is going to be all too apparent next September is Mr. Willoughby's retirement. There is something about the post of Assistant Headmaster that attracts the best in people, and it's always a major wrench when the office changes hands. When Mr. Gardner left, we all felt that it marked the end of an era. Nobody would ever quite replace him. We were, in fact, right – he never was replaced, but when Mr. Willoughby leaves at the end of this term, nobody will ever quite replace him either. However, judging from Mr. Gardner's attendance at School events, we have by no means seen the last of Mr. Willoughby. Whoever steps into his shoes has a high standard to conform to.

Another High School face that is irreplaceable is that of Jim Malone. It was quite a shock to find that he was nowhere to be seen on our return from the Christmas holidays. Nobody quite realised how much work Jim did, until there was no-one guiding traffic at the front gate, and new faces in the Tractor cab. I think I can safely speak on behalf of the whole school, when I say that we all miss him very much. Not all change is welcome.

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The Web

*A spider spins a delicate web
Intricate patterns of time
A maze,
Wound in upon itself.
Glistening with dew in the morning sun
A beautiful trap.
Invisible,
but strong holding.
The art of death
wound round and round
in marvellous designs
No way out,
The ultimate ending of life.*

Aoife Mannix (5th)

Paradise

*Paradise is a place
In the mind,
It is created by the lost
To find the future,
It is a place where people dream of
When they're sad.
It's nowhere you or I will go,
For we can't find it.
Paradise on earth
Was lost with the advent of man,
And paradise present
Is continued only in the minds
of the deceived.*

Stephen Douglas (4A)

The Actor

*He sits in the corner
Muttering famous words
And cursing his forgetfulness,
Dismal dreary places,
When the nights are dead,
Or non existent;
A shrunken man, drunk philosopher,
Money spender, useless person.*

*And then that dark body,
Bathed in lights,
Upon a stage,
Breathes life into print;
With a steady flow of movement,
And spoken words,
For an unsuspecting audience,
Who watch, and remember.*

Abbie Feldman (5th)

Cry for Freedom

*And by and by,
The war is over
Another picture for the History books,
Another child finds it hard to understand
Why a man has to die twice,
To learn by his mistakes.
And why,
He is a man,
When what he does, he does for others,
And then cries,
To find what he left behind is gone
And all is not simple any more
Not in war.*

Jonathan Reichental (6)

A Capture

I run. I am not used to running. Every now and then I stop and lean by back against a tree, gasping greedily for breath. But I must keep running. They might catch up. I have used all my brain power and logic to escape and dodge them. Are they still on my trail? No . . . No, I think I've thrown them. I have come to a canal. How beautiful it is! The water is still and glistens with the sunlight. It reflects the deep blue of the sky, broken occasionally with the soft greens of a trailing branch of weeping willow. I sit on an old, green bench by its side and bask in the hot summer's sun, my head thrown back and my eyes half-slit like a cat or lizard. It is so long since I've felt the sun on my skin. I glance down and see their mark on my wrist. A feeling of anger rises in me. There it is, inky black, printed on my flesh: 8716. I must get it off, I must. I rush down to the bank and plunge my hand into the water. The mark remains, staring at me violently in the face. I rub it, more and more frenziedly, ripping handfuls of grass from the bank to scrub my wrist with, using my nails, tearing my flesh until swirls of red blood mingle with the blues and green of the water. The sun beats on my back, sweat pours down my neck. The water beckons, I stand up and remove my grey jumpsuit that they made me wear, I am naked underneath. I catch my reflection in the water. How thin and haggard I am! Passers-by stare at me. It is probably because I am so white, everyone else has caught the sun but my skin is grey-white. I look at my face in the still water. It is harsh and emaciated,

corpse-like skin and shaven head. I slip into the water, my feet reach the bottom and the mud oozes between my toes. I gingerly start advancing towards the middle, it is so long since I have swum. The water gets deeper, covering my breasts, then my shoulders, then my chin.

I kick my feet off the bottom and plunge out into the middle. What bliss. Water running over my skin, the art of swimming comes flooding back to me and I weave through the water like a fish. But I am not used to such exercise and am short of breath in no time at all. I make my way back with difficulty to the bank and crawl out. There I lie on my back on the grass, panting and gasping. I hear a growling noise. I look up. A light brown spaniel is just by my head. It has my jumpsuit in its mouth! It is working it and ripping it to pieces! I see red. Anger grips me like an iron vice. A stone is lying nearby, jagged and pointed. I silently reach out and take it in one hand. I raise myself to a crouching position then slowly and silently I stalk up behind it, then raising my stone, in the air, I pounce, plunging the jagged end into the dog's back. The dog yelps with pain and surprise, it tries to retaliate but already I have dashed its head with the blunt end of the stone and it is killed almost immediately.

A swarm of flies descends on the corpse. I dip one finger into the sticky blood and smear it on my cheekbones. A triumph. A car drives up across the road and two men and two women leap out and run towards me. It is them! I leap to my feet, and look desperately for a way of escape. They are rapidly closing in. I run to the water's edge and dive in and start to swim upstream.

The two women take off their jackets and dive in after me. They are strong and powerful swimmers. I am weak from lack of exercise and food and fresh air. They quickly gain on me. I push all my reserves of strength into a final spurt, in a last, desperate attempt, but already one woman's hand is grabbing my ankle. I kick it free but she grabs it again, her grip fastens tighter and she pulls me struggling towards her. I can feel the strength in the other hands as she grips my shoulders and there, fastening her hands under my armpits, proceeds to swim steadily towards the shore, as slow and powerful as a dray horse. I struggle and writhe viciously, frantically trying to break free but it is no use, the first woman has hold of both my ankles, making me practically helpless and my strength is soon wasted. I begin to scream and sob hysterically. When the women reach the bank, the two men pull me out of the water first, then help the other two. They wrap me tightly into a blanket, then bundle me, now a pathetic silent lump into the back of the car.

Sonya Dowsett (5th)

Storm

*All the trees are thrown down,
The houses are in ruin
And there are people dead.*

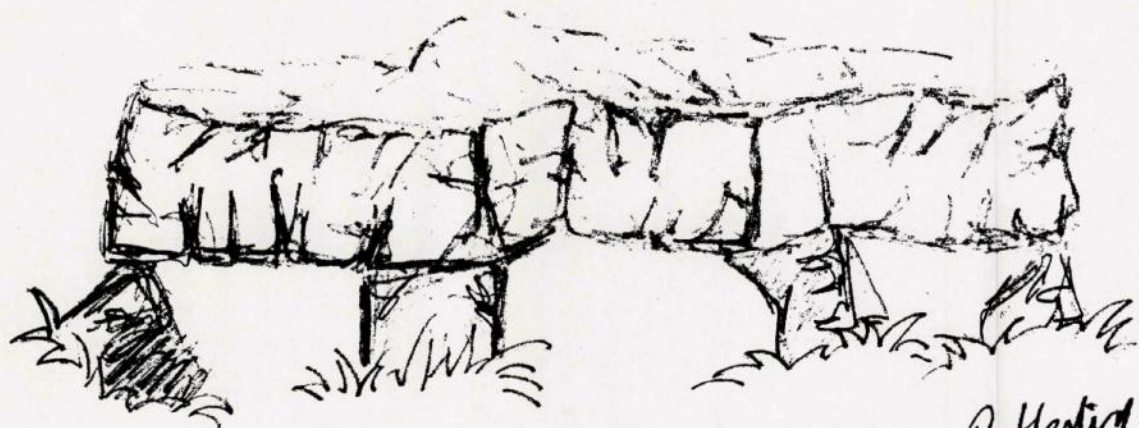
*Left are the remains;
Leaves, wood and lives,
Scattered by the wind;
All that are left are memories.*

*The gales have ceased their havoc,
And they're gone for a century,
But what they leave are the remains
Of ten generations,
Lying on the ground like toy soldiers,
Knocked down by a thunderous hand.*

Stephen Douglas (4A)



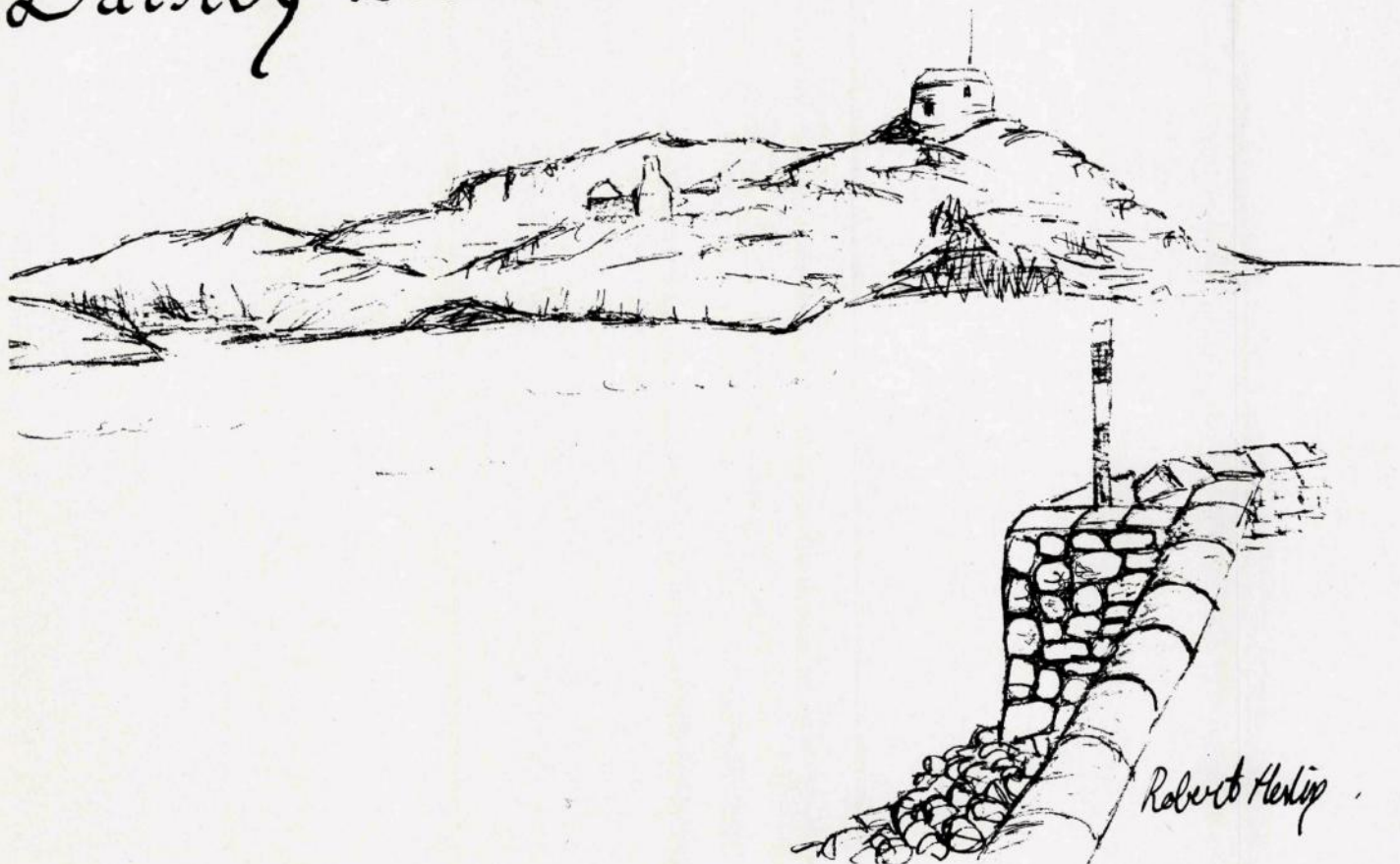
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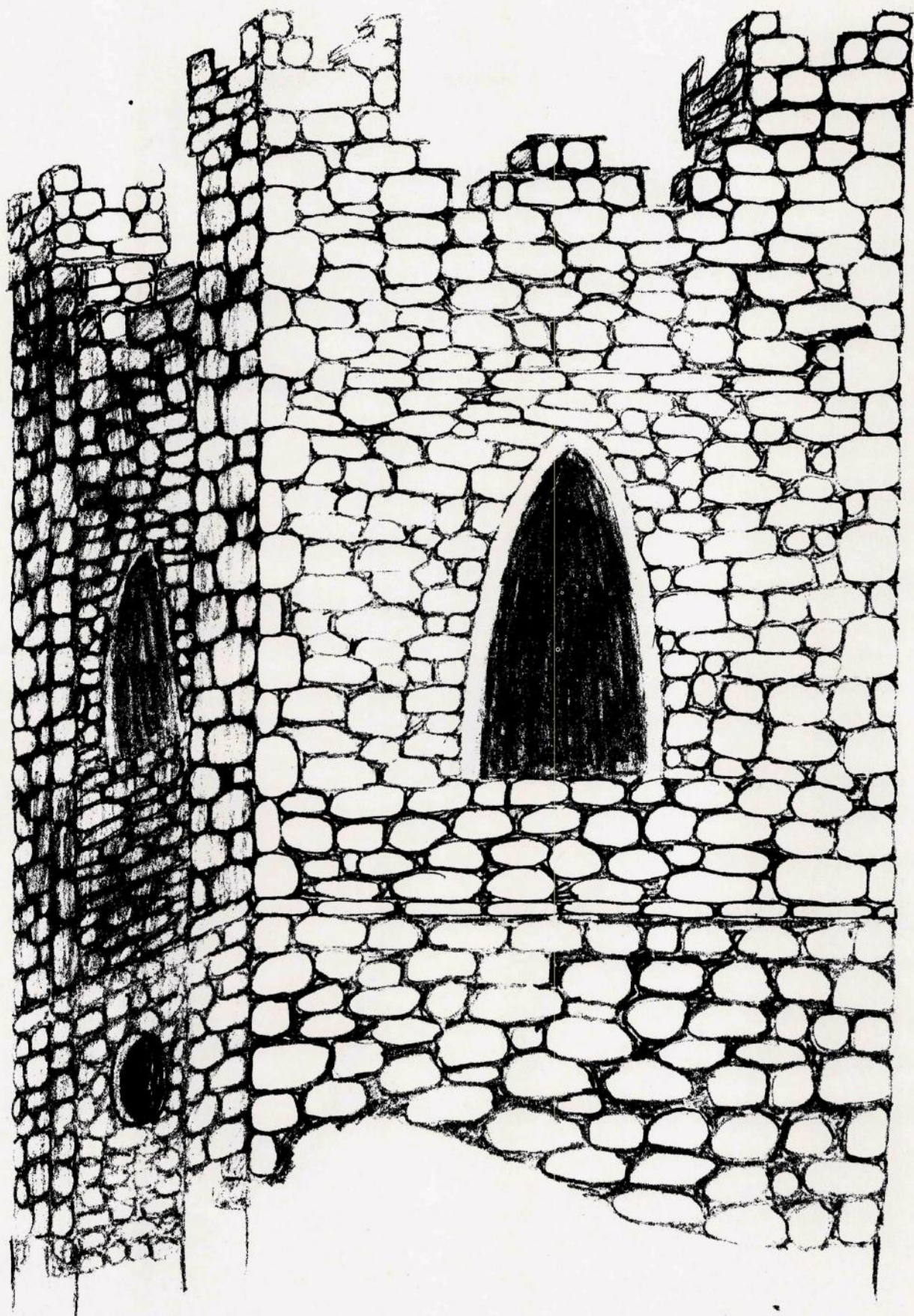
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This Century They Said . . .

A Special Millennium Look through the last 89 years of *The Erasmian*

Forerunners of *The Erasmian* DECEMBER 1913

Dear Mr. Editor,

In looking over the accumulated papers of several years, I came across a few copies of a magazine called *H.S.D.*, which lived for a few years before the venture of the printed magazine was made. I believe the Editor was changed every month, and his chief duties were to write out the whole of the "copy", and make as many "cyclostyle" copies of it as he thought he would be able to sell, and he had also to suffer the penalty of another month's editing if his first attempt was illegible.

The First World War

Since the Cup matches, we regret to confess, loom more largely on our small school horizon than the war, we hope our readers will not take amiss a few remarks on this subject.

MARCH 1915



H.S.D.'s First Casualty — N.L. Hannon (21)

JUNE 1915

The School, like all Protestant Schools in Ireland, has taken its part in the war just as much as any English public school. Although there is no conscription here, it is for our boys hardly necessary. As they reach the age for service they are nearly all only too anxious to serve. We have now between four and five hundred Old Boys who have joined His Majesty's forces, and three of our Masters are at the front — Mr. Wyon, Captain in the S. Staffordshires, who is now on the Staff of a Brigade; Mr. Elwood, Lieut. in the North Lancashires, and Mr. Slade, Lieut. in the Essex Regiment.

DECEMBER 1917

So much for the War. Let us now turn our thoughts to matters concerning ourselves and the School. During the last term the School was forced to close down for three weeks owing to the terrible epidemic of influenza. It was a sad break in the term, and its effects were noticed in the Christmas Examinations, which were held just before the holidays commenced. Also, owing to the epidemic, we were unable to have our annual distribution of Prizes, which usually takes place in November, but we hope to have it shortly, in January or February.

DECEMBER 1918

In conclusion, now that the war is over, and paper is not so scarce, we would like a few articles from the boys, for the next *Erasmian*. Contributions will be received at any time by the Editor, but we would request the boys not to rush all at once.

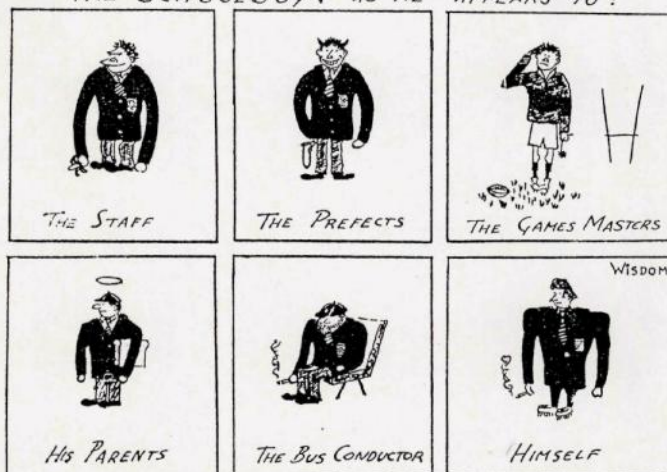
The 1916 Rising

When we arrived in the Front Square on Tuesday morning we found that those who had been left on the roof of the Regent's Hall had not been idle. Two Sinn Féin despatch-riders on bicycles had been shot by them at the bottom of Grafton Street, one mortally . . .

. . . We censored the "Tommies" outgoing letters, which proved a wonderfully diverting task. Some were extremely illogical. "Please send me money, as I can get nothing to buy here", we considered a gem. But we enjoyed the love-letters most.

— From "Trinity Letter" (June 1916)

THE SCHOOLBOY, AS HE APPEARS TO :



Instigated by Germany and induced by promises of help, the Sinn Féin body resolved to take up arms against the Government and to attempt to set up an Irish Republic. With a few thousand followers they defied the might of the British Empire, and as the promised help of men and munitions did not arrive, the effort was doomed to failure from the very outset. They behaved gallantly under fire, and however much we deplore the motives that inspired them, still we ought to give the due meed of honour to those who died for what they considered to be their country's good.
(December 1916)

MARCH 1922

W.B. Yeats (1881-83) is to be congratulated on receiving the honorary degree of LL.D. from Trinity College, and also on his appointment as a member of the Free State Seanad.

APRIL 1923

"Write me a humorous article", said the Editor. "But the humour in my humorous article is never apparent to anyone but myself", I said. It's a fact, too. "Oh", said he, "any fool can do it; look at Stephen Leacock, and Wyndham Lewis, and A.A. Milne and lots of others" — which wasn't very complimentary to them.

Thinking this over, I came to the cheerful conclusion that it is probably because I am not any fool that I can't be funny; perhaps it is because my powerful and unrelenting brain is always considering grave problems — "Will the explanation that my chain came off on the way serve as an excuse for lateness, when my bike 'was punctured' on Monday and I 'got a side-slip' on Wednesday? Or 'When I've been fined a shilling for carving my initials on the desk, may I complete the name on the strength of the same shilling or am I liable to be fined another.

JUNE 1926

Refining Rugger

*Though Rugger be a manly sport,
'Tis time its devotees were taught
Some common courtesy they ought
To mingle with their vigour.
Scrum leaders, raising voice above
All others, shouldn't bellow, "Shove!"
But coo, as would a turtle-dove,
"Pray push with added vigour!"*

*Two days a week I play with zest,
In mud-bespattered shorts and vest;
With fifteen men upon my chest,
The ground I tumble hard on.
"Get off the ball, sir!" rudely shout
The hooligans who've laid me out
Instead of (as they should, no doubt)
Politely begging pardon.*

*It is the proper thing, I know,
To tackle your opponent low,
But, having fiercely floored the foe
And rolled him in the mud
You should surely take him by the hand
And, when his fevered brow you've fanned,
Inquire of him in accents bland—
"I trust I haven't hurt you?"*

*To dash around upon the grass
Beside a colleague, roaring "Pass!"
And, if he doesn't, "Oh! you ass!"
Is crude — we shouldn't stand it.
An era I would see begun
When men would murmur as they run —
"If you, sir, with the ball have done,
To me, I prithee, hand it".*

H.G.S.

THE BOYS OF H.S.D.

*The boys of the High School, Dublin,
Are a very learned crew,
It's really a nine days' wonder
The amount of work they do.*

*For Euclid they've a passion,
And Trig. they all adore;
They know the value of Sin 2A.—
A few know a little more.*

*At History they can tell you
All that's happened since the Flood,
And how the field of Hastings ran
With Oliver Cromwell's blood.*

*At Geography they're A1;
With knowledge they abound.
They know that Fuji-yama's
On the shores of Plymouth Sound.*

*They can tell that Calcutta's
A town on the Firth of Tay,
And they know that San Francisco's
An island in Lagos Bay.*

*They're wonderful at Latin comp.,
And Virgil's free from "fog"—
They know "Arma virumque cano"
Means "arms and the juice of a dog".*

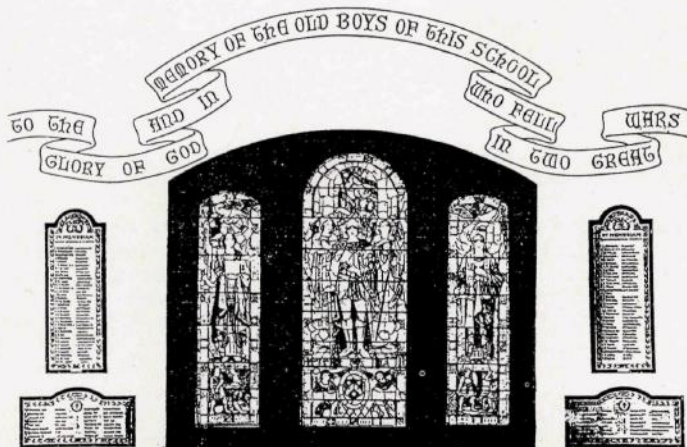
"L.A."

DECEMBER 1948

On Wednesday, 10th November, 1948, at a simple, yet impressive service in the Clockroom, Lord Rugby, United Kingdom Representative in Eire, unveiled two tablets bearing the names of thirty Old Boys of The High School who died in the Second World War.

(The War was seldom mentioned in the *Erasmian* of the period, due to the Emergency Censorship regulations).

(NOTE: The Library has very few *Erasmians* from the 'Thirties and early 'Forties, and we would like to appeal for any copies that might be out there).



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

JUNE 1950 The Sentinel

Amid the fields of ripening corn
A sentinel I stand;
At dusky night, at dewy morn,
I see a golden land.
My face I turn, north, south, east, west,
To search for passers-by;
A breeze or boisterous gale my quest—
A windmill bold am I!

W.F. Wilson.

JUNE 1951



Whistles and mouth-organs and other forms of nuisance will be confiscated — and boys responsible fined 1/-. —School Rule No. 6.

DECEMBER 1959

At the end of the Summer Term we said farewell to Mr. A.P.R. Brook, who has left to take up a position in an English school.

JUNE 1962

Fifty Years Ago

(From *The Erasmian*, December 1912)

The Board of Governors have agreed to a recommendation that the school should close on Wednesdays at two o'clock instead of three as heretofore. The object of this was to afford to every boy a better opportunity, especially in the winter months, of taking part in the afternoon games, and this change, I need hardly say, has proved highly popular.

DECEMBER 1971

Moving

In a year when the School has seen the advent both of new premises and of a new Headmaster it could be surmised that the School is on the threshold of a new era. Certainly the situation should have the effect of instilling new enthusiasm into those who experienced an atmosphere of lethargy in Harcourt Street, knowing that the move was imminent and feeling that innovations could be postponed until then. In one field at least we have evidence of concrete results. Those who believed that the vandalism, which was becoming rampant in its environment at No. 40, would prey eagerly upon the unmutated structure in Danum have so far been proved to be in error. Whether the beast cannot adapt to new surroundings or whether he is lying dormant and awaiting his chance to strike we cannot tell. It is my belief, however, that provided a hard line is taken on vandalism in the early stages, we shall so prolong the winter that we shall starve the animal in hibernation.

My first-hand experience with an escalator

My first experience on an escalator was very thrilling and exciting. I had read about them in books, but I had never seen a real one.

I stepped on to the platform at the bottom of an escalator before it formed itself into steps. It was a funny feeling to feel myself going up a staircase without having to move my feet, as I have to do at home or at school. It is great fun trying to run up an escalator that is coming down. I tried it and, although my legs were moving very quickly, it seemed that I was not moving at all. Of course, if you are in a hurry you need not stand on the steps, for you can step out as on an ordinary stairs, and it is surprising how quickly you reach the end.

I will always remember my first experience on an escalator.

G. Fisher (3D), Age 10½.

DECEMBER 1968

Survey on Pocket Money

During this term *The Erasmian* carried out a survey on pocket-money in its various aspects. A hundred boys — this number being chosen as it was thought it would give a reasonable representation of all boys in the school — were asked to complete a questionnaire of seven questions. In order to ensure a better cross-section, the 100 boys were divided into four age groups of 25: 11-13 year olds, 14 and 15 year olds, 16 year olds and boys of 17 years and over. The questions were answered responsibly, and some important patterns were revealed.

How much pocket-money do you get a week?

Age Group	2/6 — 5	5/- — 10/-	10/- — 15/-	15/- — £1	Over £1
11, 12, 13	68%	24%	4%	—	4%
14, 15	36%	48%	16%	—	—
16	20%	36%	24%	12%	8%
17 & Over	4%	36%	24%	14%	20%

Do you think your pocket-money is (a) Too much? (b) Enough? (c) Too little?

Most boys were satisfied with the amount of pocket-money they received. 35%, however, did think they got too little, 7% of whom were over 14 years old and getting less than 5/- . Only one boy, over 17 years of age, thought he got too much pocket-money.

In conclusion, it may seem to older people that the amount of pocket-money received by boys nowadays is unprecedented. However, considering the ever-increasing cost of living, we feel that pocket-money, especially in some cases, is not given extravagantly.

D.J. Moore, D.E. Jones.

DECEMBER 1969

Of Mice and Men

Lord Upton announced in the Lords today that British Rail would no longer charge passengers for the carriage of mice and similar small animals. — *'The Times'*.

There was widespread support in mouse-loving circles (reports our Special Correspondent on Rodent Affairs) for the announcement in the House of Lords that mice would in future be carried free of charge on British Rail passenger services. This long-awaited announcement drew ecstatic cheers from both sides of the House. 'At long last we may truly call this fair land a free country; I look forward with pleasure to a large increase in the mouse population', remarked Lord Mousetrappé and Cheasemerchant, Keeper of the Royal Rodents.

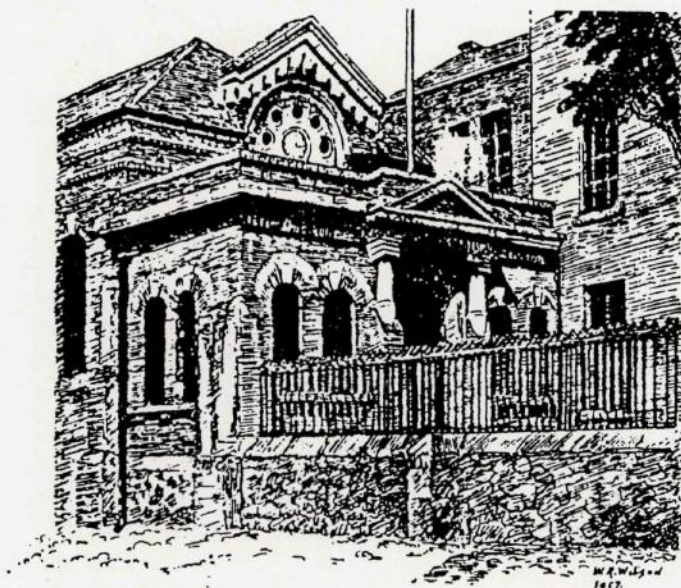
But what is the situation in Ireland? Asked about C.I.E.'s policy on rodent transport a spokesman for the Association of Spokesmen and Kindred Professions said that the C.I.E. Spokesman was unavailable for comment at this juncture.

N.J. Cox (6th)

JUNE 1975

Irish is no longer compulsory for Leaving or Intermediate Certificates. That simple statement freed many High School boys from a lot of worry and anxiety. For many years boys had studied Irish with the purely functional and materialistic approach of grinding through the course to get the necessary pass. The fear of failure, and the resultant loss of certificates was an ever present worry. With the price of failure so high, few attempted the honours course.

THE ERASMIAN



The Magazine of the High School, Dublin

JUNE 1977

The Headmaster and members of the Staff considered several projects and decided in favour of providing a 'base' for sixth form. A committee of Sixth formers was asked to express views on this matter. The Headmaster gave us the use of the balcony as our 'base' for which we thank him very much. Soon boxes were made for us as seating and lockers, a tape recorder, an electric kettle and colourful posters were bought.



*You cannot eat
a Better Sweet*

Lemon's

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JUNE 1980

The Stardust Tragedy

Services and masses were held all over the country for the victims of the Stardust fire. We, in turn, as a School, participated in a memorial service, held in Zion Church, Rathgar. The pupils and staff of the school congregated for hymns, prayers and readings, remembering the victims, the injured, and the grief-stricken families. The service which commenced at ten o'clock was conducted by Rev. Roy Warke, Rector of Zion Parish, assisted by Rev. Rowntree. A special fund-raising scheme was organised to raise money for the victims and their families, and the High School contributed £180.15. The service ended in silent prayer for all those who perished in the holocaust.

Carolyn Walsh (6th Form)

Caving

In November, 1985, Mr. Maguire's 5th year English class decided to try to raise some money for the Dublin charity 'Alone'. We set a target of £200, and if we reached it, Mr. Maguire kindly said that we could cut all his hair off, and his 'beard' as he called it (we had other words for it, but we shall let that pass!). At this stage Mr. Hickmott got in the act, and pledged his beard (his was a genuine beard!) if we managed to raise a further £250, in full confidence that we would never reach a total of £450. We did! In fact we raised over £500 in total.

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

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

SCHOOL RECORD

School News

Mrs. Sheelagh O'Donoghue retired in June 1987 after long service in Diocesan and High School. We welcome Miss Frances Wilson who took over the Home Economics Department in September 1987. Mr. Tony Kelly was awarded a Schoolmaster Fellowship for the Michaelmas Term by Trinity College. Miss Janet Barcroft has been on leave of absence following an operation and her classes have been taken by Mrs. Aileen Lyons.

For the first time in thirty years a marriage took place between two serving members of the staff. At Easter Miss Pat Saville and Mr. Tony Kelly were married and their many friends on the staff and among present and past pupils, send them their best wishes for their future happiness. Our congratulations and good wishes also go to Valerie King, the librarian, who was married at Christmas and to Janet Doherty who has announced her engagement.

We were saddened to hear, in March, of the death of a former Head Girl, Paula Fraser, in a motor accident in Australia and extend our sympathy to her family. We send our sympathy also to Karen and Susanne Hill on the death of their mother.

Miss Diana Patton resigned from her position as Accounts Secretary to take up another appointment. Her place has been taken temporarily by Mrs. Bernadette McCartin.

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B.M.R. ARGYLE: Science, U.C.G.
 MAURICE B. BRYAN: Engineering, D.I.T.
 MARK V. BRYAN: Natural Science, T.C.D.
 JACQUELINE BYRNE: Secretarial Course, L.S.B.
 JOHN D.D. CAIRD: Medicine, T.C.D.
 ENG DING CHAN: Medicine, All Saints College, Kerala, India.
 TANYA H. CORRIE: Speech Sciences, University College, London.
 BRIAN A. COX: Engineering, D.I.T.
 DOMINIC C. DUNBAR: Mathematics and French, T.C.D.
 ANDREW H. ELLIS: Hotel Management, D.I.T.
 EOIN D. FLEETWOOD: Dentistry, T.C.D.
 MICHAEL W.P. FOLEY: Economic and Social Studies, T.C.D.
 TIMOTHY S. GILL: Natural Science, T.C.D.
 EAVAN P. GUILFOYLE: Institute of Education.
 MARGARET A.B. HANLON: Physiotherapy, T.C.D.
 CATHERINE A. HARDEN: Medicine, T.C.D.
 JUSTIN HAYES: Engineering, T.C.D. ✓
 DAVID M. HENDERSON: Sales Assistant, Sportique.
 ADRIENNE E. HUGGARD: Physiotherapy, T.C.D.
 KERRY M. KIRKHAM: Ringsend Technical College.
 SYLVIA M. MACKEN: Trainee Nurse, Adelaide Hospital.
 REBECCA J.E. MICHAEL: Librarianship and Information Studies, Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology, Aberdeen.
 NORMAN A. MITCHELL: Industrial Chemistry, South Bank Polytechnic.
 WILLIAM S. POWELL: History, T.C.D.
 KATE SUITER: Sales Assistant, Weir and Sons Ltd.
 NIGEL I. SUTTON: Gurteen Agricultural College.

6th FORM:

DEIRDRE M.O. ARMSTRONG: Dun Laoghaire School of Art.
 RHONDA A. BAILEY: Office Clerk, Allen and Bailey Ltd.
 SHEENA M. BROWN: T.C.D, French and Spanish.
 PATRICK M. BROWNE: Mathematics, Jesus College, Cambridge.

CRAIG J. BROWNELL: Institute of Education.
 PETER R.W. CASHELL: 6U H.S.D.
 ALAN G. CATHCART: Clerk, Tedcastle & Co. Ltd.
 CHEE SENG HEE: Law, Middlesex Polytechnic.
 GARRETT C. CHILDS: Hairdressing, David Marshall.
 CAOIMHE D.A. CLARKE: Education Centre, Cheeverstown House.
 ALAN T. CONWAY: Science, U.C.D.
 SALLY A.H. COOKE: Fairchild Secretarial College.
 NESSA CORISH: Ringsend Technical College.
 A.S.E. COSTELLO: Dundrum Technical College.
 STEPHEN J. DARBY: Trainee Jeweller.
 MAIR M. DAVIES: Geography and Psychology, T.C.D.
 JULIAN R.V. DAVIS: Agricultural Management.
 JUDITH T. DAVIS: Kibbutz, Israel.
 HEATHER R. DAWSON: Business Studies, D.I.T.
 AARON M.P. DEVENEY: 6U H.S.D.
 DING PEI SING: 'A' Level Studies, Belfast.
 ULTAN A. DONNELLY: Horticulture, Warrenstown College, Drumree.
 JENNIFER K. EAKINS: Littledale's Secretarial College.
 NICOLA J. EDMONDSON: Alexandra Secretarial College.
 SHANE EGAN: Arts, U.C.D.
 DAVID T. FELTON: Sales Assistant, Switzer and Co. Ltd.
 RUSSELL A. FENNELL: Engineering, T.C.D.
 RICHELLE M.F. FLANAGAN: 6U H.S.D.
 SERGHIOS D.P. FLORIDES: Engineering T.C.D.
 LYNN P. FROST: Fairfield Secretarial College.
 ROBERT G. GILTRAP: Dundrum Technical College.
 DESMOND K.N. GLASS: Commerce, U.C.D.
 OLIVE F. GREEN: Leinster Secretarial School.
 RICHARD D. HAGAN: 6U, H.S.D.
 JOY A. HANLON, Private Study.
 STUART K. HAYES: Mechanical Engineering, R.T.C., Dundalk.
 PAUL C. HEANEY: Natural Science, T.C.D.
 JASON HENDERSON, Windmill Lane Studios.
 PAMELA I. HESLIP: Certificate in Home Management, D.I.T.
 JAMES O.M. HILLIS: 6U H.S.D.
 WILLIAM J. HOGAN: Gurteen Agricultural College.
 NATASHA F.E. HUTCHINSON: Secretarial Course.
 NICHOLAS D. JACOBS: Institute of Education.
 ERNEST H.T. KANE: Hotel Porter, Bloom's Hotel.
 CLARE L. KAVANAGH: Alexandra Secretarial College.
 LIAM M. KING: Art Course, Sallynoggin Community.
 GRAEME DAVID KNOWD: Languages and International Marketing, N.I.H.E.
 MICHAELA M.L. LAUGHLIN: Education Centre, Cheeverstown House.
 SIE HAUR LAW: Medicine, T.C.D.
 DEIRDRE J. LLOYD: Interculture Ireland Exchange, U.S.A.
 JENNIFER LYNCH: Secretarial Course, Crumlin Technical College.
 GRAHAM McCARTHY: Newsprint (Ireland).
 KEVIN J. McCAUGHEY: Dundrum Technical College.
 TREVOR J. McCORMACK: Trainee Printer, Fodhla Printing Co. Ltd.
 ELAINE B. McCREADY: Clerk, Craig Gardner and Co.
 ANDREW G. McDONALD: Natural Science, T.C.D.
 STRUAN R. McNEILY, Science, T.C.D.
 CRAIG S. MacWILLIAM: Salesman, Team P.R. Reilly.
 LAURA S. MARSH, Quantity Surveying, D.I.T.
 PETER W. MAYBURY: Dun Laoghaire College of Art.
 WENDY S. MEDCALF: Fairfield Secretarial College.
 ANDREW N. MILLER: 6U, H.S.D.

ADELE N. MOODY: Alexandra Secretarial College.
 KENDAL MOONEY: Secretarial Course, L.S.B. Centre
 VALERIE M. NEEDHAM: Hotel Reception Course, D.I.T.
 DAVID NESBITT: Electronics Course, FÁS.
 CONOR D. O'BRIEN: Greenhills College.
 IVAN T. O'BRIEN: Natural Science, T.C.D.
 NEIL H. O'BROIN: 6U H.S.D.
 NIAMH A. O'BROIN, 6U H.S.D.
 JORDAN W.D. O'SULLIVAN, Institute of Education.
 MARTIN D. OAKES: Trainee Manager, Quinnsnorth.
 SARAH A. OSBORN: Private Study.
 JONATHAN N.P. PEARD: 6U H.S.D.
 AMANDA C. PIM: Secretarial Course, London.
 JANET G. POFF: Fairfield Secretarial College.
 SHIRLEY M. POWELL: Certificate in Hotel Management, D.I.T.
 CRAIG V. RAINSFORD: Dundrum Technical College.
 KAREN E.S. REID: Childminding.
 GARETH D. RENNICKS: 6U H.S.D.
 KAREN RINGLAND: Ballsbridge Business College.
 SALLY F. RYAN: Teacher Training, Coláiste Móibhí.
 MELANIE S. SHEPPARD: Business Studies, D.I.T.
 MICHAEL SIEBKE: Business Studies, Carlow R.T.C.
 CATHERINE J. SIGGINS: Senior College, Rathmines.
 MARNA A. SINAMMON: Secretary, Fashion Track.
 RACHEL L. SMITH: Bilingual Diploma Course, L.S.B.
 DUNCAN P. STYLES: Engineering, D.I.T.
 THOMAS McD. SWIFT: Arts, U.C.D.
 KOOROSH TAHERZADEH: Institute of Education.
 MEE CHING TIO: Accountancy, University of Buckingham.
 DEREK F. TROWER: 6U H.S.D.
 SANDRA G. VEALE: Science, U.C.D.
 IAN C. WALSH: Newman College.
 MICHAEL H.T. WANN: 6U H.S.D.
 MICHAEL J. WANN: Senior College, Rathmines.
 KAREN WATSON, Certificate in Business Studies, D.I.T.
 KAREN J. WENDLAND: Senior College, Rathmines.
 JOCELYN WHITE: Alexandra Secretarial College.
 DIAN E.P. WINDER: Private Study.
 STUART R. WILSON: Guardian Royal Exchange.

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Prize Distribution and Parents' Evening

The annual Prize Distribution took place on Wednesday, November 11th, 1987. The large attendance of parents, governors, pupils and staff were entertained by the school orchestra. Mr. Brook's speech is printed below.

HEADMASTER'S ADDRESS:

I don't think I have ever faced the annual task of preparing and delivering the second half of my Prize Day Report with greater trepidation. In preparing the first half, the factual historical record available to you in printed form in the Prize Booklet. I was on safe ground. When you read it at your leisure you will be able to note with satisfaction that on the academic front the Intermediate Certificate results were as good as ever they have been, and that while the Leaving Certificate results overall were less good than they often are, the discrepancy was not seen as explicable by pupil laziness or teacher inefficiency but rather by the natural variation in intellect. There were some outstanding individual performances, and when Alan Conway and Patrick Browne come up later to receive two of our most valuable and valued prizes, they will be presented also with High School plaques to remind them in the future of the school's recognition of their outstanding performances in coming first and second in the National Mathematics Contest.

As you read the printed report and remember back to past years, you will also be satisfied on the sporting side. A year in which two cricket sides won cups, and so many teams in a variety of sports reached the late stage of competitions, in a better than average year, and with so many schools in the country playing hockey to such high standards it was remarkable to have both Richelle Flanagan and Sarah Dawson playing for national sides in hockey.

So why should I approach my verbal report tonight with more than usual trepidation? It is simply because I am aware of your expectations, whether you are governors, teachers, parents, pupils or friends of High School. At a time of doom, gloom and cutbacks in education, a period of indecision about resource allocation and future planning, a time abounding with rumour, misinformation and no information at all, I am expected, as the educational mouthpiece of the Governors of the High School, to speak with the knowledge and authority of a prophet and to reveal how I am going to wave a magic wand and made sure that however cutbacks affect other schools we in High School will carry on as strongly and successfully as before with the same number of years groups, the same spread of subjects in the curriculum, the same number of teachers and the same size of classes.

Let me at any rate try to fulfil your expectations, but permit me first to look back. It has certainly been an eventful year for Irish education, and in the eyes of many, a dismal one.

It opened with a Coalition Government eventually deciding to start on a path to fiscal rectitude in the face of ever-growing problems. The change inevitably precipitated a General Election, and a change of government. Rightly or wrongly the Voluntary Secondary School sector, the largest part of the tripartite second-level system, felt it necessary to intervene in as unpolitical a way as possible by putting before all the candidates and the electorate at large the way in which the voluntary schools were the most deprived in terms of staffing and resources. The extent to which the voluntary schools felt threatened by any cutbacks that might be envisaged was made clear by the way in which the old enmities between management associations, teacher unions and parent bodies were put aside and the "Partners for Education" united to hold meetings in schools all over the country, including High School, and to put the case for fair treatment of our sector.

While many people felt that the "Partners for Education" campaign was a dismal failure and said so, a few quiet observers now see signs in some of the decisions and statements made by the Minister in recent weeks that as many of the reasonable requests made by the Partners as could be accommodated within the present very tight financial circumstances were acceded to. Equal treatment of different second level schools certainly was.

In her estimates speech in the Dáil on 22nd October, the Minister, Mrs. O'Rourke, spoke of the way in which the differences between the different types of second level schools had become blurred in recent years and said "Consequently, I believe the time has come to put all second level schools on the same footing as regards pupil-teacher ratio and this is now being done with the introduction of a common pupil teacher ratio of 20 to 1 as from the beginning of the 1988-'89 school year". The continuation of the present 20 to 1 ratio is a profound relief for secondary schools such as High School as any upward move would have had very damaging effects on the service we provide and severe inflationary effects on our fees. The most valued resource of this school is its teachers.

As the summer holidays approached, frustration at a lack of decisions in vital policy areas, anxiety arising from some of the small number of decisions that had been made and fear of what was happening in other public service areas reached fever pitch with most school principals. Since the publication of the previous government's "Ages for Learning" document with its

insistence on a three year Junior Cycle course to Intermediate Certificate, more than one hundred schools with six year cycles had based their hopes of retaining a soundly based programme for pupils of all abilities on either the introduction of a Transition Year for all pupils in Fourth Year or on the decision of a new Government allowing them to retain a four year Junior Cycle.

Hopes for the first alternative were reduced to almost nil by the decision to sanction no fresh applications by schools to run Transition Year classes for the school year 1987-'88, and by the leaking of information that suggested all existing Transition Year arrangements would be axed at the end of this school year. Hopes for the second alternative finally disappeared in the Dáil on 22nd October (though few people, including myself, seemed to realise it for a fortnight or so) when the Minister, in the course of the Estimates debate said "In 1985 schools were informed by the previous Government that all four year junior cycle programmes and three year senior cycle programmes were to be phased out. I agree with this and in future all recognised post-primary schools will be required to complete the prescribed junior and senior cycle programmes in three years and two years respectively". We now await a Department Circular on the matter, rumoured to arrive by the end of the week.

Let me list some of the problems that will arise:

1. In 1989 and again in 1991, High School will require examination hall space for 120 more Certificate candidates than usual. In this area we would hopefully be able to hire this, but there would be a steep hire cost for the Department of Education to pay. But nationally the figure for examination candidates would exceed 7,500. If the 1987 Intermediate Certificate results arrived on 1st October, would the 1989 results arrive by Christmas?

2. For the two years 1989-'90 and 1990-'91, High School will require 25 to 30 periods of Mathematics and Science teaching more than usual each week, while some subject areas will have small surpluses of teacher time.

3. In 1991 High School would have an extra 50 to 60 pupils seeking places in various forms of Third Level education. Nationally the figure would be at least 2,500. And we have been warned that there will be no expansion in third level provision during the next few years. Consequently in 1991 many pupils whose Leaving Certificate results would normally have carried them into the courses of their choice will be disappointed, and will either return to school to repeat Leaving Certificate or join the over large and costly army of young people who can't get jobs.

4. From 1991 onwards, third level institutions will find that a significant group of their highly able, mature and well motivated students who enter at age 18+ from six year cycle schools will be replaced by the same ability range of students with good motivation but one year younger, and with one year less school experience. This will just add further to the problems these institutions are facing with the much too large numbers of students who find that through immaturity they have made the wrong choice of course, or just can't cope with the demands of ordering their lives in an environment of academic study.

In sincerely hope that our Government has thought through the financial, academic, social and political consequences of the decisions they have made.

Before commenting on the response that I feel is appropriate to circumstances like these, I would like to mention two further areas of decisions and action by the Minister for Education. The first was the decision announced during the summer that schools would be able to admit as recognised pupils, that is counting for state grant purposes and for the pupil-teacher ratio, those students who wished to repeat Leaving Certificate, provided they contributed directly to the state a portion of the costs of the course. In effect this extra cost was about £165. I sincerely hope that this move will be continued for the future

and that the Minister for Education will prevent the Minister for Finance from doubling the cost from year to year.

The second area was concerned with curriculum, the setting up of a body to review the primary curriculum and the reconstituting of the Curriculum and Examinations Boards as a slimmed down non-statutory Curriculum Advisory Council.

So how should we all be responding to the present cutback situation, to the wearing of our particular hairshirt? The first thing is to admit honestly that nobody from Mary O'Rourke downwards has any magic wand to wave that will transform hairshirt to silken tunic.

But our Government has a responsibility to ensure that every sector of society makes its full and fair contribution to the public purse and to demonstrate that this is happening. Failure to do so would generate a permanently alienated teaching force and a highly resentful student body. It has a further responsibility to ensure that the maximum share of public money goes directly to the processes of efficient teaching and learning, and that expensive bureaucratic administrative back-up systems are slimmed down or eliminated.

From our Governors we shall be expecting two responses. One is a continuation of the wise financial policies that over the past sixteen years have transformed the school from a bare and Spartan establishment with minimum classroom equipment and a drab appearance and environment, to a modern well-resourced unit that can face comparison with any in the land. And all this has happened with fees remaining the lowest of any large school in the Protestant managed sector. The move they have recently made to make the premises, particularly the gymnasium and the all-weather pitch, generate finance for the school from lettings, is a signal of their intentions. The second response is the prompt making of decisions about possible future academic direction of the school, for example, the expansion of our Upper Sixth Repeat Leaving Certificate year group if, as seems likely, a Transition Year is denied to us.

What response is expected from us as teachers? I feel it is professionalism. It saddened me greatly to hear that because of the cuts, some teacher bodies had decided to withdraw from involvement in the Primary Review Committee and the Curriculum Advisory Council.

I can fully understand the extra pressures on teachers when quotas are seriously worsened and class sizes rise, and sympathise with efforts to let the Government know their estimate of how much educational damage the cuts will do to the children they teach. But we all know that curriculum revision and change is long overdue, that it takes years for change to move from committee room to classroom, and that the work needs to be done now. The present Minister is following the lead given by her predecessor in giving teachers a much greater say in the curriculum, and we would be wronging future generations of our young people if we were to refuse to co-operate now. Our professional responsibility requires that the responses we make in this and other areas do not harm either present or future generations of children in our schools.

A large and highly articulate section of people involved with education are parents. Those of you who will feel most directly affected by the cuts are those with children in Form 3 or below, but I must warn that the swinging axe has found trees to topple in all three levels of education and so affects all. At this time, what do we ask of you? The first thing is understanding, tolerance. We in High School do give parents and pupils good service, but please don't demand that we do in three years what we formerly did in four.

We will try, and we may succeed, but if we are going to do so we can't afford any loss of time. Of course you are anxious about the prospects of unemployment for your children, and rightfully have a desire to see that the school does its best for them. I understand, one of my children had more than two years without proper employment. But this term, I and other members

of my staff have used many hours of our valuable time responding to parents who have been seeking variations in our normal arrangements to bring some special advantage for their own children. Saying no politely takes time! It also takes time contacting parents who know their children are not meeting requirements of the school and do nothing about it themselves. We value time spent with parents, but not on issues that should not arise.

The final group of people affected by the education cuts are of course the pupils themselves. What should be their response? The first one, surprisingly perhaps, is confident and reliable pride. In spite of what all the media knockers say, you are part of an excellent second-level education system that in the academic world, the area of sport, the hall of the arts is recognised internationally as turning out large numbers of superb people. Richelle, Maeve, Sarah and Paddy have all received recognition outside this country, and they are products of our system. Even if the cuts do eventually bring some losses it will only narrow our gap of superiority over the system of many other countries. Provided you maintain your confidence and determination, and do one other thing, you will retain a fine system. That one other thing is to exercise the co-operation and self-discipline in every aspect of school life that ensures that every teacher in every class of every day is able to get on with the task they want to do, teaching and helping you learn and develop, without time-wasting distraction of dealing with disciplinary misdemeanours that have occurred in or out of the classroom.

Provided we all do our part, we shall emerge as a well pruned tree should — bearing more and better fruit.

List of Prizes

Old Boys' Cup: Andrew Miller

Jean Scott Trophy: Richelle Flanagan.

Form 6 Up.

Simon Eppel Prize for Science: John Caird

Class Prizes: Margaret Hanlon, Catherine Harden, Adrienne Huggard.

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Glorney Exhibition and Cup (£160): Alan Conway.

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize (£100): Michael Law.

Victor Graham Prize in Mathematics (£845): Patrick Browne.

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize (£70): Serghios Florides.

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize (£120): Heather Dawson.

John Bennett Memorial Prize: Graeme Knowd.

B'nai Brith Scholarship: Richard Hagan.

Bessy Bury Prize for English: Ivan O'Brien.

Alan Peters Memorial Prize: Derek Trower.

Casserley Memorial Prize for English: Mair Davies.

German Government Prize: Michael Siebke.

Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Shirley Powell.

S. S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Melanie Sheppard.

Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Sheena Brown.

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Deirdre Armstrong.

Class Prizes: Deirdre Lloyd, Andrew McDonald, Mee Ching Tio.

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Mitchell Scholarship: George Hawkins.

Dr. Start's Prize for Chemistry: Tanguy Gaidoni.

Parents' Association Prize for English: Brian Mahon.

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Alan Jacobs.

Class Prizes: Tracey Conway, Susan Harris, Brendan Roycroft, Darren Sheahan, Richard Tan, Maeve Moynihan, Ui Peng Khoo.

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Rogers Memorial Prize: Duncan Foster.

German Government Prize: Christian Scheffer.

Dillon Prize for Mathematics: Duncan Foster.

Foster Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Sarah Dawson.

Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize: Gavin Weaire.

Emily Latimer Memorial Prize for English: Sarah Dawson.

Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Meriel Huggard.

Casserley Prize for History: Trudi Rothwell.

S. S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Carol Conway.

Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Lynn Ruddle.

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Mark Byrne.

4A1: Miriam Reid, Carol-Ann Veale

4A2: Dawn Hildebrand, Trudi Rothwell

4B1: Christian Hartung, Susannah Helme

4B2: Joy Warner, Simon Kennedy

4B3: Rebecca Walker, Rachel Bradshaw.

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Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize: Julia Nielsen

McNay Prize for English: Sarah King

Parents' Association Prize for English: Colin Dunne

Parents' Association Prize for Mechanical Drawing: Ruth Hughes, Scott Rainsford.

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Janet Wilkie

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes: Frances Vickers, Christopher Sykes.

3A1: Timothy Hawkins, Alison Furney

3A2: Julian McCrae, Gareth Lloyd

3B1: Julie Kirkham, Brian McNeilly

3B2: Scott Shaw, Melanie Hill

3B3: Clare Quick, Niamh Supple

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McNay Prize for English: Peter Hanan

Parents' Association Prize for Woodwork: Martin Kelly

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Peter Hanan

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes: Darryl Hagan, Keith Sherling

Dorothy Blakeney Prize for Biology Project: Grahame Walsh, Mark Wilkinson

2A1: Karen Dawson, Grahame Walsh

2A2: Mark Wilkinson, Neil Watson

2B1: Keith Lowry, Rachel Ball

2B2: Aileen Strachan, Keith McConnell

2B3: Shirley Byrne, Jeremy Dickson

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Etheline Brady Prize: Annalee Fennell

Jellett Memorial Prize for Irish: Annalee Fennell

1A1: Emily Doherty, Clare Dowling

1A2: Jeremy Chipperfield, Deborah O'Neill

1B1: Brenda Slack, Simon White

1B2: Hazel Babington, Neal Parker

1B3: David Plummer, Jonathan White

SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship: Jonathan Carson
(Hewitson's National School, Clane).

Rory Timlin (Rathfarnham National School)

Ruth Dowling (St. John's National School, Clondalkin)

Helen Finch (St. Brigid's National School, Stillorgan)

Naoise Griffin (Rathfarnham National School)

Lee Roche (Rathgar National School)

N.U.I. MATRICULATION

Sheena Brown, Patrick Browne, Maurice Bryan, Mark Bryans, John Caird, Eng Ding Chan, Seng Heng Chee, Alan Conway, Nessa Corish, Tanya Corrie, Avril Costello, Mair Davies, Heather Dawson, Dominic Dunbar, Shane Egan, Andrew Ellis, Richelle Flanagan, Eoin Fleetwood, Serghios Florides, Michael Foley, Timothy Gill, Robert Giltrap, Desmond Glass, Eavan Guilfoyle, Richard Hagan, Margaret Hanlon, Catherine Harden, Justin Hayes, Paul Heaney, David Henderson, Adrienne Huggard, Natasha Hutchinson, Graeme Knowd, Sie Haur Law, Deirdre Lloyd, Elaine McCready, Andrew McDonald, Struan McNeilly, Wendy Medcalf, David Nesbitt, Conor O'Brien, Ivan O'Brien, Shirley Powell, William Powell, Jean Rivlin, Melanie Sheppard, Rachel Smith, Duncan Styles, Thomas Swift, Mio Ching Tio, Derek Trower, Sandra Veale, Michael H. Wann, Karen Watson.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Bruce Argyle, Deirdre Armstrong, Rhonda Bailey, Sheena Brown, Patrick Browne, Craig Brownell, Maurice Bryan, Mark Bryans, Jacqueline Byrne, John Caird, Graeme Cathcart, Peter Cashell, Eng. Ding Chan, Seng Heng Chee, Garrett Childs, Caoimhe Clarke, Alan Conway, Sally-Ann Cooke, Nessa Corish, Tanya Corrie, Avril Costello, Brian Cox, Stephen Darby, Mair Davies, Judith Davis, Julian Davis, Heather Dawson, Aaron Deveney, Ultan Donnelly, Peiseng Ding, Dominic Dunbar, Jenifer Eakins, Nicola Edmondson, Shane Egan, Andrew Ellis, Chie Chung Fan, David Felton, Russel Fennell, Richelle Flanagan, Eoin Fleetwood, Serghios Florides, Michael Foley, Lynn Frost, Timothy Gill, Robert Giltrap, Desmond Glass, Olive Greene, Eavan Guilfoyle, Richard Hagan, Joy Hanlon, Margaret Hanlon, Catherine Harden, Justin Hayes, Stuart Hayes, Paul Heaney, David Henderson, Jason Henderson, Pamela Heslip, Owen Hillis, Joseph Hogan, Adrienne Huggard, Natasha Hutchinson, Nicholas Jacobs, Ernest Kane, Clare Kavanagh, Hereward King, Kerry Kirkham, Graeme Knowd, Michaela Laughlin, Sie Haur Law, Deirdre Lloyd, Jennifer Lynch, Graham McCarthy, Kevin McCaughey, Trevor McCormack, Elaine McCready, Andrew McDonald, Struan McNeilly, Craig MacWilliam, Sylvia Macken, Laura Marsh, Peter Maybury, Wendy Medcalf, Rebecca Michael, Andrew Miller, Anthony Mitchell, Adele Moody, Kendal Mooney, Simon Murphy, Valerie Needham, David Nesbitt, Martin Oakes, Conor O'Brien, Ivan O'Brien, Neil O'Broin, Niamh O'Broin, Sarah Osborn, Jordan O'Sullivan, Nigel Peard, Amanda Pim, Janet Poff, Shirley Powell, William Powell, Craig Rainsford, Karen Reid, Gareth Rennicks, Jonathan Ridgeway, Karen Ringland, Jean Rivlin, Theresa Rumgay, Sally Ryan, Melanie Sheppard, Michael Siebke, Catherine Siggins, Marna Sinnamon, Rachel Smith, Gordon Stone, Mark Sturdy, Duncan Styles, Kate Suiter, Nigel Sutton, Thomas Swift, Kourosh Taherzadeh, Jill Taylor, Mio Ching Tio, Derek Trower, Sandra Veale, Ian Walsh, Michael H. Wann, Michael J. Wann, Karen Watson, Karen Wendland, Jocelyn White, Graham Wilkie, Stuart Wilson, Dian Winder, Trevor Young.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE 1987

Melissa Alexander, Paul Allen, Vincent Alonso, John Armstrong, David Bailey, Tara Bell, Alison Blackmore, Richard Boyd, Cliona Bradley, Rachel Bradshaw, Dermot Brosnan, Melanie Brown, Gary Brunker, Lisa Buttner, Mark Byrne, Graham Campbell, Seng Heng Chee, Lisa Coggins, Carol Conway, Joanne Cooper, Andrew Darby, Seán Davies,

Sarah Dawson, Philip Doherty, Darren Donnelly, Jocelyn Douglas, Sonya Dowsett, Alan Duffy, Grainne Dunbar, Andrew Dunne, Max Egan, Leonard Eppel, Abby Feldman, Peter Felton, Duncan Foster, Stuart Fox, Tracey Freeney, Stuart Gamble, David Gibson, Stuart Gibson, Elida Goldwater, Rachel Hanan, Elizabeth Harbron, Philip Harbron, Christian Hartung, Cedric Heather, Susannah Helme, Robert Heslip, Neil Hewson, Jessica Hickson, Dawn Hildebrand, Mark Hildebrand, Wendy Hill, Yumi Hoashi, Kitty Holland, Meriel Huggard, Glenda Hughes, Leigh Hunt, Nigel Jenkinson, Peter Johnson, Sarah Kavanagh, Simon Kennedy, Sharon Kinch, David Kutner, Sarah Lamb, Ronan LeLu, Ching Nei Ling, Diane Lowe, Michael Lunny, Trevor McCarthy, Helen McNab, Lara Macmillan, Sandra Mahon, Peter May, Simon Meldrum, Deborah Millar, Simon Molloy, Guy Molyneux, Amanda Moody, Alison Murdock, Derek Murtagh, Corrienna Myers, Juliet Nash, Audrey Nicholson, Simon O'Brien, Tracy Ormiston, Fiacra O'Sullivan, Anne-Sophie Pedersen, Jonathan Pratt, Miriam Reid, Simon Ridley, Mark Riseley, Heather Robinson, Kevin Rodgers, Trudi Rothwell, Lynn Ruddle, Christian Scheffer, John Senior, Robert Shaw, Victoria Singleton, Derek Sinnamon, Karen Sloan, David Stevenson, Jason Stuart, Conor Sweeney, Michael Taylor, Andrew Trower, Kim Troy, Carol Ann Veale, Rebecca Walker, Joy Warner, Drusilla Watson, Gavin Weaire, Mark Wilkes, Janet Wiseman, Louisa Wood, Adrienne Wynne, Hua Tang Yong, David Young.

Mrs. Sheelagh O'Donoghue

An Appreciation

When Mrs. Sheelagh O'Donoghue was appointed by the late Miss Mildred Latimer to teach Domestic Science in the Diocesan Secondary School, Adelaide Road, the school only offered a four-year cycle of classes leading to the Intermediate Certificate examination, and there was very basic equipment in the kitchen. In spite of this lack, Sheelagh O'Donoghue brought an easy, friendly atmosphere into her classes, as well as expert knowledge. She instilled good principles of cookery and needlecraft, and gave instructions in hygiene and some human biology, but she also got to know all her pupils, became aware of their problems and ambitions and encouraged them with understanding and sympathy, helping them to develop character and gain in confidence as they progressed up the school. Mrs. O'Donoghue maintained this personal interest in all the thirty-eight years of her service — most of it in the Adelaide Road premises, but the last thirteen years in the fine new kitchen in the High School, Rathgar.

Over the years, in Diocesan Secondary School, there was a choice of subject between home economics (alias domestic science) and experimental science. The science room was upstairs — a rather cold room with many windows — while the kitchen was on the ground floor. There, girls were taught the useful arts of cookery, needlework and hygiene. One past pupil who learned to work with test-tubes and bunsen burners, reported recently of her envy of the edible triumphs of her class mates and "the warm, sweet smell from the crowded kitchen where girls in green overalls struggled with the art of fairy cakes or apple sponge or tangled with the threads of dress-making". For many girls, making a choice, early in their school career, between home economics and experimental science must have been difficult, but very wisely, the majority chose to come under the kindly tuition of Mrs. O'Donoghue.

Daphne Townsend (nee Goodey) remembers that kindly tuition:

"If I said 'Simmer gently' or 'whisk until light and fluffy', most of you would guess I was talking about home economics class, or domestic science, as it was known when I was at school. However, if I said 'with the grain,

with the grain!' most of you would probably guess I was talking about carpentry or crafts. Well — you'd be wrong! The phrase 'With the grain, with the grain' rang through the corridors of 'Diocesan' at the end of domestic science class, and well you may ask — 'Why?' Our domestic room, as it was known, was sparsely equipped and very old-fashioned by to-day's standards — six wooden tables. Yes, — wooden! — and a couple of cookers, one gas, one electric, and a large delph sink. I bet you've guessed the origin of that phrase now. At the end of each cookery class, the wooden tables were scrubbed with soap and brushes — hence Mrs. O'Donoghue's war cry — 'With the grain, girls, with the grain'.

"I have many happy memories of my domestic science classes, and perhaps the most abiding is the friendly atmosphere of being treated as an equal by Mrs. O'Donoghue, and without being acutely aware of it, learning the skills of cooking, sewing, hygiene and some biology. Mrs. O'Donoghue was more like a mother to us all, rather than a teacher, and she had that often too rare gift of relating to her pupils on a one-to-one basis — she made each of us feel special and always had time to talk about things going on outside school, which would affect us in our working lives, perhaps.

"We had many laughs, of course — over the recipe which finished with the cake being decorated with gelignite, instead of angelica — or when one of the girls was asked to clean the deep-fat pot, and threw the hot grease down the sink. The drain was clogged for weeks! Despite all this, many good cooks emerged and I must say — I still refer to my copy of *All in the Cooking* for the odd recipe now and then, and that's saying something after nearly twenty-five years.

"For her last thirteen years, Mrs. O'Donoghue was, of course, in the magnificent kitchen in Danum, with all the 'mod cons', but I have no doubt that the same friendly atmosphere moved with her, and her motherly ways with the girls will not have changed with the years. I feel fortunate to have been under her wing and honoured to number myself among her many pupils".

Many pupils echo those words, as does June Hosford (nee Leggin) who writes:

"Domestic science, home economics as it is to-day, evokes many happy memories of my days at Diocesan.

"Mrs. O'Donoghue's enthusiasm, patience and happy nature stand out in these memories.

"Dress-making was a most expensive exercise, but Mrs. O'Donoghue went to great pains to help us all choose suitable patterns and materials, so that we would surely want to wear the dresses when they were made. She had very 'with it' ideas, which could make an ordinary dress into something special.

"Patience must have come to the fore when we were all making almond paste and decorating our Christmas cakes. There was never a cross word, just helpful ideas and coaching in the necessary skill for our masterpieces.

"Mrs. O'Donoghue helped to make all classes as interesting and exciting as possible. She was always ready to enter us in the Gas Company and An Bord lascaigh Mhara cookery competitions to add an extra dimension to our studies. Many of the recipes which my family enjoy to-day were first tried in the kitchen in Adelaide Road under the watchful eye of Mrs. O'Donoghue.

"I would like to thank her for many happy hours in her classes, and with every happiness in her retirement".

Many girls entered with success for the Dublin Gas Company cookery competitions or the national fish cookery competitions

organised by An Bord lascaigh Mhara. Sometimes winning a prize in each competition in the same season, as did June Leach. In 1973, Avril Payne won a six-week course in the Grafton Academy of dress-making, coming first in the Cassidy sewing competition, Intermediate Schools' section, with her attractive outfit. She had much guidance and encouragement from Mrs. O'Donoghue.

In 1960, Mrs. O'Donoghue must have welcomed the introduction of the two senior cycle years into Diocesan School and the consequent teaching for Leaving Certificate classes, following the Home Economics general course. This widened the scope of her work considerably and included such topics as household budgeting, consumer education and much more advanced practical work. Of course, it became essential to up-grade the equipment. So, as finance was available — either from the school funds or from government grants — more equipment was bought: more up-to-date cookers — both gas and electric, including one fan-oven type; some electric sewing machines and other electric aids and a small refrigerator, etc. all helping to give the girls practice in using some modern tools.

After some years, Mrs. O'Donoghue saw the need to introduce some senior pupils to the Social and Scientific Leaving Certificate course, and continued to give this option for the rest of her teaching career. Though giving her more demanding work, this course helped to deepen the girls' sense of responsibility, as they considered many problems concerning the home and the community in the 20th century, and pursued a scientific study of food and nutrition.

It would surely be correct to record that all girls benefited from their home economic classes, whether it helped each of them to run a comfortable home, or to enjoy acquired skills, or to follow a successful career in adult years. One ex-pupil who has gained success and fame in fashion and design is Elizabeth Quinn, who writes:

"I am very pleased to be asked to say a few words about Mrs. O'Donoghue. I remember with lots of enjoyment her classes, and especially the way in which she took time to develop my sewing, which is now such an important part of business. Mrs. O'Donoghue's enthusiasm always encouraged her students to try and try again, even if their cakes kept flopping! She certainly gave me the ambition to success in fashion and design".

Elizabeth is a very busy person deeply involved in helping to run the firm of Quinn and Donnelly in Dublin. Twice a year they show their designs at the British Designer show, at Olympia, London, and as a result get orders from the Scandinavian countries, Italy, Holland, Britain and America.

The following amusing account comes from Hazel McConnell (nee Coulson):

"I think of Sheelagh O'Donoghue every time I open my 'bible' on cooking: *All in the Cooking, Book 1*, and chuckle when I see my name — Hazel Coulson 2(a) written in the most babyish writing for a twelve year old! Mrs. O'Donoghue's domestic science class was always one which I looked forward to except for the day we were cooking from page 69 of the above mentioned book — Roast Stuffed Heart. I simply could not cope with Mrs. O'Donoghue fiddling and fingering the sheep's heart. She showed us all the tubes and arteries etc. and then proceeded to put a sage and onion stuffing in it! All I could see was an imagined palpitating of the heart on the roasting tin! I never ate heart again!

"Everyone had the highest respect for Mrs. O'Donoghue. She could, at times, demolish you with a few well-chosen sarcastic words but was always extremely fair and had a great sense of fun which we all thoroughly enjoyed. I enjoy working with my hands and feel I owe a great debt of gratitude to her for all she taught me in Diocesan from French seams to making scones.

Perhaps I need to take a revision course with her — my scones turn out like rocks now!

"I hope she has a wonderful retirement, so very well deserved".

Even though some improvements were made in the standard of equipment in the home economics kitchen in Adelaide Road, no improvement could be made in the size of the room. However, in the year of our amalgamation, a room on the ground floor in Danum was converted into the new Home Economics room, with much more space, more work units and a much better standard of equipment and storage space, ready for classes from September 1974.

The location changed, the room changed, but Mrs. O'Donoghue's attitude did not, and she maintained her personal interest in her pupils. This interest will not have ceased with retirement. Her pupils will continue to have happy memories of her classes and to be grateful for her friendly concern and lasting interest.

May she, too, have happy memories and a long and busy retirement.

M.M. Jagoe.

Canon R. H. Dowse Adelaide Scholarship

The Editor,
The Erasmian,
The High School,
Zion Road,
Dublin 6.

Dear Sir,

Last year you very kindly drew the attention of your readers to an Appeal for funds which would be a memorial to the late Canon R. H. Dowse, who for so many years ministered to the sick in the Adelaide Hospital. Through your pages, the Organising Committee wishes to thank all those who contributed.

The Fund, which is to be devoted to the post-graduate training of nurses in the Adelaide, now stands at £10,481.00 and this is indeed a tribute to all who subscribed and indicates their high regard for Canon Dowse.

The Fund is now being handed over to Trustees but anybody who has forgotten or postponed making a donation can still do so at any time in the future by sending their donation to the Trustees to:

The Trustees,
Canon R. H. Dowse,
Adelaide Scholarship Fund,
The Adelaide Hospital,
Peter Street,
Dublin 8.

Yours sincerely,
Stanley McCollum,
Chairman of the Organising Committee.

A Year Away — The American Way

On the 19th July 1986, eight young Irish people left Shannon on a flight to New York City and beyond. They were to stay for an entire year with American families in various states. It proved to be a wonderful living experience for many of us; a year of fun-filled days attending different schools and travelling to many states. The exchange was organised by the American Field Service.

I arrived in New York, staying for a week on Long Island for mandatory orientation, as part of the J-1 student visa exchange programme, meeting thousands of other foreign students who were also arriving for the year of a lifetime. A week later I took a four hour flight to Kansas City, Missouri, to begin new life with a new family — the American way.

The first week took some getting used to, communicating with my host family of four — a son of twenty, a daughter of eighteen and their parents. Living in temperatures between ninety and one hundred degrees didn't help either, moving into air conditioned rooms everywhere I went. New faces, a new environment, new friends — it all became very exciting. After my initial feeling of apprehension, the family and I grew closer to each other as time went on.

Two weeks after my arrival in Kansas City we flew to Chicago for some sightseeing before travelling onward through Michigan into Canada. Toronto and the Niagara Falls were wonderful sights — we stopped in each city for two days.

I attended a high school in Kansas City throughout the year, beginning in September and ending in early May. It was quite a difficult school to become accustomed to. 80% of the students were black. "Hall Freezes" were regularly called over the school intercom — the teachers locked their doors and the security guards caught the stragglers. The penalty was two days' suspension from school. Although the school was officially de-segregated, the educational policy was unsatisfactory. Many of the white students were taught solely by white teachers in advanced classes, while black students needed to pass certain requirements before being allowed to join these classes.

In the months after Christmas I spent several days with other families and new schools where I spoke about Ireland and my feelings on America. This was another wonderful experience in itself, visiting a dozen schools in many different social environments. The most memorable was a private school with fees in the region of \$20,000 a year where the students drove their own German import cars!

There were sixty foreign students staying in Kansas City, so we had regular "get togethers" and a number of weekends in a camp centre. We attended several tours of the city, visiting the Headquarters of Hallmark Cards Inc. and the Mayor at the city hall. The Mayor made each one of us "Honorary Citizens", entitling us to an official sealed parchment paper.

During Christmas my host sister and I flew to New York where we stayed for a fortnight in a Penthouse apartment with her aunt. Two weeks was too short a time to visit The Big Apple, with all it has to offer. My host returned to Kansas while I visited my brother in Connecticut, who was also taking part in the exchange. Following my trip to New York I took part in a ski trip with my school to the Rockies in New Mexico.

I graduated from the high school in May 1987 and I travelled until I was due home in July. I flew to Los Angeles and stayed with friends for two weeks. I also visited Mexico for a few days.

In early July, the group of sixty was divided into two groups. Each Group had its own Greyhound bus and we travelled from Kansas to New York for our flights home. We stopped off for three days at a time and stayed with a number of different families en route.

My year in the United States was a most memorable experience and I hope to return sometime in the near future.

Malcolm Doak (6U)

BEST WISHES TO
ALL OUR READERS

5th Year Play, 1987!

"Our Day Out"



5th. Year Drama Production "Our Day Out". A Motley Crew.

T.S. Eliot once asked "Why do we feel embarrassed, impatient, fretful, ill at ease, assembled like amateur actors who have not been assigned their parts?" The fifth year pupils, assembled in C7 at 4 pm on January 29th 1987, knew why. They were amateur actors and they had not yet been assigned their parts. The auditions over, they knew they were the chosen few, but chosen for what? Tension mounted until Martin Maguire arrived and the first play reading began.

The cast was as follows:

Les the Lollipop Man
Carol
Mr. Briggs
Mrs. Kay
Headmaster
Susan Duncan
McNally
Digga
Brian Reilly
Attracta Murphy
Colin
Linda Croxley
Jackie
Ronnie the bus driver
Morris
Andrews
Concepta
Jacintha
Shopkeeper/zoo keeper

Philip Irwin
Elspeth O'Callaghan
Ian Blackmore
Margaret Dowsett
Tony Kelly
Jane Cox
Neil Lyons
Jonathan Forrest
Martin Scott
Hilary Phillips
Peter Prendergast
Amanda Watson
Elaine Reid
Gene Draper
James Jackson
Neil Douglas
Sarah Pyle
Ashling Harrison
Philip Irwin

The play was "Our Day Out", a comedy musical by Willie Russell which was originally set in Liverpool. We adapted it for Dublin and more or less managed to keep the plot intact even if the details were a little hazy. A lot of work went into changing the Mersey Tunnel into the East Link Bridge. The play told the story of a remedial class's trip to Malahide Castle and the subsequent chaos inflicted on the teachers and the public.

Two notable firsts were achieved in this play. For the first time teachers appeared in a school production. Seven brave members of staff ventured out from their traditional place behind the stage and joined in the fun. The other first was the fact that "Our Day Out" was a musical, something not recently seen in The High School. Many thanks to the musicians who tolerated the tone-deafness of the cast.

From that first play reading, rehearsals began in earnest and continued for three long months, with only a break for Easter.

Each rehearsal followed the same basic pattern: a warm-up 'exercise', followed by the acting rehearsal.

The warm-ups were, for the many first time actors who had never had the pleasure of being coached by Martin Maguire, something of a 'novelty'. Many of us in the cast had never had the calling to roll over our colleagues, but roll we did, and discovered a great way to really feel close to people.

Behind the scenes the work began slowly but once we got going the pace was hectic. By the time of the technical rehearsal most of the work was done and only the finishing touches remained to be added (like the whole lighting sequence to be written). The dress rehearsal went smoothly enough if you ignored some of Mr. Blackmore's ad libs and dives off the stage. The first night of the play, everything was ready and it passed off with only a few hitches. The other two nights were, to us, like swimming to a fish, very tiring.

Waiting for the curtain to rise on the first night was, for the stage crew and cast alike, not nearly as much fun as being run over by a double-decker bus. Stephen Johnston had a novel idea for cleaning the stage; not wishing to skimp on the cleaning, he poured a large bottle of white spirits on the stage, where Martin Scott and Jonathan Forrest were to do a smoking scene, which involved Martin dropping a lit cigarette on the stage. Not surprisingly, both actors were mildly perturbed at the prospect of the stage bursting into flames at some point during Act One. Nevertheless, the curtain rose, and the stage did not erupt in flames and only a few minor mishaps occurred, such as Sarah Pyle showing everyone a great new way to share coke with your friends, and on the second night Ian Blackmore decided to be late for the second half, without telling anyone.

Overall everyone, cast and production crew alike, came away, feeling that they gained something from their work, like Tanguy Gaidoni, the producer who gained quite a bit more than everybody else (but was never caught), or Martin Scott who discovered that he had such magnetism that even the teachers found it hard to resist him. One thing that no one ever managed to work out, however, was just what Neil Douglas actually needed a comb for.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who helped us; many of the staff, notably Mr. Cryan, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Benson, Mr. Wisener, and Mr. Draper and also approximately 70 fifth years who worked backstage.

*T. Gaidoni (6th)
M. Scott (6th)*

The Fifth Year Drama Production 1988: The Importance of Being Earnest

One day last January, when auditions for the school play were held, a horde of fifth years exhibited themselves in the glorious hope of working under the great Director Martin Maguire and of treading the boards. That week we were all kept in suspense until a second audition decided the fate of the 'Famous Nine'.

On Saturday mornings the actors would dutifully trot along to the rehearsals (some had to be roused from their beds!) and also during various nights of the week. No one could ever have prepared us for the most extraordinary and indescribable body and voice warm-up exercises which we were made to go through! During the first few weeks nothing the great master said or did was truly absorbed until voices were raised, threats were made and a frantic learning of lines took place. Then we were shown how to be overbearing, coy, haughty, tearful, romantic or whatever the part demanded, with 'Marty' kindly assisting us with the more intimate love scenes. The week leading up to the play was hectic, to say the least, what with an unfinished stage, hot tempers, an unsatisfactory dress rehearsal and the strangest sound effects being produced.

At last February 26th arrived, the first of the two consecutive nights on which the play ran to full houses. The climax of the evening was when Andrew dropped the cake he was carrying. In true butler fashion he excused himself to a 'distressed' Trudi, retrieved it and handed her another slice for which he nearly received a standing ovation. Remember Sonya's heart-rending performance of Miss Prism which delighted the audience? And Peter stuffing muffins into his pocket and mouth as he tried to deliver his line! 'But there are only two muffins left'. Tara was perfect as the formidable Lady Bracknell and Trudi as the 'short-sighted' and glamorous Gwendolen. Simon Molloy played the hunch-backed wheezy Church of England Canon Chausable, and Simon Meldrum was the manservant. Lane, who turned a deaf ear to Peter's piano playing. Peter and Ann-Sophy were the two inseparable lovers, Algernon and Cecily and Cedric played a very earnest Jack who was found in a handbag.

On the second night we tended to be quite blasé about the whole play: after all, we were professional actors now! The cast went mad when the curtain finally went down, hugging each other and everyone in sight.

Many thanks, first of all, to Louisa, our dedicated and uncriticising producer; to Kitty who as Stage Manager was a great organiser and always tried to grant our every whim; to Abbie, who as Assistant Stage Manager provided a very patient prompt and stood up admirably to the strain of being asked over and over again where a certain watering-can was. Also thanks to Programmes, who were ready to change the spelling of the cast's names at a moment's notice, to publicity for producing all the super T-shirts; to design for the eye-catching decor; to F.O.H. for producing the tickets and programmes; to lighting, to sound for providing the sweetest bird-song, the stampeding on the stairs and Tara's majestic entrance. Thanks to costumes (especially Susannah and Selina who made Trudi's clothes and Tara's hats, respectively); to make-up for making us look the part and to the stage-crew who were indispensable at all times. Thanks also to Mr. Benson who kindly provided us with the absolutely essential prop: the big black handbag. And finally the biggest and warmest thanks go to Mr. Maguire, without whom none of this would have been possible and who bore us all with infinite patience.

CAST

<i>John Worthing, J.P.</i>	Cedric Heather
<i>Algernon Moncrief</i>	Peter Johnson
<i>Rev. Canon Chausable, D.D.</i>	Simon Molloy
<i>Merriman (Butler)</i>	Andrew Dunne
<i>Lane</i>	Simon Meldrum
<i>Lady Bracknell</i>	Tara Bell
<i>Hon. Gwendolen Fairfax</i>	Trudi Rothwell
<i>Cecily Cardew</i>	Ann-Sophy Pedersen
<i>Miss Prism</i>	Sonya Dowsett

<i>Producer</i>	Louisa Wood
<i>Director</i>	Mr. Maguire
<i>Stage Manager</i>	Kitty Holland
<i>Assistant Stage Manager</i>	Abbie Feldman
	<i>Ann-Sophy Pedersen (5th)</i>

The Scripture Union

SENIOR

The Christian Union meets at senior lunch break every Tuesday and Thursday and is open to everyone who has the slightest interest in Christianity.

We meet to encourage one another in our day-to-day relationship with Jesus and to learn more about Him.

During the past year our activities have varied as much as our numbers! We have had guest speakers in regularly to talk on a wide variety of topics, as well as Bible studies, lively discussions and praise sessions. As well as our lunch-time meetings, we have prayer meetings before assembly on Thursdays. We have a small library supplemented by our own books.

Some members of the C.U. went to Avoca Manor in October for the schools' C.U. week-end organised by the Scripture Union. This proved to be very helpful and great fun.

Sarah Jane Mitchell (6).

JUNIOR

The Junior Scripture Union meets every Thursday afternoon at 12.35 a.m. in B26.

We usually play some sort of group games before we start, and we use the Serendipity series of books which we find interesting and helpful.

By doing detailed studies of various extracts and stories from the Bible we learn how to act more like Christ, our Saviour.

We find out what we really are, not what we appear to be like, and try to understand others when we find what they really are.

We would like to thank Mrs. Cox for being very patient with us and for explaining anything that needs explained.

The more that come the better, so don't be afraid to come!

Neville Cobbe (2A2)
Helen Finch (1A1)
Niamh Lunny (2B1)
Stuart Kinsella (2A2)
Clifford Redmond (3A2)
Mark Wilkinson (3A2)

International Mathematical Olympiad 1988

This year for the first time Ireland is entering a team in the international mathematical olympiad to be held in Australia in July.

A number of High School students, mostly 5th years, were involved in the initial training lectures to choose a team for this event. A series of Saturday morning lectures held in U.C.D. was

then followed by a three-hour exam, or more correctly, competition designed to eliminate about 90% of the participants up to that point. This is did and consequently none of the participants from High School qualified for the next round of training.

Considering the extremely high standard of maths involved, The High School contingent did well to endure it to the end.

Hobbies Exhibition

The Hobbies Exhibition took place on the 6th of February and was a great success, with the number of entries up this year considerably. The standard this year was particularly high all round but the judges, to whom we are extremely grateful, were very impressed by the art exhibits.

This is the second year I've entered, last year with a collection of my model cars for which I won first prize in the collections' section and this year I entered a project on an Irish made sports car and to add to that, outside on display, was one of these cars. For this project I won a special prize. They were both enjoyable days and well worth the time and effort.

A large crowd gathered in the evening, to see the prizes distributed. The presentation of the prizes was made by Mrs. Wynne, the wife of the chairman of the Parents' Association. Our special thanks go to Mrs. Dowsett, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Benson who have organised the exhibition very successfully over the past few years, and to the Parents' Association for their financial assistance.

Jonathan White (2B3)

Write To Reply — The Surrealist Banana (1987-88)

Q.: When is the next *Surrealist Banana* coming out?

A. When we get something to put into it.

The dialogue written above is, unfortunately, one with which we have become all too familiar of late, usually as the person who gives the answer. The committee encounters the question from a multitude of people, none of whom appear to realise that the articles in the *Banana* have to be written before they can be printed and that it is not our fault if we don't receive any. While we have managed to produce an issue at Christmas, and one the previous summer, they have been very near things, being the result of positively Herculean efforts by a handful of contributors, most of whom are sixth years, who cannot be expected to perform such feats again, in view of their approaching Leaving Certificate.

The *Surrealist Banana* should be contributed to by people from the entire school, not by a tiny minority in the older years. In September of last year the first years were asked to write for the magazine at a meeting organised by Mr. Hilliard. Many said they would, but nearly three terms later only a very few articles have been received. What about second and third years who lack even the first year's excuse of settling in? Last year's fifth year managed an excellent response to pleas for contributions, why is this year's fifth year not doing the same?

As I have said, we need articles. So, suppose you have an idea for a "species of H.S.D." article, or wish to see a particular teacher slandered? Well, don't just leave it there, or worse still, accost some committee member, shout your idea at him and walk off thinking he will somehow conjure up two pages of painstakingly written prose from thin air. Sit down at home and write out your idea as an article, and give it into C13 after school, or hand it to a committee member (see any past issue). That's not too difficult, is it?

As an added incentive, two prizes have been put forward by the committee for best article in each issue, one for first and second years, the other for the school in general. These prizes also apply to artwork, cartoons, farce, anything you care to give us.

And finally, if you think that **this** article is awful, and its author an arrogant selfish something — (can't write it in *The Erasmusian*) who has absolutely no regard for any other person's point of view, for heaven's sake, don't bottle up your feelings inside you. Make your view known by handing up a scathing article on me and on this article to the *Surrealist Banana*.

Gavin Weaire (5th)

S.P.J. (6th).

Rock 'n' Roll . . . Stops The Traffic

It would be safe to say that the medium of Rock is now well and truly established in the long list of entertainment provided by the school in recent years.

This year saw four concerts on our stage. Three of these were held during the senior lunch break, and one on the evening of March 24th.

The man chiefly responsible for these concerts was Mr. Hilliard. He suggested, arranged, publicised and oversaw all four events. The only thing he didn't do was perform.

The level of co-operation in these concerts was tremendous, and I am sure that even more talent in the medium of rock will be unveiled to us in the future. Finally, if Mount Temple can do it . . . so can we!

Saul Marcus (4B1)

Armagh Planetarium Trip



We set out on Sunday the 13th of November, 1987, in a bus which sounded as if it was running on gravel instead of diesel. On the way we amused ourselves by singing (roaring) loudly and tunelessly.

Once in Armagh, we got the main reason for the trip over with, — shopping, and only then did we wind our way up the hill to the planetarium.

The Armagh planetarium boasts marvellous eating facilities; no-one has any trouble finding seats, because there aren't any. Everyone managed to find a patch of grass or tarmac though, and we all had lunch (Mrs. Geoghegan fed hers to a cat).

Inside, we discovered that the planetarium had got hold of some snazzy computers, which if you could get them to unfreeze, showed us films of astronauts, comets, and little green men. Also on view were models of satellites and a space capsule. There is also a selection of postcards and bookmarks on sale, all astronomically priced!

Anyway, we didn't have to wait long before we were ushered upstairs and into the dome, which is really spectacular, especially if you're seeing it for the first time. It looks much bigger than from the outside, and it is very easy to believe you're under the real sky, until, of course, a giant ball appears above you along with an enormous swan. It's very impressive though, definitely worth seeing. This year there were little boxes with three buttons lit up in red, amber and green. These were for

answering questions which were fired at us every now and then. This was quite good fun, even if the questions were only slightly too difficult for a robotomised hamster to answer.

We went home straight after the show, and stopped only once to have a bag searched by a customs' officer.

In short, we came, we saw, we left.

Juliet Nash (5th)

Computer Club

After last year's drastic decline in numbers, Mr. Hilliard introduced a new membership system allowing pupils of all year groups to join the club and this has swelled our ranks dramatically. At present, we have about 20 regular attenders.

We meet each Friday in C13 (the computer room) from 4 pm to 5 pm. During the classes, Mr. Hilliard teaches us the ins and outs of Pascal (a high level computer language). His lively methods make these classes both interesting and informative. He also gives us sheets of assignments to help us to improve our programming skills. All these assignments are based on programmes he has shown us during the class. A booking system allows us to reserve the computer in order to type in our programmes.

Of course, the computer club could not exist without Mr. Hilliard's enthusiasm and dedication and I am sure that all the computer clubbers will join me in saying "Thank you very much, Mr. Hilliard".

Mark Wilkinson (3A2)

The Library

As this is the Dublin Millennium year, we have a very good display in the library of pictures, books, and drawings done by pupils, to mark the occasion. (Many thanks to Mr. Benson for the loan of some of his books and pictures on Old Dublin). We also have in the library a glass display case for rare and old books, unfortunately not dated back to 988 A.D.?

The library now houses some 7,500 books. The collection is divided into three main sections: Reference and non-fiction, both classified in the Dewey Decimal System, and fiction, junior and senior. A periodicals display complements the stock to provide the pupils with ready access to information of all kinds. The librarian aims to encourage confident use of the resources available, at the same time fostering the young reader's interest in reading for pleasure. At the end of the school year, I give a prize to the best reader, and the choice of book they read. There are two winners this year, Naoise Griffin and Judith Haslett, both of whom are on their fourth library card!

The library is open to all pupils and staff and each September, first year classes are given one or two periods of instruction in library use. The librarian is generally available to help those with specific requests. While reference books may be consulted and periodicals read only in the library, everything else is available for borrowing. The library is now open after school for sixth form students, a great advantage for those who want to consult reference books etc. We also have a very informal "Friends of the library"! — no great advantage or priorities — only a cream egg at Easter!

I find the pupils who regularly use the library very pleasant and courteous and a pleasure to help in their discovery of literature.

The Board of Governors provides the main source of library finance, but donations from both Parents' Associations and each year from the parents of school leavers, combine to swell the library fund to generous proportions, enabling a steady rate

of acquisition in all areas. Our thanks go, once more, to you all for your generous donations.

"He that loves reading has everything within his reach.

He has but to desire and he may possess himself of every species of wisdom to judge and power to perform".
(William Godwin).

V. King

The High School Ski-Trip 1987-1988

The morning of the 30th December 1987 saw the departure of an intrepid group of 28 High School pupils, three teachers and one husband (Mr. Davin), on a coach journey that was to bring them to Belfast Airport, and their flight to Austria in search of snow and a subsequent skiing holiday.

On arrival at Salzburg Airport, any trepidation as to whether or not there was going to be sufficient snow to ski on, was abandoned with the assurance (according to a certain German speaking 5th year's invaluable translation!) of a local Austrian that 'Muhlbach', the town of our destination, was adequately snowy. It was then only an hour's drive from there to Muhlbach and the "Hotel Harlander", our abode for the next week.

For the first three days we were brought to ski at Arthurhaus, a local resort, where we were divided into groups according to ability and past skiing experience, and under the expert guidance of instructors Christian, Roberto and Petra most of us became quite proficient on skis. However, there were also those who were more skilled at skiing while sitting down rather than standing up, and those who held an inability to stay on the lifts! For the latter part of the week, we were brought to a different set of slopes at Hochkonig. Here, those of us adventurous enough to do so, ventured onto some of the hardest slopes, where we were put to shame by the local '5-year-olds', expertly whizzing past us, as we slid down in-expertly.

When we arrived home in the evenings, for those who could not go without thinking of their stomachs, we were fed with various Austrian culinary delights, from 'calf brain soup' to 'ainseed squidge'. Then it was on to the entertainment laid on for the evening which ranged between a games night — where some High School members showed immense skill in wrapping each other in toilet paper, to an Austrian folk night — where a certain 'language teacher' (from room B9), who shall be kept nameless... proved that practice pays off, as he demonstrated his skill at Austrian folk dancing, and the 'correct' way to drink schnaps!

Finally, on the last evening, there was a presentation of our ski school badges! Here, High School again made history, when all the male members appeared down in boxer shorts, despite the snow on the ground!!

The journey back to High School, via Salzburg and Belfast Airport went without a hitch, except for a certain "golf playing" passenger, who was obviously so pleased to be back on Irish soil that he fell to his knees as we alighted from the plane.

On behalf of all those who went on the trip, I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for organising such an enjoyable week, and Mr. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Davin for accompanying and keeping us under control for the week!

Victoria Singleton (5th)

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St. Michael's House — 5th Form Project

Due to the unusual enthusiasm this year, Mr. Miller was forced to divide the class into two with half of the pupils unselfishly sacrificing one of their games periods, much to the annoyance of certain teachers.

The project consisted of several classes which included videos, fact sheets and discussions, all of which were very informative, giving us some insight and perhaps a little understanding of the life of a mentally handicapped person.

The classes culminated in a group of pupils from St. Michael's House visiting us. The catering staff very kindly provided tea for our guests although there seemed to be a disproportionately higher consumption of biscuits among the High School pupils.

One week later the visit was returned as we trekked down to Grosvenor Road. It was extremely enjoyable although it proved embarrassing for the sole male member of our group as all the girls appeared to take a shine to him.

We would like to thank Mr. Miller for taking our classes and arranging the trip to St. Michael's House.

Carol-Ann Veale (5th)



FEEL LIKE A SWIM?

S. Mitchell, T. Morrison and A. Pearson out for a stroll on Clogher Strand.

The Kerry Trip 1988

This year's trip to 'Peig-land' took place between the 6th-9th January. A group of 6th year pupils met at Heuston station after two weeks of exhausting, indulgent holidays, thinking (O foolish ones!) that they would soon recover in the peaceful, fresh air of the Dingle peninsula. After a long journey to Tralee, we piled into the minibus and were soon deposited to our respective lodgings: For those in the chalets, supervised (cheered, amused, counselled!) by Mr. and Mrs. Cummins, the trip proved to be a valuable lesson in self-catering, whereas those in the 'houseen' enjoyed being mollycoddled by the industrious Messrs. O'Connor and Kelly.

However, everyone managed to visit Peig's house, the Church where she was married and the 'Curran's', the shop where she worked. Some people felt definitely squeamish as they hurtled along the narrow coast road overlooking rocky cliffs, in Mr. O'Connor's expert hands. They survived, however, to enjoy the beautiful scenery and listen to Mr. O'Connor's many anecdotes about the area and the local people.

Some, during a trip to Dingle, purchased all that was necessary for a stab at Cordon Bleu cooking, which they later eagerly devoured. In the evenings, the full group met in the local centre of culture, where great 'crack' was had by all and Sven and Mr. Cummins displayed their skill knocking brightly-coloured balls around a table. Some of us were definitely unamused when the minibus broke down on the way back to the chalets, and we were stranded in the middle of a long and lonely road in the dead of night!

Saturday morning came all too soon, and we set off once more for Dublin, arriving at about six o'clock. On behalf of all those who came, I would like to thank Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Cummins for all they put into the trip, making it very enjoyable and memorable for us.

Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as an turas, ce nar labhraíodh moran as Gaeilge!

Sarah Jane Mitchell (6th)



Say Cheese! Most of the group pose in Tralee on the way home.

Millennium Madness

As we are celebrating 1000 years of Dublin, we at "The Erasmian" thought it would be nice to have a photographic tribute to our city. On deciding this, Nigel Jenkinson and I set off one sunny Thursday afternoon to see what we could find. These pictures are just a glimpse of our city centre in its decorated splendour.

Abbie Feldman, 5th.





Millennium Madness



The Dublin Symphony Orchestra

The Dublin Symphony Orchestra is a society of amateur music enthusiasts who meet together every week to rehearse some of the fine works of both well-known and lesser-known composers. Conducted at present by John Hughes of R.T.E., and led by Margaret Mulvey, the orchestra numbers about sixty, and encompasses people from all walks of life, who share the experience of making music. Concerts are frequently on the agenda; the orchestra has appeared at major venues, such as the National Concert Hall, The Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, and most recently Christchurch Cathedral. These occasions always attract a large attendance, and are greatly appreciated by those who come to listen.

Among the players in the D.S.O. are three people connected with The High School, namely past pupil Howard Freeman who plays principal trumpet, present pupil Duncan Foster who will play third trumpet at the forthcoming event, and present pupil Melaine Brown, who plays second violin.

This year, the D.S.O. celebrates 21 years of playing together, and to mark the anniversary, a concert will be held at the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, on the 11th June. The programme will include "Sea Pictures" by Elgar, "Marcia quasi Scherzo" by Larchet, Shubert's "Unfinished Symphony", and the "Academic Festival Overture" by Brahms. This promises to be a very enjoyable evening for both performers and audience, and hopefully the Great Hall will be filled to capacity, as it was the last time the D.S.O. played there, in November 1987.

M. Brown (5th)

Danum Enterprises Limited

As some of you will remember, the Danum Enterprises scheme was launched in September 1983. It was formed as a response to the increasing problem of school leaver unemployment. The scheme was operated successfully for two years.

It then became apparent that a full-time teacher could not shoulder the additional and onerous time burden of operating and further developing the scheme. The directors of Danum Enterprises decided that the experience gained during the two years proved that the idea was viable and that the solution to the problem was to write to the then Minister for Education, Gemma Hussey, for help with the problem of teacher time. If her reply was favourable, the problem was solved, — and, if unfavourable, it would then allow approaches to be made to commercial sponsors. The school management decided the letter should not be sent. Consequently directors of Danum Enterprises indicated that the solution to the problem would be left in the hands of the school management — and there the matter rests.

While investigating the content of a possible Transition year, the school sent a questionnaire to past pupils who had left in 1985 and 1986. As these happened to be the pupils who were involved in the Danum Enterprises experiment, it was decided to make use of the opportunity to get some feed-back about the scheme. The results, based on 108 replies but expressed as percentages, are given below. Many thanks to those who responded, often taking the trouble to add comments at some length.

Questions

1. Did you take part in the Danum Enterprises scheme?

No	43	If no, do you have	
Vaguely	22	any regrets that	Yes 61
Fully	35	you didn't?	No 39

- Have you any intention of starting a business of your own?
Yes 16 Was Danum Enterprises
Maybe 55 an influence on Yes 25
No 29 this decision? No 75
- Do you think Danum Enterprises might have any influence on your career plans?
Yes 24
No 76
- Were there any skills which you learnt as a result of the Danum Enterprises scheme that you feel might be of use to you in the future?
Yes 47
No 53
- If you were in charge of High School, would you like to see such a scheme continuing?
Yes 98 If yes High priority 81
No 2 Low Priority 19

The answer to the last question is regarded as most significant. There were many people, some with High School connections but many outsiders, who reacted to the scheme with interest, help and support. There are too many to mention all by name but special thanks are due to Dr. Tony O'Reilly for unsolicited financial support and to Paul Newman of Douglas Newman Good who awarded an annual prize of £300.00 for the best business enterprise project by pupils.

My personal thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the experiment, which is now concluded.

John Hickmott

1987 Burren Trip

The 1987 Burren trip took place between the 13th-15th May. A very enthusiastic party of 5th formers boarded the coach, armed to the teeth with equipment. On setting off, much to everyone's surprise, Mr. Wright distributed worksheets and informed us that this was the work we would be doing for the duration of the trip. While passing through the various towns along the way, we were given interesting geographical and historical commentaries on the towns and the countryside. We visited the Ailwee Caves and returned to the hostel in Liscannor where a hot and welcome meal was prepared and served.

The following day's visit to the limestone pavement was marred by the wet and windy weather, yet the majority of people trudged on, and finished their assignments. Then it was on to the Cliffs of Moher, where, although bitterly cold, the scene was enjoyed by everyone. Some people then ventured into Pollnagollum with the help of Mr. Wright and all the other experienced cavers. A minority group felt this was too hazardous an experience and declined the offer. That night a local traditional group came to play for us and head a céilí which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

On our last day the biologists, with the help of Mrs. Geoghegan and Mrs. Dowsett, visited a turlough, where some interesting phenomena were observed. On our way home we stopped at Yeats' home near Gort where we had lunch. We arrived at the school at 7 p.m., exhausted but content.

On behalf of the 5th formers, who went to the Burren last year, I would like to thank Mrs. Geoghegan, Mrs. Dowsett, Mr. Wright and Mrs. Davin for organising the trip and for being brave enough to stick it out for the three days.

Tara Morrison (6th)

6th Form Dance 1988

This year's 6th form dance was held in the Shelbourne Hotel and Claire's Nightclub, on Wednesday, 30th March. One hundred and ninety-one tickets were sold, but strangely

enough, by the end of the evening, a perfunctory head count indicated the presence of well over two hundred people!

The evening began, for most people, in the bar of the Shelbourne Hotel where numerous parents, friends and even an occasional debutante were to be seen. The assembly moved into the ballroom around nine o'clock, found their tables and seats, exchanged greetings, threw compliments, and even the odd flower at each other. The meal itself was eaten, laughed at, or enjoyed by the respective sixth years, according to their personal preferences. Mr. Benson was Master of Ceremonies, scattering compact discs, champagne and cuddly toys amongst the tables!

The Shelbourne provided the band, which with music ranging from Glen Miller to the Rolling Stones were extremely good, but these were temporarily replaced by the more musical among us known at the time as 'Ten Minutes After', Denis Roche, Eoin O'Brien, Malachy Robinson, Carol Davey, Jonathan Forrest, Sebastian Clayton and Eoin O'Doherty, for a brief and very popular set. The evening in the Shelbourne ended with the National Anthem.

It was a short and pleasant walk in, around, under and over Merrion Square to Claire's Night Club where, after a short but not at all inconvenient or tedious wait, everyone gathered again. Here, people danced, talked, boogied, got engaged and generally had a good time until 6.00 a.m. in the morning.

We would like to thank Mr. Benson, Mr. McMullen and everyone else who helped to make it a very successful and enjoyable evening.

F.S.
J.F.

Parents' Association

At the Annual General Meeting in October, the following members were elected to the Parents' Association Committee:

Kay Brosnan, Joyce Brownell, Alan Foster, Linda Morton, Rodney Needham, John Timlin, Olive Ui Mhaolchoille, Clodagh Veale, Carole Walsh and Trevor Wynne.

In November, Susan Parkes, Director of Studies at the Dept. of Teacher Education in Dublin University, addressed the Parents' Association. Her topic: "Secondary Education Now" was both illuminating and entertaining. Leaving parents with few illusions about their offspring, she did offer some hope for their future education. Her frank and amusing replies to questions made it a most enjoyable evening for all who attended.

The Annual Beer, Wine and Cheese Evening was once again held in February and was both a financial and social success. Numbers were slightly down on last year, but consumption was unaffected.

The annual tennis match was won by Richard Bell (Parent) and Gillian Rea (pupil) and was a successful afternoon. This year's match is currently being arranged by Carole Walsh and John Timlin and those who returned their questionnaire will be contacted soon. Suggestions that we run a Father/Son - Mother/Daughter match were received, but were not enthusiastically supported by pupils!

Sheila Hillis is again representing High School as Secretary of the N.P. S.S.P.A. where she has done tremendous work. She has also been elected to the Policy Committee of the N.P.C. As this has been a particularly difficult year for these committees we are very grateful to Sheila for her efforts.

The March meeting was entertained by the High School Orchestra and Dramatic Society under Mr. Wisener and Mr. Maguire respectively. The rather small attendance was disappointing for the enthusiastic and talented performers.

Finally, the Committee would like to thank all who attended meetings throughout the year, especially on wet winter evenings.

Clodagh Veale (Secretary)

The School Orchestra

The High School Orchestra has now a membership of twenty-one, and is four years in existence, combining brass, woodwind and string players in a cacophony of sounds!

Our activities during the Christmas term started with the School's Music day, which was a Wednesday devoted to giving a concert three times so as to be heard by the entire school. Our next performance took place at the Prize Distribution, and the term was rounded off by our final outing at the Carol Service, along with the School Choir. This was a resounding success and a reception at the school afterwards for all who attended completed a very enjoyable occasion.

The Easter term meant serious business; the first major event was the Department of Education examination. The second was the P.T.A. concert. This, in conjunction with the 5th year Dramatic Society, was a performance given for the parents and staff who cared to come and listen; the audience was enthralled by the orchestra's harmonious rendition of our extensive repertoire, and the high standard of solo performances. "Well done" to everybody who participated that evening.

The last event in the orchestra's calendar was the Wesley Inter-Schools' Orchestra competition, on the 10th March. Alas, the trophy was not ours this year, but we were complimented on 'perfect intonation' and 'excellent ensemble playing'.

Spring is the time of year when the various Feiseanna are held, and congratulations are due to many people for excellent results in these solo competitions. One notable success was that of Trudi Goldberg, who gained first prize in the Junior Oboe section of the Feis Ceoil.

Thanks must go to each player who gave his or her time to rehearse during the past year, and also to Mr. Wisener, who is our conductor. A list of the orchestra members is given below; the orchestra practices from 4.00 to 5.00 p.m. every Tuesday, and anyone interested in joining should contact either Mr. Wisener, or any of the following:-

<i>Viols:</i>	Melaine Brown, Damien Harris, Brenda Slack.
<i>Viola:</i>	John Senior.
<i>Cello:</i>	Mark Wilkes.
<i>Flutes:</i>	Carol Conway, Robert Wilkes, Catriona Armstrong, Linda Coote, Aisling Campbell, Janet Veale.
<i>Oboe:</i>	Trudi Goldberg.
<i>Clarinets:</i>	Michael Blytheman, Susan Coote, Keith Sherling.
<i>Bassoon:</i>	David Senior.
<i>Trumpets:</i>	Duncan Foster, Conn Sweeney, Trevor Joblin, Grant Morton, Richard Delaney.

M. Brown (5th)

Debate or not debate, that is . . .

The Junior Debating Society, to the best of my knowledge, only started this school year. It has been most entertaining for all who attended, though as usual in High School this amount was far too few. The meetings took place in B10 at Junior lunch break, on a Monday. The debates were chaired by Mrs. Conway, on most occasions; however, twice she commissioned a member of the society to chair in her stead.

All of the debates were great fun, and the quality of the speeches was excellent. It would, of course, have been better had there been more members. Perhaps next year, if it is still going, there will be more 1st and 3rd years, as the bulk of the speakers this year were, in fact, 2nd years.

Thanks, again, to Mrs. Conway for starting this enjoyable activity.

David Willis (3A2)

Careers Talks

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

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Garda Siochana:	Supt. F. Hanlon, Garda Press Office.
Fashion Design:	Ms L. Quinn, Ritzy Design Studio.
Horticulture:	Video shown.
Sales Representative:	Mr. R. Cooke, National Sales Systems Ltd.
Biology:	Mr. C. Duggan, Fisheries Research Centre.
Hotel Industry:	Video shown.
Going for Interview:	Mr. R. Miller, High School.

WINTER TERM 1987

Going to University:	Mr. A. Kelly and Mr. R. Miller, High School.
AnCO Courses:	Mr. R. Wogan, AnCO Training Centre.
D.I.T. Colleges:	Mr. A. Kelly and Mr. R. Miller, High School.
Secretarial Courses:	Mr. L. Allen, Leinster Secretarial Institute.
Law:	Mr. G. Richards, Matheson Ormsby & Prentice.
F.C.A.:	Captain Edmund Fogarty, Griffith Barracks.
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Modelling:	Mr. I. Epstein, Links & Co.
Company Structure:	Mr. J. Hoblyn, Irish Biscuits Ltd.
Engineering:	Ms N. Harty, T.C.D.
Airline Cabin Crew:	Mrs. D. Dunphy, Aer Lingus.
Veterinary Medicine:	Mr. J. Bainbridge, Argyle & Bainbridge.
Marketing:	Video shown.
Church:	Archdeacon G. Linney.
Journalism Courses:	Mr. F. Lane, Rathmines College of Commerce.
Medicine:	Dr. D. Taylor, Rathfarnham.
Accountancy:	Video shown.
Your Future:	Fr. Michael Cleary.

SPRING TERM 1988

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Film/Video Industry:	Mr. L. Marcus, Terenure.
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Paramedical Careers:	Mr. R. Miller, High School.

The 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 education 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 pupils with information about courses, career prospects, or activities of firms, which can be put in the Library.

The Debating Society (1987-88)

After the lull in debating over the past few years, it is good to be able to write a generally optimistic report. This year has seen a marked shift away from the lunch-time debates which had become nothing more than shouting matches between platform and floor, and a movement towards after-school debating.

For the first time in years, High School entered an Inter-schools' debating contest, the Junior Chamber's competition. Arriving at the second round by default, we fielded a largely interested team (Gavin Weaire, capt., Timothy Hawkins, Brendan Roycroft, and Philip Doherty) against Presentation College Terenure, who proposed that "Trade Unions are a Social Menace". The weather conditions on the night were appalling, and kept away many supporters, but those that did make it witnessed a very professional and lively debate. A lot of work had been put into all the speeches, and the competition was very close. In the end, Presentation's greater speaking experience carried the day, but the margin of victory was slight. For High School's first foray into the field of debating contests in quite a while, it was very promising.

The other major landmark was the annual Old Boys' Debate. This year's was by far the most interesting and amusing I have seen yet. The past-pupils were represented by Mr. Gardner (as usual!), Ivan O'Brien, Kenneth Gibson and Colin Sainsbury, while the present pupils' team consisted of Timothy Hawkins, Gavin Weaire, Michael Lunny and Philip Doherty. The motion was "Our Politicians Have Failed Us", and again our team lost, the motion being defeated by 15 to 11. However, the standard of speeches on both sides was really excellent, with some genuinely witty interaction between speakers. The debate was made all the more enjoyable by David Hanly's work in the Chairman's seat and witty summing up.

The present pupils feel Mr. Gardner should be gagged at such events, as he is an unfair disadvantage to any team he is on. Unfortunately, none of us would want to miss what surely is the pinnacle of the art of casual debating, so he remains to defeat us for many painful years to come.

Our thanks go out to all who supported us, to the Old Boys' Union, Mr. Miller, all our Chairpersons and the Junior Chamber's Organisers. All that remains to be said is what by now has become a firmly traditional and necessary part of any debating society report; our deepest thanks to Mrs. Conway for standing steadfast in the face of apathy, and setting High School debating on its feet yet again. Without her, there would be no Debating Society.

S. Johnston (6th)
Secretary

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Hockey Report 1987-1988

1st XI

The 1st XI hockey team had an excellent season in 1987-1988, playing 30 matches and scoring a total of over 70 goals. Captained superbly by Nicky Kilroy, the team was very unfortunate not to win both the senior league and senior cup.

The season got off to an excellent start with some impressive wins such as Muckcross 8-0, St. Gerard's 8-0 and New Park 7-0 due to an impressive forward line and some sound policing by Catherine Heaney.

We received a bye into the second round of the cup, where we met Notre Dame whom we beat 5-1. In the quarter finals, we met Mount Anville, and after a hard fought match the score was nil all. The replay was the following week and still after extra time it was a scoreless draw. Mount Anville won on penalty flicks, 3-1.

In the league we went through our section without much competition. We then met Alex in the quarter finals, and played an excellent match against Holy Child Killiney to put us in the final for the 4th year in succession. The opposition was to be Mount Anville again. The final, played at Serpentine Avenue, proved to be a closely fought contest with two excellent goals by Joy Warner and Sarah Lamb. Mount Anville came back to gain a replay played a couple of days later at Alex. After some well controlled play in mid-field by Nicky Kilroy and Dawn Hildebrand, Mount Anville were lucky to walk away with the trophy. Congratulations must be awarded to the defence in putting up such a good resistance under pressure, mainly orchestrated by Sarah Dawson as sweeper.

Our many thanks to Mrs. Mellon for her time and to our subs, especially Nicki Warnock was played towards the end of the season. Also thanks to Michelle Flanagan and Niamh O'Brien who played at the start of the season, but had to drop out due to other commitments. Thank you to our faithful supporters for turning up hail, rain or snow.

The annual tour took us to Shrewsbury and was enjoyed by

everyone that attended. We played two matches, winning both 4-0 (S. Lamb, 4), 3-1 (D. Lowe, 3). Our sincere thanks must be given to Mrs. Mellon and Miss Wilson for such a memorable time.

Congratulations to Nicky Kilroy, Sarah Lamb, Sarah Dawson and Dawn Hildebrand who all received Leinster trials. Both Sarah Lamb and Nicky Kilroy made the team to play in an Inter-provincial competition in Sligo. Nicky Kilroy went on to play for the Irish schoolgirls hockey squad who played in a European competition in Germany and a Home Countries competition in Swindon, England in April. We must congratulate her on such a high standard of play throughout. Also congratulations to Richelle Flanagan who played for the Irish under-21 squad and received an Irish senior ladies' trial in 1988.

The 2nd XI captained by Nikki Warnock had a successful year reaching the quarter final of the league. On the way they beat Cabra (away) 2-0, Joseph's Cluny (away) 3-0 and Wicklow (home) 3-0. Unfortunately Wesley beat us on one of our off days. Overall the 2nd XI had a good year winning 15 of their 21 matches, drawing 3 and losing only 2.

Nicola Warnock (6th)

This year's 3rd XI had a very successful and enjoyable season and won most of their friendly matches. The team won their section of the league by beating Alexandra College (2-0), Santa Maria (6-0) and Notre Dame (2-0). They met Loreto Beaufort in the quarter-final, but unfortunately lost 2-1 after extra time.

Finally thanks to Mrs. Mellon for her coaching and encouragement and to the whole team for the happy atmosphere constantly present on the pitch.

Tracey Conway



JUNIOR A 1987 — 1988

Standing: T. Hempenstall, J. Coleman, W. Dawson, T. Robinson, J. Hicks, Miss V. Parkhill.

Seated: V. Barcroft, A. Harris, P. Caillaber, L. Campbell, A. Strachen.

The 4XI captained by Sarah Jane Mitchell had a very enjoyable season. There was plenty of enthusiasm throughout the season even after Mount Anville beat them in their section of the league.

Sarah Jane Mitchell

JUNIOR A

On behalf of the Junior A we'd like to thank Miss Parkhill for supporting us through the entire hockey season. We played on average 30 matches and lost about 5 of them. In the league we were quite successful. We won 3 of the matches and drew the other one. We had a play off against Dalkey, as the first match went to 1-1, the goal was scored by Avril Harris from a short corner. In the replay it went to extra time and we unfortunately lost 2-1. We'd also like to thank Miss Parkhill for coming down to Cork with us and arranging the matches against Bandon and Midleton. We all had a great time in Cork and have enjoyed very much playing for the junior A.

Pascale Caillabet (captain)

JUNIOR B

The junior B had a very enjoyable season. We equalled with Loreto Dalkey in our section of the league. Our play-off against them was most exciting but unfortunately we lost it 1-0. However, we continued to enjoy many friendly matches and due to the excellent team spirit we managed to win quite a few of these matches.

We would like to thank Miss Parkhill for her work during the year and the support she gave us. We would also like to thank all the parents who supported us and provided lifts.

Ruth Hughes (Captain)

JUNIOR C

The junior C had a very enjoyable and successful season, winning the majority of the many matches organised for us. We would like to thank Mrs. Mellon and everyone else who made the junior C possible this year.

Susan Coote (Captain)



MINOR A 1987 — 1988

Standing: N. O'Sullivan, D. O'Loughlin, A. Wynne, C. Dowling, M. Griffin, A. Warbrick, C. Moore, Mrs. G. Mellon.

Seated: R. Boyd, J. Veale, D. Walsh, W. Moffett, D. Brosnan, P. Conway.

MINOR A

The minor A this year worked extremely well together — because of the enthusiasm and regular attendance at practice we succeeded in either winning or drawing the majority of our matches. One of our most exciting matches was towards the end of the season against Rathdown who eventually won the cup. This match we drew 1-1 and we put on a lot of pressure throughout the match. Unfortunately our unlucky day was our cup match against Dalkey where we seemed to be able to do everything but score. Against the turn of play, Dalkey won this match 2-1. However we still continued to enjoy the rest of the season and on behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her help and support throughout the year.

Wendy Moffett

MINOR B

The minor B team had a most enjoyable and successful season. Having received a couple of defeats at the start we went on to win almost all our matches. Excellent team work brought us through to the semi-final of the cup against Wesley. This was a very exciting occasion and we were narrowly beaten in a very good match 1-0. The team wishes to thank Mrs. Mellon for all her help throughout the season, and sends thanks to the parents and supporters.

Shuna Hutchinson (Capt.)

MINOR C

The minor C was a most enthusiastic team. We lost only three or four matches throughout the season. Everybody knew the importance of turning up to practise after school on Fridays and this helped our progress as a team.

The minor C would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her help and support during the year.

Claire Dowling

Boys' Hockey

JUNIORS AND SENIORS

This was the first year that High School entered teams into the boys' league. Both teams played considerably well during the season under the careful and intelligent guidance of Mr. Blackmore. The seniors won 3 out of 7 league matches. They lost their first to Wesley 2-0, but recovered well to beat St. Gerard's 2-1, despite trailing and playing with 10 men for some of the match. They also won games against Drogheda and Columba's, both 1-0 with both goals scored by Stuart Gibson, who scored again against Drogheda in the cup, with Mark Riseley, the captain, scoring the other 2 in our 3-0 win. Unfortunately they were knocked out of the quarter-finals stage by Kings Hospital, who went on to win it for the third year in a row.

The juniors were unlucky to lose their first ever match as a team, against Newpark 2-1, when Newpark scored the winner in injury time. However, the highlight of the season proved to be their 4-5 win over Wesley, as they scored 4 goals in the final ten minutes after being 3 goals down. The forwards and half-backs proved to be very alert during the season and managed to score 3 times against Andrews, the undefeated league champions who only conceded 4 goals during their entire season; they still won 5-3, though. They went out of the cup 2-0 to Newtown in the quarter-finals.

Both captains, Mark and I, and all the players thank all who supported the teams during the year and we look confidently forward to next year when a talented junior side joins this year's young senior team.

Stuart Fox



BOYS' HOCKEY S.C.T.

Back Row: Conor Sweeney, Stuart Fox, Mark Glover, Nigel Jenkinson, Simon Kennedy, Alan Duffy.

Sitting: Stuart Gamble, Jonathan Pratt, Christian Scheffer, Mark Riseley (capt.), Cedric Heather, Stuart Gibson, Jason Stuart.

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1st XV

Back Row: D. Brosnan, W. Hill, D. Neligan, B. Spendlove, R. Harris, R. Hagan, M. Hildebrand, P. Allen, R. Shaw, D. Nixon, Mr. R. McMullen.

Seated: Mr. A.P.R. Brook, D. Marshall, D. Finnegan, J. Forrest, D. Cole, C. Davey, R. Young, M. Wann, Mr. E.D. Cole.

Front Row: H. Smith, E. Casey.

1st XV

The year 1987-'88 proved to be a very enjoyable season for all involved.

After a narrow defeat to St. Paul's, the team quickly drew confidence from a (10-0) win over Newbridge at Newbridge and a (26-3) win over St. Columba's College at Danum. A very close match followed against Blackrock College which was unfortunately lost (9-11).

From these early matches it became obvious that the pack would become a driving force in the Cup campaign, strong throughout from Duncan Cole, Owen Casey and Conal Davey in the front row to the power house of Brian Spendlove and Peter Glynne in the second, eagerly aided by a nimble back row combining the strength, ability and speed of Roger Young and Mark Hildebrand.

Pre-tour matches included wins over Templeogue (9-6), St. Andrews (12-4) and a closely contested draw with Bangor Grammar (9-9) who went on to win the Ulster Cup. Our backs' defence came into its own in matches such as these, ably led by Jonathan Forrest and backed up by Paul Allen whose skill at out-half led to some memorable moments.

A very enjoyable tour of Holland ensued with three hard fought games against The Hague, British School Netherlands and London Irish on our return journey.

After the Christmas recess preparations for the Cup campaign began. Competition for positions was intense. Derek Finnegan and Dermot Brosnan showed equal ability as did Michael Wann, David Nixon and Fiacre O'Sullivan on the wing. This improved the strength of the eventual team. The last of the friendlies included games against Stewarts Melville (9-12) and Campbell College (12-12). A bye into the second round drew us against all time rivals St. Mary's College at Donnybrook. Mary's, led by their international hooker, surprised us by the strength and ability of their pack. However our defence which was extremely well organised by Jonathan Forrest, helped by Richard Hagan, Paul Allen and David Marshall won the day for us. After a good forward break, Paul gained a quick feed from Dermot and weaved his way past several tackles. Jonathan kicked ahead and Michael won the race for the touchdown. This gave us the lead of 4-3 which we defended for the rest of the game.

Robert Harris, who had played well against St. Mary's, was unavailable for the quarter final. William Hill came on as No.

8 where he played with distinction and Duncan Cole reverted to the front row. Presentation College, Bray had proved to be a physically strong pack against Castleknock in the previous round. The High School pack, with this in mind, lifted their game and gave the best performance of the season. After a scoreless first half, Paul Allen opened the score with a well taken drop goal. A break by the Pres. scrum half led to a try. A further penalty by Paul left the score at 6-4 approaching full time. Pres. kicked two further penalties to leave the final score 10-6 against us in a game which in the overall play, High School deserved to win.

This year's Old Boys team was selected by Wayne Sheridan and captained by Stuart Wilson who, this season, won his colours for Old Wesley R.F.C. The game was won by the High School 1st XV, 9-6 which brought the season to a successful conclusion.

Congratulation must go to Peter Glynne, Conal Davey and Duncan Cole for obtaining Leinster trials. Conal progressed to the final trial in Donnybrook and Duncan gained his position on the Leinster team and further Irish trials.

Finally on behalf of the squad we would like to thank all those who supported us throughout the year especially during the Cup, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Forrest for the exquisite pastries and of course Mr. Cole and Mr. McMullen for their training, organisation, encouragement and support throughout the year and for making 1987-'88 such an enjoyable season for all involved.

*Duncan Cole
Jonathan Forrest*

SENIOR RUGBY TOUR 1987

This year's senior rugby tour took place between the 9th-14th December. It consisted of two matches in the Netherlands and one match in England.

The touring party assembled in Dun Laoghaire for the evening departure to Holyhead. After a long train journey, we arrived at Euston Station, London. The team felt naturally drowsy, although Neil O'Broin, one of the more responsible members on tour, looked exceptionally drained. The coach that was to be at our disposal for the next five days was waiting for us. The team looking for a short rest, lay back and watched a dead city pass by.

On arrival in Dover we boarded the midday crossing to Calais. Mark Hildebrand felt a little sea sick as the team was to find out. From Calais we travelled across Northern France, through Belgium arriving in Amsterdam quite late. Duncan Cole and Michael Wann made sure the team were in high spirits, as they set out to taste the diversity of life in Amsterdam.

The next day we played our first match against The Hague R.F.C. The team gained a deserved victory by 10-6 with tries from Eoin Casey and Michael Wann. The team returned to Amsterdam in the evening and the squad was understandably tired although most managed to venture out for a while.

The following day's itinerary left us time to see the city. We took a most enjoyable boat trip before visiting Anne Frank's house. The team then returned to pack their bags and set off for the British School, Netherlands.

On arrival we had lunch in a nearby restaurant before playing the second match of the tour which we narrowly lost 14-6. Afterwards the team departed for Calais. Even after this close defeat there was a carefree feeling until Eoin Casey's last minute panic, causing us to miss the boat by two minutes. After a two hour wait and a poor crossing we finally arrived in Dover at midnight. The next day we travelled across to London for our final match. We were unfortunate to lose to a London-Irish U-19 side by 10-9. Our scores were a try by Simon Meldrum and a drop goal by Derek Finnegan.

A ragged team arrived in Dublin during the early hours of Sunday morning but a strong spirit had been established which was to stay with us throughout the remainder of the season.

On behalf of the touring party we express sincere thanks to Mr. Cole and Mr. McMullen for all the hard work and organisation they put into the tour and to Mr. Brook for his helpfulness and trust in allowing us to undertake such an enjoyable tour.

*Paul Allen
Simon Meldrum*

2nd XV

The 2nd XV began the season well by drawing with St. Paul's College, 6-6. Then we came up against strong opposition from Newbridge College, Blackrock College and St. Mary's. Next came a match against King's Hospital which we lost 16-4. After the experience from the previous matches, we gained two resounding successes, one against St. Columba's College 28-0 and the other, Kilkenny College, 14-0. In the second match there were some fine displays by scrum-half, Dermot Brosnan and in the forwards Guy Molyneaux, and Robert Shaw. After losing the next three matches against Belvedere, Templeogue and Castleknock, the team kept up their spirit and as a result, ended the Christmas term with a fine win over a strong Gonzaga team, 28-10. The Spring term began successfully with a win over CBC, Monkstown, 22-18. Then followed two defeats by Terenure College and De La Salle College, Churchtown, two very strong sides. Two victories then followed when we beat Kilkenny College again by 14-0 and a Carlow Rugby Club team 6-0. Winning these two matches gave the team great confidence going into the league.

The league consisted of five teams in a section, with the winner going through to the next round. In our section, were Blackrock College, St. Gerrards, Castleknock College and C.U.S. Our first match was against Blackrock, away. With the combination of playing in bad weather and on an unplayable pitch, the team did very well to hold out for a scoreless first half. After putting up a very valiant effort in the second half, we failed to capitalise on our chances of scoring and the final result was 16-0 to Blackrock. Our second match against St. Gerard's was probably the best match the 2nd's had played all season. Playing a very strong side, we applied most of the pressure throughout the whole match. Unfortunately though after a kick ahead by a St. Gerard's centre, a lack of cover on our part, brought them a try, which eventually won the match for them.

The team were badly disappointed after the score but they always showed tremendous spirit. With only minutes to go, scrum-half Derek Finnegan grounded the ball on the line but the try was disallowed. So the match ended 4-0 to St. Gerard's, a match many people felt we deserved to win. Our next league match was at home against Castleknock College, a team who had beaten us earlier in the season. This time though, it was our turn to be victorious. After some fine displays by Andrew Greenlea, prop, Daithi Neligan, No. 8, Gary Murtagh, lock forward and hooker Derek Trower who led the forwards very well, we managed to score some well-earned tries. With the help of centre Alan Hood, who kicked superbly, we won 15-6. The team spirit grew and we were confident to end the season successfully. It was a match against C.U.S. and after going down 6-0 just before half time, the team staged a tremendous fight back by winning 14-6. This match too had some fine displays by certain players: wing forward, Simon Meldrum and No. 8 Daithi Neligan who showed their speed around the field, each picked up a try.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Cole, Mr. McMullen, Mr. McClure and Mr. Walsh for their support and encouragement throughout the season.

*Neil O'Broin (6u)
(Captain)*

J.C.T. XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
19	5	1	13	137	220

This could be described as a season of records. Firstly the statistics point to the worst season this decade. Secondly it was the first J.C.T. side for at least twenty years to reach the semi-final of a trophy and, finally, it was a season of enthusiasm with a record squad of thirty-eight players. The team found it hard to beat Leinster opposition with only one victory before Christmas that being a 29-0 one against St. Columba's. However, against Munster and overseas opposition, this side produced the good displays, with notable defeats of Presentation, Cork (19-0), Bandon Grammar (24-3) and Stewart's Melville, Edinburgh (29-4).

It could be said that this side were not beaten in most matches but rather they lost them. They had the remarkable talent of pressurising the opposition for most of the match, failing to score and then allowing them to break through and score due mainly to bad tackling. This was certainly the case in the first round of the Cup when two intercepts allowed Castleknock to beat us 13-3.

With the season now almost over the side suddenly started playing well and with a notable 7-6 victory over De La Salle, Churchtown, the J.C.T. reached the semi-final of the Plate. Facing Gonzaga, who had earlier defeated us 20-0, the side turned out a great performance, camping for the first forty five minutes outside the opposition 22 metre line. Then a serious error by the official allowed a Gonzaga player to pick up a loose ball, run the whole length of the pitch and score. Faced with having to score twice to win, our side collapsed and lost eventually 13-0. Gonzaga went on to win the trophy 4-3 against Belvedere.

With such a large squad, it was not surprising that the J.C.T. "B" proved to be very useful, winning 5 of their 9 games. However in the league they could not produce the form of earlier matches and lost two of the three games.

Finally I would like to say that for me this was a very enjoyable season. I have never seen such enthusiasm before, and this presented me with a very hard decision of choosing only 21 for the cup campaign. I would like to thank Grahame Walsh and all the thirty-seven for this season. Also thanks must go to my assistants, Eoin Fleetwood and Andrew Miller who gave up many hours to help with coaching.

D.J.W.



"Ouch, you're standing on my foot!"



J.C.T.

Standing: K. McConnell, K. Spendlove, A. Greenlee, B. MacNeilly, W. Bell, M. King, J. McCrae, P. Lowe, A. Nixon, P. Davey, J. Slattery, Mr. A. Miller.

Sitting: Mr. D. Wright, S. Lindsay, J. Walker, G. Hanan, G. Walsh, (capt.), S. McCready, R. Jones, M. Boyd, Mr. E. Fleetwood, A. Allen. J. Slattery.

U-14 RUGBY

The U-14 A Rugby Team had a very successful season. Three members of this team played for the J.C.T. in their cup match: Joshua Walker, Warren Bell and Matthew King. During the season the team had many good wins finishing the year strongly with away wins over Kilkenny and St. Paul's and a memorable home win over St. Andrew's in what was their best match of the season.

The U-14 B's, under the guidance of Mr. Prendergast, also finished the season strongly with an away win over St. Paul's, Steven Moody deserves much credit for his excellent captaincy of this team.

A critical analysis of the players on the U-14 A team.

FORWARDS

Simon Good: A good captain — excellent supporting forward.

Leslie Shaw: A good hooker — a useful player in the loose — a bit injury prone.

Matthew King: An excellent forward — great strength and pace — superb technique.

Gary Hanan: A good tight-head Prop — excellent technique — work rate could improve.

Brian Hildebrand: A forward with great pace.

Glyn Murphy: An excellent line-out jumper — good handling ability.

Elgin Loane: A tough, quick wing-forward.

Peter Clements: A stylist wing-forward with a deceptive turn of pace — needs to increase his work rate.

Edward Nicholson: A powerful forward — very good line-out jumper.

BACKS

Alan Taylor: Reliable scrum-half whose passing is very accurate.

Warren Bell: A good out-half — excellent place-kicker — got his backline moving well towards the end of last season.

Joshua Walker: The best tackler among the backs — very good handling ability — draws his opponent before releasing a good pass.



UNDER-14 RUGBY TEAM

Standing: Mr. Mills, B. Hildebrand, J. Caird, Peter Clements, M. King, E. Nicholson, G. Hanan, E. Loane, G. Murphy, L. Shaw.

Seated: G. Jacobs, A. Taylor, S. Swift, W. Bell, S. Good, J. Walker, S. Moody, N. Roche, S. Hanly.

John Caird:	A pacey back who scored many important tries during the season.
Garret Jacobs:	A back with much pace and good handling ability.
Nicholas Roche:	A great runner with the ball — has tremendous determination.
Stephen Swift:	Has developed into a good full-back — excellent cover tackler — supports the line well.
Sheerin Hanly:	A very quick back who is playing well again after injury.
Steven Moody:	A player of great commitment — excellent tackler.

K.M.

(34-0), Templeogue (16-12) (twice), St. Mary's (12-4), Newbridge (6-4), K.H. (8-0) and St. Paul's (46-4). In January they defeated Stewart's Melville (17-10). Then followed two very wet months when many games were off because of unplayable pitches. Towards the end of the term were close defeats by Willow Park (12-6), C.B.C. (14-10) and Kilkenny College (10-4). But the season ended on a high note with a good win over St. Andrews (18-4). Most of the B XV games were sportingly contested and good fun. This XV was ably led by S. Robinson, a very reliable and popular captain.

This group as a whole has the potential to do very well as they progress up the school.

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

Robert Fennell

UNDER-13 RUGBY

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
Under 13A	21	9	11	1
Under 13B	14	6	8	-

Despite the fact that the majority of this age group were beginners to the game of rugby they quickly developed into quite a good unit. The forwards were on most occasions much lighter than the opposition but good work by R. Govender (Captain) A. Allen, T. Cairns, I. Young and A. Skelton provided the backs with plenty of ball. Among the backs C. Wynne was a sound full-back and G. Carroll scored many fine tries.

In the Christmas term the Axv had good wins over Blackrock

UNDER-12 RUGBY

Although the number of pupils in this age group is very small, the talent which arrived in September has some of the most skilful for some time. ✓

After the initial work in "grids" the squad gradually progressed to the full game and blended into a team for the beginning of competitive matches. These matches were always keenly contested with some fine wins and hard fought defeats.

Throughout the season, the squad trained very Wednesday and Friday and by the close of the Easter term, some exceptionally promising players had emerged, who, it is hoped, will form the basis of the under-13 team next season.



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S.C.T.

Standing: S. McCready, S. Heaney, M. Citron, R. Swift, D. Cole, E. Casey, M. Oakes, S. Gibson.
Sitting: R. Giltrap, A. Hood, D. Marshall, J. Ridgeway (capt.), R. Fennell, D. Sheahan, Mr. Kirby.

SENIOR XI

The 1987 season proved to be a most enjoyable season for all those involved. Although the team failed to regain the league title which we won in 1986, we had many closely fought and very enjoyable games. In all the team played ten games, winning four and losing six.

The season began with a short trip to Ulster, during which we played three games. The first match was against Ballymena A.I. High School batted first, reaching a total of 74 for 5. This proved to be too little with the Northern side reaching the total, for the loss of two wickets. We won the next game against Cambridge HS convincingly. High School, batting first, reached 152 for 8, with 33 being scored by Paul Hearey and 55 by David Marshall. The High School bowling proved too strong for Cambridge HS with Alan Hood 3 for 1, and Eoin Fleetwood 2—13. Coleraine AI won the final match narrowly by 3 wickets and on behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Kirby and Mr Benson for taking us on this most enjoyable tour, and Mr Fennell for arranging it.

The first league match was against Gonzaga which we won by 9 wickets. Gonzaga batted first reaching a total of 51, due to great bowling by Alan Hood 8 for 23. We reached the total easily with Robert Giltrap hitting 29—N.O., and Russell Fennell 20.

The next match was against the eventual winners of the league, Belvedere College, our strong league rivals. High School batting first gained the good total of 141 for 6 with a fine display from Stuart Wilson getting 37 and Robert Giltrap and Stuart McCready getting 24. There followed a very close finish with Belvedere reaching the total in the final over. In the next league match, the team, disheartened, by our loss to Belvedere were beaten by 8 wickets by Sandford Park. High School batting first reached 136, with David Marshall 38, and Darren Sheahan 19. In the final league game we beat St. Andrew's 14

the fine batting display Russel Fennell hit 73, David Marshall 34 and Johnny Ridgeway 29. Our bowling proved too strong for St. Andrew's with David Marshall getting 5 wickets, for 25 runs.

The annual Old Boys' match was a most enjoyable one. The Old Boys batted first and reached the large total of 182. In reply the school batsmen performed admirably reaching the total for the loss of 9 wickets, which served for a most exciting finish. Johnny Ridgeway hit 79, Russell Fennell 28 and Derek Trower 20. Next the school team were again defeated by visitors, Coleraine AI on their annual trip South. The final game against the Leprechauns was yet again a close one. The visitors batting first on a hard cricket reached the formidable total of 170. Casey bowled best for the School getting 3 wickets for 18. The school in reply failed to reach this total by 2 runs, with David Marshall hitting 90 not out and Darren Sheehan 54. So a fine season came to an end.

D.M.

J.C.T.

This was one of the most successful seasons for the J.C.T. The season began with an exciting friendly game with The Kings Hospital. Even though High School were fielding an under-strength XI they made 117 for 6 (M. Citron 49, R. Swift 32). In reply Kings Hospital made 118 for 5. The first league game was against Malahide at Danum on 19th May. Batting first, The High School made 165 for 9 (M. Citron 55, S. McCready 29), Malahide 31 (S. McCready 5—2, G. Clarke 2—5).

The second league game was an equally impressive win for The High School. Gonzaga 29 (S. McCready 5—8, M. Taylor 4—14), H.S.D. 33 for 0 (S. McCready 25 n.o.). The third league was against Belvedere. Batting first, The High School struggled to 108 (M. Citron 42, S. McCready 19). In reply Belvedere batting



J.C.T.

Standing: Mr. P. Prendergast, G. Walsh, H. Smith, R. Swift, C. Sykes, S. Rance, Mr. R. Fennell.

Sitting: G. Clarke, S. Heaney, M. Citron, M. Taylor (capt.), S. McCready, E. Casey, J. Kilroy.

solidly made 60 for 1 after 20 overs. Then good bowling by M. Taylor (5—44) caused a collapse and Belvedere were all out for 101. The last league game was against St. Andrew's at Booterstown. St. Andrews 54 (S. Heaney 4—14, S. McCready 3—11, M. Taylor 3—21), H.S.D. 55 for 0 (M. Citron 35 n.o., S. Heaney 17 n.o.).

The Cup Final was against Kings Hospital at Wesley College on 13th June. Batting first High School made the large total of 236 for 8 in 50 overs (S. McCready 111, his fourth century of the season for High School, M. Citron 58). Kings Hospital never really got going in reply to this intimidating total and were all out for 76 (S. McCready 5—30, J. Kilroy 3—26 and M. Taylor 2—11).

Once again we would like to thank Mr. P. Prendergast and Mr. R. Fennell for all their help and encouragement during the season.

*M. Taylor (Capt.)
S. McCready (V.C.)*

UNDER 14 XI

This was a great season for the team, who won the league title. Their first match proved to be their only loss, with the team losing narrowly by one wicket to Terenure College. Nevertheless, the team soon got into the right gear by beating Wilson's Hospital in their first league match. The school team reached the total of 149 for 5 with G. Clarke scoring 61 and S. McCready 71. Wilson's Hospital were dismissed for 41 runs with A. Taylor bowling well to get 3 wickets for 3 runs.

King's Hospital were the next league opponents. The school side reached the total of 139 with good batting by S. McCready 53, and G. Clarke 20. Kings Hospital were dismissed for 57 with S. McCready and G. O'Meara taking 4 wickets apiece. On the annual southern tour, High School beat Newtown School and Bandon Grammar well. Stuart McCready had the distinction of scoring 100 against Newtown. The next league game against Belvedere College was an exciting one. High School batting



UNDER-14

Standing: Mr. R. Fennell, G. Murphy, S. Lindsay, W. Bell, A. Greenlee, M. Harris, G. Walsh.

Sitting: G. O'Meara, M. Vincent, G. Clarke, S. McCready (capt.), J. Kilroy, P. O'Leary, A. Taylor.



UNDER-13

Standing: K. Edgely, D. Plummer, Mr. B. Quinn, W. Bell, G. Murphy, S. Hanly.
Sitting: J. Walshe, N. Roche, A. Taylor, G. O'Meara (capt), P. O'Leary, S. Swift.

first reached the total of 87 runs with S. McCready scoring 34. Belvedere in reply got off to a good start but fine bowling by G. O'Meara, 5 for 27, and S. McCready, 2 for 21, forced a collapse and Belvedere were all out for 59. So to the final league game against St. Andrew's

Batting first, High School reached the huge total of 203 runs with large contributions made by S. McCready (103) and G. O'Meara (49). St. Andrew's never had much of a chance and again fine bowling by M. O'Meara and McCready finished them off. The league final was against Terenure College at Sandford Park. High School batted first, making 175, due largely to Stuart McCready gaining his third century of the season (107) and Alan Taylor scoring 21. Terenure in reply could not stand up to the High School bowling, with G. O'Meara, 5 wickets for 34, and Gordon Clarke, 2 wickets for 19 runs, and were all out for 100 runs.

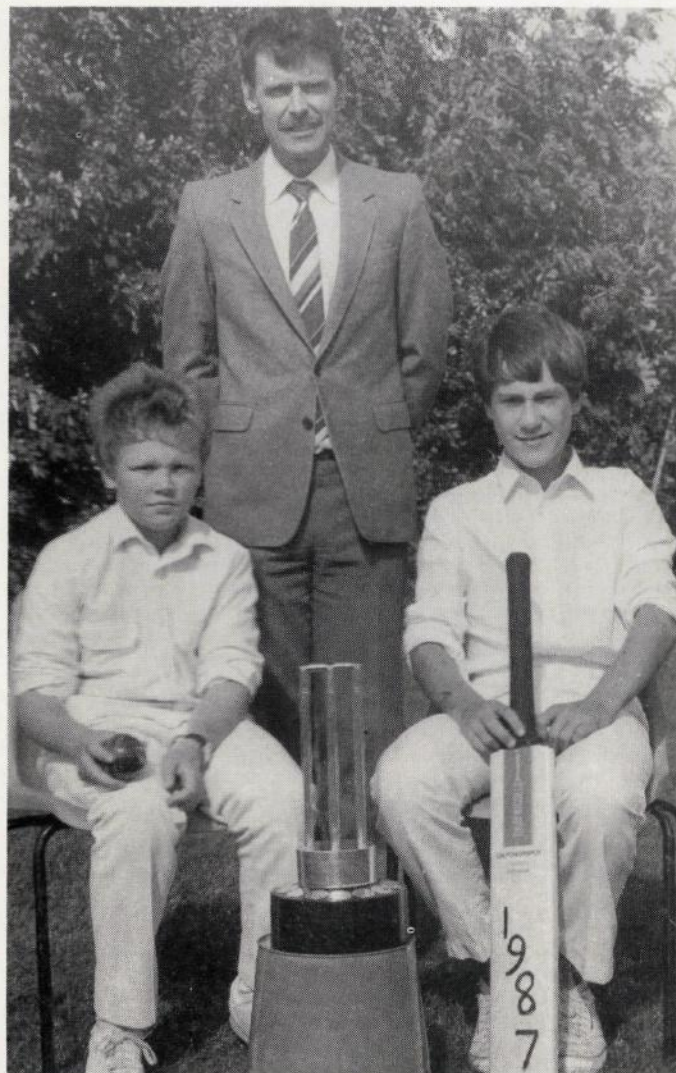
D.M.

UNDER-13

The season began with a good win over C.U.S. H.S.D. (159), A. Taylor 28, C.U.S. (15), G. O'Meara 4 for 3. Then an XI short of their best five players who were playing a league game for the Under 14, were easily beaten by Belvedere. Next followed another big win: H.S.D. 191: A. Taylor 84, G. O'Meara 33, P. O'Leary 28; Wilson's Hospital 36: G. O'Meara 5 for 8, A. Taylor 3 for 4. On May 13th, Gonzaga 63: G. O'Meara 3 for 4; H.S.D. 66 for 3: G. O'Meara 31 n.o., A. Taylor 17 n.o. At Wesley College on May 16th, H.S.D. had an exciting win in the last over. Wesley 105; P. O'Leary 3 for 17, H.S.D. 106 for 5: A. Taylor 41 n.o., G. O'Meara 35. At Sandford, 30: G. O'Meara 4 for 6, A. Taylor 3 for 10, P. O'Leary 3 for 2; H.S.D. 31 for 0: G. O'Meara 23 n.o.

The first round Cup match was against Belvedere at Danum. Belvedere batting first were all out for 68: G. Murphy 3 for 3, G. O'Meara 2 for 9. In reply H.S.D. had disaster after disaster and were all out for 23. Belvedere went on to easily win this cup. The season ended on a high note when two High School boys again played each other in the final of the Leinster Single Wicket Cup. In an exciting and high calibre final, G. Murphy defeated A. Taylor to retain the cup for H.S.D.

D.M.



UNDER-13 "SINGLE-WICKET"

A. Taylor, Mr. B. Quinn, G. Murphy.

As you have read in the notes for all the various teams, this was a great season for cricket in The High School. In congratulating the teams, their captains and the members of the staff who did the coaching, I would like to make special mention of Stuart McCready for his great all-round ability with both bat and ball. He scored more runs, 715 (average 62) and took more wickets, 44 (average 5 runs per week) in one season, than any other boy in the traceable history of cricket in High School. A notable feature of this great performance was that three of his centuries for High School were scored in consecutive innings. He also scored two centuries for Y.M.C.A. during the summer holidays.

Congratulations to Jonathan Ridgeway, Russell Fennell and David Marshall who played in the Leinster Trials, all three were substitutes for the Leinster XI v. Ulster. Also congratulations to D. Marshall (De Vere Shortt), Russell Fennell (Hanly), G. Walsh's XI (Dawson), W. Bell's XI (Davie's), cup winners in 1987.

Finally many thanks to Mr. S. Hughes for all his hard work in preparing the grounds, and to Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Fennell, for their splendid and much appreciated teas for all home matches.

R.H. Fennell

Girls' Cricket 1987

1st XI

The girls' cricket team was captained this year by Elaine McCready. Due to a short summer term only a few matches

were arranged. Five matches were played, of which three were won. The team were involved in a three-way play-off with Kings Hospital and Mount Temple for a place in the league semi-final. They beat Kings Hospital but were unlucky to lose to Mount Temple. Two members of the team, Elaine McCready and Diane Lowe, were selected to play for the Leinster schoolgirls' team.

Elaine McCready

2nd XI

The 2nd XI had a short but nevertheless enjoyable season. They beat Wilson's Hospital and Mount Anville to reach the semi-final of the league where unfortunately they were knocked out by Wesley's 1st XI. The team would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for all her helpful suggestions.

Alison Blackmore (Capt.)

UNDER-15 XI

The 'under-15' team had a very successful season last year. In friendly matches we beat Aravon easily by three wickets, St. Andrew's College by two wickets and Mount Anville by 90 runs (118—28). The team reached the cup semi-final by beating Glengara by 20 runs (60—40) in the quarter-final. In the semi-final, unfortunately, the team lost to St. Andrew's after a very close match. The team would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her coaching and encouragement throughout the season.

S.W.



1st. CRICKET 1987

Standing: D. Lowe, S. Lamb, N. Kilroy, J. Warner, D. Hildebrand, J. Coleman.

Seated: Mrs. G. Mellon, J. Ryan, H. Fitzpatrick, E. McCready (capt.), A. Harris, W. Heeney.

Swimming Report

Once again, the school swimming gala was held at the beginning of the year, in order not to clash with the exams. Attendance improves every year and this year there were far more entries than usual. The main prize-winners were: Jonathan Pratt (Senior boys' championship), Vicky Singleton (Senior girls' championship), Nicholas Roche (Junior boys'

championship).

On behalf of everybody who participated I would like to thank Mr. Willoughby for distributing the prizes. I would also like to thank Mr. Swan, Mrs. Davin and Mr. Kirby for their sustained effort in making our swimming season an enjoyable one.

Daiithi Neligan (6th Form)

Athletics 1986/87

In the first term of the year, three cross-country races were run, against St. Columba's, a team from Newtown, Co. Waterford, and Colaiste Eanna. They did not go too well on our part, but fortunately they were not all that important. More important were the High School representatives in the Leinster cross-country championships held in Phoenix Park. I am pleased to report that our minor and junior boys' teams ran very well, with special credit due to Garreth Jacobs, Jack Slattery, Sheeran Hanly and Elgin Loane.

However, even better was the performance of Kerry Kirkham in the All-Ireland track and field championships, who qualified for both the 400 metre and 400 metre hurdles finals. He broke both of the school records, reducing the 400m record by three seconds to 50.5s. The previous record had been a long-standing one, so this new one will prove particularly difficult to beat. Not stopping there, he also went on to do very well in the British Amateur Athletics Association indoor junior championships held in Cosford.

The aforementioned cross-country races were enjoyed by all and are always a good experience for anyone who enters. Games periods were also enjoyed by any one who participated. Some people only half participated, the girls who did athletics only seemed to be there to extract such cunning epigrams from Mr. Toomey as "Come on girls, pick me up", as we passed them for the third time. However, if he was absent from a games period, we used to get even better ones from his second-in-command Mr. Irwin, who offered us a rest after we had tottered 100m and told us how well we had done.

But real jogging is not just going in circles around a field, it is actually getting somewhere. Many a time on Wednesday afternoons we have done little tours of various areas near High School, and I tell you that going in a car is nothing compared to this. Being open to the elements, and subject to every local bump and slope is an experience that is well worth having.

I hope that this will encourage people to take up such a rewarding pastime as jogging and do some good for a change.

*Brendan Roycroft (6)
Athletics Captain*

Sports Day Results

BOYS

War Memorial Cup (Senior athletics)
Walker Cup (1500n Senior)
Southam Cup (800m Senior)
Cornick Cup (400m Senior)
Moore Cup (200m Senior)
Taylor Cup (100m Senior)

Kerry Kirkham
Craig Rainsford
Craig Rainsford
Kerry Kirkham
Kerry Kirkham
Kerry Kirkham &
Mark Hildebrand

Magill Cup (100m U15)
Sloan Cup (Senior long jump)
GIRLS

Taylor Cup (Senior)
Hughes Shield (most points from track)
Belgrave Cup (Senior 200)
Staff Cup (Intermediate)
Tate Cup (Year with most points)
Packenham & Hamilton Cup (U14 high jump)
Mathers Cup (First Year)

Timothy Lindsay
Stuart Wilson

Richelle Flanagan
Richelle Flanagan
Richelle Flanagan
Sarah Lamb
4th Year
Tanya Hempenstall
Debbie Walsh

Soccer

The High School soccer team enjoyed its final season in school competitions. This year the team was allowed enter both the league and cup but it was not be a successful season. In our section of the league we played three matches: beating Sandymount High School 4-0 but losing to Marian College and Blackrock College. Thus chances of qualifying disappeared. In the cup a victory over Holy Child, Sallynoggin was followed by a defeat against St. John's, Ballyfermot. 'Friendly' matches were played against Belvedere, Stratford, Castleknock and Rathmines Senior College. Players deserving special mention include Darren Sheahan, Sorley McCaughey and Stephen Griffin. Thanks to Mr. Kirby for all his help throughout the year.

In the light of the fact that this was the final year of competitive soccer in the school, I would appeal to the Governors to review this decision — especially as this is the year the Irish national soccer team has qualified for a major tournament for the first time. It is a shame to see such a popular sport being discouraged. It is obvious that lack of success is not important — otherwise other games would also disappear.

Mark Bailey (6)

Badminton

GIRLS

The number of people playing Badminton increased this year and competition was keen for places on the three teams which were entered in the league.

The U-14 team was captained by Karen Johnson. They played well and came third in their section.

Tanya Hampenstall captained the U-16 team. They were drawn against some very tough opposition but everyone enjoyed the season.

The U-18 team won their section and beat Mater Christi 6-0 in

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM

Back: Mr. Kirby, N. Lyons, A. Millar, S. McCaughey, D. Kutner, K. Wright, D. Sheahan, T. Gaidoni.
Front: G. Griffin, R. Lelu, C. Ingram, M. Bailey, T. McCarthy, D. Laughlin, C. McGeeney.



the semi-final. They won the final 5-1 against the Donaghies. They were captained by Gillian Needham. Congratulations to the team on their victory.

This year saw the introduction of two trophies for girls' badminton: one for U-14's and one for seniors. They were won by Karen Johnson and Gillian Needham.

Finally, on behalf of all who play badminton, I would like to thank Mrs. Turpin and Mr. Sheridan for their help and support throughout the year and Mr. Benson for obtaining the two trophies on the School's behalf.

*Meriel Huggard (5th)
Secretary*

BOYS

The 1987/98 season was a considerable improvement on the previous year with all three teams improving their results.

The U14 team of Gavid Dodd (captain), Jonathan Carson, Mark Johnston and Jonathan Walsh were drawn in a difficult group, but did extremely well with most matches being very closely fought. We hope that this team will retain some of the current members for next year.

The U16 Team produced the best set of results with five matches won or drawn and, unfortunately, one match lost which prevented any further progress. However, this team should do well at U18 level. The team was Christopher Sykes (Captain), Ronan Swift, Stephen Morrison and Hillas Smith.

At senior level, the U18 team improved as the season went on and were unlucky not to win more matches. The team was ably captained by Alan Hood and the other members were Brian Mahon, Jonathan Blagbrough and Ken Wright.

Finally, on behalf of the team and other players, I thank Mr. Sheridan and Mrs. Turpin for their help, encouragement and support.

*Brian Mahon (6)
Boys' Badminton Secretary*

Boys' Golf

This year's Boys' Golf team consisted of Alan Hood, Darren Sheahan (6th), Mark Riseley and Cedric Heather (5th). As this was the same as last year's team, expectations for the coming season were high.

The season began well in the Pepsi league, with a victory over Terenure College (2 up) and a narrow defeat by Gonzaga (1 down). This was followed by an overwhelming victory over Crumlin C.B.S. (21 up).

However, two defeats ended High School's hopes: against St. Columba's (2 down) and the eventual winners Colaiste Eanna (9 down).

The team would like to thank the Castle Golf club for the use of the course for home matches, and Mr. Kirby for his help.

Alan Hood (6th), Captain



SENIOR GOLF TEAM

(Left to Right): Darren Sheehan, Mark Riseley (Capt.), Alan Hood, Cedric Heather.



GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM

*Standing:(left to right) Gillian Needham, Elaine Reid.
Seated: Tracey Lew, Meriel Huggard.*



Mountaineering Club

HILLWALKING

This year has seen some very enjoyable (and mainly dry) walks in the Wicklow Mountains. There has been good participation of the part of the "regulars" and it's nice to see some new faces from 1st year.

The season started off well with walks to Djouce and War Hill, and later Lugnaquilla. We spent a particularly enjoyable day in the Mullaghcleeroun area where we made such good progress that we decided to add in an extra few peaks before descending to the Military Road.

In February a group of hardy hillwalkers gathered on a snowy evening at the school for our nightwalk. Despite having chosen the coldest night of the year for it, there was a full moon and

superb views of Dublin from the heights of Cruagh mountain.

The trip to the Comeragh and Knockmealdown mountains in the summer term of last year was a great success. We enjoyed fine weather (warm enough for a paddle in the lake) allowing us to complete three good days' walking in relative comfort. The *piece de resistance* of the weekend was the magnificent Coumshingaun horsehoe with its spectacular views. Accommodation was provided by Lismore Youth Hostel and there was much competition amongst the group as to who could produce the nicest dinner. We were delighted to have the assistance and companionship of Mr. Gardner whose wealth of knowledge and interesting stories was greatly appreciated by everyone.

This year's trip will be to the Mourne's and such is the enthusiasm of the group, the day following the announcement found at the front door a queue of students wishing to secure their places. We look forward to an enjoyable weekend.

Janet Doherty

Caving



We had a late start to our caving trip this year due to the carelessness of our leader, 'Cocky' Wright, who, while playing rugby, broke his leg. But after his long recovery period, we arranged our 1st trip of the year.

We went to our usual location of Liscannar, Co. Clare. This trip brought many newcomers, but little did they know what they were letting themselves in for. Our old faithful experienced cavers were out in full force, as always, although some of us were left behind. The caves tackled were Poll na Gollum and Poll Dubh, two High School favourites. Poll na Gollum, a good beginner's cave, and Poll Dubh, a very narrow cave, which left some people with shattered nerves.

After this trip we had enough people addicted to this agoraphobic's dream sport to arrange a trip to Yorkshire. We returned to Mrs. Lamb's hostel in Sedburgh, Yorkshire, where we had been two years previously.

We set off on St. Patrick's day and arrived in Yorkshire later that evening. We fell into bed with drinking chocolate, in need of sleep for what was coming ahead of us the next day. After scrambled eggs for breakfast, we were off in our little white mini-bus, roaming the Yorkshire moors in search of Wuthering Heights, well, not really, it was Sunset Pot. We found the Pot eventually and ventured into its darkness. We pushed through the system for two hours, and came across a fifty-foot pitch, at which point we decided to turn back to the outside world.

The next day we tackled Brow Gill. There was a strong silence from everyone at the entrance to Brow Gill, when we observed the forty foot waterfall, we had to climb, ahead of us; but due to lack of time only a few poor unfortunates had the privilege to use the latter. The rest of us decided to find the Calf's Hole, which was the exit to Brow Gill, and link up with the other party inside the cave. This proved a successful venture. Both trips were a great success and we would like to thank Mrs. Lamb for the use of her hostel, Collie Webster, Stephen Spoor, and Jackie Wright for the loan of her husband 'Cockie' for the weekends away. We would also like to say a sad farewell to our three most dedicated cavers, who are leaving this year: Tracy Lew, Kathryn Flood and Moira Fraser. We will remember them.

Tara Bell (5th)

Aoife Mannix (5th)

Rock Climbing



Rock climbing enjoyed a moderate success this year which was hampered by the late start of the summer term. We were lucky that the weather allowed us a fair number of sessions out in Dalkey Quarry but at the end of term rain forced us to investigate the indoor wall of the gym in Newpark School. We were introduced to it and shown the various routes by Jeremy Price, a past pupil with considerable experience and skill in this sport, who is now testing climbs in the warmer regions of France. The interesting feature of the artificial wall is that most climbing is done in a horizontal direction (traversing) rather than straight up as one tends to in Dalkey Quarry. By climbing in this way one meets the challenge of a wide variety of techniques within safe jumping distance of the matted floor —thus avoiding the need for time consuming and space consuming rope work.

We were encouraged to investigate the possibility of a similar wall in High School, which we did. We would like to acknowledge here the time and effort put in by Howard Heplethwaite, Calvin Torrens and Joss Lynam, who examined the gym and gave invaluable information and advice for a report which was forwarded to the Governors of the school. The Governors responded very positively and have agreed in principle that a climbing wall would be a useful asset for the pupils. There are certain difficulties still to be overcome, but we live in hope.

As well as the aforementioned Jeremy Price, we should like to thank his brother Niklas and also Colin Kirkham for their generous help with instructing pupils this year.

Ian Blackmore

Canoeing Report

This year was a great year for the school canoeists with achievements being very high, in particular, for the girls. Susan Harris won the U-18 girls schools' Liffey race. Sarah Dawson came 2nd in the U-16 girls and so won the U-16 High School Cup for the fastest U-16 finisher. Daithi Neligan won the canoeist of the year award, he also came 8th in U-18 boys' race.

In November, Susan Harris came 1st in the U-18 girls' King's Hospital race and Jane Fahey came 3rd. There were numerous outings to the Liffey where invaluable experience of the weirs was gained which was a very important factor in the success of our canoeists in the School's Liffey race. During the summer of 1987, Susan Harris and Sarah Dawson entered the senior Liffey descent race and came 3rd and 5th respectively.

At the beginning of April, 1988, Newbridge College and Kilcullen canoe club organised a schools' race. In the U-18 girls, Susan Harris came 1st, Sarah Dawson came 2nd and Jane Fahy came 4th. Susie Fahy came 3rd in the U-16 girls' race and Daithi Neligan came 3rd in the U-18 boys' race.

Finally, I would like to thank the Parents' Association and Old Boys' Unions for their most generous support which enables the canoe club to purchase new canoes and also for their continued support. I would also like to thank Mr. Swan and Mr. Wright for their help and encouragement throughout the year which was invaluable to all the High School canoeists.

Daithi Neligan (6th form)

NEWS OF PAST PUPILS



David Rowell.

THE HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION

President's Letter

Dear Member,

At the time of writing, my year as President is at the half-way mark, and I am enjoying it immensely. Thank you for electing me.

I am glad to tell you that there has been a strong influx of new members to the O.B.U. over the past couple of years. We hope that this trend continues, as the strength of the Union depends on a good spread of members of all ages.

We held an informal get-together for the new members in November which I think was enjoyed by all who attended. I hope we can continue these occasions on an annual basis.

The main function of our year is the annual dinner and I would like to thank Harry Booker and his helpers for great work in organising the event. The highlight of the dinner for me this year was the presentation from the OBU to Phil Orr to mark his magnificent career in International Rugby.

Links with the school continue to be strong. The Headmaster and his staff give fine support to our functions and I would like to thank the school for the use of the facilities for our meetings. For our part I would like to assure the school that the OBU members are always ready to help in any areas we can.

Thank you for all your support and in particular to the officers and committee.

Best wishes,

David W. Rowell.

Report of the Hon. Secretary 1987-88

The O.B.U. year began with the annual general meeting on Friday, 16th October, 1987. The president, Dr. Norman Coulter Smith, was in the chair and there was an attendance of 22 members, apologies for absence coming from 11 others. The following affairs and committee members were elected:

Patron: W.S. Cunningham

President: D.W. Rowell

President-Elect: W.F. Wilson

Vice-president: A.P.R. Brook (Headmaster)

Honorary Secretary: G.W. Keegan

Honorary Treasurer: R.W. Firth

Honorary Registrar: W.G. Booker

Honorary Auditor: D. O'Maolchoille

Honorary Sports Secretaries: J.D. Ridgeway (Cricket)

W.M. Sheridan (Rugby), B.G. Priestman (Golf).

Committee: M.G. Brambell, E. Fleetwood, C. Haine, W.A. Ingram, N.H. Kerrison, M.F. McDonough, R.J. Miller, J. Wright, and A. Miller (Old Boys' Cup Winner).

The annual dinner was held in the school on Saturday, 23rd January, 1988 and was attended by two hundred and eighty-five members and guests. The President, Mr. David Rowell, was in the Chair and the principal guest was Mr. David Kingston, Managing Director of Irish Life Assurance Plc, who replied to the toast of 'Our guests and kindred Associations' proposed by Senator David Norris. During the evening, an antique silver coffee pot was presented to Mr. Philip Orr, to mark his outstanding rugby career. The musical programme was again provided by Maurice McDonough, John Roche and Brian Hoey. It was a most enjoyable and successful evening.

The annual debate between an O.B.U. team and a school team was held in the school on Monday, 22nd February, 1988. Mr. David Hanly very kindly took the chair. The motion was: "That Our Politicians Have Let Us Down", and the school team emerged victorious from a lively debate.

The London dinner was held in the Gloucester Hotel on Friday, 18th March, 1988. There was an attendance of one hundred and five Old Boys and guests. The president was in the chair and the principal guest was Mr. J.B. McGowan, who replied to the toasts of "Our Guests" proposed by Mr. W.G. Booker. The toast to the school was proposed by Mr. P. Curtis and the President replied. Music was by Mr. Maurice McDonough and it was a great pleasure to have Mr. Niall Nelson once again as accompanist. At the dinner were three generations of one family — W.R. 'Bill' Bryans, his son David and David's son, Mark, all former pupils of The High School.

The annual rugby match between an O.B.U. team and the School team was played on Monday, 21st March, 1988. The first Monday after St. Patrick's Day is now the date fixed for this match so that Old Boys will in future know when to come and support their team. A keen, quick-moving game was won by the School team by 9 points to 6 points.

As *The Erasmian* goes to print at the beginning of May, some events of O.B.U. year have not yet taken place and some of last year's events have not yet been reported. The annual quiz organised by the O.B.U. is to be held in the School on Friday, 22nd April, and the annual golf outing on Friday, 27th May, 1988, at Rathfarnham Golf Club by kind permission.

The annual cricket match against the school was played on 22nd May, 1987. The Old Boys' team scored 181 in 40 overs (R. Molins 92, Jonathan Ridgeway 2 for 82). The school replied well, scoring the winning runs off the last over (Jonathan Ridgeway 79, Russell Fennell 28, David Brown 20).

The annual golf outing was held at Rathfarnham Golf Club, by kind permission, on Friday, 26th June, 1987, with the following results: Old Boys' Cup — R.S. Browning (43 points); Harry Bunbury Cup — C.E.H. Malthby (38 points); S.S. Evans Cup — N.S. Montgomery (25 points); St. Patrick's Cup — D.W. Goodey (40 points); Veterans' Prize — H.T. Garrett (36 points), runner-up: A.F. Gray (34 points).

The musical programme at supper was organised by Maurice McDonough, with Fred Graham and with John Brady at the piano.

On Thursday, 1st October last, the Ladies' night was held in the Hibernian United Services Club, with an attendance of 79 Old Boys and guests. The President was in the chair and the musical programme was arranged by Mr. Maurice McDonough, with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham and Mr. John Brady at the piano. It was a most enjoyable evening.

At the end of the last school year there was a big intake of forty new members, and a reception to welcome them and those who had joined in recent years was held in the school on Wednesday, 18th November, 1987.

During the year the O.B.U. donated £100.00 to ALONE and £100.00 to GORTA. A grant of £500.00 from the S.S. Evans fund was made to the school canoe club for the purchase of new canoes. The O.B.U. is also to present a cup to the school for an inter-schools music competition.

In conclusion, I would like to thank those who helped me during the year; in particular I would like to express my gratitude to Robin Miller who saw to committee meetings' minutes and correspondence during my absence, and to Harry Booker who, in spite of his many engagements as President of Wanderers Football Club, took on the remaining duties of Honorary Secretary which included the considerable task of organising the Annual Dinner.

G.W. Keegan

N.B. — Entry forms for the Golf Outing are available from the Hon. Golf Secretary, Old Boys' Union, c/o The School.

Horace Bell, M.R.C.V.S.

Horace Bell, who died at his home in Ashbury, Wilts, on 28th April, 1987, aged 87, was one of six sons and two daughters of Dr. and Mrs. John Bell. Horace was born in Portadown and when his family moved to Dublin he attended The High School until the age of 19. Five of his brothers — Tom, Joe, Randal, Jack and Mervyn — were also pupils of the School and together with Horace, they all made their individual mark on the life of the School.

On leaving school, Horace and his elder brother Jack, who had served in the British Army during the First World War, entered the Dublin Veterinary College where they both qualified in 1923. In due course, they set up a veterinary practice in Maidenhead, Berks., where Horace continued until 1960. He retired from general practice to become a full-time Veterinary Officer for the Jockey Club, a position he held until 1971. During his career, he was also appointed Veterinary Surgeon to the Course at Royal Ascot, Berks., a position he was proud to hold until 1960.

Horace was a keen rugby player during his school and student days, playing for High School and Lansdowne Rugby Club in Dublin and Thames Valley in Maidenhead.

A man of stature in every way, Horace held the love and respect of all who knew him, not alone for his contribution to veterinary medicine, but also his quiet and dedicated service to the musical and pastoral life of his local church, where he was for many years a church warden. A witty raconteur, with a keen sense of humour combined with a love of country life and lore, he will be missed by all who knew him, but most of all by his wife Gerda and daughter Anne, to whom he was devoted.



Presentation by David Rowell (President O.B.U.) to Philip Orr on the occasion of his retirement from the Irish Rugby team.

Philip Orr — a truly remarkable career

By EDMUND VAN ESBECK
(Rugby Correspondent, *The Irish Times*)

While I would be reluctant to make so bold a claim as to suggest that Philip Orr is High School's most famous son, the list of former Old Boys numbers some men distinguished in many fields, I do not think anyone will offer too strenuous an argument when I suggest he is most certainly The High School's most famous sporting pupil.

How does one evaluate a career such as he has had on the rugby field, in the space available to me?

Having given the matter much thought, I think the point I wish to make initially is, apart from the length and distinguished nature of his career and achievements, that it was never marred by the mean or the petulant act. That, in so many respects, is the finest tribute I can pay to him.

There are not many players about whom I have written more, but then there are not many players equally worthy of so much wordage. It has been my good fortune to be writing about rugby football for over 30 years, initially in the hard school of Fleet Street journalism and, for the past 20 years, in *The Irish Times*.

In my period in D'Olier Street, I have seen the boy Orr grow into the man. I saw him in his schooldays, I saw him play for Leinster schools, for Leinster Youths, for Trinity, for the Irish Universities, for Old Wesley, for Leinster, for Ireland, for the Barbarians and for the Lions.

Indeed, I feel very privileged to share one record with Phil Orr: I am the only person who can claim to have seen him play every match in which he wore the Ireland jersey. That amounts to well in excess of 70, with 58 of his Ireland appearances in full internationals. They range from the fields of College Park and Donnybrook to the very different setting of Tokyo and Osaka, to Cape Town, Sydney, Brisbane, Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth, Auckland, Wellington, the remarkable setting of Suva, in Fiji.

A lot of Phil's energy and a lot of my time went into those tours, his first as a newcomer was to New Zealand in 1976. He went on that tour with Ireland at the end of his first season in international rugby. His international career was fashioned against a background that was a worthy apprenticeship. Yet it is remarkable to dwell on the fact that his first cap against France on a lovely sunny Parisian day in 1976 came when he was called into the side when the first choice withdrew. Indeed that

season, he had not been selected on the final trial, nor was he deemed worthy of an Ireland "B" cap.

If that is a reflection on the selectors of the day, it must be said that they recognised their errors.

Yet not many of us in Paris in 1976 could really have believed, had we been told, that here was a player that would remain in the Ireland front row for a 10 years spell, never missing a match until the selectors dropped him after a match in Paris in 1986.

He was just short of the World record for a prop when that happened and it was a cause of immense regret to many, myself included, that he was dropped. He could have been forgiven had he decided, at that time, that it was an opportune time to go. But with the resilience that has characterised his career, he fought his way back and before the 1986 championship had run its course and, after being left out for two matches, he was back again to play Scotland at Lansdowne Road and equal the world record. He beat it on a memorable afternoon, appropriately I believe, at Lansdowne Road against Romania, a match marked by a 60-0 win for Ireland.

Now the sights were set on the inaugural World Cup and his selection for that was not in doubt.

It would have been nice had that World cup been marked by notable achievements for Ireland, but alas that was not to be. But it was obvious from talking to him on the other side of the world that retirement was imminent and so it was on a foreign field that he played his last match for Ireland.

It had been on a foreign field, too, that he had made his Ireland debut. His departure from representative rugby came after a world record 58 caps for Ireland, a record number of appearances for Leinster, a record number of overseas tours for an Irish player, five, New Zealand (1976), Australia (1979), South Africa (1981), Japan (1985) and the World cup (1987).

Yet as he dwells upon that astonishing sequence of achievements, I feel sure that at, or near, the top of his own list of priorities will be that glorious afternoon when he led Old Wesley to the Leinster Senior Cup in 1985. I saw old men cry that afternoon, I saw young men wonder. Now as Philip Orr plays out his career, we are grateful to have been part of it. For him it was not one crowded hour, but countless hours of glory. His was a career that any youngster would do well to study and seek to emulate. And be it prop or wing, outside half or number eight, Philip Orr epitomised the very best in sporting character, attitude and behaviour. He has reason to be even more proud of that than the many sided nature of his great achievements. The High School has never sent out a more worthy son.

THE HIGH SCHOOL AND DIOCESAN OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

President's Letter

Dear Member,

I am now finishing my first year as President, which I found most interesting, and I enjoyed my duties, the first of which was visiting school and meeting the school leavers, encouraging them to come and join us, even though one got the impression that a joint-association would be appreciated more!

The next duty was an outstanding experience for me, both presenting the Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl at the Prize Distribution and also meeting the Board of Governors, the Headmaster and many of the teachers, and talking to many parents and their children.

Our Association had its usual monthly meetings and outing which I was delighted to attend each time. I would like to thank our committee for all their hard work and effort which they put in to the year's programme.



Iris S. Beatty.

My husband and I enjoyed an evening spent at the Parent/Teacher Association's Cheese and Wine night — this was very well attended and we met so many of our friends and also made new ones.

I look forward to another year in office and will welcome all past pupils who wish to join us.

Iris S. Beatty

Secretary's Report 1987-'88

President: Mrs. Iris Beatty

Chairwoman: Mrs. Ethni Seymour

Hon. Treasurer: Miss Judith Wilkinson

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Ruth Farrell.

Committee: Mrs. Hilary Armstrong, Miss Carole Barden (Asst. Sec.), Mrs. Ethel Caird, Mrs. Alison Kenealy, Mrs. Edie Maccabee, and Mrs. Irene White (Asst. Treas.)

We opened our 1987-'88 season in October with a guided tour of Newbridge House, which is in a most wonderful parkland setting in Donabate. The house is very well worth a visit and as it was especially opened for us that evening, all who came enjoyed seeing its interesting contents and we ended the evening with a lovely supper which was prepared for us by a past pupil of Diocesan — Mrs. Joan Long and her husband. Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. David Benson for both bringing us there and back in the School mini bus.

November was our 'good turn' meeting. This time a bring and buy Sale, in aid of St. Mary's Home. The meeting was poorly attended so that we were only able to give a small cheque to this worthy cause.

Our December meeting was "Cooking made Easier"

demonstrated by the Grove Freezer Co. and by the Belling Microwave Co. It had a large attendance and all present got lots of samples of the food which was cooked.

We had an outing to the Gate Theatre in January, which proved a very enjoyable evening as the play 'The Rivals' was exceptionally good.

February — was a travel talk with slides and tapes on Israel, by kind permission of Swissair; also Mrs. Hilary Vincent gave a chat and showed her own slides of her stay in Australia, which we all found most interesting. Again Mr. Benson manned the projector for us, for which we really are very grateful. The supper that evening was sandwiches and scones, with a very special cake for Mrs. Irene White whose birthday happens to fall on that day. Our very best wishes go to her from all members everywhere.

Last month we held our March meeting which was 'Handy Hands'. This was an outstanding and enjoyable evening as we had four demonstrators — Mrs. Vera Muir, showing us patchwork quilting, Mrs. Rhoda Miller demonstrating the art of greenery arrangements, and also Mrs. Iris Beatty taught us how to make those extra special looking cushions, and Mrs. Ethni Seymour showed us how to decorate an Easter Bunny cake. Everyone present enjoyed the evening and our committee members handed around tea and home-made cake.

We have just held our Annual Dinner — this year in Old Wesley Rugby Club — what a success it was. Our Guest Speaker being Miss Marjorie Williams who delighted us all with her charm and humorous speech. The meal was excellent, the caterers being Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, and we had a packed room with happy members and friends.

We end this season with our Annual General Meeting in May, and also on this night we have a recipe swap evening which means you bake your favourite recipe and write it out for anyone who would like to bake it for themselves, so it ought to be a very interesting and filling evening!

Well it is very sad for me to have to write that our Association over the last few months has been poorly attended — we do have our very faithful members who always turn up and how we appreciate their loyalty. May I take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who does attend; also on behalf of our committee and association I would like to express our gratitude to the School, Mr. Benson, and to all those in our School who help to prepare for our evenings.

Now I once more would like to add — do come to our evenings, and also we would love to see and welcome new members, especially from our school. We already had the pleasure at our dinner of meeting Miss Fiona Shiel and hope in the 1988-'89 season we will meet lots more of school leavers!

Ruth Farrell
(Sec.)

"Records and Recollections"

The many friends of the Diocesan School which existed in Adelaide Road, Dublin, for a brief seventy-four years, will be pleased to learn of the successful sale of its history, published by the *Kilkenny People*, in December, 1986.

As is well known, a very pleasant evening was organised by the Administrative and catering staff of High School, thanks to the generosity of the Board of Governors, for a large gathering of interested friends, in order to launch "Records and Recollections". Since then, copies of the book have found their way into many homes in Ireland, and Britain, in Europe, America, Canada, in Australia and New Zealand. The following libraries have received copies:

The National Library of Ireland
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University College, Cork
University College, Galway
St. Patrick's College, Maynooth
Queen's University, Belfast
British Library, London
Bodleian Library, Oxford
University Library, Cambridge
The National Library of Scotland
The National Library of Wales.

The Representative Church Body library has a copy of the book and copies are being sent to the libraries of the Colleges of Education of the Republic of Ireland.

A number of Dublin bookshops have had copies for sale during 1987, and some are still available (price £7.50) in The Resource Centre, Mount Argus. Copies may also be obtained from the following:

Mrs. Ethel Caird. Telephone 984428
Miss Muriel Jagoe. Telephone 882668
Miss Jane Williams

or

Miss Valerie Coghlan,
High School, Rathgar.

The High School and Diocesan Old Girls' Association supported this publication with enthusiasm. Generous friends gave donations or interest-free loans to supply financial assistance. Consequently thanks to all the practical help received, the sub-committee in charge has now paid all expenses, repaid all loans, and is ready for the accounts to be audited. A credit balance remains which will be used for the benefit of the present school in Danum, with advice from the Headmaster, Mr. A. P. R. Brook.

M.J.

News of Past Pupils

CHARLES E. BELL (Eddie) (1975-1977) is now a Ph.D. student in the Department of Physics at the University of Maryland, America.

ANDREW C. BLAIR (1970-1978), Glenn D. Kilroy (1975-1983), Robert Love (1972-80), Philip A. Orr (1961-1969), David G. Priestman (1961-1970), et. al. won the Inaugural Smithwicks Floodlit Rugby competition in December, 1987.

W. G. BOOKER (1929-37) was President of Wanderers Football Club for the season 1987-88.

G. R. CAIRD (1952-62) has been appointed a Course Organiser in General Practice in the South-West Thames Region and is a member of the Board of Examiners of the Royal College of General Practitioners in London.

ROS DIXON (1978-84) has been awarded a scholarship offered annually by A.T. CROSS Pens Ltd., to assist her to work for three months in the technical department of the new Victorian Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme, one of the leading theatres-in-the-round in these islands.

DAVID G. FISH (1953-1958) became chief executive of Carroll Industries, the tobacco, pharmaceutical, print and packaging group in January 1988. David started his career as a graduate trainee to Cadbury in the U.K. He was appointed sales and marketing director of Cadbury Ireland in 1973 and following other group appointments was chief executive, Cadbury Ireland, and this was followed by the appointments as senior vice-president and general

manager of Cadbury Schweppes confectionery, North America. He joined Carroll in the second half of 1986.

ALAN FORD (1963-1974) has been appointed Lecturer in Reformation History in the University of Durham, starting on October 1, 1988.

PETER A. GIBSON (1972-1978) has accepted the position of Marketing Manager of the Koch-Light Ltd. Biotechnology Company. It specialises in supplying Genetic Engineering Products for the research market.

A. NORMAN (Derry) JEFFARES (1930-1939) was co-editor with Antony Kamm of a new anthology "An Irish Childhood". Two volumes of his poetry were published last year.

COLIN KEVELIGHAN (1970-1976) was Irish Laser champion in 1987.

NORMAN KILROY (1951-1956), Managing Director of Nokia Ltd., under his photograph in the Irish Times of Dec. 8, 1987, was quoted as saying "Success is about playing a bad hand well".

CHRISTOPHER K. KING (1966-1977) joined the Department of Mathematics at Cornell University, Ithaca, as Assistant Professor in 1987.

DESMOND S. KING (1966-1975), lecturer in the Department of Politics at the University of Edinburgh, has written a book entitled "The New Right" and has co-authored "The State and the City" with T.R. Gurr of the Centre for Comparative Politics in the University of Colorado. Both volumes were published by MacMillan in 1987.

PETER J. MACK (1971-1978) gave a piano recital in the John Field Room of the National Concert Hall on Friday, 2nd October. The programme was broadcast later on R.T.E.

T. W. ROLAND (Roly) MEATES (1943-1954) was Rugby Coach for the Leinster XV, the T.C.D. 1st XV and with the Irish Universities Tour of Japan where the Irish team beat the Japanese world-cup team. He is also a selector for Leinster for 1988-89.

KINGSLEY MELDRUM (1976-1983) has joined the Munekata Corporation in Japan as a Plastics Engineering graduate. During his course in Bolton St. College he was Junior Toolmaker of the Year in 1985, AnCO Apprentice of the Year in 1985 and Senior Toolmaker of the Year in 1987.

DAVID MEREDITH (1970-76) has been appointed secretary of the Church of Ireland Board of Education. He was previously Director of the National Youth Council.

BRIAN H. MURDOCH (1946-1947) is Senior Master Non-Regent of T.D.C. He sits on the left hand side of the Chancellor at Commencements.

SANDRA O'DONNELL (1980-86) was accepted, in 1987, by the Church Missionary Society (Ireland) for full time overseas work in Nepal.

SIR DAVID ORR (1942-52) was President of London Irish Rugby Football Club for the season 1987-88.

PHILIP A. ORR (1961-1969) played against the New Zealand All Blacks in Tokyo in November, 1987, and in the World Cup in New Zealand and Australia in May, 1986.

DAVID G. PRIESTMAN (1961-1970) was Captain of Old Wesley R.F.C. for the 1986-87 season.

JULIAN D. REYNOLDS (1951-1960) is a Representative of the Science Faculty on the University Council of T.C.D.

HAROLD R. ROBERTS (Harry) (1936-1941) has retired from the position of Chief Officer of the Representative Church Body after a career of forty-seven years in the service of the Church of Ireland.

WAYNE M. O'L SHERIDAN (1970-1977) has been accepted as a member of the Association of Referees, Leinster Branch I.R.F.U.

PHILIP A. STERNE (1969-1976) is at The University of Maryland engaged in Postdoctoral Research.

B. C. STOREY (1962-68), Dr. Bryan Storey has been working as a Geologist for 11 years for the British Antarctic Survey and

has made 6 separate trips to the Antarctic including the South Pole itself, and has been awarded a Polar Medal by the Queen in recognition of "Outstanding service" as a member of British Antarctic Survey Expedition.

W. ARTHUR TANNER (1959-66) has been appointed a Senior Lecturer in Surgery in T.C.D. since October 1987.

DAVID TAYLOR (1971-1977) has been appointed special adviser to the Minister for Sport, Frank Fahy T.D. He won the Dublin senior men's cross-country title over a rigorous course at Balbriggan on the sixth of December in a time of 34 minutes 29 seconds. He won the 1,500m championship at the Yoplait National Track and Field Championships at Tullamore last July in a time of 3:47.94.

SALLY TECTOR (1979-86) has been awarded a three month scholarship to study at the Eurocentre Lausanne, Switzerland.

DAVID WENT (1958-1965) has been appointed to the Board of Lombard & Ulster Banking Limited. He is deputy chief executive of Ulster Bank Limited.

T. TREVOR WEST (1954-1956) has had two consecutive terms as Representative of the Junior Fellows on the Board of Trinity College. 1984-1986, 1986-1988. He is also a member of the Quatercentenary Committee.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Trinity College, Dublin

Moderatorships

EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS — P. G. Huggard was awarded a Gold Medal. His Class I Mod. was recorded in our last issue.

GENERAL HONOR MATHEMATICS — Class II, Second Division, M. Webb.

GEOLOGY — Class II, Second Division, S. E. Hayes.

COMPUTER SCIENCE — Class II, First Division, A. T. Trayler.

ECONOMIC and SOCIAL STUDIES — Class II, First Division, Patricia A. Medcalf.

ENGLISH II and HISTORY — Class II, First Division, Gillian E. Godsil.

HISTORY — Class II, First Division — T. A. Dixon, D. H. Edwards; Second Division — D. S. Brown.

ENGLISH II and GERMAN — Class II, Second Division, Wendy M. Boyle.

HISTORY of ART and ARCHAEOLOGY — Class II, First Division, N. F. Roycroft.

FRENCH and HISTORY of ART — Class II, Second Division, Anna M. C. Pyle.

ENGLISH and PHILOSOPHY — Class II, Second Division, Fiona R. Brown.

ENGLISH I and CLASSICAL CIVILISATION — Class II, Second Division, Sylvia P. L. Kane.

Other Degrees

B.A. (1985) D. J. Finkel (1986) M. E. Restan (1987)
A. M. Blair, Rosemary Coleman, S. W. Fraser, H. G. Haskins, Tracey Hughes, A. P. Huissoon, Chin Yin Lim, T. A. Lyttle.

B.Sc. (Remedial Linguistics) — Coralie A. Peard.

B.Sc. (Pharmacy) — Class II, Karene M. R. Moynan.

B.Ed. — Lynn S. Storey.

B.B.S. — G. D. Kilroy.

B.A.I. — A. M. Blair, G. R. Cottell, S. W. Fraser, G. H. Haskins.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. — Rosemary Coleman, Tracey Hughes, A. P. Huissoon, Chin Yin Lim, Janet F. Tyrrell.

LL. B. — Class II, Second Division, Andrea Dowsett, A. J. Sheil.

M. Phil — F. G. Z. Dierckens.

M.Sc. — S. W. Fraser.

M.A.I. — T. N. Lloyd.

M.A. — M. J. Balbirnie.

Ph.D. — Grace O'Donovan, C. G. W. Smythe.

Junior Sophisters

REMEDIAL LINGUISTICS — Class II, Second Division, Sara L. Jordan.
 THEORETICAL PHYSICS — Class I — Feargal Supple, Class II, First Division, D. L. Sheahan.
 EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS — Class II, Second Division, R. J. Davies.
 GENETICS — Class II, First Division — M. G. Hampton.
 GEOLOGY — Class II, First Division — G. E. McAulay.
 BIOCHEMISTRY — Class II, First Division, Rhona P. Sloane, Second Division, Nicola S. Tyrrell.
 ECONOMIC and SOCIAL STUDIES — Class II, Second Division, B. L. E. Dierckens, R. M. Elliott, Stephanie P. Free, Mary E. McCaughey, M. J. Wilson.
 HISTORY — Class II, Second Division, C. D. Irvine.
 BIBLICAL and THEOLOGICAL STUDIES — Class II, First Division, A. B. Pierce; Joint winner of the 1983 Greek Prize; Class III, T. R. Garrett.
 Two-subject Moderatorship — Pattern B — Virginia R. Chipperfield, History, Pass. Geography, Class II, First Division, G. A. Forrest, History, Pass. Geography, Class II, Second Division.

Senior Freshmen

COMPUTER SCIENCE — Class II, Second Division, R. C. Boyle.
 EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS — Class II, Second Division, J. L. Malkinson, Class III, G. P. P. Davey; P. N. McLaughlin; J. H. Pfeifer.
 PHARMACY — Class II, First Division, A. J. Killeen.
 ECONOMIC and SOCIAL STUDIES — Class II, First Division, B. K. Adams, Second Division, N. Williams, I. H. Lew.
 PHYSIOTHERAPY — Class II, First Division, Lynn Morrison.
 HISTORY — Scholarship exemption, G. Jelley. Class II, Second Division, O. D. A. Clarke, E. M. Flanagan, C. S. Sheil, R. A. Sweetnam, Beverley J. Thompson.
 LEGAL SCIENCE — Class II, First Division, D. J. Fish.
 TWO SUBJECT MODERATORSHIP, Patterns, A., A/B, B.
 (A) N. M. Dawson, Geography Class II, Second Division, Economics, Class III.
 (A/B) Susan M. Chambers, Mathematics, French, Class II, Second Division.
 (B) J. R. Caskie, Drama Studies, Class II, First Division, English II, Class II, Second Division.
 (B) Rosalyn S. Dixon, Drama Studies, Class II, First Division, English II, Class II, First Division.
 (B) A. M. Tackaberry, History, Class III, French III.
 NATURAL SCIENCE — Carolyn A. Passmore, Class II Second Division, Samantha J. Marsh, S. J. Burbridge, Class III.

Junior Freshmen

MUSIC (Single Honor) — Class III, Giovanni M. Gaidoni.
 MUSIC EDUCATION — Class II, First Division, Caroline E. Senior.
 PHYSIOTHERAPY — Class I, First Place, Estelle R. Kronn.
 NATURAL SCIENCE — Class I, Janet C. Dawson.
 Class II, Second Division, A. G. Flood, Deborah J. Jacob, K. G. Jordan, P. K. Lyons, H. Page, A. Redlich, S. G. Walsh.
 Class III, Jane E. Finlay, Suzanne R. Fanagan, A. I. Middleton, G. M. P. Webb, A. Blackmore.
 COMPUTER SCIENCE — I. J. Lamont.
 ECONOMIC and SOCIAL STUDIES — Class I, J. Wright, Class II, First Division, R. T. Flynn, P. E. Harford, Second Division, C. H. E. Butler.
 HISTORY — Class II, First Division, J. K. Shankey, Second Division, Lana G. Citron.

LEGAL SCIENCE — Class II, First Division, Hilary R. Hunter.
 TWO SUBJECT MODERATORSHIP. Pattern A/B N. P. H. Jones, Economics, Class II, Second Division, German, Class II, First Division, awarded composition prize.
 TWO SUBJECT MODERATORSHIP. Pattern A. T. Markham, Philosophy, Class III. Economics, Class II, First Division.

MEDICAL SCHOOL (School of Physic)

SIXTH MEDICAL YEAR — Rosemary Coleman (II Honors), Tracey Hughes, A. P. Huissoon, Chin Y. Lim. Janet F. Tyrrell won a prize for Paediatrics.
 FIFTH MEDICAL YEAR — M. L. Gueret, P. Hodgins, A. C. Marshall, Ruth Milofsky, Linda C. Sisson (Second Class Honors in Social Medicine), Angela M. Skuce (Second Class Honors in Medical Jurisprudence).
 FOURTH MEDICAL YEAR — P. R. Boles, D. F. Kronn.
 THIRD MEDICAL YEAR — D. H. Dockrell, P. E. Killeen.
 SECOND MEDICAL YEAR — Ann B. Caird, Chie W. Fan, A. D. Fraser.
 FIRST MEDICAL YEAR — J. F. Donohue.

School of Dental Science

FIRST DENTAL YEAR — Sharon E. Cole.

Engineering

JUNIOR SOPHISTERS — A. G. McCracken, Wooi Kiang Tan, D. R. Maltby, P. B. Murdoch.
 SENIOR FRESHMEN — C. J. Hautz, M. C. Heaney, J. D. McNeilly, G. M. White.
 JUNIOR FRESHMEN — Tin Wai Chan.

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