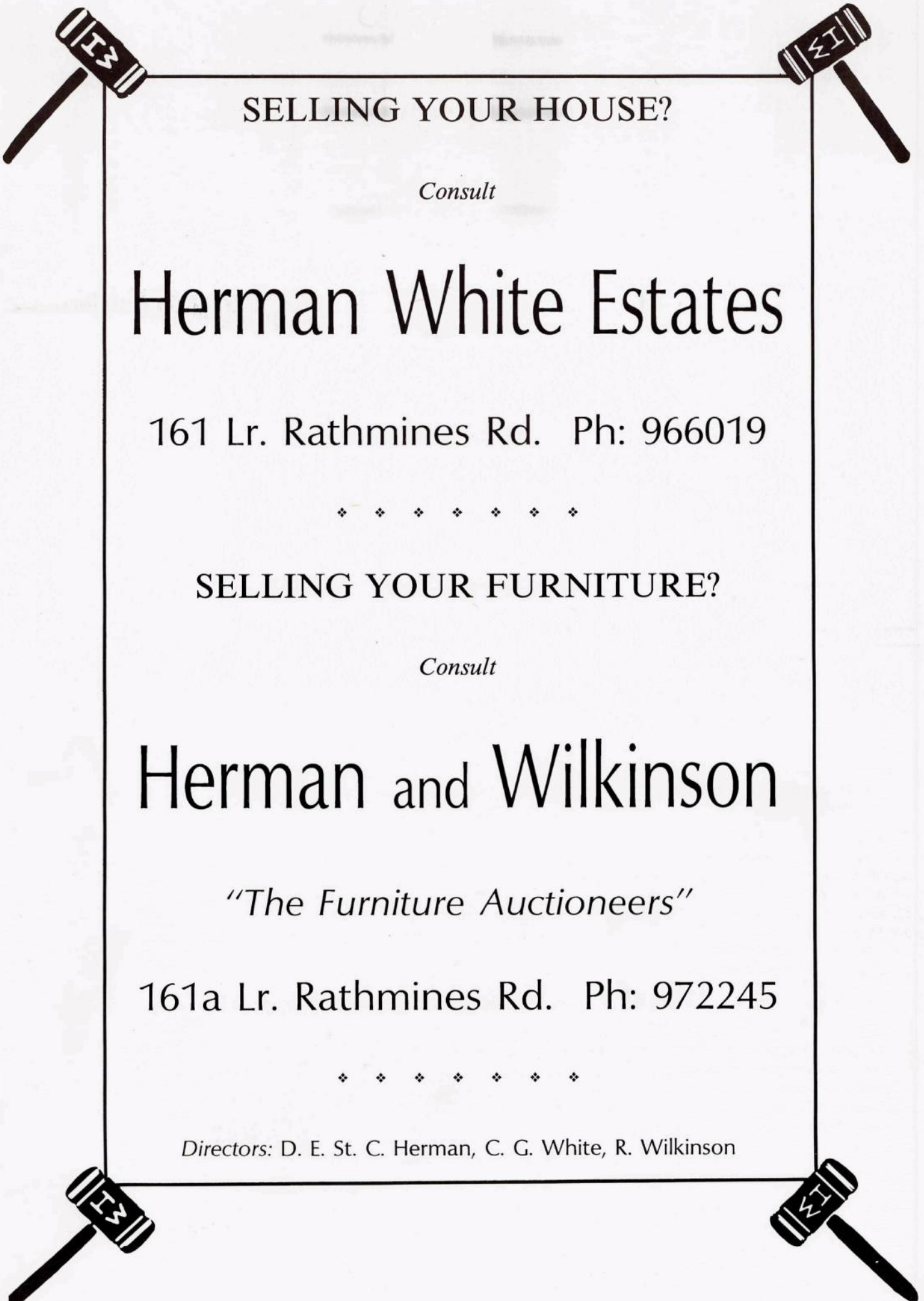


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EDITORIAL

What follows in the pages of this Yearbook is an account of the achievements of the past year. The reader will forgive me then if this editorial is not a recapitulation of these but more a collection of selective and personal thoughts on what goes on between the serried ranks of names and team photographs.

There is much to talk about. The Debating Society, who no doubt in their yearly account will record a greatly increased attendance, has done more than attract a bigger crowd. It has attracted an entirely new crowd. A certain sense of occasion is now present at an event that perhaps formerly was characterised by a squadron of the devoted and a sea of empty chairs.

The devoted are still there and it is much to their credit that they have attracted others to the debating contests. The playing fields have, it might be said, found a rival in the podium. The success of the Debating Society is that no one perceives such a rivalry, nor would wish any to exist.

The computer room has likewise attracted an interested following, of whom many are responsible for the very pages you see before you. This room may never see the day it pays for itself but it is witness to the skills that elsewhere will recoup the costs manifold. The white elephant that this editor first perceived, when confronted by row upon row of blank screens, has become the friend of many. No lunch-time passes by but the technicolour splendour of a fractal beams from one or other screens.

If change has come about in the areas mentioned, it has had a harder time where the nature of that change has not been understood. Above all there seems to be a lack of interest in the political events of other countries despite the taste for debate.

Across every newspaper we see both the fresh and the familiar names of Bosnian or Croatian towns, yet I have hardly heard two words spoken of former Yugoslavia in any school corridor. The drama of each session of the Russian Parliament seems not to impinge in the slightest upon the minds of even the most thoughtful.

It is as if none of these events could resurrect the spectre of the Cold War.

If this is complacency, I saw something else during the Gulf War two years ago. I remember – during one free period – a teacher, acknowledging the restlessness of the class, turned on the radio to listen to the news of the first air-strikes. It was a short item but I don't believe one person turned their ear away. The collective sense of the immediate concentrated the mind wonderfully. Perhaps it is only in the class-room that the effect of a word or action on those around one can be so readily felt.

As bombs to their targets, so too gossip to expectant ears and fists to smirking faces.

The import of those bombings, then, could not fail to have some impact on most of those in the school. The steady stream of

news reports of the present has had no such effect, or apparently none.

We seem to suspect ourselves so little of the motivations and ambitions that elsewhere drive larger conflicts, as if the shouting matches between Mr Yeltsin and his opponents never found their echoes at the coat-pegs or perhaps the more provocative questions of the Balkans had no relevance to us at all.

I speak as I do, feeling some unease at what is taking place abroad and wishing at least to have said something of it.

I cannot apologise for this but offer the reader one memory I had of a scorch-marked marble statue I once saw in St. Paul's Cathedral. My mother told me it was an effigy of the poet John Donne. It was the only surviving statue from the old St. Paul's, burnt down in 1666, and clearly had the marks to prove it. As I thought of it, I recalled that the old St. Paul's was caught in the same tragic and domestic fire that consumed most of London in that one same terrible night.

I thought, too, of the only line of Donne's work I knew:

"No man is an Island, entire of it self. . . ."

A. Kearney

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Her Death

We walked, your arm held me tight
We did not utter any word.
The tears, they rolled off your sweet
cheeks

Hitting the ground in their purity.
Sadness was taking you
In both its great dark hands
Grabbing hold, pulling you down,
But I held you, I held your memory
I kept it in my heart.

These our last moments
I turn to see your face,
The blood was washing over it in the rain
You were white, I touched you, I held you
But you did not hold me back.
You were dead.

They laid you down in some green field
I do not know where, I do not need to
know
For I can see you every day
As clear as if I held you tight in my arms
again.

You came to me yesterday,
I saw you walking by the wall,
You turned but did not stop or talk.
I know you heard, I know you saw
The cry of our new born child.

Richard MacCrea (5)

Floating thoughts while waiting for Lizzy

So many people pass me by.
I sit here in my thinking cap,
Imagining the world as it never was.
I tell a lie again,
The same old lie
For hundreds of years
That I could live to see the day
When the earth would smell and
The air sting.
Immaculate seasons the wind does pass,
And fallen from the skies,
The juice of righteousness
Life deserts its causes;
A thunderstorm started by
A thousand gleams of light
Through the glass
Robbed from insanity's hood
Thoughts of darkness
Tossed in a corner,
A silken heap
Of wasted dreams,
And funny houses
Catch no glances
While the night
Begins to sing.

Caroline Walshe (4M)

The Cool School

I go to High School
It is really cool
But we don't have a swimming pool.
In the library Mrs. King is a jewel.

The teachers are very good
And the chips are made of something like
spud
Matron always deals with blood
'Sarge' cleans up the toilet flood.

On soccer there is a ban
Even though there is many a fan.
We try to recycle every can.
A great source of fun is Ms. O'Sullivan.

In maths class Wuz acts like a fool,
Girls' hockey is oh! so nearly cool,
In rugby we definitely do not rule,
And Jonsers' hand is like a tool.

By Andrew Mahon (5)

Gavin Miller (5)

The Room of Dreams

I sit in this room,
This room of dreams,
Where I dream about the future,
The way I want it.

But when my dreaming is over,
I have to leave this room,
To face the outside,
The harsh way of life,
"Reality!"

By Lynn Carty (2B3)

A Day In The Life Of A Cat

"**M**iaw,, miauw", gosh are they ever
going to get up this morning, I'm
starving! These thoughts were in my head
as I stretched half-way up the door of the
back-lobby where I was locked up at night-
time. I sat there impatiently waiting to be
fed with some tasty 'Arthurs'.

At last I heard the bed creaking as
somebody stirred. In about a minute, the
door opened and Gareth (Mr. Francis), got
the keys and unlocked my door. I came
out with an impatient "miauw", signifying
the fact that I was hungry and had another
stretch. Mr. Francis bent down to tickle my
ginger, black and white silky coat as I rolled
over. All was forgiven. I wasn't angry at not
being fed anymore (even though it was ten
thirty!!)

Ah, that was lovely. I had just enjoyed a
bowlful of Lamb and Kidney flavoured
'Arthurs'. I strolled into the livingroom and
sat on the floor, licking myself clean . . .
after all one does collect a lot of dirt when
sleeping, doesn't one? I did the stroke of
cleaning the top of my back, which takes
great skill and then washed my slender
legs, in between my toes, and my private
parts.

It was time to go outside and see where
that handsome ginger and white tom was. I
was let outside and I saw that it was wet . . .
and dirty!!

I strolled around next-door looking for
the most handsome cat in the
neighbourhood. Look, there he is! I found
a dry spot on the ground, out of sight, and
smoothed down my fur coat, which I knew

Interlude

O BOE. *Comodo Grazioso* (♩ = c. 88)

Liam Lyons (3A2)

was extraordinarily attractive, and cleaned my now filthy paws. I was now ready to be seen by him. I was perfect.

I walked over so he could see me. Yes! he had seen me and was staring at me. I put on my extra-superior walk and flirted as much as I could. He walked over to me. I wasn't one so easy to get!! I turned around and went down to my own territory.

I spent a long time walking about, being followed by himself. At last I decided to go in. I jumped up onto the windowsill, where I could be seen and eventually was let in.

I curled up by the fire which delightedly I had discovered was lit, and went for my evening nap. I dreamt about how tomorrow I wouldn't be so hard on my dreamboy, because I knew how he was feeling. After all, I am so irresistible, I know

...

Zoe Lipson (1Ap)

Solstice

Christmas day. The sun shone.
I was loaded
With not quite gifts
On Marlborough Road
Beside the car,
For the old gentleman:
Leather driving gloves,
Tweed jacket,
Peaked cap.
He stops,
Seems to remember;
"Ah".

And then
A stranger shows me
A piece of his soul.

He was walking down Herbert Park,
Struck by the music of the lark,
Saw a lady dressed in black,
Carrying things.
Me.

A serenade that rhymed
From the smile
Isled in grey stubble.
A man
Gave me his heart
On Christmas day and I cannot pay him
back,
Except with loving memory.

Isolde Carmedy (4H)

The Appearance

Aroused, I lie in wonder,
The corpse, the soul rise in levitation
uncontinuously,
The spirit's rise, to the body fall,
A wailing misty cloud doth crawl,
Upon thy wake, the coffin hold,
Just your bones, but not your soul.

Nicola Rafter (5)

Lemon and Honey

I stirred up the honey into my drink
Or maybe it was the lemon;
I couldn't see,
I was only stirring
A bulging yellow blob
Thicker than the rest
Which was just diluted water.
So I worried about it with the spoon.
Did you know that once dissolved into
a liquid
A substance disperses itself evenly
Unarguably uniform parts per ml?
But sometimes I wonder if I should stir,
Perhaps it's more exciting
A mouthful of honey suddenly
After a bland few sips.
Unpredictably
Lemon sneaks up
Spluttering slurp of its tartness
Floods your mouth,
Involuntary gasp,
But the relief of swallowing
Your empty mouth now better than
before
And lemon makes the honey taste much
sweeter.

Sharon Jackson (4M)

Still in Mind

The mistake of stupidity,
Angered, inner being,
Uselessness of hurt;
Pain of bitter tears,
Swept across, rosy stained,
Unacquainted cheeks,
But still survived,
The person,
Undercovered in a simple smile,
For how long?
No one knows, except one's self,
And keep it clenched,
Straight and piercing,
Always remaining,
Never ending,
Haunting memories.

Nicola Rafter (5)

Depths

Rain cutting through the fibres of the air
Crisscrossing fields
Contorting sight,
Shadows of transparency falling on our
faces,
Our homes, our loved ones.
We flee the drops lest they wash our souls.
The sea's surface is chopped and raging
Tossing the oblivious fish with the bliss of
memories of only second's span.
Deep beneath, a diver delves in calm;
He's learnt to live and not to rise to
storms,
And yet in life we've learnt less than the
fish.
We rise and fall to every storm that calls.

Sharon Jackson (4M)

A Poem

Blip, blip . . . The support machine goes
on. I want to turn it off, but can't.
No strength, doped to my head.
This bed saps all, but I must do it.
I see the switch, by my bed. But
The image is blurred - I can't see.
My brain is flying on wings. Hey!
Beyond control, frustration sets
in. I flex my fingers and hear voices.
They're disjointed, far away feeling.
They said I was deranged and I didn't
believe. I had a will and a life. It
was taken away. Someone help
please. It's over there. I can't move.
Help! No pain, numbness, floating
on air. At last I reach, and . . .

Naomi Smith (4M)

Leave Earth's Animals Alone

A laboratory is a cruel, mean place.
Trying to improve the human face,
With mice poisoned and rabbits burnt,
Pain is all these animals have learnt.

A fur coat is an ugly sight,
Depriving animals of their rights,
Nearly sixty mink is what it takes,
But why can't people just wear fakes?

A piece of beef was once a cow,
A pork-stew was once a sow,
But man insists on eating these,
So, just leave earth's animals alone,
please!

Julie O'Sullivan (1Ap)

Sorry

What is sorry?
What does it mean?
What is sorry?
What does it seem?

It seems like a useful word to use,
A word we use for forgiveness;
I know I myself use this word,
I use this word too often.

'Sorry' is a word which seems to mend,
Brings families and friends together,
Together after they've done something
wrong,
Or done something to upset each other.

But really it's not the word we say,
That five letter word "sorry",
But the gesture we show,
When we go and say,
To a friend or relative,
"I'm sorry!"

Lynn Carty (2B3)

SCHOOL RECORD

Prize Distribution

The Annual Prize Distribution and Parents' Evening was held on Wednesday, 21st October, 1992. Mr Norman Kilroy, Chairman of the Governors of the Schools, founded by Erasmus Smith, Esq., presided and distributed the prizes. The following is the text of the Headmaster's Report:

School News

In 1992 Mrs Moira Stuart left after eight years as a part-time teacher of French and English. We thank her for her work during her time in High School and send her good wishes for the future. Miss Valerie Parkill and Mrs Joan Smith are on leave of absence. We welcome Miss Geraldine O'Sullivan as full-time teacher of French, and Miss Miriam Gordon, Miss Claire Ritchie and Mr Douglas Miller as part-time members of the staff.

Mrs de Lacy retired in 1992 after almost twenty years as joint head of catering with Mrs Bates.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Kirby who was married last year.

We offer sympathy to members of the staff and pupils who have suffered bereavement during the year: Mrs. Davin, Mr. Miller, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Hickmott, Stuart Luke.

In September, 1992, a new school uniform was introduced.

Mrs. de Lacy

Doris de Lacy came to High School to help with the catering under Mrs. Bell. When Mrs. Bell retired in December 1977, Doris and I took over the running of the Catering Department and the Tuck Shop. She had to retire from work at Christmas, due to severe arthritis.

When Doris married, her first home was in Kenya where her husband John was a miller. Her son Peter was born in Kenya and subsequent to their return to Ireland, he and his sister Caroline were pupils at High School. She now has four grandchildren.

Doris and John were keen Table Tennis players but over the past couple of years have taken up both Indoor and Outdoor Bowls.

Doris has been a good friend over many years and was very agreeable to work with. She rarely missed a day's work and was an excellent timekeeper, always having the catering equipment switched on before the catering staff arrived.

O.B.

Mr. Chairman, Your Grace, Staff, Parents, Pupils and Friends of the High School. Before I commence my formal speech I would like to extend my thanks to the Chairman of the Board of Governors for again making himself available to act as Chairman for tonight's Parents' Evening and Prize Distribution. In times of world recession and sterling crisis it must be a relief for a Chief Executive of a major Irish concern to have other areas of activity that perhaps cause slightly less concern than his own business world.

It is always hard for educational debate to receive the attention its importance deserves, and never more so than when the media outlets have so many areas of intense personal concern to spend words and film footage on – the Beef Tribunal, North-South talks, unemployment and recession, the Abortion Referendum, war in Bosnia, famine in Somalia. Probably most people who have any connection with education, even if that connection is just that they have children in full or part-time schooling, are aware that after two changes of Minister for Education, and consequently much re-writing, a long promised discussion Green Paper on the whole future shape of Irish education finally emerged in late June. With dislocation due to the holiday season, informed debate only commenced in many of the interested bodies in September, and must finish by mid-November if submissions dealing with the many contentious issues raised are to influence the next stages of the process, a White Paper expressing clear-cut Government policies and the Dáil Bill required to bring some of these policies into action. Few people have actually bought and read the Green Paper for themselves, so where they know anything about its contents it is usually slanted by the viewpoints of some pressure group representative whom they have heard holding forth about their own area of greatest concern.

What then are the issues raised in the Green Paper? To many people, but not all, the most important issue is "How should

our schools be managed?" "Our schools!" Who are the people who can rightly say "our"?

What rights in management have the property owners? In High School's case these are the Governors of the Schools founded by Erasmus Smith, trustees of a major charitable trust with educational aims, trustees who bought the site, financed the buildings and ground developments with no help from the State, except an ex-gratia gift in 1971 of £20,000 from the State purse. These trustees act voluntarily, and without any recompense of any kind, provide large amounts of time and professional consultant-type expertise in every area of the school's operation. Why do these people contribute to High School so liberally and at times so sacrificially? They feel they should take their part in ensuring that a school which has served a particular community in Dublin well for 122 years by adapting to changing needs and circumstances should be helped by their inputs to adapt to present and future needs, and to continue an ethos which has seen large numbers of pupils leaving annually with the personal and academic standards and the outlook essential for worthwhile living in our national community and in family life.

What rights in management have the workers? In this case these are primarily the teachers, most of whom in the Irish educational tradition commit themselves to a school for the whole of the forty years or so of their professional working life. The success of the enterprise, the direction it takes, the colleagues it employs, the children and parents it relates with, the conditions it provides all affect the quality of their lives, and surely their needs and expertise should be recognised by a part in the management process.

What rights in management have the users? These are the parents, a transient and ever changing body of people who commit an individual child to the school for six years and so many commit a family to the school sometimes for the best part of twenty years. Very particularly in a fee-charging school this may represent, after their house, the largest single financial investment of their lives.

What rights in management have the beneficiaries? These beneficiaries are the manufacturers, business people, third level educationalists, social welfare workers, the

people who take over the products that our schools have put through their treadmills. Should such as these also have a voice in the management of our schools since the strengths and weaknesses of these will affect considerably their performance of their employment or caring roles.

Clearly all these groups have an interest in the management of High School, and the Green Paper clearly signals an intention of the government that on any Board of Management of a secondary school receiving public funding all these groups should be represented and that within the Board a balanced representation of the sexes would be expected. With respect to the designated duties of such a Board I quote. "The specific responsibilities of the Board should include ensuring that the following objectives are met: quality of student learning, appointment of staff, quality of teaching and School Plan and review."

For many schools in the country a narrowly representational Board of Management with a total of eleven members and a narrow brief of management responsibilities as envisaged in the Green paper is a great advance on the situation in which a single person has acted as both Principal and Manager, responsible solely to a very small group of trustees, usually clerics, and without much broad based business and management experience.

But for other schools like High School our management structures have drawn in, as a control over and support to the Principal, teams of people who provide, on a voluntary basis, the building, insurance, legal, sporting, educational, business, financial, parental, personnel, religious and philosophical expertise that Principals can call on in a formal way, as and when the multi-faceted demands of running a complex modern school require. In our case the structure has evolved steadily to take account of changing needs, and its most recent evolutionary moves have been to increase the direct involvement of both teaching staff and parents. To sacrifice this evolved and evolving organism for a narrowly based Green Paper model Board of Management structure would only weaken the effective management of the school. Could such a structured Board of Management cope adequately with all the demanding financial, engineering and legal decisions required to keep in good order buildings and plant as extensive and complex as a modern school? And if the members could, would they still have the time and energy left to contribute as at present they do to the maintaining of a proper and relevant ethos? Amazingly, the Green Paper never mentions the buildings and business sides of schools.

What are the other main issues relevant to secondary schools addressed in the Green Paper? In no particular order of importance they seem to be – equity in regard to both disadvantage and disability, efficiency in teaching, relevance of curriculum, structure for assessment, transparency of the system for the users, accountability to the provider of public funding, transition between first, second and third level education, the European dimension and the role of the Principal.

I would like to address particularly one of these issues but first some brief comments on some others.

I am deeply concerned about disadvantage, but if we concentrate only on disadvantaged groups in the population or seemingly disadvantaged areas geographically, as the Green Paper does, we will fail to address the needs of disadvantaged pupils as the individuals they are, and to recognise that they are to be found in significant numbers in a fee-charging school like High School.

I am deeply concerned that our curriculum be relevant, but from what standpoint? It seems to me that when I read of proposals that a new subject "Enterprise and Technology" be obligatory in the Junior Cycle, that there be a greater emphasis on modern continental languages and on vocational/technical options within schools, I am hearing only the clarion calls of industry and business. I welcome an increased emphasis on health awareness in our schools, but am concerned that no significant mention is made of the transmission of lasting values in the face of a trend in Irish life that is subordinating the spiritual and the human to the material and the impersonal.

On the assessment front I welcome as an improvement the replacement of the Intermediate Certificate and Group Certificate examinations by the new Junior Certificate examination, with its two or three levels in each subject, but I question strongly whether as one of the poorer members of the European Community we should continue with Luxembourg as the only two EC countries to have national assessment at what is for almost all pupils a non-terminal point of their education. Again, while commenting on the Junior Certificate, I voice my personal concern that the standards expected on lower level papers should not be lowered with time to ensure passes for almost all pupils. Considerable numbers of students deserve "honour degree" recognition for their ability to judge the lowering of their effort and attainment standards to the minimum required for a bare pass. When we then lower our requirements for them, they respond by lowering their standards for us.

The final issue I would like to comment on is the role of the School Principal as envisaged in the Green Paper. In section after section the Principal's workload, level of responsibility and accountability are marked out for increase. The picture of the Principal that eventually emerges is of a high power business or industrial type chief executive operating to a heavy work and responsibility load, but without the middle-management structure of section heads usual in other areas of business life.

The only ways of easing the pressure of management that are feasible are by the Principal distancing himself or herself from the product of the education process through abandoning teaching, and by strengthening middle management through ensuring that people (vice-principals perhaps - note the plural) are available with both time and relevant expertise.

For me personally the expedient of abandoning teaching is a non-starter. The last principal I served under before I came to High School did not teach. He was a good Chief Executive but, though I was one of the six staff closest to him, I couldn't have said whether he was a caring man or not, and his influence on pupils and staff and school ethos was negligible.

The Chief Executive of the Heinz Corporation is not before the firing squad if a dented can comes off the assembly line and passes through quality control. He may not ever have seen a baked bean tin, or the assembly line. In a school it is not baked bean cans but children who pass on from the end of our assembly line, or get dented by a fall somewhere before the finish. But since it is the Chief Executive, the Principal, who is always seen as answerable when the dent occurs, it is essential that he is able to continue to relate closely with the assembly line of the whole education process, the teachers who act as operatives, and the children who are the product.

Let us hope that the outcome of the legislation that follows the responses to the Green Paper will bring about the strengthened management and middle-management structures that will enable strong schools like this one to provide in the future an efficient and caring educational framework for the widely based community we have served over many years, and again in 1991/92.

As I close I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and his team of Governors for all their work and support during the year, to the staff for all the dedication and expertise they have shown both in the classroom and outside, and to pupils for their hard work and enthusiasm.

List of Prizes

Old Boys' Cup: Bruce Harley
Jean Scott Trophy: Wendy Moffett

Form

6 Up.- Class Prizes: Catherine Ennis, Nicholas O'Gorman, Grahame Walsh.

- 6 - High School Exhibition (£250): Brian Bird.
Glorney Exhibition and Cup (£160): Stuart Kinsella.
Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize (£100): Steven Moody.
Victor Graham Prize in Mathematics (£1,000): Malcolm Tyrrell.
Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize (£120): Jennifer Walshe.
John Bennett Memorial Prize (£50): Glyn Murphy.
Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize (£100): Jeremy Chipperfield.
Ivan King Memorial Prize (£40): Steven Moody.
B'nai Brith Scholarship (£250): Jeremy Sargent.
Alan Peters Memorial Prize: John Caird.
Bessie Bury Prize for English: Glyn Murphy.
Casserley Memorial Prize for English: Caroline Hadley.
German Government Prize: Brian Bird.
Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Clare Dowling.
S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Glyn Murphy.
Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Jennifer Campbell
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Damien Massey.
O.B.U. Debating Medal: Brian Bird.
Class Prizes: Linda Coote, Gavin Dodd, Nicholas Moran,
John Nash, Deborah O'Neill, Kenneth Wardrop, Craig Wynne.

- 5 - Mitchell Scholarship: Ruth Dowling.
Dr. Start's Prize for Chemistry: Gavin Buttimore, Ruth Dowling.
Parents' Association Prize for English: Naoise Griffin.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Kari Fry.
Diocesan School Music Prize: Nicholas McMurphy.
Class Prizes: Fiona Campbell, Patricia Conway, Helen Finch,
Judith Haslett, Stephen Lipson, Nicholas McMurphy,
Duncan Micks, Rory Timlin.

- 3 - Rogers Memorial Prize: Ross McCulloch.
Dillon Prize for Mathematics: Ross McCulloch.
Foster Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Sharon Jackson.
Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize: Gavin Cobbe.
Emily Latimer's Prize for Geography: Sharon Jackson.
Casserley Prize for History: Ciuin Doherty, Jamie Tanner.
German Government Prize: Ross McCulloch.
S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Ian Ellis.
Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Rebecca Wolfson.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Aisha Engelbrecht.
Parents' Association Prize for Mechanical Drawing: Damien Haslett.

Class Prizes:

3A1 Isolde Carmody, Colin Walsh
3A2 Scott Cooper, David Long, Philippa Wilkes.
3A3 Alison Shaw, Berkeley Vincent.
3B1 Leo Byrne, Shwan Henari.
3B2 David Bell, Kenneth Byrne, Gareth Staunton.

- 2 - Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize: Emma Eager.
McNay Prize for English: Emma Eager.
Parents' Association Prize for English: Robert Casey.
Parents' Association Prize for Woodwork: Glynn Foster.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Colin McEndoo.
Diocesan School Music Prize: Liam Lyons.
Dorothy Blakeney Prize for Biology Project: Derek Fisher,
Amber Walsh, Stephanie Sheppard.

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes: Alan Hilliard, Robert O'Brien,
Susan O'Brien, Hilary Ryan.

Class Prizes:

2A1 Owen Frazer, Stefanie Sheppard.
2A2 Elizabeth Thornburgh, Colin Lowe.
2B1 Suzanne Rynhart, Suzanne Murphy.
2B2 Susan Harrison, Gareth Wills
2B3 Mark Homan, David Blackwood.

- 1 - Etheline Brady Prize: Freda Vora.
Jellett Memorial Prize for Irish: Kevin O'Reilly.

Class Prizes:

1A1 Oisín Boydell, Stuart Kenny.
1A2 Vanessa Carswell, Scott Wynne.
1B1 Hilary Taylor, Susan Carroll.
1B2 Cleona Gray, Arron Inglis.
1B3 Roslyn Ellis, Keith Rynhart.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship: Nicola Gray, Rathgar National School.

Elizabeth Hilliard, Zion National School.
Ross Wynne, Rathfarnham Parish National School.
Daniel Frazer, Kildare Place National School.
Zoe Lipson, Hewetson School, Clane, Co. Kildare.
Rachel Dawson, Rathgar National School.
Melanie Boyle, Sandford National School.
Jennifer McKenna, Rathfarnham Parish National School.

Music Scholarships:

Daniel Frazer, Kildare Place National School.
Tarik Rahman, St. Mary's Boys' National School.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 1992

Alexander Bacik, Daragh Browne, Daragh Cagney, Peter Clements, Sarah Coleman, Paul Crampton, Catherine Ennis, Dylan Giusti, Simon Good, Avril Kilbey, Simon Kilbride, Owen McConnell, Jacqueline McCoy, Bridget McGovern, Fiona MacNally, Janet Micks, Sharon Moore, Colm Morgan, Nicholas O'Gorman, Douglas Oldrey, Ronan Pearce, Conor Reeves, Graham Richmond, Victoria Shaw, Keith Sherling, John Sherry, Philip Sibley, Richard Spurgeon, David Stephen, Aileen Strachan, Grahame Walsh, Jonathan Walshe, Samantha Warbrick, Andrew Allen, Hazel Babington, Robin Bailey, Suzanne Beardsley, Warren Bell, Brian Bird, Ruth Boyd, Siobhan Bradley, Deirdre Brosnan, Gillian Burke, Emma Burke Kennedy, John Caird, Aisling Campbell, Jeremy Chipperfield, Neville Cobbe, Sinead Considine, Barry Conway, Linda Coote, David Curtis, Colin Darby, Leslie Davis, Zena Dawson, Corinna Dixon, Gavin Dodd, Emily Doherty, Clare Dowling, Keith Edgley, Annalee Fennell, Deborah Finnie, Simon Fitzpatrick, Ruth Gibney, Finn Gillespie, Alistair Goodwin, Anne Goulden, Reuben Govender, June Grennan, Michelle Griffin, Caroline Hadley, Sheering Hanly, Bruce Harley, Charlotte Harrison, Marcus Hartung, Maleka Hashmi, Adam Hatfield, Ian Herman, Kenneth Heslip, Jennifer Hill, Luke Holland, Shuna Hutchinson, Garret Jacobs, Ferris Jay, Rhonda Jenkinson, Adam Jewell, Dara Laughlin, Carol Lilburn, Drew Lindsay, Kuck Ek Ling, Niamh Lunny, Elizabeth Martin, Damien Massey, Eric McCarthy, David McKee, Daniel McKeever, Julia Miller, Elizabeth Mitchell, Wendy Moffett, Jason Molins, Steven Moody, Carol Moore, Nicholas Moran, Louise Mull, Glyn Murphy, John Nash, Paul Needham, Edward Nicholson, Kenneth Nielsen, Ingrid O'Callaghan, Creona O'Connor, Niall O'Goran, Gareth O'Meara, Deborah O'Neill, Niamh O'Sullivan, Neal Parker, Avril Patterson, David Phillips, David Plummer, Dylan Rafter, Helen Reid, William Robertson, Estelle Rosenberg, Stephen Rowan, Jeremy Sargent,

Kira Singleton, Edward Sinnamon, Andrew Skelton, Brendan Slack, Stephen Swift, Malcolm Tyrrell, Janet Veale, Deborah Walsh, Sarah Walsh, Victoria Walsh, Jennifer Walshe, Andree Warbrick, Kenneth Wardrop, Amanda Wheeler, Jonathan White, Simon White, Dafydd Williams, Shirley Wright, Caroline Wynne, Craig Wynne.

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 1992

Norrie Beattie, Rosalind Beere, Isolde Carmody, Erica Clarke, Nicholas Cogan, Damien Doherty, Ian Ellis, Alison Finch, Megan Forrest, Gary Freaney, Edward Gallagher, Jennifer Gillen, Margaret Graham, Anthea Grimason, Natasha Hall, Graham Hill, Lisa Jewell, John Lalor, Garret Lyons, Garry Lyons, Ruth Naughton, Owen Nugent, Rory O'Neill, Ashley Singleton, Suzanne Skelton, Christopher Swift, Colin Walsh, William Blackmore, Gail Bovenizer, Sarah Burke, John Butler, Rachel Clarke, Scott Cooper, Cassius Crockatt, Emma Fitzpatrick, John Free, Jonathan Gordon, Louise Harris, Damien Haslett, Charles Long, Peter Love, Guy McClintock, Ross McCulloch, Adrian McDowell, Leo McKenna James, Simon McMullen, Jonathan

Nicholson, Rachel Reid, Wendy Strong, Nicola Sweeney, James Tanner, Philippa Wilkes, Jeremy Wright, Maximillian Bacik, Daisy Barrett, Rowena Brown, Julien Caillabet, Jonathan Campbell, Gavin Cobbe, Leonard Galvin, Sharon Jackson, Rory Kavanagh, Andrea Laughlin, Claire Lewis, Julie McGouran, Claire McGrath, Fintan McGrogan, Stephen McKenna, Caitriona Rice, Alison Shaw, Naomi Smith, Berkley Vincent, Mark Williams, Vanessa Williamson, Rebecca Woolfson, Austin Barrett, John Bridges, Natalie Burke, Leo Byrne, Thomas Cooney, Stephen Dowd, Constantinos Florides, Esther Gilmour, Steven Greene, Keith Hatfield, Shwan Henari, Gareth Hopkins, Trevor Hughes, Rebecca Martin, Liam Noone, Susan Plummer, Glenn Rainsford, Claudia Reid, John Reidy, Robert Russell, Ian Walsh, Niall Walsh, Nathan Warner, Scott Watson, Joseph Wiltshire, David Bell, Kenneth Byrne, Neal Cronly, Brian Davis, Amy Degon, Barry Dowling, Aisha Engelbrecht, Terence Frost, John Green, Saidhbbhin Hardiman, Craig Hill, Nicola Hodgkinson, Wendy Kane, Tin Loon Leung, Lindsey Maidment, Peter Moffett, Aaron O'Leary, James Quinn, Gordon Rave, Louis Scott, Stephen Sheldon, Gareth Staunton, Robert Walsh.

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Alex Bacik: Engineering, U.C.D.
Daragh Browne: Science, Maynooth.
Daragh Cagney: Commerce, U.C.C.
Peter Clements: Broadcast Journalism, Ballyfermot Senior College.
Sarah Coleman: Applied Science, D.I.T.
Paul Crampton: Construction Economics, D.I.T.
Catherine Ennis: Ophthalmic Optics, D.I.T.
Dylan Giusti: Preliminary Engineering, D.I.T.
Simon Good: Commerce, U.C.D.
Avril Kilbey: Nursing, Westminster College, London.
Simon Kilbride: Marketing, Griffith College.
Owen McConnell: History, T.C.D.
Jacqui McCoy: Home Economics, Sion Hill.
Bridget McGovern: Auctioneering, Galway R.T.C.
Fiona McNally: Arts, U.C.D.
Janet Micks: Property Economics, D.I.T.
Sharon Moore: Humanities Degree, University of Ulster.
Colm Morgan: B.E.S.S., T.C.D.
Nicholas O'Gorman: Commerce, U.C.D.
Douglas Oldrey: Computer Applications, D.C.U.
Ronan Pearce: Computer Linguistics and French, T.C.D.
Conor Reeves: Arts, Maynooth.
Graham Richmond: Arts, U.C.D.
Vicky Shaw: Arts, U.C.D.
Keith Sherling: B.E.S.S., T.C.D.
John Sherry: Business Studies, D.I.T.
Philip Sibley: Engineering, T.C.D.
Richard Spurgeon: Business Studies, D.I.T.
David Stephen: Applied Science, D.I.T.
Aileen Strachan: History, T.C.D.
Grahame Walsh: Law, T.C.D.
Jonathan Walshe: Agricultural Science, U.C.D.
Samantha Warbrick: Agricultural Science, U.C.D.

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Andrew Allen: Institute of Education.
Hazel Babington: Computer Applications, D.C.U.
Robin Bailey: Allen and Bailey, Stationers.
Suzanne Beardsley: The Education Centre.
Warren Bell: Tennis Coach, S. Africa.
Brian Bird: Medicine, T.C.D.
Ruth Boyd: Environmental Health Studies, Cathal Brugha St.

Siobhán Bradley: Health and Fitness, Leisure Management, Coláiste Ide.
Deirdre Brosnan: Arts, U.C.G.
Gillian Burke: Private Study.
Emma Burke-Kennedy: Research, R.T.E.
John Caird: Marketing Certificate, D.I.T.
Aisling Campbell: 6U. H.S.D.
Jennifer Campbell: Year off, prior to Nursing, Adelaide Hospital.
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Neville Cobbe: 6U H.S.D.
Sinéad Considine: Law, Griffith College.
Barry Conway: The Education Centre.
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Colin Darby: Morehampton College.
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Richard Delaney: Shop Assistant, Nolan's Menswear.
Corinna Dixon: Business Proprietorship, College of Marketing and Design.
Gavin Dodd: Engineering, T.C.D.
Emily Doherty: Psychology, T.C.D.
Clare Dowling: Commerce, U.C.D.
Keith Edgely: The Education Centre.
Debbie Finnie: Ringsend College.
Simon Fitzpatrick: Institute of Education.
Ruth Gibney: Science, T.C.D.
Finn Gillespie: Photographic Journalist, 'The Daily Star'.
Alistair Goodwin: Institute of Education.
Anne Goulden: Applied Languages, D.C.U.
Rueben Govender: Engineering, T.C.D.
June Grennan: The Education Centre.
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Bruce Harley: Engineering, T.C.D.
Charlotte Harrison: Drama and Theatre Studies, T.C.D.
Marcus Hartung: The Education Centre.
Molly Hashmi: Biomedical Science, Liverpool University.
Adam Hatfield: Management Science, T.C.D.
Ian Herman: Institute of Education.
Kenneth Heslip: Mechanical Engineering, R.T.C., Tallaght.
Jennifer Hill: Arts, U.C.D.

Luke Holland: Dublin Tutorial College.
Shuna Hutchinson: 6U H.S.D.
Gareth Jacobs: Rathmines Senior College.
Ferris Jay: Environmental Management, Hatfield Polytechnic.
Rhonda Jenkinson: Business Studies, Tallaght R.T.C.
Adam Jewell: Private Study.
Mark Johnston: B.E.S.S., T.C.D.
Martin Kelly: Germanic Studies, T.C.D.
Eamonn Kenny: Applied Physics, D.C.U.
Stuart Kinsella: Science, T.C.D.
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Carol Liburn: Shop Assistant, Father Gill's Delicatessen.
Kuok Ek Ling: Business Law, Institute of Education.
Niamh Lunny: Grennan Millcraft School, Co. Kilkenny.
Elizabeth Martin: Lucan Vocational School.
Damien Massey: Classical Animation, Ballyfermot Senior College.
Eric McCarthy: B.E.S.S., T.C.D.
David McKee: Mechanics, Ballyfermot Senior College.
Daniel McKeever: Tree Surgery.
Julia Miller: Rathmines Senior College.
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Wendy Moffett: Commerce, Dundrum College.
Jason Molins: Arts, U.C.D.
Steven Moody: B.E.S.S., T.C.D.
Carol Moore: 6U, H.S.D.
Nicholas Moran: Commerce, U.C.D.
Louise Mull: Rathmines Senior College.
Glyn Murphy: Commerce, U.C.D.
John Nash: Engineering, U.C.D.
Paul Needham: Freelance Salesman.
Edward Nicholson: Engineering, T.C.D.
Ingrid O'Callaghan: Commerce, U.C.D.
Creona O'Connor: Art Foundation Course, St. Peter's College, Killester.
Niall O'Gorman: The Education Centre.
Gareth O'Meara: Arts, U.C.D.
Deborah O'Neill: Ulster Investment Bank.
Niamh O'Sullivan: Arts, U.C.G.
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Avril Patterson: Secretarial College.
David Phillips: Supermarket Retailing, College of Marketing and Design.
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Dylan Rafter: Pre-Engineering Course, Dundrum College.
Helen Reid: Private Study.
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Edward Sinammon: Engineering Certificate, D.T.T.
Andrew Skelton: 6U, H.S.D.
Brenda Slack: Legal Studies, Letterkenny, R.T.C.
Stephen Swift: Ringsend College.
Malcolm Tyrrell: Mathematics, T.C.D.
Janet Veale: Rathmines Senior College.
Debbie Walsh: London Montessori School.
Sarah Walsh: Business Studies, L.S.B.
Jennifer Walshe: Year off prior to Music Course in Glasgow.
Andreé Warbrick: Equine Business Management, Hartpury College.
Kenneth Wardrop: Geography, Sociology, T.C.D.
Amanda Wheeler: Children's Animator, Budget Tavel.
Jonathan White: Luton College.
Simon White: B.E.S.S., T.C.D.
Dafydd Williams: Plumbing and Welding, F&S.
Shirley Wright: Secretarial Studies, Parnell Sq.
Craig Wynne: International Marketing, D.C.U.
Cardine Wynne: A.I.B., Donnybrook House.

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The Debating Society

This year The Debating Society has enjoyed a tremendous amount of success in both attendance and debating standard. This is the result of the hard work of many and I want to thank all who were involved.

I must admit that when we had our first committee meeting we were all a little daunted by the task which lay ahead of us. We felt that pupils in High School were just not interested in debates. If the society was to be worth anything, our time included, then it was up to us to change people's perception about what the society does. We tried many tactics from announcing debates to individual classes to threatening evil and horrid nasty toenail removal procedures, to those individuals who persisted in their beliefs that going to a debate meant that they were twots. . . . Alas we could not arouse the masses from their lunch-time

meanderings but due to the excellent standard of debating from Isabel Toolan, Aoife Davies, Niall Coghlan, Stephen Kelly, Helen Finch, Cian Rice and Andrew Grimson we mustered a large, regular and keen crowd.

The above mentioned speakers will be remembered, by me and by those who had the good fortune to hear them, as some of the finest debaters in High School in recent years. I believe I speak for all when I say that their contribution has shaped and coloured the way in which the society has grown.

This year there were a few special events which deserve a mention. Mr Rory Stokes gave up one of his lunch hours to come and give a talk on Public Speaking. A team of pupils managed to get through to the second round of the Concern debates and, in February, Senator John Dardis chaired the annual debate against the

OBU, which was regrettably lost by our team (I am pleased to say that we broke all attendance records on that one!!) So it seems that we can be hopeful for the survival of this valuable institution! However, there are many who still reject the opportunity which participation presents. The society exists so that we all may share and profit from the exploration and development of the hidden talents which we all possess. School is much more than an academic facility to push us through the system, it allows us to develop skills which we will need for the rest of our lives. Leadership, team spirit and the chance to overcome our fears of speaking in public, all these and more can be achieved within the Debating Society.

The winner of the Old Boys' Union medal for debating for this season was Nicholas Kiersey. The committee would like to thank Mr. Wallace for his help.

Nicholas Kiersey (Auditor)

European Youth Parliament

Ghent Session

November, 1992

My experience of the European Youth Parliament was a unique and special one. It is an opportunity that I feel should be widely promoted.

I went to an E.Y.P. selection conference in October after being encouraged by a friend to go along for the fun of it. Having not done debating regularly, I did not even conceive being selected, and yet the conference went smoothly, with the co-operation of our committee successfully attempting to draw up a resolution on a particular subject which we had researched. This process did not involve social embarrassment or great intellectual will-power but an ability to work with others and express your own personal beliefs. Twelve people were chosen to attend the E.Y.P. meeting in Ghent.

On my arrival at Ghent, I was kindly received by a Belgian host family, who for the duration of the event, treated me like a king, catering for my every need. The first weekend began with an introduction to our committees with a number of group-building activities. These included such heroic actions as building a bridge across a river full of pirahnas using only three barrels and two wooden planks, tight-rope walking across a bottomless pit to receive a kiss from a fair maiden, or all working together to escape from a fortified prison when the only way out was to go through a small electrified window.

We also performed such things as short five minute sketches, singing competitions, and embarrassing ourselves by celi dancing in the corridors of the monastery in which we were staying for the weekend and using throughout the week to do our committee work.

There were people from over fifteen countries gathered together in the same place, all very friendly and just wanting to enjoy themselves. The time we had together was very intense and everyone was happy to be there. Such things as language barriers did not interfere with their enjoyment of the event, but in fact caused people to make a greater effort when speaking to each other and therefore improving relationships.

However, it was not all fun and games. During the week, we worked together in our committees on a particular European topic. By the end of the week we had drawn up a resolution. This went forward to General Assembly where it was debated

and then voted upon. If a resolution was passed it was sent to the European Parliament, to be discussed.

This part of the week was more serious but very constructive, and involved wearing formal dress. The night-life went on as usual, with organised events such as a European concert being performed by all involved in the E.Y.P., and visiting all the local pubs to sample their fine quality beers. There was also a sight-seeing tour around the historical sights in the area, but very little time to shop.

Without a moment to relax, the European Youth Parliament was an amazing experience from which you will not only benefit immensely, but also gain self-confidence, create many new friendships with people from all over the world and be exposed to all the cultures and personalities that you ever dreamed possible.

Angus Cowie (5th)

Budapest Session

March 1993

The EYP was set up to allow the youth of Europe to come together in one place to find out about each other's cultures and opinions and to promote democracy.

This EYP session was particularly special as for the first time many non-EC countries were able to take part in the General Assembly. This allowed countries such as Latvia, Poland, Finland, and Croatia to participate which really exposed me to an incredibly wide variety of countries and languages.

The whole experience begins with an event which goes a long way towards determining whether your resolution will succeed or not, the team building weekends. This is designed to build up trust in your committee and to encourage co-operation between committee members. Strange as it sounds wandering around in blindfolds and crossing imaginary rivers with barrels and planks really does build up friendships which, I am quite sure, will last for life.

After the team building weekend, the next few days were spent working in committees to hammer out a resolution dealing with our topic in a way which everyone could agree on. I was a part of the External Economic Relations B Committee which was dealing with the question of illegal transport of toxic waste and the export of obsolete technology to

non-EC Europe. We had to work on ways of monitoring waste and definitions of what was or wasn't obsolete. Theories ranged from centralised European waste dumps, to sending the lot into space and letting the Martians worry about it, and everything in between. After much arguing, paper plane throwing and being hit with folders, a resolution was formed which we felt could not be argued against, maybe.

Once the committees had created their resolutions typing slaves were sent to do battle with a Hungarian computer system and to translate them into French, thus ousting the journalists from the posts they had occupied for the past 48 hours without sleeping (so I'm told!). This left most people free to get lost in Budapest for a day. The Irish delegation were lucky enough to be invited to a reception given by Dick Spring for some Hungarian diplomats so we made the most of it, courtesy of the Irish government.

Once the process of resolution making was done, then came the hard part, General-Assembly. This was actually held in the Hungarian parliament buildings which look remarkably similar to the British Houses of Parliament. General Assembly involves presenting your resolution to the other delegates of the EYP and defending it. Anyone wishing to attack the resolution is then given an opportunity to speak. Once everyone has tried to rip your resolution to shreds, the resolution moves into open debate. After debating time a vote is taken on the resolution. Fortunately for my sanity the vote was passed with only 3 people voting against it. Out of an assembly of over 250 that's pretty good!

Right through the week everyone had partied their nights away (between snowball fights) at various nightclubs scattered throughout Budapest, but all that had gone before paled in comparison to the huge EYP last night party which involved everyone at EYP taking over a disco and partying all night. Mind you, the Irish delegation got home to our families at half-eight . . . the next morning! This left us with a mere three hours to do our packing and get to the airport!

EYP is a unique experience and one which I wish everyone could have a part in. I think that EYP has done and will do more for Europe than any single European market policies ever will. I made a lot of friends during my brief time in Hungary and I'm sure that I'll be getting letters for months to come.

Finally I'd like to thank everyone who made it possible for me to experience EYP whether they gave me financial or moral support. Ciao!

Niall Coghlan (5th)

Model United Nations, 1993

Once again this year, Jury's Conference centre was besieged by 700 teenagers dressed in suits, ties and dresses. St. Andrew's Model United Nations had started. This year saw the participation of schools from many countries including The Netherlands, the U.S. and U.K. This went a long way towards making the event more enjoyable for everyone.

After the organised chaos of registration came the process of lobbying. This stage is the nightmare of every M.U.N. delegate, and involves getting people to pledge their support for your resolutions whilst they in turn try to convince you to support theirs. This lobbying continues right the way through the conference and towards the end unusual bribes in exchange for support are quite common (biscuits and pints being favourites!). Next, each delegation is split into committees, each made up of delegates from all other countries. Each resolution is discussed in committee and attacked and defended. Once a resolution has been carefully dissected by eager young speakers, the resolution is either passed or failed. Any resolution that is passed is then printed in the resolution booklet and discussed in General Assembly.

General Assembly is every insomniac's idea of heaven and every self conscious person's idea of hell. However, this didn't bother the High School delegation, who represented Hungary, in the slightest. After doing our best to reunite the Austro-Hungarian Empire (incorporating the Lebanon) we gave up when we realised that we could swop the lettering on our sign around. After trying to swop a "G" for an "I" with India (Diana!) we attempted to change our sign of UNHAIRY! Sadly, the President of the General Assembly realised what was going on and threw numerous delegations out; however, we didn't get caught! The Assembly continued in similar disorder with the four days finally culminating in a resolution to erect a 500 foot high, gold and silver statue of Elvis (as a symbol of international peace and harmony).

It is really good to see High School participating in events such as these and I hope that it will continue to support pupils wishing to attend. So on behalf of the Happy Hungarian High School Delegation, Angus Cowie, Janet Craven, Ben Kiersey, Sarah Massey, Ian Wilkinson and myself . . . thank-you!

Niall Coghlan (5th)

Irish Schools Environmental Network 1992-93 - Form 4M

Form 4M continued the High School's participation in this project this year. There are thirty schools from all parts of the island involved in the environmental network and it is linked to similar projects in nineteen other O.E.C.D. countries. In Ireland it is organised jointly by the Departments of Education in Belfast and Dublin and it is administered by the Curriculum Development Unit, Dublin. High School is part of a cluster of four schools which work on a common environment theme. These schools are:

High School, Dublin.
Knockbreda H.S., Belfast,
St. Columbanus' H.S., Bangor,
Coláiste Choilm, Cork.

The theme for this year's work was "Rivers in Urban Environments" and the following is an account of our activities.

Areas of study

In our project on the Dodder, we studied three main areas: Geography, History and Science. In the Geography section of the project, we studied five sites regularly spaced along the River Dodder, ranging from its source in the Dublin/Wicklow mountains, to the suburban areas of Dublin. At each of these sites we visited, we measured velocity, water depth and the width of the river.

In the History section of the project, we concentrated on a study of Victorian Dublin and Dublin's Quays. This also incorporated the condition of Victorian and Georgian buildings that can be seen today along the quays and how quite a large area of the quays has become derelict and subject to urban decay.

In the Science section, we studied various types of pollution, such as land and water pollution. Pollution of the land was calculated through observations of the presence of litter and various organisms. Pollution of the Dodder itself was measured through observations and tests on water samples. Such tests included the Blue Methylene test and the foam test. We concluded that the quality of the land in the areas we examined was relatively clean but that the water in the Dodder was more polluted than average.

We followed up the History section of our project by each taking an area along the Quays, or Victorian Dublin and presenting separate projects on these.

The purpose of the visits between the schools involved, was to share the results of the project.

The Exchanges:

Knockbreda students visit High School, November, 1992

On Tuesday, 25 November, a party of over 20 pupils from Knockbreda High School arrived in Dublin. They were taken home (after a small reception in High School), by their host families. Next morning we assembled again in C13 and were divided into two groups. One group went into the quays - Dublin's city centre. There we made a study of the buildings and a streetscape of the quays. At the same time the second party travelled to various points along the river Dodder testing for such things as turbidity, pH, temperature, forms of underwater life and levels of pollution. In the afternoon, after lunch at High School the groups changed activities. That evening the group had a thoroughly enjoyable night of bowling. Next morning we left High School for the Phoenix Park Interpretative Centre where we were shown a film about the park and then we moved onto St. Mican's Church and we were shown the crypts, and the bodies of the crusaders held there. There was then some time for the Northerners to do some shopping before it was time to travel down to Connolly station and say goodbye until February.

Return visit to Belfast February, 1993

On Tuesday, 16 February, 17 pupils from 4M congregated at Connolly station for the return trip to Belfast. We arrived in Belfast station at 5.30 p.m. and were taken home by our hosts. After a quiet evening we assembled again in Knockbreda High School where we had tea with the Headmaster before leaving for the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, Cultra. We joined students from Cork and Bangor and were given a guided tour to different parts of the Folk Museum accompanied by teachers and members of the Co-operation North organisation. That evening we enjoyed a great evening of ice-skating (despite minor injuries) and bowling in Dundonald ice-bowl. For our final day we went from Knockbreda on a guided tour of a sewerage works on the Lagan carrying out tests on turbidity, pH, temperature, water quality, oxygen content and river life. This gave us some interesting findings especially in water quality. After a very wet morning we made a few little

purchases before we were off to a guided tour of Belfast City Hall (arranged by one of our host's father who is a councillor). We enjoyed a very entertaining tour before leaving for the station, each with our own crest of Belfast and an enjoyable exchange had come to an end.

The Exhibition in Omagh, Co. Tyrone, April 1993

On Friday, 2nd April, 1993, a group of ten tired but enthusiastic High School students, departed very early in the morning for Omagh. The previous night some of High School students hosted four visitors from Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig, Co. Cork and they accompanied us to Omagh.

On our arrival in Omagh, we went

straight to the Ulster-American Folk Museum, where the exhibition was to be held. Many schools from all over the island were represented there. Unfortunately, the Knockbreda students were unable to be present. We immediately set to work on compiling our information on our display boards and soon had them looking quite impressive! We headed off for lunch and, in the afternoon, some of us had a short tour of the folk park.

Then came the opening of the exhibition. With our project proudly displayed, we were underway and answering quite a few questions about our project. An hour or so later, we had to depart for High School. We said our farewells and off we set for home. The exhibition remained on display for the month of April.

Following the project and our own project work, we have all been made more conscious of the quality of the environment around High School. We developed friendships with the Knockbreda and Coláiste Choilm pupils. Form 4M would like to thank the following for all their help: Mrs. Dowsett (Science), Mrs. Geoghegan (Science), Mr. Irwin (History), Mr. Swan (Geography), and Mr. Wright (Geography), who helped us during the various stages of our project work and also Mr. Benson (Bursar) who provided a lot of help during the year. Finally, the project would not have been possible without Mr. Irwin's constant enthusiasm and encouragement.

Gavin Cobbe (4m)
Berkley Vincent (4M)

Music in High School

The Choir

This year the choir as usual provided the choral music for the Carol Service at Christmas. The pieces chosen included some traditional carols as well as well-known hymns.

On Passion Sunday (25th of March) we got together to sing Evensong in Christ Church Cathedral. This was a success, even if the turn-out was small. Later that term, under the skilled direction of Mr. Malcolm Wisener, we were examined by

the Department of Education and were awarded a hundred and thirty-eight marks out of a possible hundred and fifty. With that performance, we gained entry into the Schools' Choir Competition run by Telecom Eireann and reached the regional finals. We sang the second movement from Mozart's *Kronungsmesse* and Rutter's *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*.

Some time next term we hope to put on a concert of some of the above pieces in conjunction with the school orchestra.

Liam Lyons (3A2)

The Orchestra

At the start of the year, we welcomed several new members, making a total of twenty-one members. These are:

1st Violins: Gwen Masin, Isolde Carmody, Oisín Boydell.

2nd Violins: Owen Frazer, Elizabeth Hilliard, Fionn Fitzpatrick, Luke Ashe-Browne, Philippa Lock, Oliver Nash.

Violas: Heidi Kinsella, Daniel Frazer.

Cello: Richard Sweeney.

Flutes: Liam Lyons, Elizabeth Mitchell, Torik Rahman.



Back Row (l-r): Mr. M. Wisener, Emer Roberts, Elizabeth Mitchell, Heidi Kinsella, Philippa Wilkes, Fionn Fitzpatrick, Stefanie Sheppard, Liam Lyons. **Seated** (l-r): Luke Ashe-Browne, Eric Klötz, Elizabeth Hilliard, Isolde Carmody, Freda Vora, Daniel Frazer, Philippa Lock.

Clarinets: Freda Vora, Stefanie Sheppard, Emer Roberts, Mervyn Eliot.
Bassoon: Philippa Wilkes.
Horn: Eric Klotz.

As usual the orchestra has been busy. We played at the school Carol Service at Christmas, including a number of specially arranged carols and hymns. The following term, we entered Wesley College Féis and came second overall. We played Brahms' *Tragische Ouverture* (Tragic Overture) Op. 81. In the same Féis, we reduced the orchestra to make a chamber orchestra (max. twelve players) and played an arrangement of Albinoni's *Concerto in F*. We also won second prize in that competition. Playing the *Tragische Ouverture* and Martini's *Gavotte Celebre in F major*, we entered a Department of Education examination and were awarded

a hundred and forty three marks out of a possible hundred and fifty.

Members of the Choir and Orchestra would like to thank Mr. Wisener for all his effort, hard work and for giving up his own free time after school to direct our rehearsals.

We would like to congratulate:

Freda Vora who won the Under-17 Junior Clarinet Competition at the Feis Ceoil. She was also awarded the Silver Rose Bowl for the competitor who gained the highest mark in all the woodwind competitions. Freda is one of our music scholars and a member of the orchestra.

Nicki Sweeney who has been given a place to study violin at the Guildhall School of Music in London. She has also been awarded a substantial grant by the Arts Council.

Liam Lyons (3A2)

Virtuoso Pianist

On Saturday the 6th of March (the same date of Wesley Féis) a group of music enthusiasts met to go to the National Concert Hall to see the highly acclaimed G.P.A. winner, Krystof Jabonski give a piano recital. His programme included works by Mozart, Schumann, Beethoven, Brahms and Liszt. Afterwards, a few of us went to get our programmes signed, as we were amazed at the two encores which he played from memory. To the disappointment of many of us he did not give a third!

The evening was a great success and those who went would like to thank Mr. Hilliard for making it possible, and we hope there may be future evenings at the National Concert Hall.

Liam Lyons (3A2)

The Library

The School Library has grown over the past few years, due to the seven thousand books we bought from Cabinteely Library. (Its library was burnt down and the school bought the books that were saved). We are now housing nearly twelve thousand five hundred books, and shelf space is at a premium.

The collection is divided into three main sections: Firstly Reference and non-fiction – both classified in the Dewey Decimal System. Secondly Fiction, Junior and Senior. Finally Posters and Periodical displays complement the stock to provide the pupils with ready access to information of all kinds. Furthermore, the Librarian aims to encourage confident use of the resources available and to develop new readers' interest in reading for pleasure. Classes are given instructions in library use. The librarian is available to help those new to the system and those with specific requests. While reference books may be consulted and periodicals read only in the library, everything else is available for borrowing. From the daily records, it is clear that one hundred books are checked out each week. One first year student is now on her fourth library card! The titles of books borrowed indicate the wide range of interests catered for. Thanks are due to the Board of Governors who provided the main source of library finance, and the Parents' Association for their generous donation. We thank also the parents of the school leavers who very generously sent donations to the Library Appeal Fund, and those who donated books. The library is open after school for Sixth form students to study, a great advantage for those who want to consult reference books or periodicals. The library is continuously busy all day, showing evidence of its popularity with all age groups. It is a

valuable asset to the school which we will continue and promote in the future.

The Library is also active on a broader scale. Last December we were very privileged to have Seamus Heaney give a lecture on his poetry. Likewise, January saw a highly successful fund raising evening, when the noted Joycean Scholar and Senator, David Norris, provided a fascinating account of James Joyce and his relationship to Dublin. Finally, the library has proved to be an excellent and appropriate location for Debating Society activities over the years.

I hope that we can continue to build on our Library's success in the years ahead.

V.E.K.

'Mens Sona in Corpore Sano.' Juvenal.

The Friends of the Library

The library is extremely useful for personal reading and projects, and has a wide range of books in every subject.

It is run by the ever generous and kind Mrs. King, who is always there to advise you on books, projects and other academic problems. Mrs. King organises a number of displays in the library throughout the year and this year has been no exception with a display on Trinity College's quadricentennial year to start the term in September. In November 1892, High School and King's Hospital played the first ever hockey match in Ireland. A display was arranged on this and also an art competition about the match was organised which all pupils could enter. There was a great response, and all the pictures were displayed in the Library. The

pictures were judged by Mr. Benson and Mr. Book, and the winners were Karen Cadoo, Karen Pickett, and Ciara McCarthy. Thank you to all who entered. At the moment "The History of Writing" is on display and is well worth examination.

There is a club run called "Friends of the Library" which has about 31 members and, with the help of Mrs. King it organises some of the fund-raising events. "Feed the Pig" is when a pig shaped box is filled with all our spare change at Christmas. It is counted on the last day of term and our ever generous librarian Mrs. King doubles the amount with her own money. The money is then donated to the Cottage Home for Little Children, an orphanage in Dun Laoghaire. This year £80 was raised.

On Daffodil Day in March, silk daffodils were sold in the Library and the amount of £169 was made. This was donated to the Irish Cancer Society.

In addition to Mrs. King's kindness and generosity when it is the birthday of any member of "Friends of the Library" she buys them a card which everyone signs, and a Cadbury's Moro Bar too. The presidents of the Library committee are Trudie Carroll, Georgina Dunne, Liam Lyons, Alison Finch, Sam Jackson and Stefanie Sheppard. In addition to this there are a lot of ordinary members.

A "Book of the Week" scheme is organised by Elizabeth Hilliard (1AP). If you borrow a book from the Library which you feel is particularly good and would like to recommend to other students, then you can nominate it for "Book of the Week". Then you can put it on a table marked "Some Books You Might Like To Read".

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

Amber Walshe (3A1) (President)



SEAMUS HEANEY'S VISIT TO HIGH SCHOOL

(L-R): Mr. Ryan, Dr. Clarke, Seamus Heaney, Mr. Brook, Emmfa Fitzpatrick (4R), Gail Bouenizer (4R).

Seamus Heaney's Visit to High School

On Friday, 18th December, Seamus Heaney, considered by many as the most famous living Irish poet, came to our school to talk and give a poetry reading to 4R. Some pupils from other 4th year classes and some teachers also attended. Seamus was introduced by Dr. Brenna Clarke. He began by telling us how and when he began writing poetry late in life, and he told us about his Derry background. He also explained how he writes his poems and he read a well known selection including: "The Follower", "Digging", "Personal Helicon" and "The Constable Calls". These were read with great feeling and were enjoyed by everyone.

He discussed "Mid-term break", explaining its relevance to his own young brother's death. At the end of the reading Seamus answered our questions in a friendly and helpful manner. He was given a well deserved thanks by Ross McCulloch and Mr. Ryan. Then he signed autographs and books of poetry and poems.

It was a most enjoyable event and we can thank Dr. Brenna Clarke for arranging the visit and Ms. Valerie King for creating a pleasant atmosphere and laying out the library in a festive fashion so as to welcome Seamus Heaney. I would also like to mention that his autographed "Doodle" sold for a good price (£48), in the Art Aid exhibition in the Spring term.

Rachel Clarke (4R)

Joycean Dublin

On Wednesday the twenty-seventh of January, after refreshments, an audience of about a hundred met in High School's Reynolds Hall to hear Senator David Norris give a talk on Joycean Dublin.

The members of the audience took their seats, to find that Sen. Norris was delayed doing important work in the Seanad. About half an hour later, he arrived. Everyone present agreed, however, that he was well worth waiting for as he quoted widely from Joyce's novels from memory, and explained the history behind each one, as well as outlining a general biography of James Joyce himself. He used Dublin accents to help convey the scene and had the whole audience gazing in awe at him by the end of the evening. He could have talked all night, but when eleven o'clock came, he had to be stopped, even though I'm sure none of us would have minded if he talked on further, as he really made the evening a memorable and enjoyable one.

I think a special word of thanks should go to the Librarian, Mrs. Valerie King, for all her work behind the scenes, making the event possible. It was organised to raise funds for the School Development and was hugely successful. It raised £1,000.

Liam Lyons (3A2)

Art Aid

The usual methods of collecting money for charity are teacher-pupil football or hockey matches, jumble sales, cake sales, and raffles. Not art auctions, until now. For Art Aid was a unique event in several ways – it was art for charity (Concern's work in Somalia), it was all organised by a committee of six transition year students (Isolde Carmody, Philippa Wilkes, Sharon Jackson, Caroline Walshe, Leo McKenna – James and Garret Lyons) and it was an original fund raising idea. The evening, Thursday the eighteenth of March, raised £1,014.68 when all 105 lots were auctioned by professional auctioneer, Mr. Maurice McDonagh, an ex-president of the Old Boys' Union. The auctioned pieces were done for us by students, parents, teachers, friends and famous people.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us, especially Mr. Hilliard and Mrs. Larkin.

Isolde Carmody and Philippa Wilkes
(Transition Year)

Success in the Science Quiz

It was late October when Mrs. Geoghegan announced information about the ISTA's Science Quiz, and began trying to entice 5th and 6th years to take part. After a bit of shuffling around, two teams were formed as follows:

Team A: Neville Cobbe, Andrew Grimson, Geoffrey Bradley.

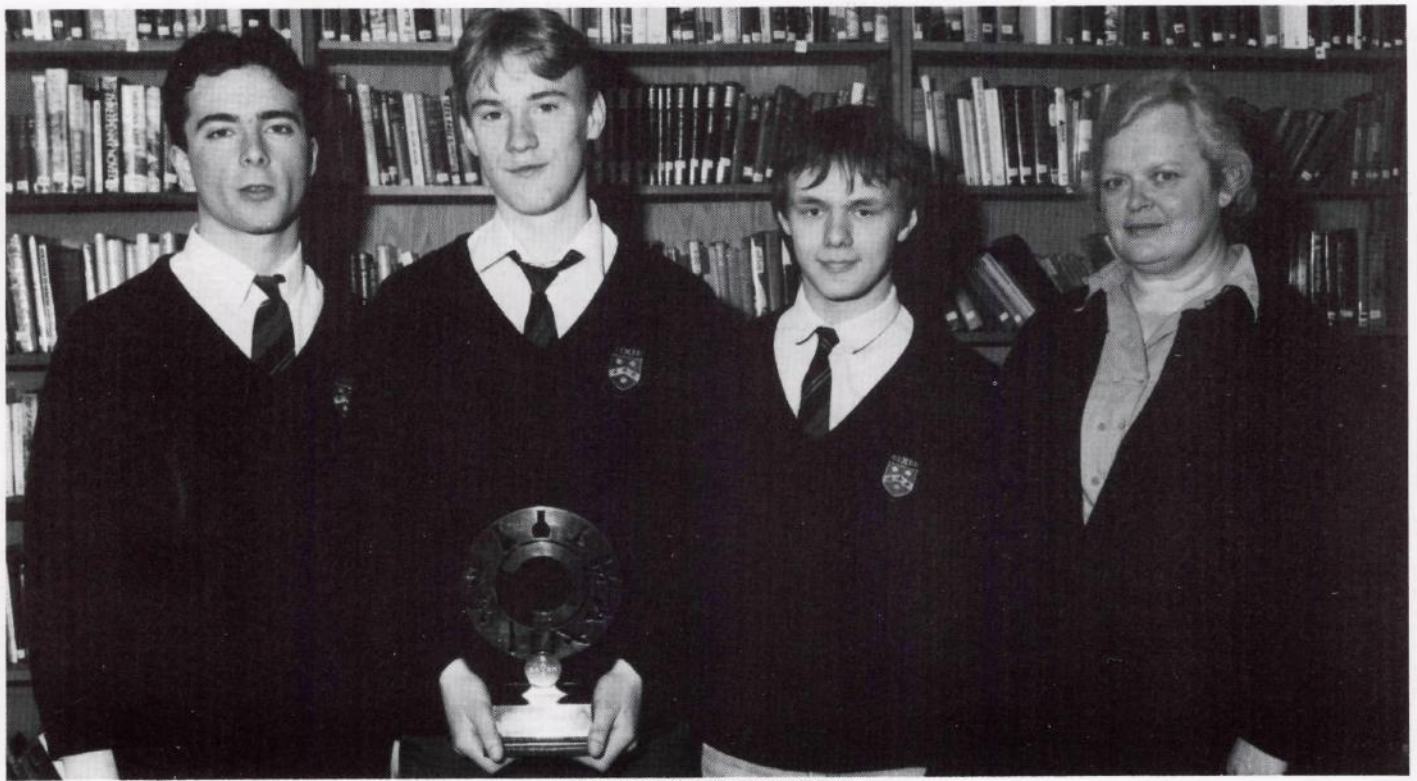
Team B: Stephen Lipson, Alexander Kearney, Jonathan Matthews.

Despite the fact that there were many 6th and, I presume, 5th year girls in this school who were more than capable of taking places on these teams, all declined.

The quiz was held in the Edmund Burke Theatre, Trinity College, Dublin, on Friday, November the 13th, 1992. Over 50 schools took part in the Bayer, Ireland, sponsored quiz.

It was at the end of round 4 that High School's team A drew neck and neck in points with two other schools. The standard of questions was very high and there were schools scoring 1 or even 0 out of 6 per round. In the last 4 rounds team A surged into the lead with high scores in every round. It was clear before round 8 that High School's team A had won.

Each team member received a cheque for £40 and £400 for the "School Fund". Little did the members of team A know at that time that they had destroyed the dreams of the Mount Temple team who were trying to win for the third time for their school. The Mount Temple teacher there quizzed myself, Neville and Andrew



SCIENCE QUIZ WINNERS

(L-R): Alan Grimson, Geoffrey Bradley, Neville Cobbe, Mrs Geoghegan.

about the formation of our team and was shocked to find that not only had we not had a school quiz to decide on our teams, we hadn't even tried preparing for the quiz. Team A from The High School, a name not well known to those in the Burke Theatre, had casually strolled in and won the competition, causing major upset. It was a great experience and it just goes to show that Friday 13th doesn't always have to be an unlucky day.

Geoffrey Bradley (6th)

Young Scientist Exhibition – January 1993

We decided to do a project for the Aer Lingus Young Scientists Competition after visiting the exhibition last year. We asked our science teacher, Mrs. Dowsett, and she said that she would be happy to help and she suggested that we do a project on radiation. We liked this idea so we decided on an investigation of radiation in Irish caves due to radon gas. Radon emits alpha radiation and can cause lung cancer, Myeloid Leukemia and bronchial disorders.

We began our practical study in August in which we surveyed four caves in the Burren Region, with the help of Mr. Wright. We finished our practical in December and we completed our project note book just before the exhibition in January.

We put up our display on Tuesday morning and the judging began by Prof. T. Scott of U.C.D. who seemed to be very interested in the topic and took our project notebook to read. On Thursday we had several more judges and some visiting school groups. Friday morning was complete chaos as we had ten judges in the space of a few hours. We were also accosted by a Jo-Maxi film crew and as we were being interviewed by them, a group of judges arrived to add to the confusion. We had now had a total of eighteen judges and our nerves were on edge. After lunch we were told to go to the backstage door by an Aer Lingus official and we had to leave a bewildered Garret Lyons to mind

our stand and answer various complicated questions from members of the public, even though he was only a visitor. While sitting backstage we could hear a speech being made and then we were brought out to meet Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds, who presented us with our prize which was £500 and a chance to represent Ireland at an Environmental Science exhibition in Dresden during November. On Saturday we were visited by the E.E.C.

Commissioner Padraig Flynn and on Sunday the President came to close the exhibition. At present we are improving our project for the Exhibition in Germany at which we hope to win further awards.

Ian Ellis (4H)



Christopher Swift, Ian Ellis, Colin Walsh with their science teacher Mrs. Dowsett.

The Computer Club

There are twenty six IBM-PC computers available to students at lunch time, before and after school as well as in formal organized classes. Students use them for various purposes – mainly for word-processing.

Other programmes installed include "PC Globe", a geography tutor which gives facts about each different country – very useful for projects. "Bodyworks" is a biology programme showing parts of the body and how they work. At the click of a button, they can be animated also, for example it can show a heart pumping. Besides these there are many other art programmes and facilities to create graphs etc.

There are two printers in use; a dot-matrix and a laser. Each pupil has his/her own diskette to store the work he/she did in class.

These computers, printers and the rooms they are housed in are all part of the new High School Development Plan and in my opinion, a very useful facility, and a credit to our school.

Liam Lyons (3A2)

International Mathematical Olympiad 1993

This year the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) will be held in Istanbul, Turkey. Each country is invited to send its six most mathematically gifted students to sit two four and a half hour examinations. Five 5th Year students – Grainne Colgan, Anthony Lock, Sarah Rowell, Simon Stroughair and Ian Wilkinson – attended the preliminary training sessions in U.C.D. Two of these got through the first examination by coming within the top 45 students. At time of writing they are attending weekly lectures and awaiting the 2nd eliminating round.

Grainne Colgan (5th)
Simon Stroughair (5th)

Fifth Year Drama Production: "Blithe Spirit"

Ms. Milne chose (for reasons known only to herself) "Blithe Spirit" for the fifth year drama production. Auditions began in late September and at first it looked as if they would be the beginning and end of our play mainly due to a lack of male actors. Eventually, after several

threats from Ms. Milne, we found two willing men to take the parts of Charles and Dr. Bradman.

Rehearsals, and all the fun, began after we had watched the video of "Blithe Spirit" and after the actors had been put on the psychiatrist's couch in order to "discover" who their characters were! It was fun to watch all the characters develop themselves over the weeks and watch them become more confident with their roles. While the actors were learning their lines the stage crew were working hard to build a set. It was harder than they expected and it fell down several times before it was ready, but the crew showed great dedication and much praise is due to them for all their hard work.

The dress rehearsal drew frighteningly near. Back stage was as ready as it was going to be, and the actors had managed to create an enjoyable interpretation of the play. We had only a few problems e.g. Charles was sick about a week before, but luckily recovered in time, and Elvira had no costume! However, thanks to Ms. Purdy we got one shortly before the dress rehearsal. The rehearsal went well and all we had to do now was get through the three nights of the play.

All three nights went well, although Friday was the best, with only one "hiccup", Dr. Bradman forgot to come on stage, but Mrs. Bradman and Ruth kept us entertained while the doctor wasn't there. All in all, despite bad press, the play was very successful and we also managed to raise £500 for charity from the Thursday night. Its success was due, of course to the actors, but also to all the people who worked back stage at lighting, sound, and of course the Stage Manager, Graham Nicholson and the Assistant Producer, Janet Craven, who kept everyone on their toes back stage. We must thank Sarge and Mr. Benson, and all the teachers who put up with disruptions to their classes. Last but by no means least, Ms. Milne, our director, who was there throughout, with patience that was almost never ending – Thank you.

Sinead Whiting (Producer)

CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE:

Edith	Jennifer Willis
Ruth	Sarah Rowell
Charles	Stephen Kelly
Dr. Bradman	David Bell
Mrs. Bradman	Nicola Slack
Madame Arcati	Grainne Colgan
Elvira	Ciara Griffin.
Director	Ms. Milne
Stage Manager	Graham Nicholson
Producer	Sinead Whiting
Asst. Producer	Janet Craven

The Dramatic Society

In January of 1993 the High School Dramatic Society was founded by Nicholas McMurry, Stephen Kelly and Isobel Toolan. After a rather dubious but extremely enthusiastic start (B7 was packed but nothing was decided!) a committee for the year was elected and the first play was chosen by a provisional committee.

After another panic when nobody turned up for auditions, a cast was finally scrambled together and rehearsals began. The second act of "The Plough and the Stars" was performed in senior lunch break in C13. The response was fantastic. There were people standing, even with extra seats, and people had to be turned away at the door. Despite many unplanned pauses in the text, the mood afterwards was one of relief and excitement.

Thanks and congratulations are due to Isobel Toolan, our first director, Stephen Kelly, who first thought of the idea and to all members of the cast of the first production. Let us hope that it is not the last! At least one performance is planned for the summer term and with any luck its success will rival that of the first production. We also thank Ms. Purdy for all her help and Mr. Wallace and Mr. Irwin for the use of their rooms.

Nicholas McMurry (6th)

The Christian Union

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another . . ."

Hebrews 10 v 25

This year the C.U. has continued in its aim to provide an informal forum of lively discussion and debate on Christian issues, as well as informative yet practical talks designed to guide and help people in their lives as Christians.

First of all we changed rooms this year, moving to the bright, spacious and secluded C13 and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Irwin for the use of his rooms for our meetings at 1:25 each Friday, as well as thanking Miss Graham for putting us up in her room in previous years. We are also sincerely grateful to the various speakers who came to talk to us during the year, such as Mrs. Cox (a former teacher at this school), Kingsley Prescott from Scripture Union and our own headmaster Mr. Brook, who spoke respectively, about "Different views of God", "Learning from the character of Daniel" and "Prayer".

Other activities during the year have included discussions on such topics as "Why does God allow suffering?" "Christians and Hypocrisy", "Does God always answer prayer?" and an

enlightening study of Romans 14, but perhaps our most successful event was an open discussion on abortion, which attracted large numbers of over 20. Otherwise, our numbers have been on average 10 people each week, with most pupils coming from 4th and 6th year, though with a few pupils from 1st year and Upper 6th as well.

As regards the question of God answering prayer, we have certainly seen many of our needs met by God during various prayer meetings this year. Perhaps the most dramatic example was when a good friend of many C.U. members collapsed and was rushed to hospital, having experienced occasional black-outs. The worried and concerned C.U. met for prayers and shortly afterwards we heard that our friend's condition was far less serious than we had feared, as it turned out to be a mild, controllable form of epilepsy. We also received help from God during our various fundraising events over Christmas as members of the C.U. joined forces with the Trinity College C.U. and members of Changemakers, to raise funds for Tear Fund and Christian Aid. Although it is hard to measure how great a contribution was made by the C.U. a total of over £600 was raised by carol singing on various cold nights to help people in the Third World.

During the remainder of the school year we hope to have many more outside speakers along as well as more discussion including topics such as "Homosexuality". We would be delighted to see any new faces at our Friday meetings, so if you have any questions about the Christian faith, please feel free to come along and ask. You will definitely be "warmly welcome". Contrary to popular belief we as Christians aren't really narrow-minded squares who blindly and dogmatically follow outdated beliefs. As followers of Christ, we are, for the most part, people who have questioned the faith we now have, finding our Christian beliefs to be the only logical conclusion. However, most importantly, we are people who have come to know God personally as a true and loving Friend. All we want to do is show other people God's love, so surely that's not so bad?

Neville Cobbe (6u)

Asgard II

The Asgard II was designed by Jack Tyrrell in 1980 and was commissioned in 1981 by the Taoiseach Charles Haughey. She is a sailing training vessel (S.T.V.) designed for people of all ages to sail on a traditionally rigged vessel. She carries a permanent crew of 5, Captain, Mate, Engineer, Cook and Bosun.

I arrived for my trip in Dun Laoghaire, on Monday the 15th March, feeling quite

nervous. We found our bunks, some much more comfortable than others. The captain then called us for a general talk on what people achieve on the Asgard, how to use the heads (toilets), and what time to be back on the ship.

We were then shown to the deck where we were taught safety and the dreaded part – climbing the mast! This was done with great fear in everyone's mind, but no-one declined to do so. That night we stayed in Dun Laoghaire and the next morning everyone awakened at 07:30 (compulsory) and ate breakfast in the mess. On the Asgard there are certain cleaning duties called "Happy Hour", of things to which everyone is assigned with their watches (your group) to clean, either the mess, deck or saloon.

We set sail for Dunmore East on Tuesday and my holiday (as I thought it was) got underway. A nice breath of fresh air, I thought, and a nice relaxing day . . . "David Bell, report for galley duty", thundered across the intercom and my dream was shattered. Galley duty for 3 hours!! Half an hour later all sails were hoisted and we were doing a nice 7 Knots. When the wind got up and people started to get violently ill, all regretting eating the big fry-up for breakfast. I was still in the galley when we hit the gale. It's difficult frying sausages when the ship is butting waves, and trying to keep your balance. Lunch was served at 13:00 and more than 8 people refused, turning a nice shade of bright yellow to a subtle green. After a number of hours sailing the wind really freshened and washing-up was getting very difficult. All you can see through the porthole is water, which gets very monotonous. At 5 p.m. we docked in Wicklow which was a welcome relief for everyone because the winds were now 35-40 kms. We got a shower in the Wicklow Sailing club, which was more like a jacuzzi. You really begin to appreciate the little things in life when on a boat. There is a shower on board but if you like wrestling with twenty tired fellow trainees and then struggling to keep your balance, you'll appreciate anything.

Next morning we departed on the second leg to Dunmore East and my first day on deck . . . a nice can of coke and a magazine for a few hours. "Bracing stations everybody, Port watch climb the mast and set Tegallant (the very high sail)". My dreams shattered again. We climbed the rigging and went out on the yards, which is really crazy. You have to release the sail, make sure the sheets aren't knotted and then, when you are finished, you come down the Bracing, not my favourite task. It is moving the yard either to Port or Starboard to catch the wind. Pulling ropes in near 0°C conditions is not fun, but when you work as a team it becomes great!

That night (10:00 p.m.) we had reached Carnsore Point (Wexford Tip) when the wind changed and we had to divert to Milford Haven. (We were hoping for a celebration for Paddy's Day in Dunmore East).

I came on watch at 12:00 noon when we met a stiff force 9 gale. On the wheel with two look-out either side is all the ship required with one permanent crew to keep an eye on you. People on watch just look at the horizon for 2 hours at a time for any lights or anything. After a while you begin to see things and one member spotted "Kilingons on the Starboard Bow!"

At 4:00 a.m. it was off to bed or the bunk for a good nights sleep 6:00 a.m. "Everybody up, bracing stations" bellowed the intercom. At 6:15 a.m. the last zombie crawled up to bracing stations and took down the sails. Bed 7:00 a.m. and boy did I sleep . . . for another 20 minutes.

"Breakfast!" my God my eyes are being held open by matchsticks. We spotted Milford Haven about 08.00 and arrived about 10:30. Everyone greeted us with waves and happy faces and all we could offer was a tired, hungry, seasick look on our faces. Everybody ran as soon as we tied up and there were Feather-weight Boxing Championships up for grabs as people dived for the showers. After a grand day's shopping there was a party in the sailing club, for anyone who could stay awake (sleep didn't matter now). Everybody really got to know one's ability as a team member in Milford as the work was really tiring and the partying even worse.

Next day we set sail for the "Isle of Person" which I believe was supposed to be lovely. After a day off I felt a new man, until our next watch came up at 4-8 a.m. Aaaagh!!! Will I ever get to sleep? The watch was actually brilliant. A school of dolphins followed us for some 15 miles guiding us through the water. We watched the sunrise and we were blinded by the dazzling sun.

We arrived in great form at 16:00 to the most miserable spot on the Isle of Man. We even smiled more than the people, which is something. After we docked it was another dash for a shower and after trying 17 B&Bs, I gave up. My hospitality obviously wasn't convincing. After another party that night we set sail for Howth. By now nobody knew what day or year it was. After a nice day's sailing we arrived in Howth at about 22:00 on Sunday (I believe).

Another welcome shower was followed by another welcome party. By now our crew had broken over five Asgard records. One person got sick 18 times. Out of 20 trainees, 12 got sick. We ripped the sail in storm force winds. We held three parties on-board, and most importantly, I fell asleep at the wheel for some 10 minutes,

before being rudely awakened by the captain.

We had reached the end of our voyage and the next morning, after a sail to Dun Laoghaire, reality hit home fast. Soon everybody would depart their own separate ways, and probably never see each other again. It was a week in which everyone learnt about themselves, testing their abilities, ranging from personality to team work. We left the ship at about 14:00 on Tuesday 23rd. Some had to be peeled off the deck as no-one wanted to go. It is a week which was thoroughly enjoyable even if you did get sea-sick.

David Bell (5th)

Visitors to High School

Freundlichkeit

The 8th of March, 1993 was my first schoolday in High School. While I was very excited at the idea of attending school in Dublin, I knew I would be lonely for my school friends in Germany and for all the familiar routine at Heinrich von Kleist-Schule, my own school in Germany.

But I need not have worried. From the moment I joined 2A1 everybody was really friendly and I soon felt quite at home. Coping with all the different aspects of a new school was sometimes quite difficult for me. My days at High School have been very beneficial to me but I will remember most the many friends I made there in such a short time.

Lisa Biermann

A Stranger at High School

January 28th, 1993, 13.55 – A Fokker 50 arrives at Dublin Airport. In this moment I really didn't know what to expect. I got off the plane, passed the customs hall and met the man I was going to stay with for the next four months. One and a half hours later, after I was introduced to the lady of the house, where I was going to stay during my time as a student at an Irish school, I entered the school grounds of The High School, Dublin. Prepared for everything I entered the main building and began my search for the Headmaster's office. I succeeded. The Headmaster's secretary welcomed me. She showed me the school and introduced me to several teachers. Soon I met Mr. Brook. After a short conversation about my future he began to discuss my timetable, named the teachers and explained to me the number system of the rooms in the school building.

Lots of information and also several surprises. I only was going to have seven subjects: "compared to Germany where I had eleven subjects, that's not much", I thought. The lessons in High School are five minutes shorter than in Germany (that's quite a lot for a student) but nevertheless there is a whole day of school in Ireland. I was really looking forward to my first day at an Irish school. What are the students like? What are the teachers like? And what are the lessons like?

Then the big day came, February 1st, 1993. The first pleasant thing I recognised already in the morning: school begins at 9 o'clock in the morning. I was very pleased because in Germany school begins at 7.55 a.m. (at certain schools even at 7.35 a.m.) And that means getting up at least at 6.30 a.m.! Well, I left the house at 8.30 a.m. and went straight to Mr. Brook's office. He introduced me to two girls who were going to help me over the first day. They took me to Mr. McMullan's room. There I left my coat and my bag. Mr. McMullan told me to go with the girls to the Assembly Hall, ASSEMBLY? That seemed very strange to me. Mr. Brook had explained it to me, but I had really no idea what it was actually like. I was very excited. There is nothing like it in Germany and even the idea that our headmaster would read to us the Bible seemed incredible to me. We certainly have a school hall and sometimes we meet there and listen to our headmaster – but every day?

After assembly I had my first lesson – Applied Maths. I was shocked. What were they talking about? I had no idea. But the teacher seemed to be OK. After Applied Maths I hurried to Maths. Again I didn't understand anything. The only thing I did during these lessons was copying every single line from the blackboard. Well, after a while the Maths teacher came up to me and explained the most important things to me. I began to see a light but I was still far from understanding. The lessons went on. English, Chemistry, Physics, etc. I began to understand more and more, and soon I found out that there are many differences to a German school.

During most of the lessons at an Irish school the teacher was talking. The students only do two things: they listen to the teacher and copy the blackboard. But they do not do much themselves – very strange to me. In my German school the students mainly work themselves on problems and try to solve them with their own knowledge and try to get some new knowledge by combining. Only if there is something very new to learn the teacher explains it to us, or if there is nobody who knows how to carry on with a problem. We are also less in a hurry between the lessons, because between each lesson there are five minutes break to change the room and to prepare for the next lesson.

And, of course, the main difference: German school ends, depending on the timetable, between 1.15 p.m. and 3 o'clock after six or eight lessons. If a teacher is absent we are allowed to go home earlier. We get homework in every subject every day and we write up to 16 exams during a term.

Oh, I have nearly forgotten to say: We don't have uniforms in Germany! (This has been quite unfamiliar to me, too.)

Well, that was my first impression of an Irish school and I have to say that I enjoyed it. But after the first day I was exhausted. So many new things during one single day and more! I was introduced to so many other students . . . Names, names, names. I still have now, after seven weeks, problems to remember them all. But I have not given up to learn them all . . . well nearly all.

Martin Gutjahr.

The Sixth Year Dance 1993

The 6th Year "Debs" dance, which took place on the 17th of April, was by all accounts a complete success. The Debs committee, elected by the Sixth Form in late October, chose the Gresham Hotel, followed by Fibber Magee's Night Club, as the venue for this year's dance.

The evening started officially at 7.30 p.m. with a reception for parents and friends and, of course, Debutantes in the Gresham. At about 8.30 the meal began in the ballroom. After the meal had been eaten, criticised or discarded, the 176 Debutantes and members of staff danced the night away to the tunes of the lively Gresham Hotel band. We left the Gresham at approximately 2.00 a.m., but after a short walk "around the corner", the "craic" resumed in Fibber's. Here people danced, talked and generally enjoyed themselves till 6.30 a.m. The much photographed Debutantes then made their own tired way home or to a cafe for breakfast, bow ties off (or lost), or high heels hurting.

I would like to thank both Mr. Benson and Mr. Wallace for all their help in organising the evening. Also, thanks are due to all those who donated spot prizes and, of course, to the Debs committee, namely Diane Wright, Glynis Redmond, Ruth Dowling, Aoife Davey, Nicola Sweeney, Danny Lewis and Simon Clements for all their trojan work.

Finally, on a personal note I feel that Debs dances have become so expensive that the price prevents some people from going. This is a great shame as the evening is for the whole of the sixth form. Maybe a brave Debs committee in the near future will change the format of the Sixth Year dance, making it more affordable to all. It's a thought.

Rory Timlin (Head Boy)

Where is Nigel now?

Student magazines have had a very chequered history in High School. They have come and gone in a most erratic fashion. However, it is our hope that the latest publication, "Grovel", will break the mould and exceed all expectations, appearing at regular intervals and making wonderful discoveries about the mysteries of the common household wart.

"Grovel" is a rag of classical style, mostly illegible, green and of course ridiculously cheap. Its contents have ranged from a comic strip with the most confusing plot ever to grace a page to that great High School institution – First Years!

For those poor, pitiful creatures who keep a copy of "Grovel" on their person at all times or who keep one under their pillow at night (or even if you only flicked through it casually), it is blatantly obvious that "Grovel" is not a crusading magazine – it is more an amusing, green thing. As somebody famous once said "... all we want to do is amuse the privileged".

However, crusading or not, certain points were made (just to keep the Board of Governors on their toes). One of these was that competitive football, which is outlawed in High School, should be liberated. The reasons given for this are listed in "Grovel" but it is interesting to note that a number of unofficial High School teams have recently been formed and are doing reasonably well despite their sketchy organisation.

Mr. Benson has kindly guaranteed that if "Grovel" is continued next year he will supply the necessary paper. Mr. Hilliard kindly didn't say anything nasty about the way we 'trashed' the computer room – most of the time; regrettably we had to remove his gag to feed him and stuff him full of sedatives at hourly intervals.

Overall the magazine is quite remarkable in so far as it proves you don't have to be a rich and famous comedian to write something funny – but we did employ the services of a certain (but not quite) Nigel MacDuff who became the anonymous and indeed proverbial "Jimmy five bellies" for our frustrated talent.

From a marketing point of view "Grovel" featured a breakthrough in the concept of "Zen and the art of no more abstract things to do with a school magazine". To date we have sold vast amounts of obsolete Grovel shreds (for cat litter and compost) and even as you read this there is a copy travelling with two girls on their way to the south pole in an attempt to set a new landscaped record for the freestyle three legged race/potato 'n spoon event.

We hoped you enjoyed "Grovel" as much as we enjoyed writing it.

Cian Rice (6th)
Nicholas Kiersey (6th)

JMTV

It all started at the beginning of September when we heard about the new Jo-Maxi series "Bites Back". It is a chat show for teenagers.

One Monday morning in December Gemma Hill and Brian Graham, the presenters of the show, came to the school to chat to us. There were two shows, both of which High School were to participate in. One was on racism, the other was about Christmas. The people that were to go on the shows were:

Georgina Dunne, Trudie Carroll, Sarah Quinn, Suzanne Moody, Devi Govender, Leah Caulwell, Liam Lyons, Beverly Jones and Jill Carroll. Both the shows went very well and all High School people gave their opinions.

We were very well looked after and were treated like "stars". We would like to thank Mr. Brook for giving us permission to take part and Ms. Graham for organizing it. We thoroughly enjoyed it and thought it was a great success.

Trudie Carroll (3A1)
Georgina Dunne (3A1)

Our Day at R.T.E.

At 11.00 on Thursday, the 10th of December, the taxi eventually arrived to bring us to the R.T.E. studios. During the drive the taxi-man did his best to calm our nerves. However, by the time we reached our destination we were nervous wrecks. On arrival we were rushed to a waiting-room where our anxiety grew. Shortly after, we were transported to the Jo-Maxi set where we were introduced to the guest panel: Dr. Bhamjee, the new Clare Labour T.D.; Doreen Henry, from Harmony (an anti-racist organisation); Dr. James Wickham, Professor of Sociology in Trinity College, Dublin.

The presenters (Gemma Hill and Brian Graham) eased us into discussion with a conversation on Prince Charles and Diana. The countdown began, five . . . four . . . three . . . two . . . one . . . the camera was rolling. The programme started with a video on Harmony and people affected by racism in Ireland. Then the discussion began. Everyone shared their opinions including those on the panel. As well as those from High School (Leah Caulwell, Devi Govender, Suzanne Moody and Sarah Quinn-McDonagh) there were students from other second level colleges and representatives from the travelling community. We gave our views and were told afterwards that we acquitted ourselves very well, but maybe they were just trying to be nice!!

By the end of the programme we had learned that we do live in a racist country despite Dr. Bhamjee's personal experience

of not having encountered any racism during his election campaign. Following the discussion, we were invited to lunch at the canteen. At our table we met some very chatty teenagers who had just come off the set too.

A week previously, Sarah had just got a new brace for her bottom teeth and couldn't eat with it, she took it out and hid it under a napkin in the canteen. When we had finished eating we left the canteen and waited outside with our new found friends for our taxi. We were half way down the dual carriage way when Sarah realised that she had left her brace behind. We immediately turned around and headed back. When we reached the canteen our tables had already been cleared. Suzanne told Brian and Gemma (the presenters) and they quickly took control of the situation.

We were given rubber gloves and shown to the rubbish tip. We rooted through two bins full of left-overs. We had just about given up hope when Suzanne found it right at the bottom of the bag. By this stage Sarah was wondering how a fifteen year old could get a bank loan!! We were very grateful to Brian and Gemma for helping us in our search. We rushed to the taxi and made a speedy return to High School.

We could never have had this momentous experience without Ms. Graham and we would all like to thank her for all her hard work and interest.

Devi Govender (3A1)
Sarah Quinn-McDonagh (3A1)

Bullying Survey At H.S.D.

In February, students from the School of Education, Trinity College, paid a visit to the First Years. They were in their third year of studying 'Child Psychology' and were under the supervision of Dr. O'Moore, who is a child psychologist. The students asked the first years for help as they needed information on the tactics of a bully. They wanted to know where and why. They needed an insight into the mind of the bully and the nature of the victim if they were going to help anybody.

They started off with an anonymous survey. Then, after a couple of weeks, they came back, this time they performed a drama (during which we missed Irish). The drama took half an hour and then we had a talk on how the problems acted in it could be solved. (Ross Wynne's solution to 'kick him where it hurts!' is a possible one, but not a teacher-approved one!).

We are informed that Mr. Ryan (although not the only one) found the change of roles in the drama too confusing and speedy, but he only watched a few minutes of it. Mr. Hegarty also disclosed that he was always picked last for teams as

a child. The project was carried out at three schools – High School, Wesley College and St. Andrew's College. The drama was staged at High School first, of course.

The most unlikely scene, which received most criticism, was where the characters acting it all lined up, with the exception of one, supposedly the bully. They all then proceeded to be kicked while the bully yelled "I - HATE - BULLYING!"

We also used a few Civics classes discussing the drama. First Form discovered that bullying is not always a "beat 'em up" situation. There is a far more subtle sort than that – verbal abuse, which we think is more widespread in High School than physical. The survey deserves a lot of commendation and we are sure a lot of work went into it. We learned a lot from it.

We would like to thank Dr. O'Moore and the students of TCD for a beneficial and interesting survey.

Ralph Benson (IAP)

Jessica Hickey (IAP)

High School, Dublin, Parents' Association

The 49th Annual General meeting of the HSPA was held in October and the following members were elected to the committee for 1992/93: June Campbell, Bonnie Carty, Frank Free, John Fry, David Grafton, Deirdre Haslett (Hon. Secretary), Kate Lambert, Carol McGouran, Gerard Moody (Hon. Treasurer), Michael Nevin, and Trevor Walsh (President).

The first meeting for parents, held in November, was jointly addressed by Mr. David Meredith, Secretary of the Secondary Education committee and Mr. Alan Brook. They spoke on "Education for a Changing World – The Green Paper and High School". Their thoughtful and informed contributions evoked lively questions, comments and discussions, which continued afterwards with tea and coffee.

The Spring Meeting, held in January, turned out to be a very entertaining evening. Ita Daly, the writer, and Bosco Hogan, the actor, talked, with great feeling, about "Enjoyment or Endurance – The Life of an Artist". Ita very graciously autographed several well-thumbed copies of "Candy on the Dart" afterwards.

During the year the Committee was invited by the Board of Governors to send two representatives of the HSPA to both Meetings of the Board and the Management Committee. The Committee was very pleased to respond to this invitation and nominated the President and the Hon. Secretary as its representatives.

Other activities this year have included the May Dance, sending two delegates

(June Campbell and Trevor Walsh) to the NPSSPA meetings and sending a delegate (Deirdre Haslett) to the "Symposium on the Green Paper in Education" held under the auspices of Sutton Park School.

Activities which the Association has financially supported this year include: the Photographic Society Competition, the Girls' First XI trip to Wales, the purchase of books for the library (in the areas of environment and substance abuse), the canoeing club and the basketball team.

The committee of the HSPA would like to acknowledge the strong support it receives from the parents, the school and the Board of Governors, and it looks forward to the completion of yet another successful year.

*Deirdre Haslett
(Hon. Secretary)*

Last Minute Idea

It was Thursday the 24th of September, 1992. Miss Graham came into our R.E. class asking if anyone would like to go and see the Quaker Tapestry Exhibition. Two periods later most of the members of 3A1 were tightly packed into the mini-bus. The Quaker Tapestry was on display at the Irish Life Exhibition Centre.

The Quaker Tapestry has been created since 1981 by amateurs of all ages from many different countries. There are over 70 panels, each about two feet square, all worked in crewel embroidery on a specially woven background. Each panel tells of some event, theme, belief, or personality of the Religious Society of Friends from 1652 to the present day. Many subjects are illustrated in the tapestries, including Elizabeth Fry, William Penn, George Fox, Cadbury's, Fry's, Rowntree's, Clark's (shoes), Jacob's (biscuits), Barclay's and Lloyds (banks), famine in Ireland and Quaker schools. These are some of the many topics illustrated.

The Tapestry that interests Irish people most is the Tapestry of the Great Hunger in Ireland. The central portion of this tapestry is an adaptation of a sketch of a Cork soup kitchen in 1846. It also covers the emigration of Irish people to North America. It pictures the starving people. Irish Friends attended workshops all over Ireland to complete the Tapestries. The Quakers are still an active community in Ireland.

There are more than 1,600 members in Ireland and about 200,000 worldwide. They are open to anyone who wishes to attend. The Quaker religion is based on waiting on God in Silence, but some countries do have programmes. Everyone in our class felt the Quaker religion was very interesting and enjoyable to learn about.

We spent about an hour viewing the tapestries and answering our questionnaires. The guides were extremely

helpful and answered all our questions. We left the exhibition feeling totally satisfied that we had learnt about an interesting religion. We also really enjoyed looking at the wonderfully created tapestries. The trip proved to be an all-round success. We arrived back to school with an urge to learn more about the Quaker religion.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Benson for bringing us at such short notice, and Miss Graham for arranging it.

Georgina Dunne (3A1)

Trudie Carroll (3A1)

1993 School Ski Trip

Many words have been spoken about this year's ski trip along with an equal number of fond, humorous and unusual memories.

Due to lack of support, last year's ski trip was cancelled, so this year's trip was made up of a mixture of 5th and 6th years.

Our journey began on 3rd January at 5:30 at the front gate of High School. We travelled by coach to Belfast Airport and from there flew to Salzburg, where we met our Ski-bound rep. She transferred us to another coach, bound for Bruck, the small village outside Zell-am-See where we were to stay.

We got a friendly welcome from the hotel proprietor, a hospitable woman who did everything in her power to make our stay an enjoyable one. The quaint hotel had an air of the 1940s about it – especially the food! We were served an adequate evening meal and afterwards checked out the town and the local disco.

The following morning we were picked up by a Welsh coach and we collected our equipment and were issued with our ski passes, after which our respective groups ventured out onto the pistes. We were split up into groups according to ability. The hotel provided fresh sandwiches for lunch, but the mountain-top bars and cafes were not to be missed.

Our week continued with good snow conditions, apart from two days rain, and every opportunity was given to even the least proficient skiers to extract the most value from their holiday. The ski-instructors Matthew and Horst were most helpful and patient.

Full marks to Mrs. Mellon without whose good organisation the trip would never have been possible. I must not neglect to mention our medal-winning skiers: Julian Hickson, Michael Good, Naomi Keatinge, Stephen Byrne, Damien Hession and Gordon Harris; and Cheryl Keatinge's fantastic performance in the slalom race should not go unnoticed.

Thanks again to Mrs. Mellon and Mr. and Mrs. Wright – it was an eventful week thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Nicola Veale (5th)

Careers Library

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

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

Career Talks

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

Summer Term 1992

Insurance: Mr. Ken Gibson, Guardian Royal Exchange.
Computers: Mr. Conn Clissmann, H.E. Clissmann.
Child Care: Ms. Delia Lyons, Portobello School of Child Care.
Church: Revd. Paul Willoughby, Booterstown Parish.
R.T.E.: Mr. Rodney Rice, Radio Telefís Éireann.

Autumn Term 1992

Going to University: Mr. Anthony Kelly, High School.
D.I.T., R.T.C., P.L.C.: Mr. Robin Miller, High School.
Law: Mr. Colin Sainsbury, A. & L. Goodbody.
L.B.S. Courses: Mr. Francis Kelly, Language, Business & Secretarial College.
Apprenticeships: Mr. Phil Sheedy, FÁS Training Centre, Tallaght.
Medicine: Petrina Armstrong, Templeogue.
Airline Pilot: Capt. Stuart Dobbyn, Aer Lingus.
Banking: Mr. Caoibhin Mangan, Bank of Ireland, Terenure.

Psychology: Ms. Michelle Hill, Cluain Mhuire Family Centre.

Business Courses: Ms. Ann Byrne, Institute of Education Business College.

Nursing: Ms. Hilary Marchant, St. Vincent's Hospital.

Hotel Industry: Video shown.

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

Languages: Ms. Clara Coogan, Instituid Teangeolaíochta Éireann.

Company Representative: Mr. John Purdy, Sharptext.

Popular Music Industry: Mr. Keith Donald, Temple Bar.

Building Societies: Mr. John Casey, First National Building Society.

Science at U.C.D.: Video Shown.

Spring Term 1993

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

Photography: Mr. Ian Epstein, The Set Up.

A.B.C. Courses: Ms. Ann Mullins, Accounting & Business College.

Paramedical Courses: Mr. Robin Miller, High School.

Journalism: Ms. Christina Murphy, Irish Times Ltd.

Chartered Accountant: Mr. Richard Ensor, R. Ensor & Co.

Occupational Therapy: Ms. Edwina Dunne, St. James's Hospital.

Company Structure: Mr. Jim Hoblyn, Co. Wicklow.

Gardaí: Garda Patrick Conway, Garda Public Relations Office.

Electrical Engineering: Dr. Jonathan Fisher, Kevin Street College of Technology.

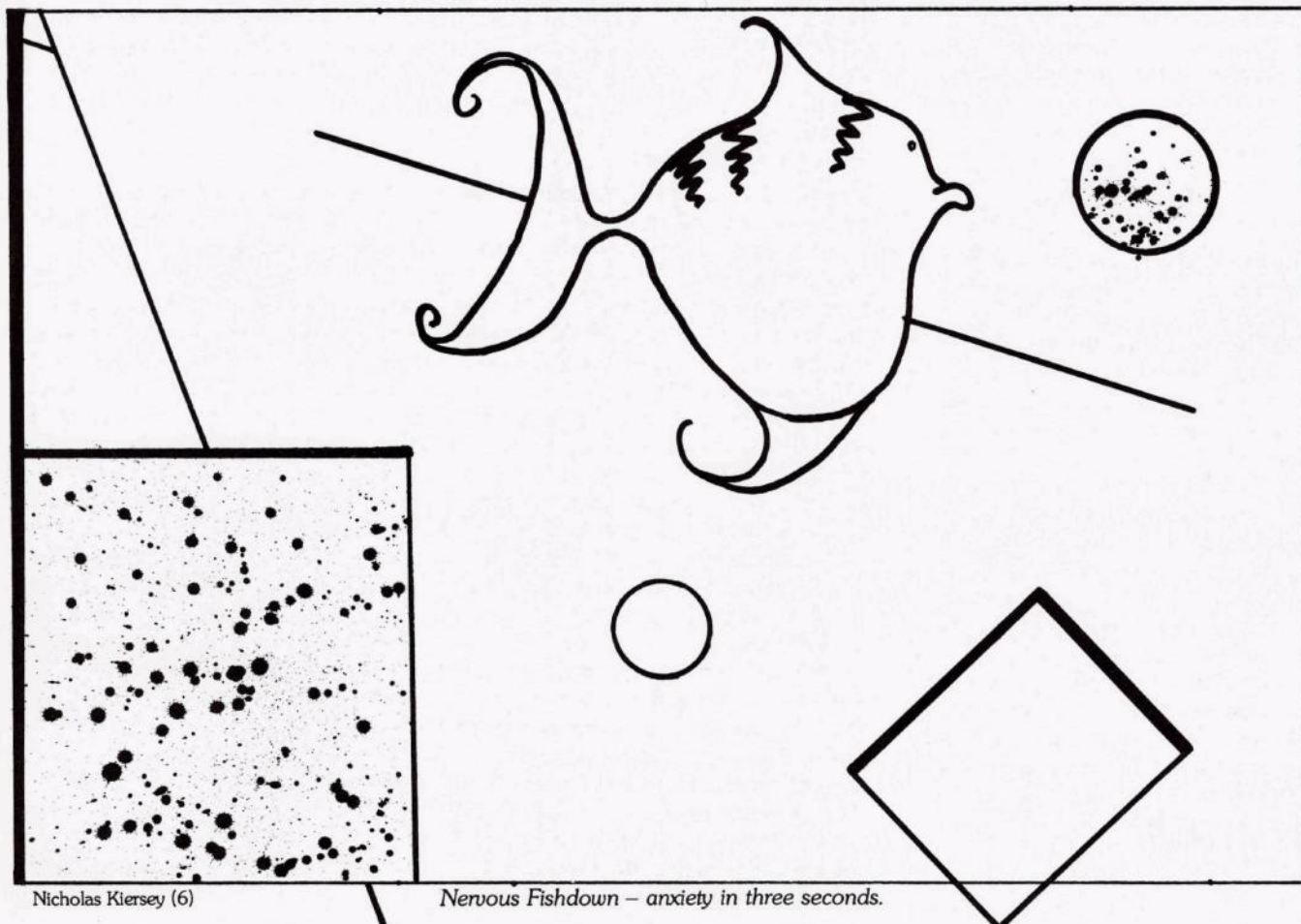
Marketing: Mr. Alan Chapman, Corporate Image Management Ltd.

R.T.E.: Mr. Rodney Rice, Radio Telefís Éireann.

Architect: Mr. Peter Roberts, Scully Roberts.

F.C.A.: Sgt. Maurice Hayden, Cathal Brugha Barracks.

Beauty Therapy: Ms. Louise Sunderland, Crumlin College.



Nicholas Kiersey (6)

Nervous Fishdown - anxiety in three seconds.

SPORTS REVIEW

Rugby Report, 1992-3



Back Row (l-r): W. Conlon-Grant, G. Jones, A. Collier, G. Douglas, B. Dodd, R. Staunton. **Second Row:** G. Carroll, M. Williams, K. Dolan, J. O'Shea, G. Lyons, K. Williams, R. Price. **Front Row:** Mr. D. Wright, T. Farrar, D. Micks, E. Rogers (Capt.), R. Timlin, M. O'Donnell, G. Sheehy, Mr. D. Cole, N. McMury and G. McCarthy.

1st XV

This year's 1st XV had a roller-coaster season, containing many ups and downs due to a bad succession of ugly injuries. Yet this did not dampen our spirits as we enjoyed the season immensely with a tremendous amount of team spirit which was present in force throughout the year. We also had a lot to learn and old habits to break, with the coming of the new rules.

It was predicted that we would have a fairly shaky start, due to the considerable loss of players from the previous year. Our pack still held strong with five forwards, but only one back remained. The team settled quickly and came close to upsetting a much talked about Newbridge College side with a drawn score (17-17). Next on the agenda were C.B.C., Cork, away, who had remained a tough side from the previous year and although we scored the only try of the match, we came out narrow losers (9-5).

As the team began to settle we moulded into a pattern of a strong determined pack

which consisted of a formidable front row, a strong second pair and a very fast-breaking back row, with backs who had an urgency to pass the ball out to the two strong attacking wingers who could outrun many opponents. Our next match was against Wesley College at home. Excellent tackling by our back-line and a marvellous 50-yard dash by Graham Carroll helped us deny a formidable rival a win, the final score being 10-9.

Three players who had previous years' experience received Leinster trials at this time and, although none made it to the eventual team, congratulations are still due to Graham Jones, Duncan Micks and Garret Sheehy.

We proved outright winners of our next confrontation, against King's Hospital (27-12) but unfortunately this match set off a chain of injuries which would greatly affect our season. Bangor Grammar School at home proved very tough opponents indeed and when we let dominance slip early in the second half they soon took advantage and came out

winners (20-10). We then went on to lose to St. Munchin's College (15-9) with many a black eye on the pitch.

Our unlucky streak of matches finally came upon us; at this stage we were missing two to three people because of injury each match. We went down to Clongowes Wood College badly (30-0) and won a refreshing match against St. Andrew's (16-5), before taking a tough beating from "the Rock". The rebuilding of the team began at this stage, beginning against Kilkenny College (8-3) and then our next victims C.U.S. (19-0) in which "Robbo Ball" proved extremely successful, leaving open two easily run-in tries.

We then took a welcome break on the tour of which many will have fond memories for a long time to come. An experience not to be missed! A post-Christmas present was not on the cards and we lost heavily to a truly gifted Campbell College team, who have since won the Ulster title.

Things were beginning to develop for the cup and we weren't settling back into

our start of season formula. A disappointing game against De La Salle, Churchtown, pointed out to us many mistakes which were corrected immediately in training.

Our build-up to the Cup was spurred on by this match and our last three matches, against C.B.S., Presentation Bray and St. Paul's College, showed some moments of wonderful rugby in both attacking and defending. It looked as if all that training was paying off. Unfortunately, the season closed early for Duncan Micks due to a knee injury, and his skilled running and chasing of ball, and insight into the game, were sadly missed.

The day finally came to meet, on a misty Lakelands pitch, our arch-rivals, Wesley College. The weather did not suit open play and we knew the odds were mounting against us. Facing Wesley in the Cup in the second round we knew was testing from the start and it would be a hard-fought, bitter match. Our performance at home early on in the season, beating them 10-9, did not really have a great influence on this match; since that time two of the Wesley side had made the Irish "B" school team.

From the whistle both sides tore into each other and before we could properly adjust to what was happening we were pinned down in the corner of our twenty-two, defending our line admirably. Pressure soon passed, though, with a Ross Staunton clearance and much relief for the team. As we soon found out, Wesley's game plan was to run from the base of the scrum and to hoist up and unders, while ours was to break and explore the blind or else run it out to our speedy wingers. Eric Miller, the Wesley No. 8, was a large worry to us but our back row of Warren Grant, Graham Jones and Rory Timlin cut him down whenever he made a break. Richard Price didn't give the Wesley scrum-half an inch either. Our front row of Garret Sheehy, Emmett Rogers and Trevor Farrar gave their all in containing the Wesley forwards and succeeded well. The second rows were the quiet power behind.

Down 6-0 at half time didn't seem too worrying but out again five minutes into the second half and the difference was 9-0. Time was running out; with ten minutes left, a lethally fast ball through the centres to Mark Williams got through where we had failed before and we won a scrum five metres from the Wesley line. We then used our famous black-ball move to send Graham Jones over for a try which reduced the deficit by half. The Wesley defence tightened up after this and opportunities were few and far between and we lost, even though we struggled admirably to the end.

A special mention has to be made of Ken Dolon who joined us from Templeogue College and James O'Shea from St. Benildus College, both talented

players who played with pride in the High School colours. Ken was also our top scorer with nine tries.

All that is left now is to thank, on behalf of the team, Mr. Wright and Mr. Cole who never lacked belief in us the entire year with as much dedication as the players themselves. I would also like to thank Emmett Rogers, our captain, who was thoroughly committed to the team and an equally outstanding vice-captain, Rory Timlin. Also I would like to mention our coach, Ian Snook, who never gave up on us and taught us every move in the All-Black handbook. We are grateful to Old Wesley R.F.C. who were very hospitable after the match, and of course, our thanks to all who came and supported us during the year.

Everyone enjoyed this season thoroughly and I can only hope there will be as much dedication and enthusiasm next year, and I for one am looking forward to it.

Bruce Dodd (Secretary)

Rugby Tour 1992

The First Fifteen panel met on a dull December morning for the Sealink 9.00 a.m. sailing. "Tour" was upon us once more. This year's destination was Worcester and, travelling by train, our journey brought us via Crewe and Shrewsbury.

After a dull day spent travelling we arrived in Worcester at the two neighbouring guest houses where we were to stay the following two nights. That evening was spent exploring the town. James O'Shea, anxious to instil a general feeling of goodwill among the team, outlined to us the secret of St. Benildus's famous team spirit, namely, "they stuck together". Unfortunately, Warren Grant failed to adhere to this basic principle and succeeded in getting lost.

Our first match, scheduled for the afternoon of the second day, was played in torrential rain on a very greasy surface. The team did not travel well and we failed to perform to the best of our ability. Defeat was suffered at the hands of a hefty King's College, Worcester, team. King's College, Worcester, extended to us a very warm welcome during our stay with them. We were very grateful for their hospitality and this gratitude was echoed by Emmett Rogers in his memorable speech following the after-match dinner.

That evening was spent with a number of the King's College, Worcester, students. Again our hosts entertained us royally. A number of the squad, notably Gavin Douglas and Leo McKenna James, got to know some of our hosts very well and were sorry that our stay was so short! The

evening ended with Ali Collier setting new trends in hair fashion with a stunning haircut received from a local barber.

We departed from Worcester the following morning on a diesel powered coach. The heavy rain, that had plagued us for the whole trip, resulted in our second match being cancelled. Our Stourbridge opponents' pitches were deemed unplayable so we embarked prematurely on our homeward journey. After an evening in Birmingham we were Holyhead-bound on the train. It took the team until this late stage to master its singing but we had quite a repertoire by the end of the tour. This even included a few Swedish numbers from Warren Grant.

A very tired team arrived back home but all had thoroughly enjoyed the trip, none more so than "Mad Dog" McMurry. On behalf of all those who went, I would like to thank both Mr. Cole and Mr. Wright who arranged the tour and put up with us for the four days. It was by all accounts most memorable and it did much to boost the team spirit.

Rory Timlin

Second XV

The League XV has had a very difficult season this year. The team had been changed a number of times to find the strongest team to win the league. We started off the season with an easy victory over a very weak Newbridge College side. Our next match was again a very good victory over Sandford Park School. We had a few shock defeats when we were beaten by Wesley College, King's Hospital and a very good St. Mary's College team. We had a lot of injuries and a number of good players were called up to the first team. Our season started to pick up with a win over Clongowes Wood College and a very big strong team from Carlow whom we narrowly beat 8-7. That was the turning point of our season and we started to play some very good rugby and only lost two more matches from then on.

At the start of our League campaign our coaches finally agreed on a team strong enough to win the League. Our first match against a strong Blackrock College team did not go so well. Due to lapse of concentration we lost 5-0, but we were playing very well and did not deserve to lose. The second match against St. Andrew's College was by far our best performance. With the strength of our pack and the speed of our backs we overwhelmed the St. Andrew's side and hammered them by a massive 56 points to nil, with our strong flanker James O'Shea scoring a hat-trick of tries. Unfortunately, we lost a vital match against Newpark School which lost us the League, but I was very impressed with the team's effort.



LEAGUE RUGBY TEAM

Back Row (l-r): G. Staunton, G. Dunne, G. Nicholson, G. McCarthy. **Middle Row** (l-r): J. Green, J. O'Shea, A. Finlay, A. Cowie, S. Henari, J. Galligan. **Front Row** (l-r): Mr. D. Wright, N. McMurry, A. Collier (Capt.), G. Lyons, R. Brazil, Mr. D. Cole. **Seated:** I. Marconi, I. Ellis.

I was very lucky to have on my team a very formidable front row team with Duan Stokes and Peter doing very well to hold up the scrum while Gordon Dunne was doing excellent hooking. Gareth Lyons (vice-captain) was the inspiration in the pack, with his excellent line-out ability and his power in the second row. Our other second row Timmy Cains, with his great strength and line-out jumping, played very well for us. In the back row, Nicholas McMurry, with his size, was the best player in the forwards throughout the season and especially the League. He was very hard-working and his willingness and ability to win the ball was brilliant, and proved vital to the team. Andrew Finlay was the other back row player who was also an excellent player whose clever thinking and mobility on the pitch provided us with good ball. He will be an excellent player on the first team next year. And last but not least was our top points' scorer for the season, James O'Shea. He gave us great ball in the line-out and his runs up the pitch proved a vital asset to the team. He has had a very good season.

The backs in the team played very well throughout the season. Scrum-half Gerard McCarthy with his accurate passing and added thinking did very well for us. We had a problem with an out-half and looked

to Rory Brazil to change from the wing to the No. 10 position. He's a very talented player. This was his first season playing rugby and he will be a very promising player for the Firsts.

Our two strong centres were Ian Marconi, a young fourth year playing senior rugby, using his great speed and strength tearing through the opposition, and Karl Richardson was another vital team member. With his knowledge he moved the ball well and with his speed and good handling of the ball gave spare time to score tries. We had another centre in John Green who played for the whole season. He has excellent hands and his accurate handling was needed a great deal. Our wingers were very fast with Leo McKenna James holding the left-wing spot; with his enthusiasm and brightness he scored many tries and also his first season playing rugby did very well. The introduction of John Galligan on the right wing proved to be a good benefit for the team. His strength and his quickness helped us through the League.

I really enjoyed being captain of a very good second XV team. I would like to thank Mr. Cole and Mr. Wright for all their help and coaching throughout the season. I wish the team the best for the future.

Alaric Collier (Captain)

J.C.T.

THE J.C.T. XV had a season of mixed fortunes which was full of enthusiasm and commitment from all involved in the team. From our first six matches only two were lost and both to rather stronger sides, St. Mary's College and King's Hospital. Next came perhaps our finest match of the opening month of the season when we comprehensively beat a strong touring side from Bangor Grammar School and kept a clean sheet.

Then, unfortunately, due to injuries to key players like Jimmy Carty, David Bell, Michael King and Justin Brown, we went through a bad patch. We put up good performances with an understrength side every time but lost to teams like Newbridge College and Clongowes Wood College away.

The turning point in our season came when we were narrowly defeated by a strong De La Salle, Churchtown, side. In this match a real improvement could be seen. On the run up to the cup we were well beaten by an excellent Campbell College team in Belfast, and then just when a win was needed, with an almost full-strength squad, we beat C.B.C., Monkstown, 18-0. Now with the team working well as a unit, and thanks to some

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'73 It's a wig

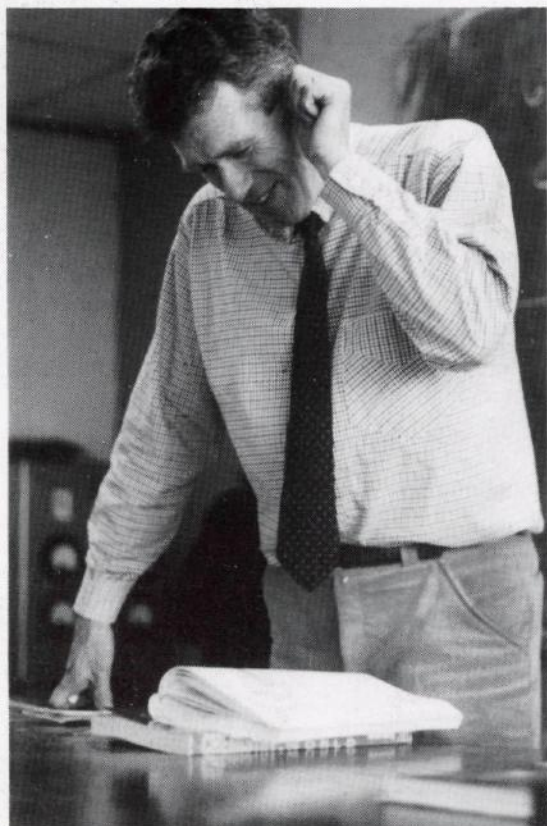


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The Hairy Days



Sarah Massey (5), James Go



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JUNIOR CUP TEAM

Back Row (l-r): G. Timlin, D. Bell, A. Whelan, J. Lalor, R. Whitney. **Middle Row** (l-r): D. Haslett, J. Fogarty, T. Carty, M. King, A. McKee, R. McCulloch, F. Rice, K. Burn, S. Wynne. **Front Row** (l-r): P. Campbell, J. Brown, A. Hilliard, T. McDonald (Capt.), W. Swalbe, J. Hanan, Mr. R. Davies.

great line-out play by John Lawlor and Alex McKee, we were winning clean ball and the backs were getting over the goal line.

The first round was against Wesley College at De La Salle ground in Palmerston, Kiltoran, and the squad had now peaked, playing excellent flowing rugby which paid off when a great line-out taken by Alex McKee led to a swooping move by the backs which put Ross McCulloch in, in the right corner. Then a superb touch-line conversion by David Bell put us up 7-0.

Wesley scored a penalty, 7-3, and after half-time a lucky Wesley try left us 7-8 down. But then, with the team more determined than ever, our superb pack harassed Wesley all the way and then the breakthrough came, when a brilliant Timmy Carty chip ahead was taken by Ross McCulloch who skilfully passed the ball to supporting Carty, who broke several tackles and dived across for a winning score. The final score was 12-8. Man of the match was Johnny Hanan.

Our second round match saw only one change to the previous side with Carty going scrum-half and Withney going full-back. The match was played in Newbridge against a strong Cistercian College, Roscrea, side. The first half was dominated by us and a drop goal by David Bell put us 3-0 up. But then a big blow was dealt to us when we lost pack-leader and line-out jumper John Lawlor with a knee injury. He was replaced by Alan Hilliard. After the change around, Roscrea hit back with a try and converted it. From then on the game

was all ours. We were camped in Roscrea's half for the rest of the match and we were unlucky not to score on several occasions. We were then unlucky when the speedy Roscrea winger broke through our cover and scored. The final score was 12-3. We were worth far more and indeed could have won, but chances weren't taken. Although we were beaten, it was one of our finest matches and we played with great skill and spirit.

We were backed up by capable substitutes Gavin Timlin, Trevor Conlon-Grant, Adam Whelan, Alan Hilliard, Warren Swalbe and Paul Campbell all season, and all were unlucky not to be chosen for the First team for the cup matches.

Our front row were strong and mobile (Rice, Hanan, Byrne). Our second row were fine line-out jumpers and support players (Alex McKee, John Lawlor). Our back row of Justin Brown, Damien Haslett and Michael King were the backbone of our team, making full use of the new rules.

The half-backs were excellent and always worked in harmony (Carty, Bell). Our second centre was a strong tackler and a good runner. Our back three were always aware of each other's actions and were all excellent, quick, skilful runners (Forde, McCulloch, Withney).

Our thanks go to Mr. Davies and Clive Restan for their help and commitment in coaching us. I feel this team is a rapidly improving side and has great potential for the future.

Trevor McDonald (Captain)

Under 14

Captain: Paul Kirwan (A) and Robbie Hamilton (B).

This team improved beyond recognition from one end of the year to the next. They train extremely hard. They want to play and win rugby more than any other team I have ever had. Given the physique and skill of the team there is no reason why they should not compete with the top teams next year.

They had one outstanding performance towards the end of the year where they beat De La Salle, Churchtown, by 40 points. This performance convinced me that they will be able to compete at the top level next year. The B team had one outstanding win over Terenure College.

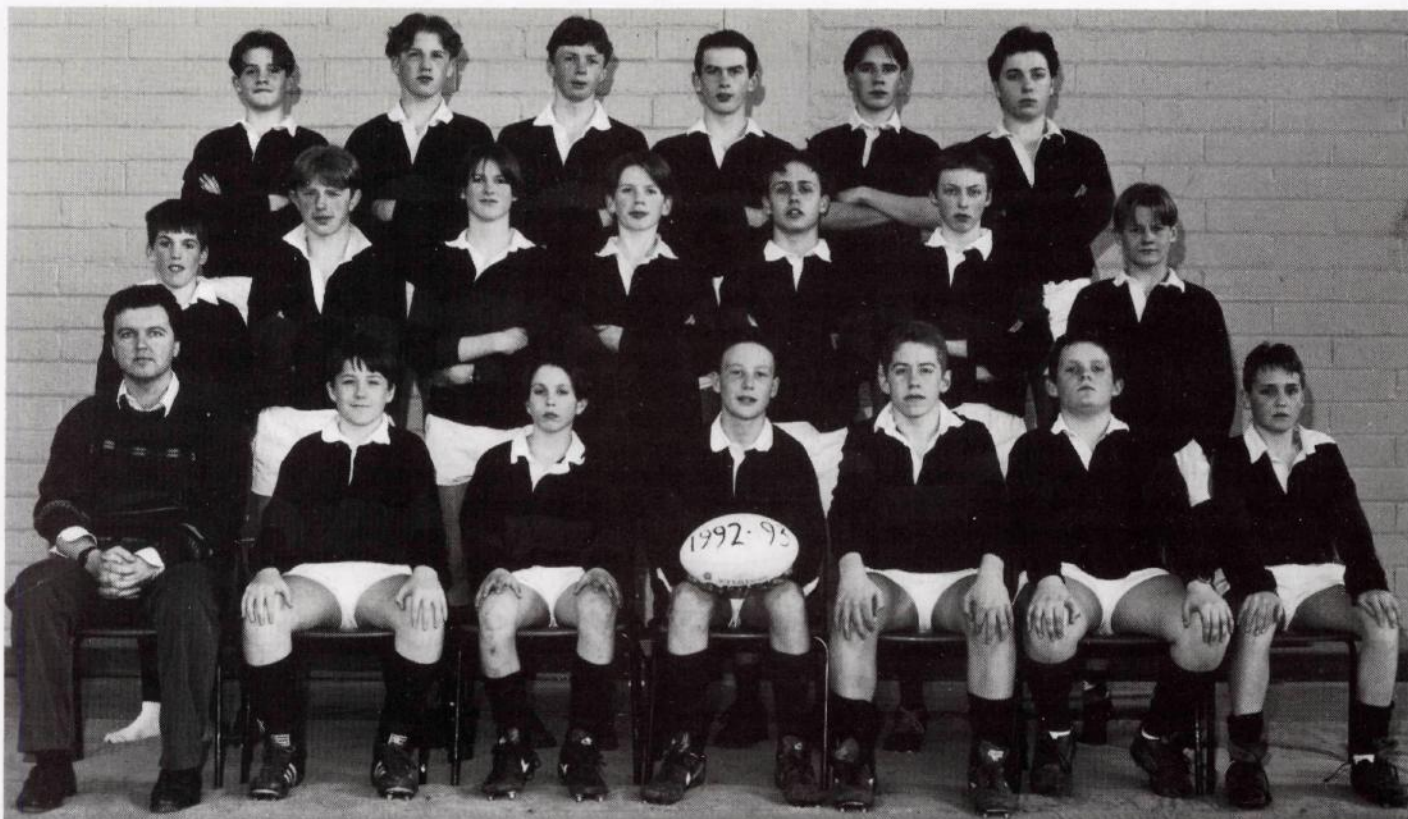
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Under 13

	P	W	D	L
U13A	21	7	2	12
U13B	13	7	-	6
U-13C	12	7	-	5
U-13D	3	3	-	-

The above statistics show a less than average return for the season as a whole, but when looking at the results we see that most of the defeats came early in the season when the teams, even though having some talented players, lacked the experience of their opponents, such as Blackrock College, Terenure College, St. Mary's College and Newbridge College.

As the season progressed, a vast



UNDER-14 RUGBY

Back Row (l-r): P. Tanner, M. Craven, P. Johnston, S. Wynne, D. Nicholson, D. Manley. **Middle Row** (l-r): K. Egan, J. Griffen, H. O'Connor, F. White, D. Pemberton, C. Nicholson, A. Smith. **Front Row** (l-r): Mr. K. Mills, D. Kinsella, S. Halligan, P. Kirwan (C), G. McGowan, D. Finlay, T. Steadman.

improvement was shown, which was in no small measure due to the skill and experience of Ian Snook (N.Z.), Graham Walsh and Peter Acton. To all three we saw a big "thank you".

After Christmas the A XV had some good victories, Gonzaga 22-14, Castleknock 19-5, C.B.C. 29-0, Gonzaga 19-8 and C.U.S. 43-0. By the end of the season the teams were capable of holding their own with the best in Leinster. We look

forward to their progress in the years to come.

The season ended on a high note when we entered two teams in the Leinster seven-a-side competition. Both teams won their respective sections and came through to play each other in the semi-final. At full-time the score was 15-15 and after extra time the "A" team beat the "B" team 25-15. The "A" team, as runners-up, were highly commended by the organisers for

their performance in the final, especially having had to go to extra time in the semi-final, while their opponents were having a good rest.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to my colleagues, Mr. Davies, Mr. Quinn and Mr. Swan, for all their help during the season and to the faithful parents who came out in all weathers to give us support.

R.H.F.

Girls' Hockey Report, 1992-3

1st XI

This year's 1st XI introduced six new members. Liz Jenkins and Kathryn Frost joined Shireen Lloyd on the forward line. Michelle Williams became part of the midfield alongside Carol Moore and Trish Conway. The defence was solid with the experienced Elaine Ball and Cheryl Keatinge being joined by Nicki Slack, Diane Wright and Emma Fitzpatrick.

We started our league campaign with confidence. There had been no shortage of goal-scoring in our friendly matches, including good victories over Wesley College (4-1) and King's Hospital (4-2). Unfortunately, for our first league game we were weakened by injury. We could only

manage a 1-1 draw against Our Lady's Grove. Then came Mount Anville and, although the team was back to full strength, we were well beaten 4-0. Both these matches were played on all-weather pitches and when we returned to astro-turf we improved immeasurably. Although it was impossible for us to progress to the quarter-final stage we performed strongly in our last match with a 2-0 victory over Mount Sackville.

The league campaign had been extremely disappointing with the defeat by Mount Anville being High School's first in this competition since 1987-88 season. Despite the disappointment the team

continued to train every Tuesday and Thursday. Everything was then thrown into the cup campaign. Before our first cup match we decided to make some positional changes. Alison Gill came into right back. Carol Moore moved to left back. Trish Conway went to centre midfield to make room for Kathryn Frost at right midfield. Shireen Lloyd moved from left wing to right wing and Emma Fitzpatrick moved forward to left wing.

With our first cup match immediately after the Christmas holidays we had no time to play friendly matches with these changes. This did not prove detrimental. If anything it was to our advantage. Our first



1st XI, 1992-3

Standing: S. Lloyd, N. Stack, M. Williams, A. Gill, E. Jenkins, C. Keatinge, E. Ball. **Seated:** E. Fitzpatrick, C. Moore, P. Conway (Capt.), K. Frost, D. Wright, Mrs. G. Mellon.

round opponents were Alexandra College, with whom we had drawn 0-0 earlier in the season. They had planned to mark some of our players man-to-man so our positional changes caused a great deal of confusion in their defence. We also had home advantage. We won comfortably, 3-0. Next came Loreto, Dalkey. Fortunately we again had home advantage. In the first half we played some of the best hockey we played all season and we were rewarded with a goal. After a quickly taken free by Emma Fitzpatrick, Shireen Lloyd scored.

In the second half Dalkey had most of the play; however, we managed to hold on for a deserved 1-0 win. This was largely due to excellent defensive play particularly from Elaine Ball in goal. In the quarter-final we drew Loreto, Bray, away. Away meant that the game would be played on an all-weather pitch so we were apprehensive about this game. We took the lead through a penalty stroke but Loreto, Bray, came back with a goal. It looked as if the match would go to extra time but then Liz Jenkins made a brilliant solo run and gave Shireen the opportunity to tap the ball into an empty goal. We were in the semi-final, the stage at which High School had been knocked out in the previous two years.

We were to play Newpark School on astro-turf in St. Columba's. They began well with the first ten minutes being played in our half. Then Alison Gill made a break

and gave a superb pass to set up a goal with our first shot on goal. Liz Jenkins added two more goals, and with hard work in midfield from Kathryn Frost and Michelle Williams, we came out 3-2 winners.

On 1st March in Grange Road we played St. Columba's College in the final. We knew that this would be a physical game and we were proved right. They received numerous green cards and their captain was sent off. Their captain was



Trish Conway receiving medal from AIB representative at the Leinster Senior Cup Final, 1993.



INTERMEDIATE A SEMI-FINALISTS

Standing: V. Veale, S. Holly, M. Williams, J. Gillen, N. Keatinge. **Seated:** A. Blain, F. Campbell, J. Moffett (Capt.), H. Glynne, R. Reid.

their star player but she had been marked out of nearly the whole game by Diane Wright. She had not the skill and determination to match Diane's so she hit Diane on the head. She was sent off for this offence. High School produced another excellent team performance on the day of the final and St. Columba's had no answer to this.

Unfortunately, High School did everything but score and St. Columba's managed to score a goal against the run of play. The cup eluded High School yet again.

This year we went on hockey tour to Wales with Loreto Beaufort, King's Hospital and Alexandra College. We played in a tournament with four Welsh teams. We won all our matches but came third on goal difference. It was a very enjoyable tour and on behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for putting up with us, and the Parents' Association for their support of the tour.

Congratulations to Liz Jenkins, Diane Wright and Emma Fitzpatrick who all received Leinster U-18 trials. Unfortunately, none of them made the squad. Congratulations to Trish Conway who was selected for the Leinster U-21 team and went on to play for the Irish U-21.

Thank you to all the players who subbed for us during the season, often making themselves available at short notice. Thanks to Emma Fitzpatrick for her work

as hockey secretary. We thank our supporters, especially those who turned up to our early morning cup matches. I'd also like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her hard work throughout the year.

Trish Conway (Captain)

BELOW: ▼

Cup Match v. Dalkey

Liz Jenkins of High School in action.





CUP MATCH AT LORETO, BRAY. WON 2-1

Intermediate A

The Intermediate A had a very enjoyable and successful season, with many changes throughout the year. We won our early League matches which qualified us for the semi-finals against Wesley College. It was a very exciting match with no score at half-time but Wesley eventually beat us 2-0. The whole team would like to thank Arlene Blain for giving up so much of her time and encouraging us all throughout the season.

Janet Moffett (Captain)

Junior A

The Junior A had quite a successful year. The whole team improved greatly during the season and we won the majority of our matches. Jenifer Gillen, Rachel Reid, Suzanne Murphy and Devi Govender all gained Leinster trials, Suzanne Murphy and Rachel Reid being selected for the second round and Rachel Reid got through to the final trial. We were knocked out of the League by Our Lady's Grove. We would like to thank Miss Ritchie for her constant support and encouragement.

Andrea Laughlin (Captain)

Junior B

This year's Junior B team had a very successful year, winning the majority of our matches. We had great team spirit which could be seen all the way through our league.

In the first, second and third rounds we beat teams from Santa Maria, Coolock and Beaufort. In the next round we met St. Wilson's and won 2-0, giving us a place in the quarter-finals. There we met Tallaght C.S. whom we defeated after a replay, 3-0 on penalty flicks. This brought us to the semi-finals where we met St. Killian's, which went again to penalty flicks, leaving



JUNIOR B XI

Back Row (l-r): Susanna Coghlan, Jill Carroll, Stepanie Sheppard, Saidhvein Hardiman, Ruth Harley. **Middle Row** (from left): Miss Ritchie, Naomi Smith, Susanne Moody, Lorna Dunne (Capt.), Anthea Grimason, Nadine Mull. **Front Row** (from left): Ruth Glacken, Yvonne Maher, Niamh McCarthy, Sarah Quinn.



MINOR A SEMI-FINALISTS

Back Row: J. Steedman, L. Hickey, F. Shine, G. Free, D. Wright, L. Carty, Mrs. G. Mellon. **Seated:** J. Gillen, M. Dorney, K. Lyons (Capt.), S. Moore, V. Carswell, N. O'Flynn.

the score at 3-1 for us.

Unfortunately, in the final we met Wesley College, a stronger team, and we lost marginally 1-0. It was a good game and I would like to thank Niamh McCarthy for subbing for us and also to all the other subs. Unfortunately, Nadine Mull was unable to play after the fourth round due to illness. The team would like to thank Miss Ritchie for all her work and dedication. I would also like to thank the team myself for all their hard work and dedication throughout the whole year.

Lorna Dunne (Captain)

Junior C

At the beginning of the season the team was not well co-ordinated. However, as we worked harder to achieve our goals the team became more and more determined. We were entered in the Junior B League and were drastically beaten by Loreto, Dalkey, and King's Hospital but we made a slight recovery by beating Mercy Convent, Sutton, and then quietly withdrew from the League.

After this our main goal scorers – Ruth Glacken, Yvonne Maher and Susan Plummer scored some great goals with help from "Nibbler" Niamh McCarthy. We

achieved our main ambition towards the end of the season when we beat our arch-rivals – Wesley College 2-0. We would like to thank Ms. Ritchie for all her support and confidence throughout the season.

Sarah Quinn (Captain)

Minor A

The Minor A team had a good season this year. We started off in the Cup competition playing Teresians. We beat them 3-0 with goals scored by Susan Moore, Vanessa Carswell and Mairead Dorney. In the next round we played Cabra whom we beat 3-0 also. Mairead Dorney scored all three goals.

The quarter-final was against St. Columba's College. It was a very tough match and with two minutes before the end of the match Susan Moore scored the equaliser, putting us into a very difficult period of extra time and in the end we won 2-1. We played in the semi-final against Wesley, a team we had played four times and had never beaten. They won 1-0 and went on to win the Cup.

All round it was a good year for the Minor A team and I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her support and dedication and also the team. In the words of Mrs.

Mellon "The Minor A team were the best Minor A team since Trish Conway was on the team."

Kate Lyons (Captain)

Minor B

The Minor B team had both an enjoyable and a successful season this year, winning most of our matches. In the first round of the Cup we beat Dalkey 3-0. Then we went on to play Mount Sackville but unfortunately we lost.

We would like to thank Mrs. Mellon and our other hockey teachers for their coaching and support throughout the season.

Kate Fletcher (Captain)

Minor C

The Minor C had a very enjoyable season, winning the first Cup match against St. Raphael's 2-0, but unfortunately losing in the second round to St. Wolstan's 1-0. The team played well, although it was not the usual eleven, as a few of the team were away. I would like to thank the team, Mrs. Mellon and Mr. Miller for their help and support.

Denise McClintock (Captain)

Cricket Report, 1992



S.C.T. 1992

Back: Mr. Prendergast, G. Miller, N. Fennell, J. Molins, T. Cains, G. Murphy, D. Bell. **Front:** J. Walshe, G. Molins, B. Jackson, G. O'Meara (Capt.), I. Morgan, D. Micks. Missing: D. Walsh.

1st XI

In 1992 the 1st XI, captained by Gareth O'Meara, were a very strong side but, unfortunately, experienced an indifferent season.

The season started with a league match against St. Andrew's College which was easily won by High School. St. Andrew's were bowled out for just 67, thanks to good bowling from D. Micks (3-16) and G. O'Meara (2-5). High School passed this total, losing only three wickets. There was good batting by D. Walsh who stroked his way to a brisk 33.

The next game was a comprehensive victory against a rather poor St. Columba's side. High School batted first, and knocked up a competition record, 252 for 2 with superb contributions from C. Morgan (96), G. O'Meara (71 not out) and G. Murphy (68 not out). St. Columba's were bowled out for a rather modest total of 111 through some good bowling by G. O'Meara (5-26) and N. Walsh (2-20).

Next was the annual fixture against the Old Boys (221-5), High School (131-6).

The next match, against arch-rivals Belvedere, was in effect the final of the competition. High School won the toss and batted, and on a very hot day fought their way to 125-5 thanks to some steady work by G. O'Meara (36) and C. Morgan (30). The Belvedere batting was struggling

midway through the innings, but thanks to some friendly High School bowling Belvedere salvaged the match, and the Cup. Good bowling from G. O'Meara (2-16), and G. Molins (2-25) failed to help the cause.

Congratulations to G. O'Meara, C. Morgan and J. Molins who went on to play for Leinster Schools and G. O'Meara who captained the side. All three were also members of the Irish Youths' XI who played against English Schools.

Thanks are due to the devoted Mr. Prendergast, our coach for the season, and Mr. Fennell for all his organisational work. Thanks also to our scorer, Debbie Finnie, who had a short spell this year.

G. O'Meara (Captain)

2nd XI

The 2nd XI, last year captained by Tim Cains, had a rather disappointing season, losing all our matches. Nonetheless, this relatively inexperienced team put up a number of good performances creating some exciting matches. The first of these was against De La Salle, in which we batted first, scoring a respectable total of 73 in our 20 overs (G. Miller 35, T. Cains 16). This score pushed De La Salle right to the last over due to some good bowling by G. Miller (3/21). We also put up a good match against Wesley, scoring 94 off our

20 overs (G. Miller 23, K. Kinch 16, D. Harris 16). The last match of the season was against C.U.S. and was very unfortunate. C.U.S. batted first and got an extremely beatable score. This was due to some good bowling by C. Lyons and three excellent catches behind the wicket by keeper B. Jackson. A reversed batting order did very well, taking the match to the last few balls. But last man in T. Cains was caught on the boundary going for a winning shot. A good team spirit and glorious weather made for a wholly enjoyable season.

Thanks to Mr. McMullen for his coaching, umpiring and support throughout the season, and also to the team.

Tim Cains (Captain)

J.C.T.

The first match of the league was against a very strong St. Columba's College team. It was played in St. Columba's College and they had two outstanding bowlers. Niall Walshe was batting third and was our strongest batsman. Ross McCulloch was the opening batsman and was debatably out for an l.b.w. decision. Steven Sheldon played well but it was a performance we shall all wish to forget. St. Columba's College won by six points.



J.C.T. 1992

Back: Mr Davies, P. Johnston, T. Carty, I. Wilkinson, G. O'Meara, S. Moody (scorer). **Front:** S. Sheldon, R. McCulloch, D. Bell, J. Free (Capt.), J. Murphy, T. McDonald, S. Wynne.

Our second match was against a good St. Andrew's team. Ross Whitney was playing very well until a high ball hit him in the face and burst his lip. He later returned but could not play on. He was bowled out for 21 runs. The Andrew's bowlers were good but John Free, David Bell and Ian Wilkinson managed to put a score of 45 together to give us a chance. The team was all out for 113, but it was not good enough as St. Andrew's won by 40 runs.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Davies for all his hard work in training us and letting us use Carlisle's training nets.

John Free (Captain)

Under 14

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Top scores: David Bell 113 n.o.; Ross Whitney 79 n.o.

Most wickets: Ross Whitney 19; David Bell 18.

Most catches: Michael King 3; David Bell 3; Graham O'Meara.

The year started out very well for the Under 14 XI, winning our first five matches.

In the first match against King's Hospital we totted up a total of 213 for 3, with David Bell scoring his maiden century for the school, with 113 not out, and Ross Whitney 79 not out. Ross also had the best two overs ever bowled by any High School



UNDER 14 CUP FINALISTS

Back: T. McDonald, G. Timlin, T. Carty, M. King, J. Scales, Mr Fennell. **Front:** L. Byrne, P. Johnston, R. McCulloch, D. Bell (Capt.), G. O'Meara, S. Wynne, J. Murphy.

bowler: 5 overs, 2 maidens, 0 runs and 5 wickets, as K.H. were skittled for 9 runs.

Against Dundalk Grammar School we got 155 all out (S. Wynne 39, R. McCulloch 33). Dundalk were bowled out for 36 (S. Wynne 4 for 0 off 4 overs).

The next match was against Wesley College. They were all out for 29 (D. Bell 6 for 6 off 7.3 overs). We reached our target with no loss of wicket.

Drogheda Grammar School were our next opponents. We scored 238 runs off 30 overs (D. Bell 66 ret., T. McDonald 51 ret.). Drogheda were all out for 40 (R. Whitney 5 for 11 off 5 overs).

Wilson's Hospital proved to be better than the rest, confining us to 146 for 5 (D. Bell 36, R. McCulloch 32), but they were all out for 81. (D. Bell 4 for 18 off 8). Winning this saw us through to the final against Belvedere College.

Then came the friendly against King's Hospital who narrowly beat us by 22 runs. K.H. reached a total of 124 all out. (D. Bell 5 for 35 off 8 overs, R. Whitney 4 for 31 off 8). We got 102 all out (R. McCulloch 39).

The final against Belvedere College took place on a very wet St. Columba's College pitch in the rain. We won the toss and batted and were all out for 47 (T. McDonald 14). Belvedere reached this target with 6 wickets to spare.

Another final lost to Belvedere but all in all, a very good season which was mainly due to Mr. Fennell, to whom goes our thanks.

David Bell (Captain)

Under 13

We started the season with a win in a

friendly match against C.U.S. We bowled very well with good performances from S. Wynne (5/10) and P. Johnston (4/12). We achieved the total of 52 easily.

Next we played a Cup match against St. Andrew's College, who made 149. The total seemed quite far away but after the opening partnership of 61 off ten overs it seemed to be closer. After the partnership collapsed with both players out in the same over (G. O'Meara 38, S. Wynne 23), we were all out for 81.

We played one more game, against Belvedere College, in which we were missing two of our best players and we did not do very well. The under-13 B XI played two games, both of which they won.

Two of our players went on to play at inter-provincial level. I would like to thank Mr. Qunn for all his coaching.

G. O'Meara (Captain)

Girls' Cricket, 1992



1st XI, 1992

Standing: C. Keatinge, N. Mull, E. Fitzpatrick, F. Campbell, D. Govender, D. Wright. **Seated:** Mrs. G. Mellon, E. Kenealy, S. Murphy, P. Conway (Capt.), E. Bell, M. Ronce.

1st XI

This year's 1st XI had a successful season, especially considering that the team was made up of very young players. We were helped by the fact that we had a member of the Irish team, Janice Walsh, coaching us.

Our first league match was against Wesley College. We won this easily. Then

we played Santa Sabina. We won this match as well although it was much closer than the previous match. Our last match in our section was against St. Andrew's College. They narrowly beat us. We had come second in our league but managed to qualify for the semi-final as best runners-up. Our opponents were to be St.

Andrew's again. Unfortunately, they managed to defeat us narrowly again.

Congratulations to Trish Conway who was selected to play for the Leinster Schoolgirls' XI. Thanks to Mrs. Mellon for her encouragement throughout the season.

Trish Conway (Captain)



U-14 LEAGUE WINNERS 1992

Back Row (l-r): S. Moore, D. Wright, D. Lunny, B. Jones, C. McCullough, K. Clarke, R. Glacken, S. Cogneon, N. McCarthy. **Front Row** (l-r): Mrs. G. Mellon, S. Murphy, D. Govender, E. Kenealy (Capt.), N. Mull, S. Moody, J. Carroll.

Under 15 XI

The U-15 girls' cricket team had an enjoyable season playing a good few matches, winning most of them but they were unfortunately knocked out of our section of the League by St. Andrew's College.

We would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her help during the season.

J. Gillen (Captain)

Under 14 XI

The U-14 girls' cricket team had a very successful season. We won our section of the League quite easily, getting Wesley College all out for 20. We met Aravon

School in the final on a miserable, rainy day. It was an extremely successful match in which we beat them in the last over. The final score was 99 for 9 off 20 overs. All the team played well, to their highest standards, and kept up High School's reputation. We look forward to another successful season in 1993.

Emma Kenealy (Captain)

Athletics 1992/93

The Track and Field season opened with the 'Hall-Cooper Trophy' for Senior Boys and Girls, at The King's Hospital on 2nd May. The good weather did not bring about a big turn-out among High School athletes but it did bring some good results. John Caird won the 200 metres and went on to come a very close 2nd in the 800 metres. Stephen Lipson came in 3rd in the 1500 metres while Graham Carroll, Karl Richardson and S. Lipson performed well in the 100 metres, 400 metres and 5,000 metres respectively.

The next event was for the Juniors. A number of schools competed in this Track and Field event which was held at St. Columba's. It proved a new experience for our Juniors with events such as the triple jump. The day was enjoyed by all.

The 1992 East Leinster Championships took place at the newly resurfaced track at Belfield in mid-May. The day proved quite successful despite only Gareth Jacobs qualifying for the Leinster Finals. He won the Senior Long Jump. Duncan Micks came 3rd in the Intermediate 300 metres

hurdles with S. Lipson 6th. D. Micks also competed in the Intermediate Long Jump. Also competing at Intermediate level were Warren Conlon-Grant and Richard McCrae in the 400 metres and S. Lipson in the Steeplechase. In the Senior 200 metres J. Caird and K. Richardson finished 4th and 8th respectively. Geoffrey Bradley finished a fine 6th in the Senior Steeplechase despite slipping in the water jump. Mark Simms came in 7th in the Senior 500 metres.

The High School Sports were held on 21st May. Even though the number participating was not high the standard of competition was. Interest in both the Long and High Jumps was keen at all levels. The Senior boys produced a very close competition in both jumps. The War Memorial Cup, for Senior points, deservedly went to Gareth Jacobs who over the last six years has represented High School in both Cross Country and Track and Field, with distinction.

The 1992/93 Cross Country season opened earlier than usual with training

sessions at Belfield in June and at High School in August. In September Mr. Irwin reappeared on the Athletics scene and took charge of the 1st Years, who took part in a number of races during the season.

The Senior team took shape early in the season, and proved to be one of the strongest in recent years. The first of our two annual fixtures with St. Columba's took place in late November at St. Columba's. A Blackrock College team was also running and the race took place over five miles in the Dublin Mountains. Andrew Grimson took 1st place with M. Simms 6th, Tim Foster 8th, G. Bradley 9th and Daniel Lewis 13th. St. Columba's have a habit of not putting flags out along the course and it was learnt afterwards that High School had been in line for a 1, 2, 3 in the race but that M. Simms and G. Bradley, who had been leading at the time, got lost. Luckily they managed to find the right road again and thus helped High School win the team event.

St. Columba's was the venue for the

next race on 5th December. The competitors ranged in age from senior to that of veterans. Michael O'Dwyer finished 3rd, G. Bradley 4th, Cian Rice 7th and R. McCrae 13th.

Monday, 25th January saw St. Columba's at High School. The race was over two and a half miles. The High School Seniors were split into two teams in order to even out the race. Victory went to G. Bradley, with M. Simms and C. Rice finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. R. McCrae, Colin Walsh and Shwan Henari finished 6th, 7th and 8th respectively. Also running for High School were T. Foster, S. Lipson, Glenn Rainsford, Liam Noone, Andrew Mahon and Gavin Buttimore. High School finished 1st and 3rd in the team event.

The East Leinster Cross-Country Championships were held in St. Benildus College where some of the finest results of recent years were recorded. C. Walsh finished 23rd in the Intermediate Section, so qualifying for the Leinster finals. S. Henari finished 30th. Also running were L. Noone and Jonathan Allison.

The Senior Boys' team finished 5th in the team event with G. Bradley (12th), M. O'Dwyer (22nd), M. Simms (25th) and C. Rice (28th) all qualifying, as individuals, for the Leinster finals. Also running were R.

Sports Cup Winners 1992

Boys

Taylor Cup.....	Senior 100 metres	John Caird
Moore Cup	Senior 200 metres	John Caird
Cornick Cup.....	Senior 400 metres	Warren Conlon-Grant
Southam Cup.....	Senior 800 metres	Stephen Lipson
Walker Cup.....	Senior 1500 metres	Geoffrey Bradley
Sloan Cup	Senior Long Jump	Gareth Jacobs
Travers Cup	Senior High Jump	Gareth Jacobs
Whyte Cup.....	Senior Field Events	Gareth Jacobs
War Memorial Cup	Senior Points	Gareth Jacobs
Magill Cup.....	U-15 100 metres	John Lalor
Cunningham Cup.....	Junior Points	John Lalor

McCrae, T. Foster and S. Lipson. The Leinster finals were held in Coolmine two weeks later but I have been ordered not to reveal any positions.

The "Columba's Run" is a ten-mile venture into the unknown. It goes up into the Dublin Mountains and past the entrance to St. Columba's College and back to High School through Nutgrove. M. Simms, G. Bradley, C. Rice and Mr. Toomey undertook the challenge and completed it in just over an hour.

During the course of the season High School participated in several other races. M. O'Dwyer, M. Simms and G. Bradley ran

a six-mile road race in Leixlip. In a race in aid of Somalia in the Phoenix Park, Mr. Toomey beat M. Simms and G. Bradley to the post, showing that even at his age there is still some life left in his old bones! M. O'Dwyer ventured down to Carlow one Saturday afternoon for a race. G. Bradley and M. Simms took part in the Irish National Clubs Finals in the Phoenix Park.

Once again, on behalf of everybody involved in Athletics, I would like to thank Mr. Toomey for all the time, support, training and encouragement he has given us throughout the year.

Stephen Lipson 6th (Athletics Captain)

Form I Cross-Country

The 1992/93 Form 1 Cross-Country Season got off to an enthusiastic start with about forty Form 1 boys and girls turning out for the High School Championships on 15th October, 1992. Kate Draper displayed impressive talent in winning the gold medal in the girls' race while Ian McHugh came home well ahead of the field to take gold in the boys' championship. There were also team prizes and Form 1AS took both girls' and boys' titles.

In late December we held a Christmas fun run for Form 1 and 2 pupils. All fifty participants completed the mile course – the 'prize' of a Mars Bar for all finishers certainly worked!

The annual race against St. Columba's was held on 25th January, 1993, at High School. In the boys' race there was stiff competition and some of our top runners were out sick. St. Columba's took the individual and team titles. Stephen Geraghty, in 5th position, led the High School team home. In the girls' race High School took the team title. Kate Draper won the race in impressive style and the team included Michelle Byrne, Jennifer Steedman, Danielle Hill, Julie O'Sullivan and Louise Pearce.

Championship Results:

GIRLS RACE

1. Kate Draper – Gold
2. Jennifer Steedman – Silver
3. Michelle Byrne – Bronze
4. Louise Pearce
5. Vickey McMullen
6. Danielle Hill

BOYS RACE

1. Ian McHugh – Gold
 2. Edward Moran – Silver
 3. Laughlin McKee – Bronze
 4. Kevin Field
 5. Richard Thompson
 6. David Kennedy
- David Bird

The East Leinster Championships at St. Benildus College on 3rd February, 1993, was the first taste of competition at this level for most of the High School boys' team. Ian McHugh did very well to finish 22nd in a field of about 150. Stephen Geraghty and Ross Wynne finished in the top sixty which was also a good achievement. Ian McHugh qualified for the Leinster Finals.

There was a good attendance at the weekly training sessions but David Bird must get a special mention for his consistency throughout the season.

We are now looking forward to a good Track and Field season and hope that the good interest in Cross-Country will be maintained in Form 2 next year.

P. Irwin.

Boys' Hockey, 1992-3

1st XV

This season began with the task of assembling a squad nearly from scratch, as only four players remained from last year. To many people's surprise a very successful and skilful side was put together, earning notable results against "A" league sides and reaching the final of the Leinster "B" league.

Our first league match was away to Ballymun Comprehensive School, which we won 2-0 (K. Kinch, V. Poynton). We then travelled to Drogheda, where we beat the Grammar School 6-2 (D. Bell 2, K. Kinch, G. Miller) with outstanding



S.C.T. "B" LEAGUE FINALISTS

Standing: Mr Blackmore, James Goulden, David Gould, Verney Poynton, Greg Molins, Lee Clements, Damian Hession. **Seated:** Ian Wilkinson, David Owen, Conor Lyons, Karl Kinch (Capt.), Jonathan Blain, Gavin Miller, Ross Metcalfe. *In absentia:* Peter Gourley, David Bell, Bruce Murphy.

performances from Ross Metcalfe in midfield and David Gould in defence. With two victories under our belt, we were looking forward to our next league match against a strong Sutton Park side. This match ended in a 2-2 draw. We ensured a place in the semi-final with a fine attacking performance against King's Hospital, winning 5-0 (K. Kinch 3, G. Miller, D. Owen). Even though we had earned a place in the semi-final, we had to play Sutton Park in a "play-off" to see who would top our section as we finished level on points with them.

The match took place at Sutton and we took an early lead, with goals from Karl Kinch and Gavin Miller. With this two goal cushion we relaxed a little, giving the initiative to Sutton Park, who replied with a goal in each half and therefore sent the match into extra-time. The score remained the same after extra-time and the match was decided by a penalty shoot-out, with Sutton Park winning 4-1.

One hundred years ago Hockey, having evolved from a form of hurling, took root in Dublin. The very first competitive hockey match took place between High School and King's Hospital, at Blackhall Place. To mark the centenary celebrations, High School were invited to play against King's Hospital. The match took place in November on King's Hospital grit pitch and High School produced a memorable performance, holding King's Hospital (the most successful side in Leinster) to a 0-0 draw. This was the result of Trojan efforts by the whole team, including many fine saves by our 'keeper, James Goulden.

In the cup we first met a strong Newtown School side and we eventually won 2-0 due to late goals by Jonathan Blain and Lee Clements. We were then faced with the daunting task of playing Newpark School, one of the strongest "A" league teams in Leinster, in the quarter final. We produced our finest performance, forcing a 1-1 draw (K. Kinch), with High School taking the lead but Newpark equalising after a dubious penalty flick decision went against us. A draw was ensured by great displays and strong tackling from Conor Lyons and Verney Poynton. The replay took place at High School, but unfortunately Newpark scored a very early goal and we were unable to force an equaliser in spite of superb performances from Gavin Miller, Greg Molins and David Owen.

The semi-final of the league was next on the agenda and we progressed to the final, beating a weak Wesley College team 6-1 (G. Miller 2, D. Owen 2, K. Kinch, J. Blain) in a scrappy game. In the final we were matched against rivals Sutton Park, which meant that a very close match was on the cards as our two previous meetings had both resulted in draws. The final was played at Park Avenue and we dominated the first half. Unfortunately we did not make the most of our short corners and it was all-square at the interval. In the second half our pressure finally paid off with a goal from Karl Kinch. Sutton then upped the pace and equalised almost immediately from a short corner. The score remained 1-1 and the match went into extra time. In the first period Sutton took the lead from a

short corner, and further increased their lead in the second period with a penalty flick. We were then faced with the impossible task of scoring at least two with less than ten minutes remaining. Everything was thrown into attack which proved successful with Karl Kinch pulling one back, producing a very tense and exciting finish. Unfortunately for us, the final whistle came too soon and once again High School had to be satisfied with the runner-up position.

Finally, I would like to thank the squad, including Ian Wilkinson, David Bell and Peter Gourley, who were on the fringe of the team, for their commitment throughout the season. I would also like to thank, on behalf of the team, Mr. Blackmore, whose dedication and patience, along with the expert advice offered by Mrs Mellon, were the main factors in the team's success this year.

Karl Kinch (Captain)

Junior 1st XI

This year's JCT hockey team didn't do too badly considering many of the players had only started to play in Third Year. The team actually included third years and even one second year, Peter Johnson, who was a good player.

We started off the season with a tough 0-0 against Kilkenny College. This was an excellent result for us as for many of the team it was their first match. In our second match we came up against a very strong Wesley College side who beat us



J.C.T.

Back Row: Nick White, John Lalor, Peter Johnston, Scott Cooper. **Middle Row:** Mr Blackmore, Glynn Foster, Gavin Cobbe, Gary Lyons, Ivan Costello, John Butler, Justin Cramp. **Seated:** Peter Love, Ian Wilkinson, James Goulden, David Gould (Capt.), Cassius Crockett, Louis Scott. *In absentia:* Simon McMullan, Jamie Tanner.

convincingly 4-0. We then should have played Newpark 'Bs' but due to many of their players being on work experience they were unable to field this team. However, we did play their 'A' team and although our team played extremely well, we went down 1-0. Our next match was against a very poor Newbridge side, whom we defeated 8-0. The High School scorers were Nicky White, Ian Wilkinson and Scott Cooper.

We then played our 1st round cup match, which was against St. Mark's. They were an excellent team, who beat us 8-0. We played a number of friendly matches against much tougher opposition sides.

Our final league match was against St. Andrew's; unfortunately we were beaten 4-0. Finally I would like to thank Mr. Blackmore and Mrs. Mellon for their work throughout the year.

David Gould (Captain)

Badminton

Boys

Both the High School U-14 Boys' teams qualified for the quarter-finals of the Leinster Division 3 this year. Unfortunately the two High School teams met in the quarter-finals. The 'A' team went on to the final, beating Belvedere College 4-2 in the

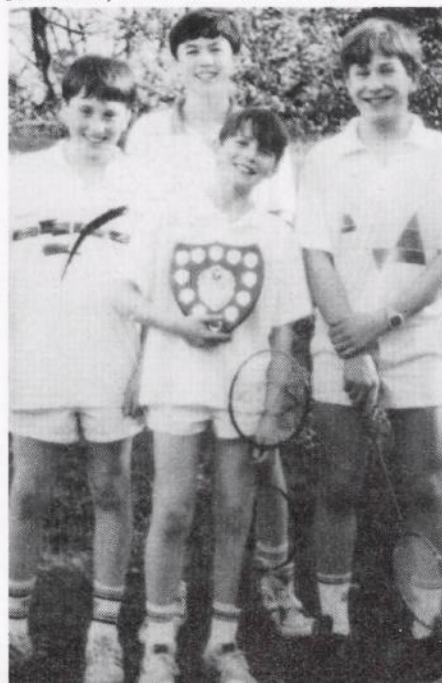
semi-finals. The final against St. Fintan's School was a hard fought battle but High School managed to win 4-2 in the end.

Many thanks to Mr. Sheridan and also to Mr. Dick Rafferty, whose coaching was largely responsible for our success this year.

The 'A' team was: Paul Johnstone, Derek Fisher, Jonathan Pickett, Jonathan Fennell.

BADMINTON U-14 1st TEAM

Winners of the Leinster League
(L-R) Jonathan Fennell, Derek Fisher, Paul Johnstone, Jonathan Pickett (Capt.).



Matches played: 8; Matches won, 8;
Games played, 48; Games won, 41.

Jonathan Pickett (Captain)

Girls

This year we entered two teams in the Leinster Badminton Schools' League U-14 and U-15. Unfortunately we were not able to enter an U-16 team, as there was only one player eligible for that section and so she played for the U-19's instead.

The U-19 team, consisting of Wendy Lipson, Amanda Hart, Gillian Dowling, and Sarah Hegarty, had an enjoyable but not very successful season, due to their being a young team and coming up against tough opposition.

The U-14 team of Sinéad Fry, Kirsty Clarke, Zoe Lipson and Georgina Dunne, did very well in their division, managing to get into the quarter-finals, but came up against a strong team in Sutton Park, to whom they lost.

I should like to congratulate the teams, who played very well and enthusiastically throughout the year.

On behalf of all the badminton players, I would like to thank Amanda Mellory for her coaching and support during the year.

Cups: U-19 Girls - Won by Wendy Lipson (5th Year). U-14 Girls - Won by Zoe Lipson (1st Year).

Wendy Lipson (Secretary)

Basketball

Boys

This was the first year that all High School teams competed in the 'A' leagues and championship.

U/19A team:

This team was too young to compete at this level. However, the experience gained will be invaluable in future years. Peter Walker is The High School player of the year for 1992/93.

U/16A team:

This team had a disappointing year given the promise they showed at U/15 level. They finished mid-table in the league and were knocked out of the championship at the quarter-final stage.

U/15A team:

This team played for the Templeogue club at this age level. They competed well given that most of the team were U/14. They should be amongst the top teams in this league next year if they put in the work during the summer. They were invited to a tournament in Galway where they reached the semi-finals.

U/14A team:

This was the outstanding team in the school. They trained extremely hard and will be a team of the future if they continue training the way they do now. In the league they topped their pool, winning most of their matches by over 30 points. In the semi-final they were narrowly beaten by Portmarnock.

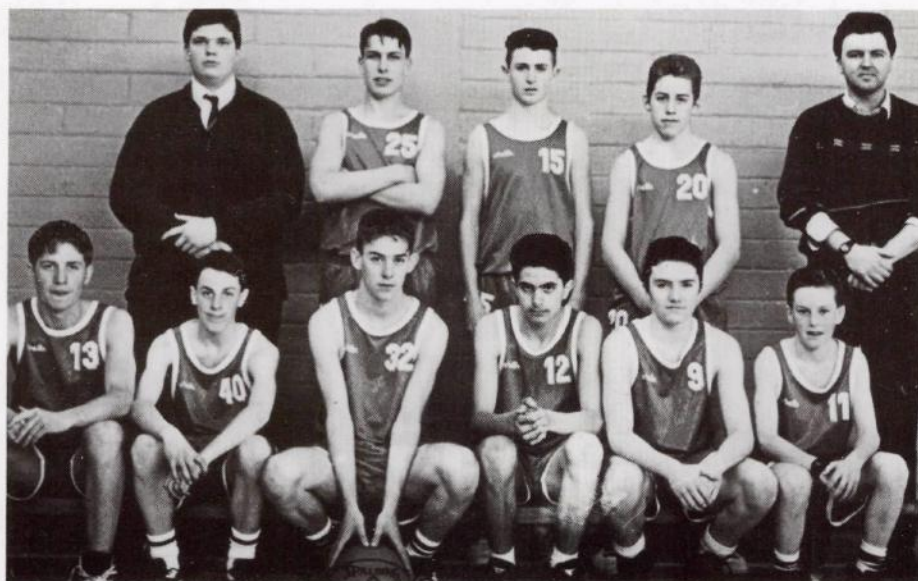
Honours: Eamonn Gallagher played for the Irish U/17 team in the Home Countries. Mark Nolan was picked for a final trial for the U/15 Leinster team.

K. Mills



BASKETBALL U-19 TEAM

Standing (l-r): N. Moody, M. Williams, E. Gallagher, R. Kavanagh, Mr Mills. **Sitting (l-r):** G. Lyons, G. Douglas, C. Florides, M. Reid. **Missing:** P. Walker (c.).



ABOVE -

U-16 Basketball Team - Standing: J. Caillabet, M. Williams, M. Nolan, G. McGouran, Mr. Mills. **Sitting (l-r):** I. Marconi, A. O'Sullivan, E. Gallagher (C), C. Floirdes, M. Reid, E. Field.



LEFT -

U-14 Basketball Team - Sitting (l-r): A. Jewell, G. McGouran (C), E. Dunne, M. Walker. **Standing:** D. Finlay, M. Nolan, P. Johnstone, Mr. Mills. **Missing:** R. Hamilton.

Girls

Third Year

This year the Third Year girls took part in the 3rd division of the SSA Cadette League. We played five matches against Mt. Carmel, St. Louis Rathmines, Muckcross Park, Rockford Manor and Presentation Convent, Terenure. We won our matches against Presentation Convent, Terenure, and Muckcross Park. The other matches were very close and everyone played well and enjoyed themselves. We are looking forward to another season of basketball next year. Last but not least we would like to thank Miss Bergin for all her hard work and effort throughout the year.

Susanne Moody (3B1)

Second Year

This year the Second Year girls' basketball team entered the SSA League at Junior Division 3 level. We played a number of matches both at home and away venues. We won our home matches played against Mourne Road and Muckcross Park. The other matches were close and the team played well.

The team also entered a one-day inter-schools tournament which was played at the National Basketball Arena.

We are looking forward to another inter-school "blitz" which will be played in High School in the summer term.

We are also looking forward to next year when the team will be entered at the Cadette level. Our thanks to Miss Bergin for her hard work.

Cleona Gray (2B2)

First Year

At 11.30 every Saturday morning Ms. Bergin and some of the First Year girls are training hard in the gym. Already she has taught us lay-ups, how to play man-on-man, how to play zone and some basic shots. Ms. Bergin also organised a friendly match against Presentation Convent, Terenure, and we participated in an inter-school "blitz" in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght.

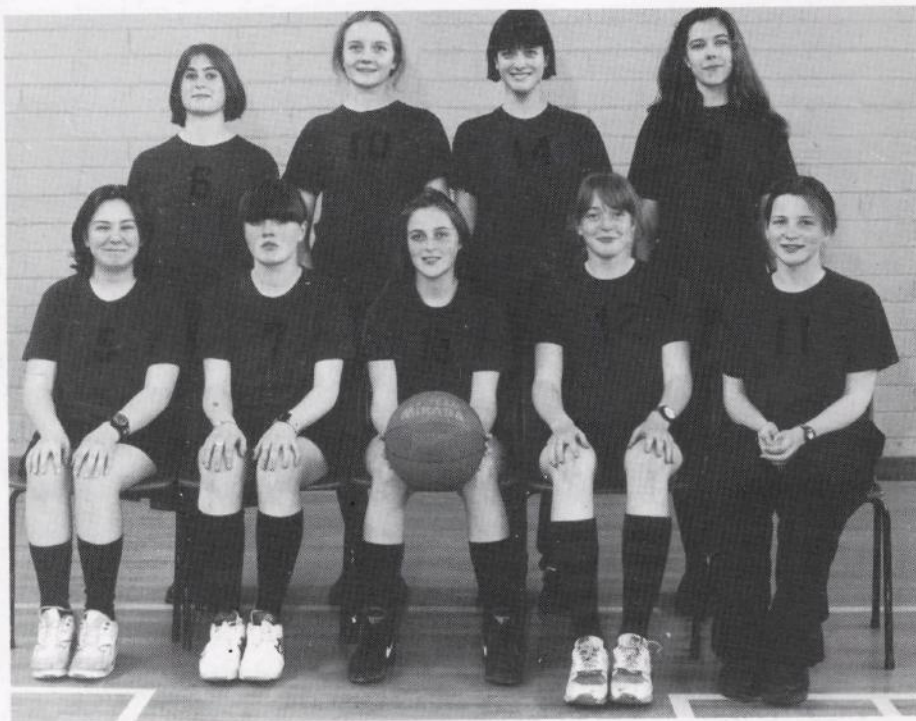
Ms. Bergin has also kindly offered to organise an inter-school "blitz" for First Years which will be played in High School in the summer term. On behalf of the rest of the team I would like to thank Ms. Bergin for giving up her Saturday mornings to coach us.

Julie O'Sullivan (1AP)



U-15 BASKETBALL TEAM

Standing (l-r): D. Finlay, N. White, M. Walker, P. Johnstone, Mr Mills. **Sitting** (l-r): A. Jewell, M. Bolan, G. McGouran (c), A. O'Sullivan, E. Dunne, R. Kiernan. Missing: R. Hamilton, S. Butler.



BASKETBALL: THIRD YEAR

Back Row (l-r): Leah Cantwell, Kirsty Clarke, Nadine Mull, Kelsey Baldwin. **Front Row** (l-r): Emma Kenealy, Jill Carroll, Susanne Moody, Niamh Swards, Ben Jones.



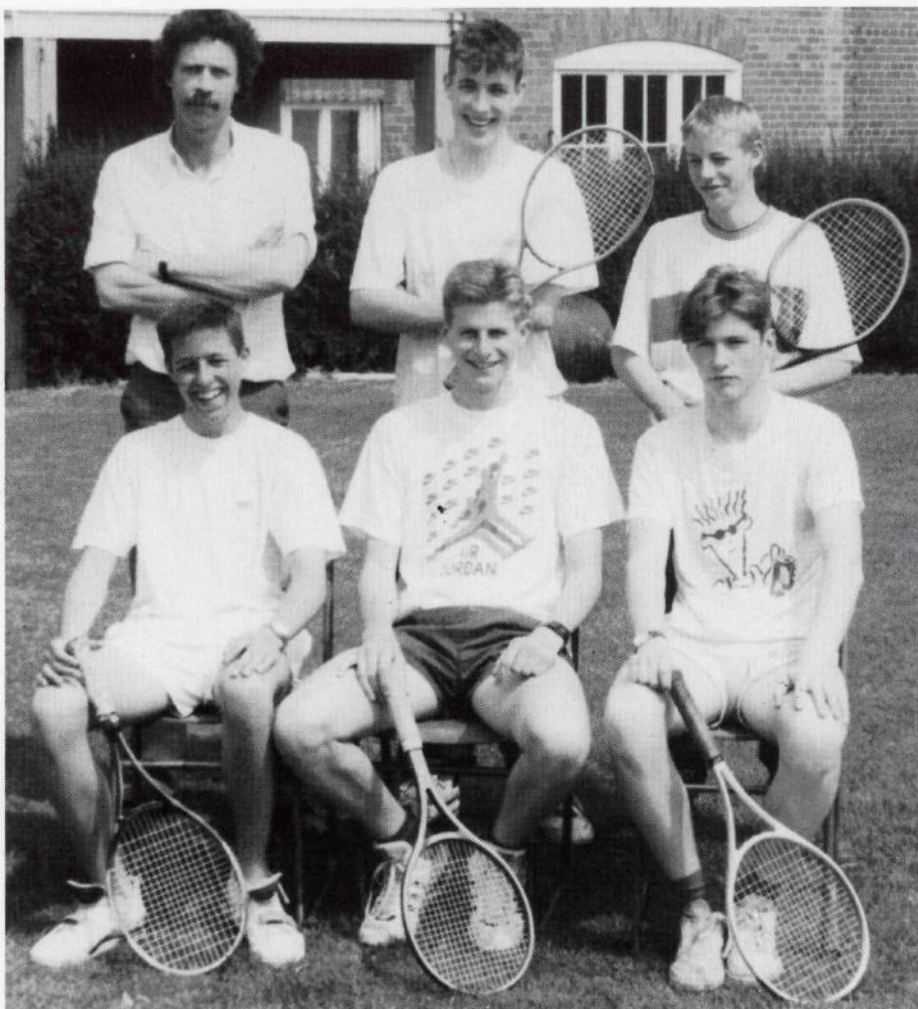
BASKETBALL - SECOND YEAR

Back Row (l-r): Sheena Dalton O'Neill, Cherly Hodgkinson, Rachel Kiersey, Lynn Cogan, Ms Bergin, Joy Beattie, Gillian Palmer. **Front Row** (l-r): Caroline Ruane, Grace McKee, Janice Duggan, Cleona Gray, Deirdre Lunny, Sally Walsh, Vanessa Carswell.



BASKETBALL - FIRST YEARS

Back Row (l-r): Philippa Locke, Valerie Creggy, Zoe McGeeney, Karen Finnie, Ms Bergin, Jennifer Steedman, Georgia Scott, Clare Dowd. **Front Row** (l-r): Julie O'Sullivan, Laura Lane, Becky Keenan, Danielle Kill, Kate Draper, Barbara Maguire, Louise Pearce. Absent from photograph: Ciara McCarthy.



SENIOR TENNIS TEAM 1992

Mr McClure, Ross Staunton, Gordon Harris, Richard Price, Gavin Dodd, Rory Timlin.



JUNIOR TENNIS TEAM 1992

Mr M. McClure, John Green, David Bell, Gareth Staunton, Adrian McDowell, Mark Williams, Michael Hoodm, Greg Molins.

Boys' Tennis, 1992

The senior team had some promising players but not enough strength in depth to compete against the stronger schools. While we lost to Blackrock College in the cup there were some encouraging performances and Warren Bell, Ross Staunton and Andrew Allen all played well during the season. Warren Bell was an efficient and capable captain of the team.

The junior team improved during the season and several of the players are involved with outside clubs, which gives them the opportunity to play regularly and to enter tournaments. Molins, Green and Egan are all accomplished players.

The tennis courts in school on the new hockey pitch have certainly encouraged more players to play the game and it has made a big difference to have a good playing surface.

L. McC.

Girls Tennis

The Junior Tennis team had an enjoyable season but not a successful one. We won a few friendly matches, but unfortunately we were knocked out of the league early on by St. Killian's. Thank you to Mrs. Mellon for organising these games.

Jenifer Gillen



Swimming

Swimming continues to take place in Terenure College Pool every Tuesday evening from 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. A number of keen and competent junior swimmers attended the earlier session. A small group of senior swimmers attended the later session with a number of Transition year pupils coming regularly.

Swimming is a facility offered by the school to all pupils who wish to participate. It will restart again in mid-September.

J.S.

Caving Report

This season's speliological exploits began last June with a trip for the 6th years to Cullaun Two and Gragan West in the Burren. Not much to say about this

excursion – I wasn't there, but apparently a good time was had by all.

As soon as the school year started, Mr. Wright was off again, this time leading the 6th to the sprawling metropolis of Garrison in Fermanagh. Here, the stunning (and very wet) Marble Arch caves were attempted, and on the second day the 6th years were found sloshing their way through the Cradle.

After a few false starts the 5th years eventually made it to Lisdoonvarna. The first day of caving took us to Cullaun Two, where we saw strange calcite formations, such as "The Bloody Guts" and "The Tongue". Mr. Wright shocked and astounded us all when he pretended to fall down the entrance hole of the cave, and when he pretended to get lost etc. We were all very wet and extremely muddy by the time we came out. The following day a small group went down Pollnagollum, quite a challenging cave that slopes down at a 45 degree angle with some interesting traversing, but the 199-foot waterfall chamber at the bottom is a sight to be seen.

The latest caving expedition took place over the last weekend in March, and the usual die-hards (and a few newcomers) descended again on Garrison in Fermanagh. There we visited the Marble Arch Caves. The unpredictable Mr. Wright performed his usual batch of side-splitting tricks and stunts. Marble Arch is a very interesting cave with a couple of tricky bits, but the beginners coped quite well. In fact a certain female newcomer surprised us all by showing us an innovative new technique for getting across awkward boulders.

The next day saw an elite band of masochists attempting The Cradle. (Unfortunately the majority of the group were unable to cave due to a severe case of apathy.)

Well, here ends this year's caving report, which just leaves me to sincerely thank all the guides, Mr. Wright, Mr. Davies, Martin and Collie for organising the trips and, of course, all those who took part for making them such good fun. Lastly, anyone who thinks caving is for them should start grovelling to Mr. Wright right away.

Barry Fogarty (5th)

Mountaineering Club

Hill Walking

The High School Mountaineering Club broke with tradition this year when they chose Lugalla as the destination of the first hillwalk, as opposed to the norm of Lugnaquilla.



From left: Mr. Blackmore, Isabel Toolan, Judith Haslett, Mark Simms, the best part of Stephen Kelly.

The day began cold and wet as the hillwalkers trod down a private road into the grounds of the Hon. Garach Browne. The Walk to Lugalla consists of two peaks; one 1,754 ft., followed by Lugalla itself at 2,058 ft. The ground was wet and soggy and it was clear winter was beginning to set in. The return trip to the school leads you to a ridge overlooking Lough Te and all the splendour of the lands around it.

Other hillwalks of this school year included the First Year Glendalough Hill walk, Mullaghcleevaun (2,789 ft.), Lugnaculla (3,032 ft.), the Kerry trip. However, the highlight of 1992 hillwalking was the trip to Wales. This was possibly one of the most successful hillwalking weekends ever. The climb to Snowdon, Wales' highest peak (3,560 ft.) and back to the hostel took a good ten hours. The ascent was not as difficult as expected, although about the last 800 ft. of vertical climbing were snow-covered, but there was no need for ropes, stretcher or flares (not forgetting the ice-axes). This may all seem a little over cautious to the untrained eye but many a good hillwalker has climbed Snowdon and found him/herself in trouble.

However, not even this could prepare us for the third day's walk up Triffin (which means death). The final ascent began with Mr. Blackmore telling us that Triffin was the only mountain in Wales which had never been climbed without the use of hands to reach the summit. Nothing would do some of the party but they must insist on trying to do what had never been done before. It was without doubt one of the most dangerous experiences of our lives. Around Triffin are sheer drops of 2,000 ft. and the mountain is windswept, making it very dangerous; yet we stumbled on. At one stage we feared for Tim Foster as we

saw something fly over the 2,000 ft. ridge; fortunately it was only Tim's hat! When we reached the top, we discovered two 10 ft. pillars of rock which mark the official top of Tiffin and no-one could reach them; we had all failed, and to add insult to injury we had been conned as well. Beware future hillwalkers!

All in all the Welsh trip was an invaluable experience.

Recently the mountaineering club went down to Killarney and stayed in Agheido Youth Hostel, one of the largest and oldest in Ireland. The plan was to climb Ireland's highest mountain, Carrauntoohil (3,414 ft.), Beenkeragh (3,314 ft.) and Caher (3,200 ft.).

The ascent to Caher was tough all the way to the top with biting winds and gusts powerful enough to sweep you off your feet. There were occasions when you literally had to fling yourself to the ground and allow the gust to blow past. Mr. Blackmore and Mr. Cryan, not wishing to put us in any more danger, abandoned the ascent to Carrauntoohil that day.

The following day began rainy but soon brightened up to make excellent hillwalking conditions. Unfortunately torrential rain the previous night meant that the rivers were swelling high and that we had to take a big detour to begin the walk. To reach Carrauntoohil we climbed the 'Devil's Ladder' – a steep piece of mountain which was prone to rockslides. We made it successfully to the top without causing any major landslides. We then plodded on up the final ascent of Carrauntoohil to find a large cross on top. The last few hundred feet had pockets of snow on the windward side, the leeward side being an almost vertical descent and completely snow-covered. The views from Carrauntoohil were spectacular, revealing

half of Ireland, or so it seemed.

We returned to the bus via a dangerous ridge and Beenkeragh mountain and the following day returned to Dublin.

All said and done, it has been a great year for hillwalking and I'm sure I share the feelings of all the other mountaineers in thanking Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Cryan, Mr. Gardner and Alison Blackmore who devoted their precious time to running these trips and who, I'm sure, will continue to do so in the future.

Geoffrey Bradley (6th)



Rock Climbing

This was another good year for rock climbing and not one session had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. As usual our climbing was done in Dalkey Quarry on Friday afternoons and on Saturday mornings and afternoons.

A number of pupils maintained a consistent interest in the sport, while many more tried it out and decided it was not for them. There were days on which we could have coped with more students than we had.

We are very lucky in having such a large group of past pupils to call on as instructors: Nick Price, Sean Gilmore, Michael Lunny, Dermot Brosnan, Colin Harris, Tim Hawkins, Colin Kirkham and Duncan Foster. Unfortunately this is also the time of year when the above are likely to be busy with the taking of, or preparing for exams so we are lucky to get them at all. The pupils appreciate the expert skills which they can learn from them when they have exhausted the talents of Mr. Cryan, Mr. Gardner and Mr. Blackmore.

Once again I would encourage pupils who have not tried this sport to 'have a go' – it will probably never be convenient for you to do so again. Also I would reassure any hesitant parents on the subject of safety. We have all the necessary equipment and skills to ensure that there are plenty of thrills but no spills.

I. Blackmore

Canoeing

Canoeing continues to be a popular sport in the High School, with demand from the pupils always greater than the amount of equipment available.

Throughout the summer term, trips went off to the Liffey every Saturday, concluding with the always popular, annual Schools Liffey Race. This race continues to be a most enjoyable and exciting day in the canoeing calendar. Although High School did not pick up any awards this year, nevertheless a tired but satisfied bunch of canoeists finished this arduous race with a well-deserved sense of personal satisfaction.

In the Autumn term, the Form I pupils

again enjoyed two months of canoeing on the Dodder which concluded at the end of October, with some promising young canoeists for the future.

For the first time, canoeing took place on the Dodder in the Autumn for a number of Transition year pupils – this proved to be most successful and enjoyable for the small number of pupils who participated.

The canoeing club is, once again, indebted to the Old Boys' Union and the Parents' Association for their assistance in the purchase of new equipment.

J.S.

A personal view about sport in the High School

This is an article about my personal views about the coaching of sport in general and also particularly about the system of sports coaching and physical education in The High School. Each year in 'The Erasmian' there are numerous reports on the various sports in the school and their achievements. The variety shows the wide range of sports on offer, the dedication of the sports staff and the eagerness and commitment of the participants. What I propose to do in this article is to suggest ways in which sports education can be improved in such a way that it would benefit more pupils and also improve the level of achievement. I intend to suggest ways of building on our successes in sport whilst at the same time remedying what I perceive as faults in the present system. This article is not meant as a criticism of anyone, merely a thought-provoking article that may lead pupils and teachers to engage in some kind of debate to improve the level of sports education in the school.

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I am looking out my window in C2 during junior lunch break on a sunny afternoon. Today the sports field is pretty full. Below me the second years are playing bulldog and further down some fourth years are playing soccer. In the yard there is a game of tip rugby in progress. More distant still there is some other activity taking place behind the sheds that I cannot quite make out – seems a bit hazy. There is a great deal of activity. But where are the girls? This is supposed to be a mixed school. Where have all the girls gone? Are they packing out the Christian Union

meetings or the library at lunch-time?

A primary schoolteacher asked me once to observe the scene in a primary school yard at break-time, where all the children become involved in activity. It was pointed out to me that the boys dominate the centre of the yard, whereas the girls' activities are confined to the periphery. By the time they get to secondary school they seem to have been well and truly banished. There are many reasons for this lack of participation from the girls including the fact that we are a mixed school. If I went to an all-girls' school then I am sure I would see a packed playground. However, I totally believe in the concept of co-education. I feel that organised sport where the law of the jungle does not apply should somehow be able to redress the balance. The question I would like to address is: why girls in general at break-time do not engage in some kind of physical activity when I know that a good deal of them desperately want to? Why is there such a large drop-out rate of girls from sport? Does it have anything to do with the way sport is organised in the school? My feelings tend to believe that it does.

. . .

I have a problem with compulsory sports. Sports are a leisure activity which has many aims. The idea of compelling somebody to play a game defeats these aims. Rugby is compulsory for first and second year boys once a week during the double games period. I wish to stress at this point that I do not wish to question the primacy of rugby for boys in this school. High School has a great tradition of rugby.

In 1973 they won the Leinster Schools Senior Cup in Lansdowne Road. David Wright, who coaches rugby in the school, was a member of that team and can tell over a thousand stories relating to the successful cup campaign (or maybe the same two stories told over 500 times). Most of the coaches in the school teach rugby and continue to put in a huge amount of work in coaching the game. Many parents who had played the game in High School come to watch their sons play on Saturday mornings. The level of enthusiasm and commitment displayed by the U/14 rugby team is testament to the fact that the level of support for rugby from boys in second year is very high. I would argue that their enthusiasm and support for the game has to do with a number of factors and not one of the factors has to do with the fact that rugby is compulsory.

There are some first year boys who like High School but do not like it on Fridays. Friday is rugby day. Children with no more interest in rugby or any contact sport are forced to engage in this weekly ritual.

'The game builds character; it makes men out of boys'.

A commonly heard argument from the old school of thought which also says that 'the odd clip on the ear never did me any harm'. There is a clause contained in the U.N. charter on children's rights which states that a child cannot be coerced to play a sport for which they are physically unsuited.

'Anyway, after a while these children are separated to play a form of rugby that is not too physical'.

This is true. We call them the dregs. Coaches dread coaching the dregs. The dregs dread games. They play some form of rugby – for example, it might be a variation on Australian Rules football. However, once an oval ball is present everything is fine. The ludicrous nature of these games situations has to be seen to be believed. One or two wingers far removed from the action spend their time talking to the daisies, another few lads chase each other around the park and then the ball itself is surrounded by about twenty others heaving and sighing and going nowhere. There are two boys who every week dangle by their legs from the barriers surrounding the pitch like two bats. One day they maintained this pose for half an hour. Surely, these talents can be nurtured and developed. There are many children in this group who enjoy sport. This interest in sport should be encouraged by the school for their benefit. Putting these children through this ordeal in no way enhances the status of rugby in this school.

'But this is a rugby school. If parents did not want their children to play rugby they should have sent them somewhere else'.

I do not like hearing this argument. High

School is not a rugby school or a hockey school – it is a school primarily for academic excellence which has as extra-curriculum activities rugby and hockey, which are the main sports in the school. Some parents send their children to High School because of its high academic standards and also to play rugby or hockey, which is fine. Most parents send their children to High School because of its academic achievements and allow their children to avail of its many extra-curriculum activities. They certainly do not want any of these activities thrust upon them against their will.

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A proposal to change the system of sports activities in the school:

Let me start by addressing the situation in first and second year which is by far the most important from the point of view of getting it right at the beginning. I think the present arrangement for sports is unsatisfactory. Sports in the timetable consists of a double games period involving compulsory rugby and one physical education (P.E.) period of 40 minutes per week. A single PE period in isolation is too short a time to do constructive work.

I propose replacing the existing double games period with a double PE period whilst at the same time retaining the single PE period. Two teachers (a PE teacher and another teacher) would take a class of pupils for the year. A PE programme would be taught that would involve an introduction to and appreciation of a number of sports. These sports could number up to ten and may include volleyball, badminton, soccer, rugby, cricket, hockey and so on. Non-competitive sports and games would also be included.

These PE classes would have a number of objectives, the main one being in the area of health education. Children would engage in a programme that enables them to attain a certain level of fitness. They would be constantly monitored on their general level of fitness. The importance of warming-up and stretching would be emphasised from the point of view of preventing injury and also in enhancing the performance in any sport through the extra suppleness and agility gained. The single PE period can now be used in a more meaningful way. It could be used as a follow-on from any activity being pursued in the double PE period or it may include talks on diet, effects of alcohol and smoking on your body, treatment of injuries, weight training, measuring your pulse rate and understanding the muscle groups in your body.

It always amazes me the total lack of PE undertaken in most primary schools. Children of 12 years of age coming to

secondary school lack basic skills like hand-eye co-ordination, are dreadfully unfit and their muscles have already tightened up through a lack of proper stretching. In the absence of any programme at primary level I feel one should be rigorously pursued in the first two years of secondary school.

The system that I am proposing introduces *everybody* to sport – its potential is limitless. Those children who never enjoyed the competitive aspects of sport will have been introduced to non-competitive activities such as aerobics. They will now perceive sport as something to be enjoyed that is also healthy. Those who wish to involve themselves in team sports would then train with their teams after school and bring what they have learnt in PE to bear on these sports. It is so important to teach sport properly as it will probably form a major part of their future lives after they leave school. The amount of leisure time available is increasing as are the number of sports facilities available. We are being constantly reminded through the media of the need for proper exercise and diet to prevent illnesses such as heart disease. Schools must educate children with all this in mind. The Transition Year programme at the moment goes some way towards achieving these ideals.

After this two year period I would keep the present system more or less as it is. It is important in these years that junior and senior rugby and hockey teams get as much training as possible given the high level of competition that now exists between schools.

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A number of years ago there was a soccer team in operation in this school. This consisted of a number of boys in fifth and sixth year who represented their school in a soccer league. Its members consisted of players who had given up playing other sports in the school. Therefore it did not detract from other sports by taking players and making other sports teams less competitive. For a number of the soccer players it was the first time since coming to the school that they represented the school in an activity.

Soccer was banned by the Governors of the High School after allowing a soccer team to operate on a two year experimental basis. Most members of the staff that I have talked to do not know why it was banned. The main intention of the ban was, of course, to maintain the primacy of rugby even though the existence of this soccer team in no way interfered with the standard of rugby in the school. The effect of this ban caused deep resentment among the soccer players and alienated many of them from the school. As an educational establishment which endeavours to pass on good values to

young people the imposition of this ban is not in accordance with the principles of fair play.

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Some thoughts about how I define the role of coach in charge of teams in a secondary school.

- A coach dealing with first years learning a new sport must spend a good deal of time teaching the fundamentals. Interesting and competitive drills should be incorporated into a training session to practise the execution of the basics. The coach should devise a system where a player's progress can be monitored and the improvement can be seen through the development of more difficult skills. Running in parallel with this a coach must develop a team sense in the players. Matches and more drills can help to develop this. A player's natural talent must not be stifled but used in a way that is beneficial to the team. Giving a player an understanding of how to use space in a playing area is probably the hardest task a coach has to undertake.

- I resent all the times I go to matches and coaches are running up and down the sideline shouting abuse at the participants. This type of behaviour has no place in sport involving children. It is important that coaches have the correct balance.

- There are certain responsibilities required from a coach and the players on the team. A coach who wants to win more

than the players on the team is in a very dangerous position. A team can only be pushed so far. Some teams want to be the best and will give it what it takes; others think they want to be the best but are not willing to make the sacrifices to make it happen. A coach should be sensitive enough to know the score and train the team appropriately. Whether you are player or coach the basic rule is: when you stop enjoying it, give it up.

- Pupils should not be coerced to play a particular sport. By all means encourage them to play but ultimately let them make up their own minds. For example, if a player decides after four years to pack in a game that is fine. However, once they decide to play for a team they now have a responsibility to the coach and their team. They should always attend training sessions and matches unless they have an excuse because of injury or otherwise. Selfish players are not respected.

- Where players are members of more than one team, problems may arise due to a clash of fixtures. The coaches from these teams should be able to decide between them what course of action should be pursued. Players should not feel awkward or under pressure about which team to play for when there is a clash of fixtures.

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It is strange that sport, which is essentially a leisure activity, should cause so much controversy. That it continually

does is not right. I started off the article by stating that no girls were to be seen participating in sport during break-time. I have not written specifically about girls' sports in the school as all my experience is with boys' sports. I would prefer to write about things that I have direct knowledge, rather than anything I have heard second-hand. However, what I do know is that there is a large drop-out ratio of girls from sport. I feel that the new system that I have proposed may go some way towards remedying this.

Some teachers suggest that there should be a free choice of a large range of team sports in a school. Though I can agree with the ideal of this suggestion, I feel it is not practical or realistic. There are limited resources and personnel available in the school and there must be a certain concentration of resources. However, I believe that whatever sports are available should be encouraged.

The primary sports like rugby and hockey should develop by being positive rather than negative. An example of a negative approach would be the banning of soccer or making rugby compulsory. An example of a positive approach would involve getting more coaches so that children on B and C teams would get more attention and so do not eventually give up the game through neglect.

My only objective in this article has been to encourage a true love of sport.

K. Mills

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News of Past Pupils

The High School & Diocesan Old Girls' Association

President's Letter

Dear Members,

Greetings and best wishes to you all. Since this letter comes to you at the end of my two year term of Office as President of the High School and Diocesan Old Girls' Association, it gives me an opportunity to reflect on what our Association means to all of us and, indeed, what the past two years have meant to me.

To have an insight into what a Past Pupils' Association should be trying to achieve it is important to become involved in present School life for as it changes, so must the Association. It has been a cause of great concern to me how easy it is to lose the interest of the new School leavers and how we must give them an incentive to join. Unless we all try to keep a direct contact with School we will be unable to establish what are the real interests of the students. It is also important for the School to keep in touch with us and keep us informed of forthcoming events and so on which could be supported by the Association. If you are leaving school this year, I urge you not only to join but to make your views heard. We are still working towards an amalgamation with the O.B.U.

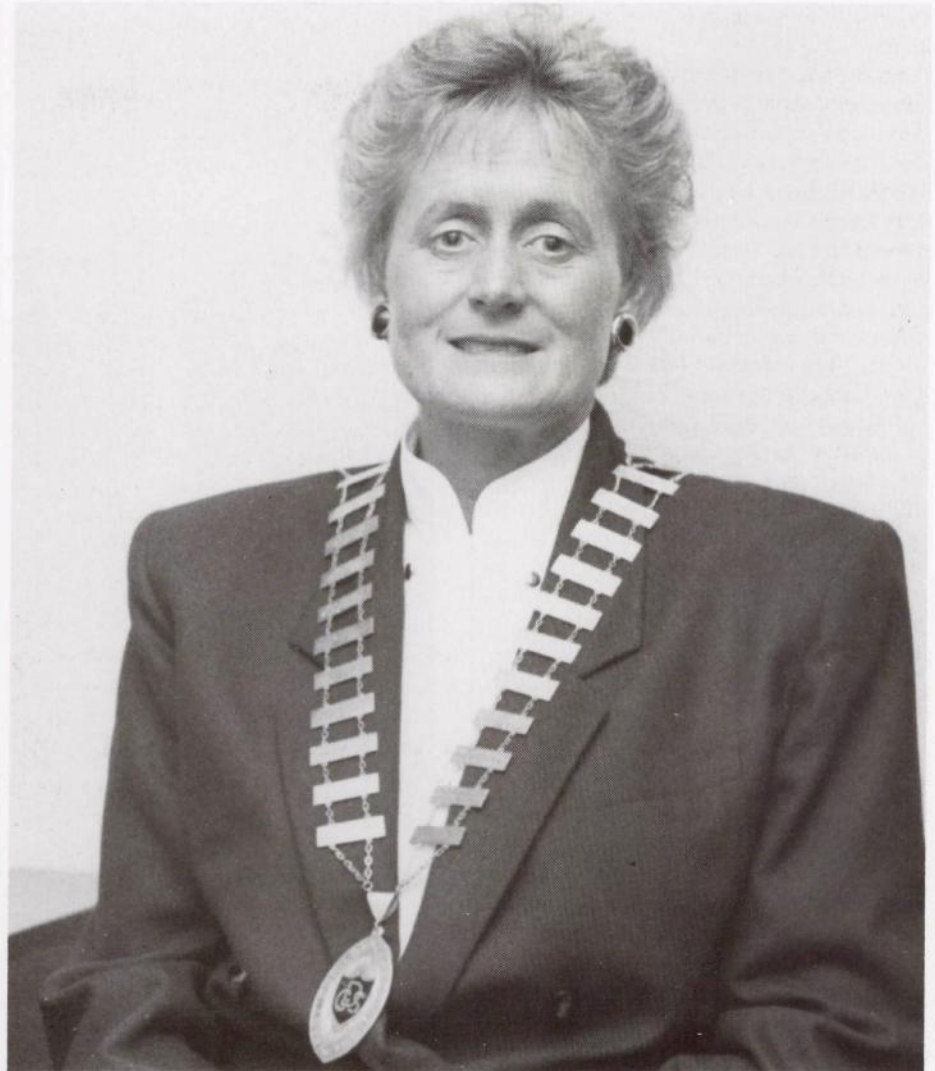
I very much enjoyed attending the Prize Distribution to present the Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl; this year it was won by Wendy Moffett. I would like to thank Mr. Brook, Mrs. Cummins and all their staff for their help and encouragement.

We are continuing with our fund-raising for the School Development Programme. We had a very enjoyable Quiz Night in conjunction with the O.B.U. in January and on the 6th May we are holding a Concert in the Reynolds Hall given by the 'The Dublin Welsh Male Voice Choir'.

The past two years have been a very great honour for me and I would like to thank a very hard working committee for making my job so much easier during this time. I would like to give a special thank-you to your Secretary, June Leach, for her wonderful ability to organise and get things done.

Finally, may I wish Janet Edgely, our President-Elect, an enjoyable and successful term of office.

Sandra Watkins, President



Sandra Watkins

Hon. Secretary's Report 1992/93

Our 1992/93 Calendar of Events started with an evening of Coffee, Chat and Cakes, a change from our usual opening event of a Fork Supper. The evening proved popular and we were pleased to send the £200 proceeds from the Cake Sale to St. Luke's Hospital towards their cancer research programme.

Unfortunately, the September Supper – a joint venture between the Old Boys' Union and our Association – had to be cancelled due to lack of response from members. Both committees were disappointed that so few of the members

from the OBU and the Old Girls' Association were interested in this joint event but agreed that a similar event should be planned for next season which will, we hope, receive a more positive response from members of both bodies.

The success of last year's Creative Christmas Evening ensured a repeat of this popular evening in this season's calendar of events. Christmas Cards were again on sale from many charities together with festive cookery, table decoration and flower arranging ideas. It was a most successful evening, well supported and

enjoyed by members and friends.

Carol singing was not a scheduled event this year but following a special request from Orwell Nursing Home to visit the home and sing Christmas carols to the residents, we were delighted to take up the invitation to bring some melodious Christmas cheer to the residents and staff.

January brought out the intellectuals to take part in our Table Quiz, which was well supported. Again this proved a very popular evening and seems set to become a permanent fixture in our calendar of events.

Interior Design was the topic of February's meeting. We were pleased to have Angela O'Connor of Shelbourne Road, well known in the field of interior design, to give a talk, as well as showing slides of her work in Slane Castle and in her own home. Those members who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening and went home full of ideas for their own homes.

Billy Given of Allied Irish Banks enlightened us at our March meeting on the reasons for making a will, together with guidance on how to make this important legal document. This was a very educational night but Billy Given's light-hearted handling of this somewhat sensitive subject ensured an enjoyable evening for all present.

We were pleased to be asked to give sponsorship to the 1st XI girls' hockey team for their trip to Llandudno, North Wales, at the beginning of March and although our funds are limited, we are always ready to consider any similar requests from the school.

As we go to print, we look forward to our Annual Dinner which will be held in The Tara Tower Hotel, the venue for last year's very enjoyable dinner. We trust that this year's dinner proves equally successful in the newly refurbished ballroom of The Tara Tower Hotel.

At last year's AGM the members voted to hold a further fund-raising event for the School Development Fund. Plans are underway with the Dublin Welsh Male Voice Choir to put on a concert in The Reynolds Hall at the beginning of May and we hope that a further substantial sum will be raised for the Development Fund.

The Annual General Meeting and Fork Supper in May will see Janet Edgely taking up office as President of the Association. Janet has more recent connections with the school than many of the present members and no doubt will use these to promote the Association's activities, while hopefully gaining the support of the Danum girls as well as continuing to receive the support of the present members. We look forward to Janet's inspiration and enthusiasm throughout her two years in office.

June Leach, Honorary Secretary

The High School Old Boys' Union



Noel Kerrison

President's Letter

Dear Members,

A special word of welcome to those reading this for the first time as Old Boys. I do hope you will decide to take part and support our activities in the future.

I had great pleasure in attending the School Prize-giving as my first duty in office and presenting on your behalf the Old Boys' Cup to Bruce Harley – a worthy winner – again congratulations, Bruce.

A ladies' night was held in November at which an almost capacity number of members and guests enjoyed not only the venue in the Royal George Yacht Club, but also the entertainment arranged by Maurice McDonough. The event was very successful and again our thanks to Harry Booker for the organisation behind the scenes.

Also in November, to commemorate the first ever School Hockey Match of 1892, matches were played in Danum between King's Hospital and High School (the first two clubs in Ireland) – both at Staff and Past Pupil level. A most enjoyable evening was had by all those who attended, with supper in the School afterwards. Our Annual Dinner was, as usual, fully booked and the behind-the-scenes work by our secretarial team, Robin Miller and Wayne Sheridan, together with Harry Booker, ensured its success. My thanks to my guests and to the speakers for their contributions.

Following a decision at the A.G.M. to proceed with the formation of a Past Pupils' Union/Association, further discussions with the Old Girls' Association

have been pursued to formulate definite plans towards this goal. It is hoped that these will be finalised, at least in draft form, for your consideration before this year's end.

The Union's efforts towards the School Development Fund, primarily the Golf Classic, which raised almost £7,500, is to be repeated in May 1994. A Committee has already been formed and will advise the details as soon as finalised. Your support by participation and/or sponsorship will be gratefully received.

The Annual Golf Outing at Rathfarnham Golf Club is on Friday, 28th May, and I look forward to a successful day, organised by Brian Priestman. The

time-sheet is never full so there is room for greater participation.

During the year your committee is working hard on your behalf; however, suggestions from the members are always welcome towards strengthening our ties with the School, especially with regard to our move towards a Past Pupils' Organisation. Now is the time to speak up and let your views be known to the committee for consideration and discussion.

My personal thanks for the support received during the year and for the honour and opportunity of being your President.

Sincerely,

N.H. Kerrison

Hon. Secretary's Report 1992-93

The Annual General Meeting was held in the school on Friday, 16th October, 1992. The following officers and committee were elected for the year: Patron - W.G. Booker; President - N.H. Kerrison; President-Elect - D. Went; Vice-President - A.P.R. Brook; Hon. Secretary - R.J. Miller; Hon. Treasurer - E.W. Frith; Hon. Registrar - G.W. Keegan; Asst. Hon. Secretary - W.M. O'L. Sheridan; Hon. Auditor - D. O'Maolchoille; Hon. Sports Secretaries - J.D. Ridgeway (cricket); W.M.O'L. Sheridan (rugby); B.G. Priestman (golf).

Committee: D.J. Cooke, T.H. Craven, R. Curtis, K.A. Gregory, W.A. Ingram, T.H. Lloyd, K.R. Sherling, G.R. Walsh. The winner of the Old Boys' Cup, Bruce Harley, was subsequently invited to join the committee.

The first event of the year was the Ladies' Night held on 20th November, 1992, at the Royal St. George Yacht Club. More than sixty members and partners enjoyed the fine meal and good speeches. Thanks are due to Maurice McDonough, Fred and Barbara Graham for the first-class entertainment.

The Annual Dinner was held in the school on Saturday, 23rd January, 1993. Despite the fact that we had our largest attendance ever in the Reynolds Hall, there were still eleven left on the Waiting list. The principal guest was Mr. Gerald Kenyon, who replied to the toast proposed by Mr. David Went. There were rumours that the entertainment would be provided by three tenors of at least national fame, but even if we did not have "Nessun Dorma", nobody slept during the singing of Bob McCullagh, Brian Hoey, Maurice McDonough and soprano Niamh Murray.

This year the O.B.U. achieved a rare success in the Annual Debate against the

School. The team, consisting of Simon King, Brian Bird, Tim Hawkins and Stephen Douglas, convinced the audience that Ireland's future within Europe does not lie with our industry, but rather with our agriculture. The chairman was Senator John Dardis.

A sum of more than seven thousand pounds has been handed over to the School Development Fund as a result of the Golf Classic held at Edmonstown on October 13th, 1992. The thanks of the Union are due to Mr. Maurice McDonough and his sub-committee for all their hard work in staging this event. Another Classic is planned for early 1994.

Again during this year financial support was given to two pupils to help them attend meetings of the European Youth Parliament. The Union also gave money to buy lighting equipment for Caving, and sponsored an Old Boy walking 200 miles on the Pilgrims Way in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Research. The custom of making a donation to a charity outside the school community was revived, and the sum of £100 was given to the Simon Community.

At the Annual General Meeting last October, a motion was passed affirming the Union's commitment to a Past Pupils' Union open to all past pupils of The High School, Dublin, and the former Diocesan School for Girls. It is to be hoped that a Merger between the two existing Unions will soon be possible, because acting together they will give a sound start to the new organisation. This organisation will then draw on the strengths of the two Unions and carry on their traditions into the next century.

Robin Miller
(Hon. Secretary)

Historic Visit to the School

On Wednesday, 13th May, 1992, echoes from the early years of the High School's history could be heard in the Reynolds Hall as two grandsons of the school's second Headmaster, William Wilkins, stood in the Hall looking at the portrait of their grandfather. They were Maurice and Rodney Wilkins who had come to Dublin for the Trinity Commencements at which an Honorary Degree was to be conferred on Professor Maurice Wilkins, biochemist and Nobel Prizewinner.

William Wilkins had two sons - Edgar and Maurice. Maurice taught for some time at St. Columba's College and later became Headmaster of Bangor Grammar School. Rodney is his son. Professor Maurice is the son of Edgar. Rodney, after military service in the Second World War, returned to Northern Ireland and was a Senior Civil Servant in the National Health Service. He now lives in Limavady. Professor Wilkins lives in England and has been engaged in research on super conductors.

The two visitors were given a conducted tour of the School by the Assistant Headmaster, Mr. Fennell, accompanied by Mr. J. Willoughby and myself. They had many anecdotes to tell of their fathers in 40 Harcourt Street, when it was the Headmaster's residence. The visitors were greatly helped in their enquiries into the history of the School by archivist, David Edwards, at present working on the Erasmus Smith Archives, who produced documents and photos relevant to the Headmastership of William Wilkins. We were very glad to welcome these two distinguished visitors to the School, and to help them renew their long family association with The High School.

G.W. Keegan

NEWS OF PAST PUPILS

George Balmer (1953-1960) and **Richard McConnell** (1955-1967) are directors of the Wicklow Group Companies who won the IDA/WANG Company of the Year Award for 1992.

Neville Beresford (1945-1949) is chief instrument engineer with Jacobs International Limited.

Melanie Brown (1979-1989) won the Sir Robert Steward Memorial Prize for Composition at The Royal Irish Academy of Music.

David N. Caird (1952-1963) has been appointed Chief Executive of the Mathews, Mulcahy & Sutherland Group. The companies are part of the Marsh & McLennan Group, the world's largest insurance broker.

Duncan Cole (1978-1989) played for the Irish Wolfhounds XV against the Irish Under-21 XV, and for the Irish Universities XV against the English Universities XV. He also played for the "Development Team" against an Army/Garda XV at the opening of the Westmanstown Sports Complex in November, 1992.

Terence Dixon (1977-1983) graduated in law from Colombia University, New York, in May. He is to be called to the Bar in the States of New York and New Jersey and is to join the prestigious firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison as an associate.

Ros Dixon (1979-1985) is doing research in Moscow for a thesis on early 20th century Russian political theatre, for an M.Litt. from T.C.D.

Gabrielle Ellis (1972-1974) was inducted as the assistant minister in Hillsborough Presbyterian Church in February, 1993. A graduate of T.C.D., Gabrielle undertook theological studies in New College, Edinburgh, and in the Union Theological College, Belfast.

David F. Ford (1956-1966) is Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University. He has recently received a grant of one million pounds from the author, Susan Howatch, to endow a lectureship in Theology and Natural Science.

G. Alan Ford (1963-1974) lectures in History at Durham University. He was one of the organisers and main speakers at a recent conference on the history of the Church of Ireland held at U.C.D.

Alan Gillis (1948-1952) is president of the I.F.A.

Brian Jelley (1968-1973) is the Dublin representative for the German automotive manufacturing firm, Wurth.

Colin Jelley (1976-1982) is Manager, Technical Services at Albany Life Ltd., Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.

Gordon Jelley (1978-1985) works at the Rees Thomas Centre for mentally handicapped children in Cambridgeshire. He has recently been awarded a place at Anglia University for a post-graduate Diploma in Social Work.

Mervyn Johnson (1952-1964) is president of St. Mary's R.F.C. His brother **Desmond** (1956-1969) is Hon. Secretary of Old Wesley R.F.C.

Kingsley Meldrum (1976-1985) is Mould Design Engineer with Front Range Plastics in Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A.

Morgan Meldrum (1979-1985) is working as an analyst with Environmental Consultancy in Brussels. He graduated with an Honours Degree in Geology in T.C.D. in 1991.

Simon Meldrum (1983-1989) has been appointed to a position in the Treasury Department of Citibank in London, beginning in September, 1993. He is in his final year in T.C.D. studying History.

Peter Murtagh (1964-1972) is deputy foreign editor of *The Guardian*.

David Norris (1956-1963) was the first candidate to be elected to the new Senate, in February, 1993.

Philip Orr (1961-1969) was President of Old Wesley R.F.C. for the Centenary Year, 1991-2.

Trevor Sargent (1970-1977) has been elected T.D. for the Green Party in the 1992 General Election.

Stephen W.J. Seager (1944-1957) is Director, Fertility Research Unit, National Rehabilitation Hospital, Washington D.C.

Alan Shatter (1960-1969) was re-elected T.D. for Fine Gael in the 1992 General Election.

Frank Sowman (1960-1965) has been appointed as a member of Selection Committee of the I.R.F.U.

Gregory Tyrrell (1971-1978) has been appointed Controller of Moore Nederland B.V., based in Amsterdam. Before taking up this position he was Audit Supervisor for Cooper and Lybrand in Australia.

David Went (1958-1965) has been elected President of the Institute of Bankers.

Margaret Worrall (1971-1977) won one of the highly coveted Newman Scholarships (£15,000 p.a. for three years) in University College, Dublin, for research in biology.

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1993 Foundation Scholars:

Karen Dawson: Natural Sciences.

Ian Rowell: Business Economic and Social Studies.

Mark Wilkinson: Honour Course in Theoretical Physics.

Deaths

Bryans, William Robert (1928-1936), March 2, 1993, in London.

Cole, Samuel James (1938-1945), January 11, 1993, in the Virgin Islands.

Comley, David Pierce (1939-1947), August 7, 1992, at Woking, Surrey.

Comley, Peter (1937-1946), April 30, 1992, in Felixstowe, Suffolk.

Corrigan, Cecil Gordon (1931-1939), December 23, 1991, in Dublin.

Crampton, Reginald Thomas (1937-1940), January 29, 1993, in Dublin.

Field, John Edward Alfred (Alfie) (1922-1924), May 9, 1992.

Gaw, Harold Gordon (1937-1938), February 19, 1993, in Dublin.

Kirkpatrick, William George (1923-1930), July 25, 1992, in Dublin.

Maynard, Alan (1931-1935), December 29, 1992, in Dublin.

McDonnell, Ronald (1926-1932), April 19, 1993, in Dublin.

Penney, Thomas Norman (1928-1934), January 3, 1993, in Torquay, Devon.

Richardson, Thomas Norman (1921-1928), October 30, 1992, in Dublin.



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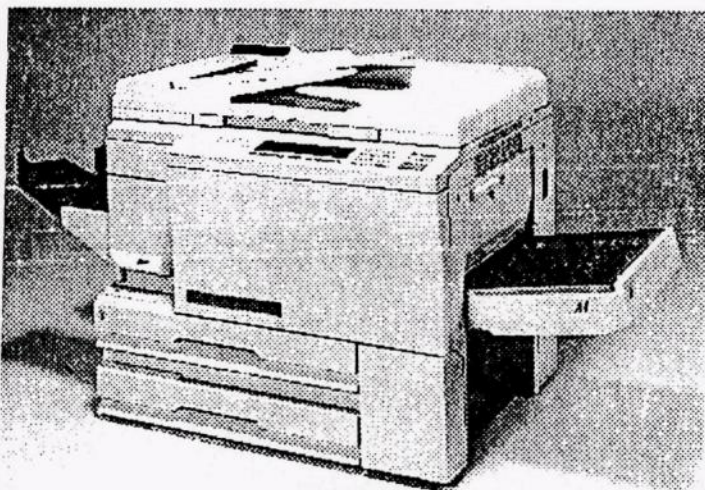
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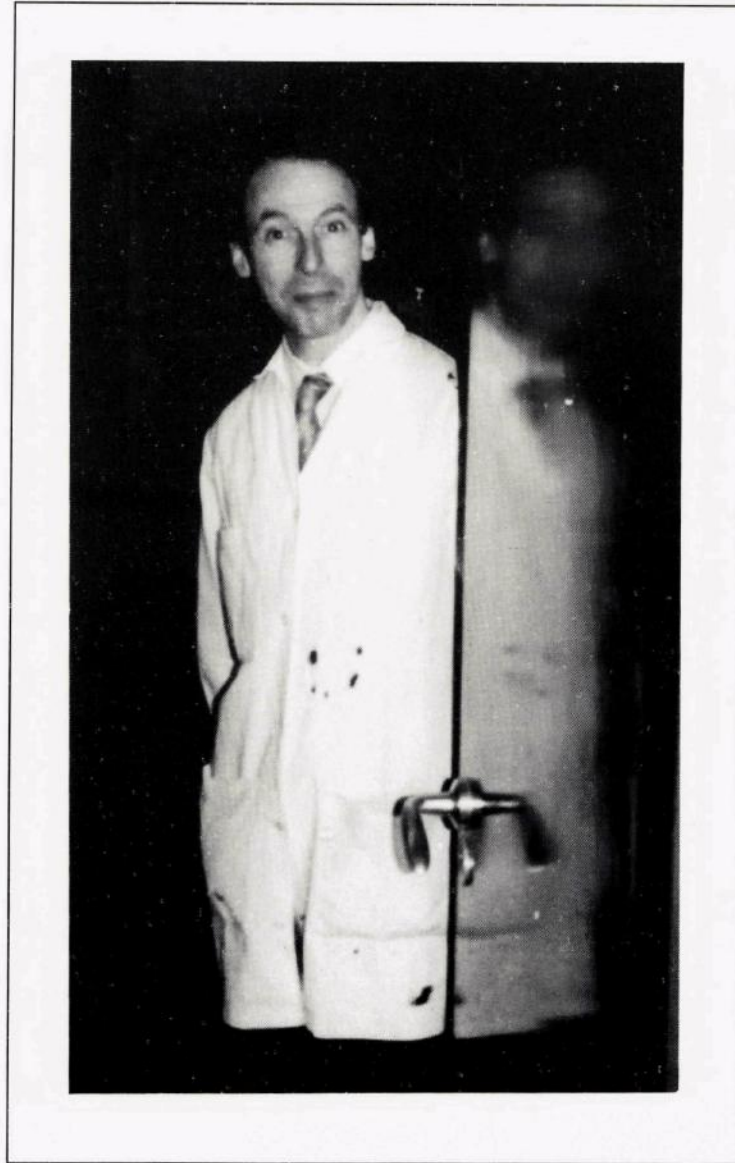
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