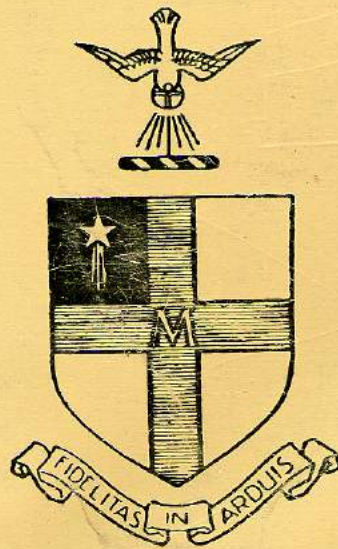


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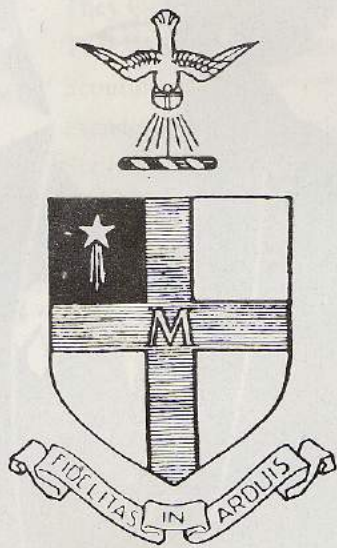


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MISS MAIRIE CRANNY

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DEDICATION



MISS MÁIRE CRANNY
(Mrs. Francis O'Donnell)

We dedicate this issue of the Annual to Miss Máire Cranny who this year completes her 35th year of teaching in St. Mary's — we make the dedication to her as a tribute of gratitude for such an unparalleled record of loyal service.

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Editorial

It is with great pleasure that we dedicate this issue of the Annual to Miss Máire Cranny who this year completes her 35th year of teaching in St. Mary's. Her reputation in many schools in Dublin and in the provinces is too well-established to need any words from us in its support. Her former students must be countless and they all value the teaching they received from Miss Cranny in Speech, Drama and all the finer things in Literature, Music and Art. We thank her for all that she has done for St. Mary's and its students and we wish her many more years amongst us.

Three new members joined the Community during the course of the year. Fr. Tony Geoghegan, a former student, came from Kimmage Manor where he had been Professor of Theology and Rector of the Seminary. He is now a Provincial Councillor of the Irish Spiritan Province. Fr. Sean O'Shaughnessy came to us from Kenya where he had been involved in educational work for the past twenty-five years. He joined the Senior School Staff, while Fr. Peter Quinn joined the Junior School Staff. Fr. Quinn came to St. Mary's after a distinguished missionary career in both Nigeria and Ghana. He had also held an appointment in England. To all three, we say Céad Míle Fáilte.

The school year 1981-82 was uneventful in so far as headlines were concerned. However, the work of the College proceeded steadily. High academic standards were maintained and even if the rugby teams did not achieve the success they hoped for, many valuable lessons in courage, teamwork and generosity of spirit were taught and learned on the playingfield in the course of the year.

Beneath all the activities of classroom, chapel, debating hall and playing field is the conviction that through the manifold activities of the College, the students of the College learn a lesson which transcends, in its value, everything else — that lesson is that each individual, whether staff or student, is created in the image of the Perfect Man, Jesus Christ, and that when we respond to each other with honesty, integrity, gentleness, compassion and generosity, we are responding to Him.

The Editor wishes to discharge, in some measure, at least, the deep debt of gratitude he owes to many people, both within the College and outside, who, by their interest, encouragement and practical hard work, have made his task very much easier. He wishes to thank the members of the Community and the staff and students of both schools. He also wishes to thank Mr. J. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P., Mrs. Deirdre McCulloch, Messrs. O'Flanagan's, Harrington Street, and Mr. Billy Byrne. A special word of thanks goes to our advertisers. The Editor is particularly grateful to Mr. P. Funge and the staff of Elo Press for their patience, helpfulness and courtesy.

Peter Raftery, C.S.Sp.

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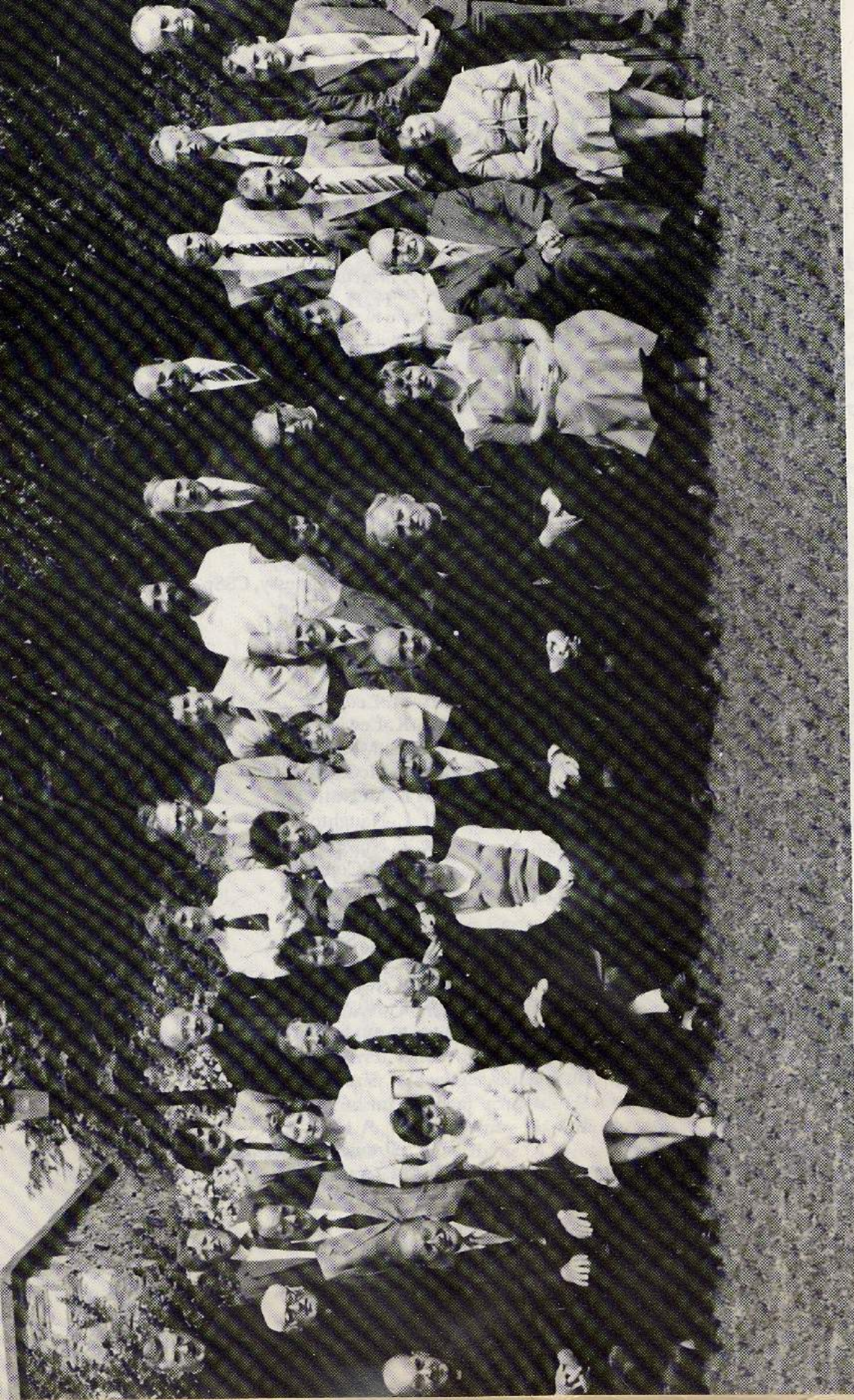
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A Tribute to Fr. Barry

On Wednesday evening, April 14th, 1982, the largest gathering of Past Students ever assembled in the College to pay tribute to Fr. Frank Barry, whose retirement after forty years of unbroken service to the College we noted in the previous number of the Annual. After Mass in the Chapel, the guests gathered in the Hall where four very individual tributes were paid to Fr. Barry as Cricket Coach, Play Producer, Rugby Trainer and French Teacher. The President of the P.P.U. then summed up with some very well-chosen words.

THE CRICKET COACH

The exercise of associating words has been developed by psycho-analysts to a science. They can discover much about the formative influences from the responses they receive to key words. In simple terms, if we were to carry out the exercise in Ireland, we could be certain that the person was a St. Mary's man if he associated certain words with cricket . . . Words like "The Loft", "Bend Your Left Elbow", "A Straight Bat", "The Kelso Laundry", "Leinster", "Kenilworth Square" — these and many more being a host of memories back to me whenever cricket is mentioned.

It was in darkest winter, long before the end of the rugby season, that as Juniors, we were hauled into that loft behind the Junior School and over the showers and introduced to the rudiments of the game of cricket. For hour after hour, Father Barry would roll a tennis ball, repeating the instructions — keep your left elbow bent, keep the bat straight, forward defensive, onto the back foot, now a square cut.

In those early years, we moved onto the front field once the rugby posts were down and our one ambition was to bombard the Kelso girls with a few sixes. Ulick O'Connor was the only one who ever came close but subsequent generations were denied the distinction of emulating the feat when Father Barry got a wicket at the newly-acquired Kenilworth Square.

We moved from the concrete nets at the Military Wall in the back field to train under Father Barry's patient eye at Leinster and those early stars like Gerry Duffy, Robbie Burke, Ian Duff, Fred Kelly, Cyril Fagan, Leo Gibney, lived within hailing distance of the boundary.

Father Barry's enthusiasm never flagged and he instilled in all, who had the benefit of his guidance, a respect for the game and for life which was in turn to inspire a discipline and

maturity which I shall always regard as an invaluable aspect of St. Mary's education.

He was always there, to supervise, to explain, to bring the pads and the stumps, to mark the crease, to cut the grass, to roll the wicket, to organise the tea — and the Marietta biscuits. He was there to umpire, to tell the square leg fielder to "move in, move in!", to tell the bowler . . . "aim at the off-stump!" and most important of all, when the other school were bowling, to say "Not Out!". It may have seemed to him, as a legion of boys bowled and batted their way through St. Mary's and into the world, that we all took him for granted . . . and that we were an ungrateful lot. I know I speak for all who learnt so much from Fr. Barry that we appreciated his efforts more than we could ever show.

More than anything else, whenever cricket is mentioned, our minds will associate automatically one man — Father Barry.

Fred Cogley

"NOT A TRANSLATION — ONLY TAKEN FROM THE FRENCH"

With such an opening quotation, it would appear that I am here tonight to speak of Père Barry and his favourite subject — French. Such is not the case for I'm sorry to say I precede Le Père's French days in St. Mary's. But in a strange way, Brinsley Sheridan's remark in "The Critic" is appropriate to Frank Barry's activity in French and his enduring activity as play producer in St. Mary's.

Taking part in the annual school play was for some of us our first stage experience (apart, perhaps, from singing in the chorus of a Junior School production by Brother Benedict). Father Barry translated the "French" of acting movement and speaking on stage in his own inimitable way and left us with memories of



A. Mr. Michael Burns (U.C.G.), Fr. H. O'Reilly and Dr. H. Byrne
B. Mr. M. Gilsean, President of the P.P.U. addresses the gathering
C. Mr. Fred Cogley speaks on Fr. Barry as Cricket Coach
D. Attentive listeners, Dr. C. White, Mr. C. Maguire and Mr. B. Whelan
E. Fr. Barry with Mr. Michael Burke
F. Mr. M. Gilsean presents a chalice to Fr. Barry to mark his retirement
G. Mr. Robin Bailey, substituting for Mr. S Deering, who was unavoidably absent, speaks of Fr. Barry, the Rugby Trainer



arms whirling, lips pursed, finger gesticulating (rather than pointing) and, during the performance, audible prompting of all the lines for fear we would forget them — a fear, it must be admitted, which was totally justified.

Added to this enormous amount of work on often unwilling charges, he also undertook to raid every room in the College (and sometimes in our own houses) for appropriate props and furniture. Indeed, it was said that it was unwise to let Père see your furniture at any time of the year because inevitably the phone call would come seeking the china cabinet — just for a few days, you know. And his telephone style is unique — diffident, off-hand, yet leaving little room for refusal. For how could one refuse such a noble cause!

And there was yet another side to Frank Barry, visible to those who returned to help him in yet another production: the care and courtesy, the unending cups of tea, biscuits and sandwiches in the parlour — all evidence of the endearing side of his nature which his modesty always tries to hide.

Richard Brinsley Sheridan, again in "The Critic" describes how one promotes a play: "Yes, sir, puffing is of various sorts, the principal are the puff direct, the puff preliminary, the puff collateral, the puff conclusive, and the puff oblique, or puff by implication".

There is no need to puff Frank Barry — his whole life had done it for him.

Patrick Funge

THE BASICS . . .

My recollections of the "Swinging Sixties" are, The Beatles, The Stones, Mike Gibson and Father Barry — not necessarily in that order. Rugby has been my greatest love since introduced to it in St. Mary's College. The finer points of the game came from Fr. Barry.

Rugby should be a scientific sport, it isn't a game dominated by brute force or raw courage, but by skilful players well drilled in the rudiments of the game. That, to my knowledge, would be a fair assessment of Father Barry's interpretation of the game.

My first memories of JCT squad sessions are endless tuitions in the arts of catching, kicking, passing and tackling. Match situations never

arose until Mon Père was convinced, that our tall gangling, gawky second-rows could catch, kick and pass like Johnny Moloney.

At the end of all the coaching we had the mark of Father Barry, no matter what position we played, we could perform the basics with ease.

My favourite recollection is of a friendly JCT game in Kenilworth. Blackrock were comfortably ahead when the referee, Fr. Barry, awarded a penalty to Blackrock ten yards out and in front of the posts. Assuming a kick at goal, we turned our backs, and the Rock scrum-half, Johnson, excused himself politely, as he weaved in and out through us, and touched down under the posts. The game was adjourned, conversation postponed as the referee with just disgust, clobbered each of the fifteen. I, for one, have never turned my back on a ball since.

We were fortunate in the sixties in St. Mary's to have had key players in strong sides. We were more fortunate in having Father Barry at his exuberant, active best. In 1963, with him as coach, we won the Junior Schools Cup. Cricket and French must have suffered that year, for he spent every conceivable moment of his spare time with us.

We had the most wonderful celebrations after that Cup success. Cavalcades, banquets, films, presentations were the order of the day. One man was very difficult to locate during these celebrations — the cricket season was imminent. That side went on to record a notable double when winning the Senior Schools Cup in 1966.

There is no doubt about Father Barry's contribution to these successes — it was immense. Indeed, the remarkable achievements of the Past Pupils' Club in the seventies is a direct result of his input into the game in those formative years. May his interest in rugby never wane and may we pass onto the next generation his passion and enthusiasm for the game.

Shay Deering

IL EN RESTERA TOUJOURS QUELQUE CHOSE

A modern French writer tells us that during the early forties of this century, when the Jews



were being persecuted in both parts of defeated France, there was a certain priest who would give a Baptism Certificate to any son of Israel who asked for one. On one condition: that the Jews were actually baptised. "Why?" I queried a friend of the priest. "A bit of it will always remain with them" was the reply.

Il en restera quelque chose. This is true for all of us who studied French with Father Barry. We are honoured to give him this evening not a Baptism Certificate, but something akin to a reference: a collective reference of tribute.

Father Barry has been teaching French at St. Mary's for as long as we can remember. He brings to his subject that rare combination of zeal and meticulousness which belong only to the born teacher. He possessed, to a supreme degree, what the French call "fougue" or spirit. This spirit manifests itself in many fields, and it is impossible when speaking of his teaching to avoid images of the outdoors. We have seen him consume French grammar — irregular verbs, compound nouns, positions of adjectives and pronouns (DAD+ADS) — with all the fury of a French rugby pack intent on not being left win(d)less with the Wooden Spoon. His service to his pupils is impeccable. He has a talent for reducing to smoothness what is dour and intractable, for making clear what seems obscure; he has shown us what is meant by "la clarté française". For his is the royal gift of grasping what is essential and imparting it with fervour. Under the magic of his alchemy, literary texts, which often seem dry and abstruse, suddenly come alive, as dessication gives way to dedication. Many of us still treasure, in evidence of this, those multi-coloured hand-outs, carved in stencil, composed and executed long after midnight, and containing within their confines notes on everything from the sublime "rigueur" of Racine to the plaintive melancholy of Lamartine: "O temps! suspends ton vol. . . ."

Rapport is something he revels in. Encouragement, humour, repartee, anger, even — all are tempered by a bemused form of self-irony and are marshalled together to provoke response and participation. Like the Pearse of St. Enda's, Father Barry can anticipate examination questions. More significantly, like the Pearse of St. Enda's, le Père of St. Mary's can be a boy among boys so that these boys can

become men among men.

You are in good company, Father Barry, and we are proud to have known you. *Nous sommes venus ici vous le dire.*

Michael Burns



Mr. M. Burns, Lecturer in French in University College Galway, speaks of Fr. Barry, the French teacher.

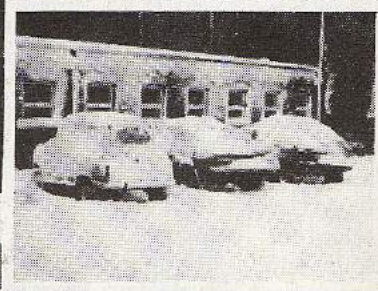
A FINAL WORD

It was not easy to pack 40 years of a busy life of work and service into the presentations we have heard from the previous speakers on Father Barry's involvement over the years in College activities, both educational and sporting, and I would like now to add a few words on my own behalf and on behalf of all of us here.

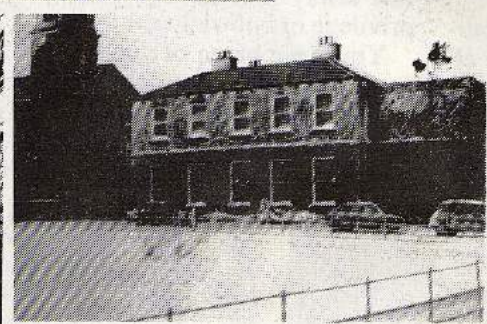
Father Barry, on this very special night for you and us, I would like to take the opportunity to tell you that we are here to honour you, not only as the man and the priest, but also as the great friend of all of us who have been privileged to know you over the years. All who are present, and many who are unable to be here but are with us in spirit, would like to pay tribute to your life of giving, of service and of dedication to all of us and to thank you from our hearts for what you have given us of yourself over the years. We thank you especially for your dignity, your patience, your modesty, your holiness, your tolerance, your understanding, your humour. You have given us much and we will always be grateful that we have had the privilege of knowing you.

You have given of yourself for almost forty years, and tonight, it is my privilege and honour to say "Thank You" on behalf of all of us, and in presenting you with this token of our respect and affection to wish you many more fruitful years among us.

Matt Gilsean,
President, P.P.U.



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Inset: J. P. Farrell.

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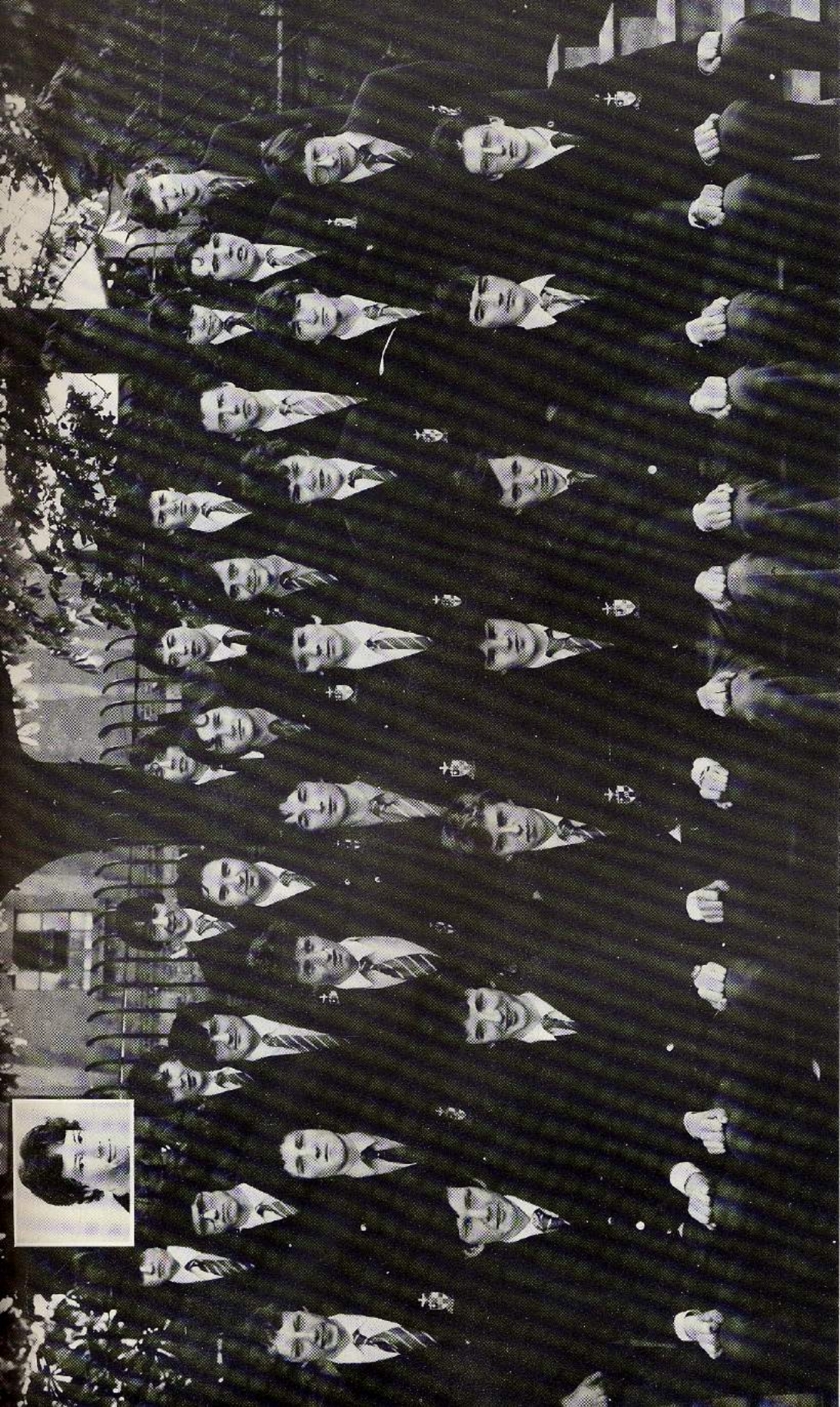
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Inset: D. Crowe.

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R. Traynor, M. Tynan, B. McDavitt, B. McDonald, B. Smith, P. Rahilly, D. Lynch.
Inset: J. Ronaldson, W. Mulvihill.

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3A¹ Ronan McNulty

Gaeilge

3A Niall Corish
3A¹ Kevin Naughton
3A² John Condren

General Average

3A Peter Cross
Niall Corish
Edward Browne
3A¹ Dara Kilmartin
Ronan McNulty
Conor Tee

Honours List

Mark Bevan
Garrett Quigley

SECOND YEAR

Religious Education

2A John Cosgrave
2A¹ Noel Peare

Gaeilge

2A Alan Maguire
2A¹ Peter Murray

General Average

2A David Byers
Alan Maguire
John Cosgrave
2A¹ James Scanlon
Declan Rennick
David Ryan

Honours List

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David A. Kelleher
Donal Loughrey
Kenneth Hickey
Richard Morton
Paul Ruane

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1A¹ Gregory Traynor

Gaeilge

1A Niall Corish
1A¹ Ciaran Keogh

General Average

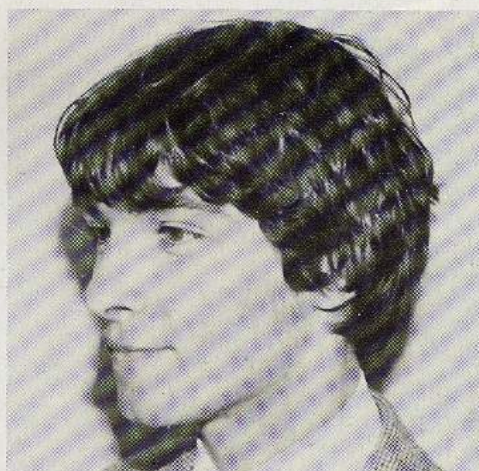
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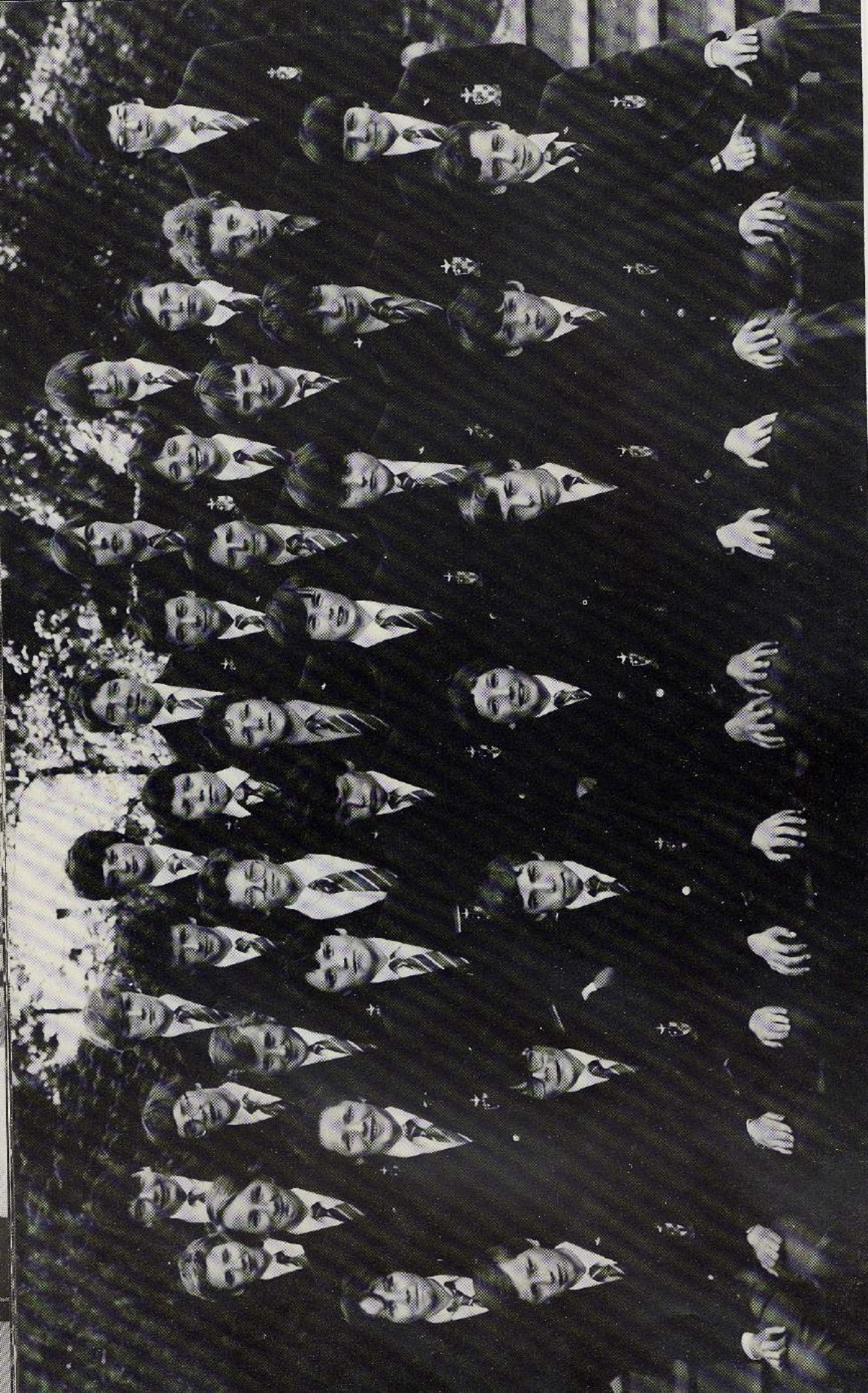
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ANTHONY O'REGAN
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 Byrne, Denis
 Byrne, Mark

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 Cousins, Brian
 Cregan, Killian
 Delaney, Alan
 Delaney, Conor
 Delaney, David

Dunne, Paul
 Dwan, John
 Farnan, Simon
 Farrell, John P.
 Foley, William
 Geoghegan, Roderick
 Geraghty, Michael

Graham, Gary,
 Gray, Peter
 Hanley, Mark
 Hanratty, Brian
 Hartigan, Paul
 Heron, Robert
 Hughes, Ronan

SIX A¹

Kennedy, John
 Keogh, John
 Kildea, Joseph
 Lynch, Leonard
 McCabe, Shane
 McCarthy, Desmond
 McCarthy, Michael
 McCarthy, Patrick

MacGiolla Riogh, Peter
 McGovern, Mark
 McSharry, Ciaran
 McSweeney, Mark
 Moloney, Aonghus
 Murphy, Conor
 Murray, Robert
 Nolan, John

O'Byrne, Paul
 O'Connell, John
 O'Kane, Donal
 Power, Raymond
 Quigley, Dermot
 Quinlan, Michael
 Regan, Kenneth
 Ronaldson, Patrick

Russell, John
 Sheerin, Fintan
 Stephenson, Hugh
 Tiernan, Cornelius
 Ward, Brendan
 Watts, David

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Bardin, Brian
 Behan, Andrew
 Black, William
 Burgess, Ian
 Byrne, Peter
 Cahalane, Kevin
 Carvill, John

Cassidy, Brendan
 Conlon, Kevin
 Crofts, Richard
 Cross, Gerard
 Dennis, Herbert
 Donnelly, Nollaig
 Donovan, Paul

Dunne, Colm
 Fearon, James
 Furlong, James
 Gilsenan, Brian
 Goldrick, John
 Gunning, Stephen
 Harnett, Niall

Hassett, Gerard
 Horne, Adrian
 Lennon, Austin
 Lynch, Laurence

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 Maher, Gareth
 Millar, Thomas
 Montague, David
 Moran, Ruaidhri
 Morris, Gerard
 Mullen, Hugh

Murray, David
 McCulloch, Arthur
 McEvoy, Arthur
 McGann, Paul
 McTiernan, Tadhg
 Naughton, Patrick
 O'Connor, Robert

O'Hora, Declan
 Purcell, Conor
 Reilly, George
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 Teevan, Roger

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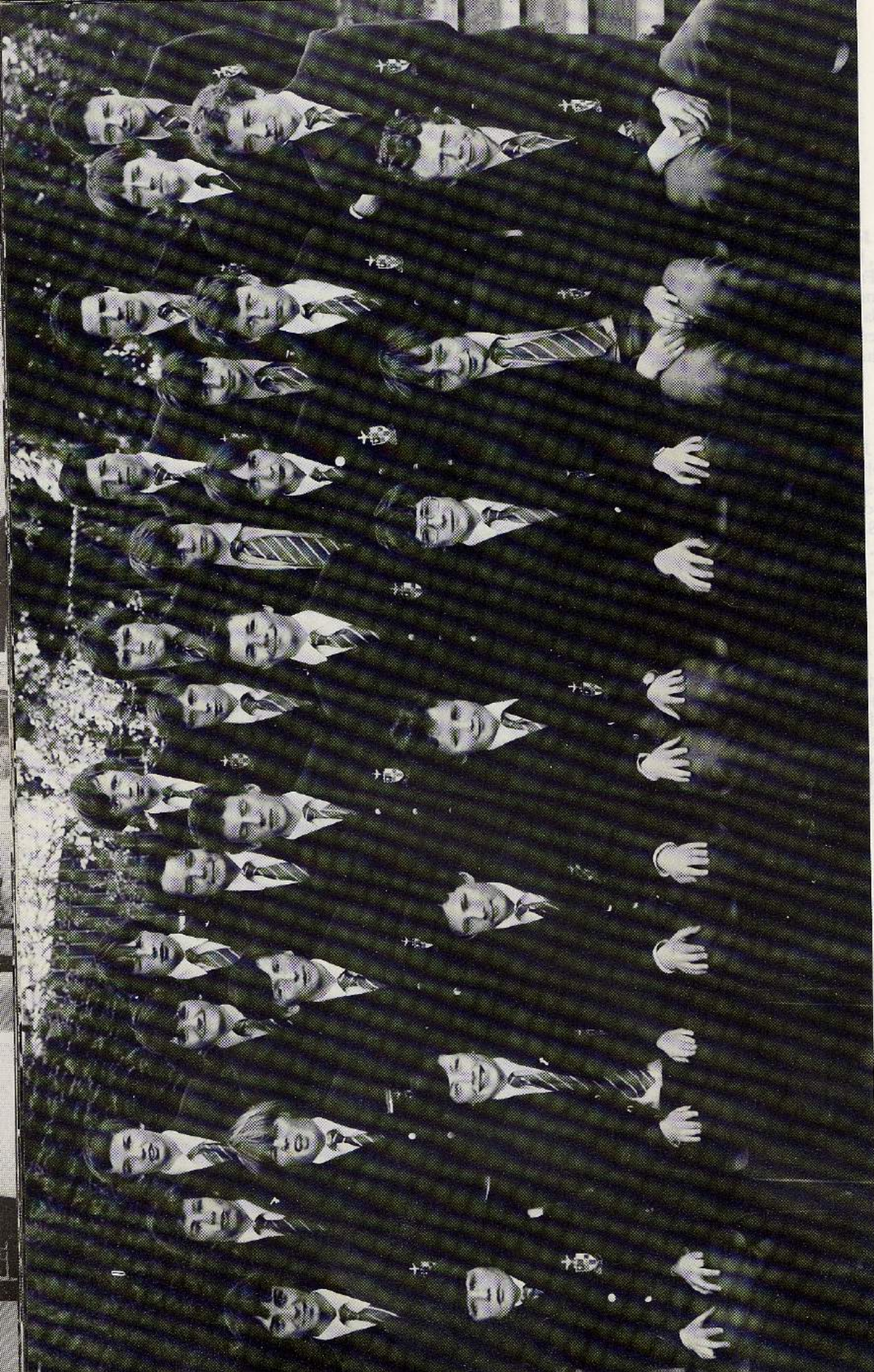
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Callinan, Gerard
 Cowley, Stephen
 Coyne, James
 Crosbie, Mark
 Crowe, Darrell
 Culleton, Daniel
 Davitt, Robert
 Dean, Alan

Doyle, John
 Dunne, Gerard
 Dunne, John
 Evers, David
 Fearon, Michael
 Fleming, Paul
 Gilligan, Conor
 Glynn, John

Gogan, Jonathan
 Hanratty, Colm
 Heron, James
 Hughes, David
 Hughes, Karl
 Jones, Christopher
 Jones, Conor



SECOND YEAR A1 1981-1982

S. Purcell, P. Roche, W. Nolan, B. O'Brien, W. O'Donoghue, R. Morton, J. Massey
D. Ryan, E. Ryan, J. Watts, D. Rennie, P. Murray, N. Peare, A. Montague
G. Raymond, J. Russell, P. Whelan, J. O'Brien, N. Treacy, R. O'Donoghue, T. Stuart, S. Tracey.
N. Turley, K. Twomey, P. Reeves, P. Ruane, J. Scanton, B. O'Hora, A. Sweeney.

FOUR A¹

Kennedy, Paul
Kenny, Brian
Kernan, John
Kerrigan, Brian
Loughrey, John
Mahony, Peter
Merriman, Vincent

Mooney, John
Moore, Brian
Muldoon, John
Murphy, Colin
Murphy, Rory
McArdle, Ciaran
McSweeney, David

Naughton, David
Naughton, Paul
Norris, Paul
O'Neill, Brian
O'Neill, Owen
O'Regan, Anthony
Rennick, Patrick

Ronayne, Ian
Thornton, John
Turley, Mark
Whelan, Paul
White, Owen

THREE A

Bevan, Mark
Brady, Stuart
Browne, Edward
Condren, John
Conway, Kevin
Corish, Niall
Cross, Peter
Crowe, William
Cunningham, Vincent

Donnelly, Eoghan
Donnelly, Gary
Doyle, David
Doyle, Declan
Dunne, Brian
Dunne, Oliver
Farrell, Cathal
Fee, Declan
Figgis, Jason

Fitzgerald, James
Flood, Eoin
Foley, Conor
Funge, Cormac
Gannon, Paul
Gilligan, Peter
Harty, Patrick
Keane, Timothy
Kearney, Pdraig

Kearney, Waldemar
Kelly, Andrew
Kennedy, Brennan
Kennedy, John
Keogan, Paul
Keogh, Gerard
Kerrigan, Desmond

THREE A¹

Kilmartin, Dara
Lynch, David
Maher, Cormac
Montague, Mark
Moore, Anthony
Mulvihill, William
Murray, Killian
Murphy, Eoin
McCulloch, Ian

MacDevitt, Barry
McDonald, Bernard
McGreen, Brendan
McNulty, Ronan
McSharry, Paul
Naughton, Kevin
Nolan, Morgan
O'Connor, Frank
O'Kelly, James

Pierce, Tristan
Quigley, Garrett
Rahilly, Paul
Reid, Michael
Roantree, Paul
Ronaldson, Jody
Shanahan, Liam
Smith, Blaise
Stapleton, Mark

Sweeney, Niall
Tee, Conor
Traynor, Ronan
Tynan, Mark
Ward, Cormac
Winston, Gerard

TWO A

Byers, David
Byrne, Cormac
Byrne, Seamus
Conlon, Dermot
Connolly, Alan
Cosgrave, John
Creedon, Michael
Deasy, John
Donovan, Jonathan

Duffy, Adrian
Finn, Paul
Fitzsimons, David
Gannon, David
Gogan, Alexander
Hickey, Kenneth
Higgins, Michael
Hocy, Andrew
Hughes, Norman

Jennings, David
Kelleher, David A.
Kelleher, David P.
Kennedy, Declan
Kennedy, John
Kennedy, Robert
Kilmurray, Paul
Loughrey, Donal
Lowry, Mark

Lucas, David
Lucas, Niall
McCarthy, Brendan
McDonnell, Neil
McEniff, Brian
McGann, Gerard
McGovern, Arthur
McSweeney, Eamonn
Maguire, Alan

TWO A¹

Massey, John
Montague, Aidan
Morton, Richard
Murray, Peter
Nolan, William
O'Brien, Barry
O'Brien, John
O'Donoghue, Raphael

O'Donoghue, William
O'Hora, Brendan
Peare, Noel
Purcell, Sean
Raymond, Gary
Reeves, Philip
Rennick, Declan
Roche, Paul

Ruane, Paul
Russell, John
Ryan, David
Ryan, Edmond
Scanlon, James
Stuart, Thomas
Sweeney, Aaron
Tracey, Niall

Tracey, Stephen
Turley, Niall
Twomey, Kevin
Watts, James
Whelan, Paul



FIRST YEAR A 1981-1982

- J. O'Dwyer, B. Hartigan, C. Budds, F. Nolan,
B. Brennan, D. Flood, C. Hickey, J. Healy, D. Byrne, T. Hogan,
P. Crowe, J. Clerkin, T. Dillon, R. Daly, N. Funge, P. Byrne, D. McHugh,
N. Fox, J. Boland, M. Dwan, J. Higgins, J. Dowling, N. Byrne,
B. Herriot, D. W. Fogarty, H. Bruce, T. Cullen, D. V. Fogarty, J. Beime, K. Carvill.

ONE A

Beirne, Joseph
Boland, John
Brennan, Barry
Bruce, Henry
Budds, Ciaran
Byrne, Derek
Byrne, Norman
Byrne Pearse

Carvill, Kieran
Clerkin, Justin
Crowe, Patrick
Cullen, Thomas
Daly, Robert
Dillon, Thomas
Dolan, Fergus
Dowling, John

Dwan, Martin
Dwyer, John
Flood, Dara
Fogarty, David V.
Fogarty, David W.
Fox, Neil
Funge, Niall
Hartigan, Brian

Healy, James
Herriott, Bernard
Hickey, Cian
Higgins, John
Hogan, Thomas
McHugh, Damian

ONE A¹

Kelly, Eoin
Kelly, James
Kennedy, Paul
Keogh, Ciaran
Keogh, Roland
Kissane, Cormac
Lavin, Troy
Lee, Paul

Linnane, Barry
Lynam, Eoin
Lyons, Derek
McAvinue, Brendan
McDermott, Corrie
McGill, Michael
McGuinness, Declan
McKenna, Dermot

McNulty, Fergal
Molony, Joseph
O Cofaigh, Colm
O'Donovan, Andrew
O'Flaherty, Cian
O'Kane, John
Purcell, Cormac
Rice, Colm

Roantree, Fergus
Rossi, Stephen
Ryan, Geoffrey
Smyth, Ronan
Traynor, Gregory
Traynor, Paul
Wall, David

RONAN McNULTY (3rd Year)
Winner of the McCullough-Piggot
Cup (Piano) at the Sligo Feis,
Easter 1982
Ronan also assisted as organist
in the College Chapel
during the year





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R. Keogh, F. Roantree, S. Rossi, R. Murphy, T. Lavin, J. Molony, E. Lynam, C. O'Flaherty,
D. McGuinness, P. Lee, F. McNulty, G. Ryan, B. McAvinue, R. Smyth, C. O'Coiragh
E. Kelly, J. O'Kane, B. Linnane, D. Lyons, J. Kelly, G. Traynor, C. Rice, M. McGill.
C. Keogh, P. Traynor, D. McKenna, C. McDermott, A. O'Donovan, C. Purcell, P. Kennedy.
Inset: C. Kissane.



**Senior School
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27th May, 1982**





ENGLISH DEBATING SOCIETY

This year saw a big increase in the level of interest in the Debating Society, not only in the number of actual debaters, but also in the number of speakers who spoke "from the floor" to put their point of view. This support was greatly appreciated and we all hope that it will continue during the year to come.

The debating year got under way with the election of Con Tiernan, Leonard Lynch and Charles Russell as President, Secretary and Fifth Year Officer, respectively. Our first debate was on the motion that "All the world needs now is love, sweet love" and our opponents were the girls from Notre Dame School, Churchtown. At the end of the debate, the vote taken showed St. Mary's to be the winners. Due to the position we adopted on many subsequent motions, success eluded us. However, enjoyable debating made the Friday night debate a very attractive feature of the first term's activities. We entered the Junior Chamber of Commerce Debating Competition and we were drawn against Wesley College, debating the topic that "The School Curriculum is a good preparation for life". Our team on this prestigious occasion consisted of Con Tiernan, Leonard Lynch, Gerry Cross and Robert Heron. Robert also entered an individual competition organised by University College Dublin where, as expected, he gave a good account of himself, even though final victory eluded him. We also met Muckross and Alexandra colleges during the course of the first term.

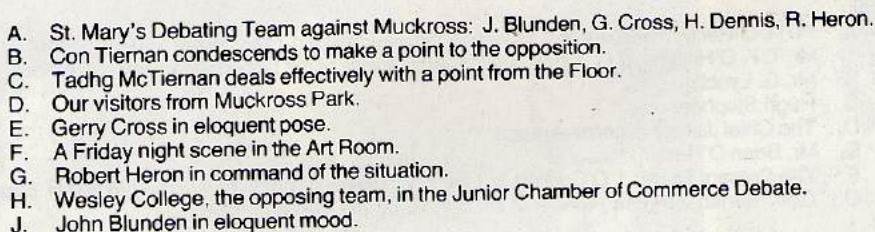
The debate between past and present students, instituted in memory of the late Mr.

Lorgan Gogan, was held on Friday, January 22nd. The past student team consisted of Messrs. Gearoid Lynch, Brian O'Reilly, Maurice Guéret (Winner of the trophy in 1981) and Patrick Funge. The present student speakers were Leonard Lynch, Con Tiernan, Hugh Stephenson and John O'Connell. The adjudicator was distinguished former student, Mr. T. F. O'Higgins, S.C., Chief Justice who, in the course of his remarks, painted a most charming picture of his schooldays in St. Mary's soon after the College re-opened in 1926, making special reference to the famous Dr. James O'Neill who was held in such awe by his students that they concluded that he was as near to divine status as made no difference.

The subject chosen for the Past-Present Debate was "That the solution to Ireland's energy problem lies in going nuclear" proposed by the past and opposed by the present. After a most entertaining evening's speaking, Mr. O'Higgins awarded the trophy to Con Tiernan of Sixth Year. We congratulate Con on his well-earned victory and we thank the members of the past students' team for adding to the prestige of the occasion by their presence and their participation.

After this, the high point of the debating year, the next three debates were in a relatively minor key. We met teams from Loreto College, Beaufort, Sacred Heart Convent, Mt. Anville and a return visit from Notre Dame, Churchtown. A very balanced result sheet shows that of these three debates, we won one, we drew one and we lost one.

We were glad to note that a team of debaters

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- A. St. Mary's Debating Team against Muckross: J. Blunden, G. Cross, H. Dennis, R. Heron.
 - B. Con Tiernan condescends to make a point to the opposition.
 - C. Tadhg McTiernan deals effectively with a point from the Floor.
 - D. Our visitors from Muckross Park.
 - E. Gerry Cross in eloquent pose.
 - F. A Friday night scene in the Art Room.
 - G. Robert Heron in command of the situation.
 - H. Wesley College, the opposing team, in the Junior Chamber of Commerce Debate.
 - J. John Blunden in eloquent mood.

from Third Year had some success during the year also. An account of their exploits follows this report.

And so an enjoyable debating year came to an end. Thanks are due to many groups and individuals who, by their hard work and generosity, made it enjoyable — those who spoke, either as members of teams or from the floor of the house, those who provided posters and tea and those who arranged the debates in the course of the year. A special word of thanks goes to Mr. Sean McCarthy and Fr. Godfrey, the Principal, for all their help and encouragement. We look forward to another enjoyable year of debating next year.

Charles Russell, Secretary
(Fifth Year)

<i>Opposition</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Position</i>
Notre Dame	That all the world needs now is love, sweet love	H. Stephenson T. McTiernan C. Dunne C. Budds	Against
Muckcross	That man is amazing but he is not perfect	R. Heron H. Dennis G. Cross J. Blunden	Against
Wesley	That the school curriculum is a good preparation for life	C. Tiernan G. Cross L. Lynch R. Heron	Against
Alexandra	That there is no place for idealism in modern society	A. Delany C. Russell P. Ronaldson C. Budds	For
Past Students	That the solution to Ireland's energy problem lies in going nuclear	H. Stephenson J. O'Connell L. Lynch C. Tiernan	Against

Beaufort	That we can look forward to the future with confidence	T. McTiernan I. Burgess J. O'Connell L. Lynch	Against
Mt. Anville	That RTE as a station does not serve the nation	K. Regan B. Gilsenan C. Tiernan G. Cross	For
Notre Dame	That fashion is for the birds	C. Russell L. Lynch G. Hassett C. Budds	For

Third Year Debating Society

At six o'clock in the morning on Friday the 7th of May, all Dublin City lay quiet under the blanket of sleep. All, that is, except for four households. In each a hum of industry was emitted as four boys worked feverishly, adding finishing touches to their well-prepared speeches. For, this day, this four-man team had to face the unleashed vocal wrath of the 3rd year debating team from Muckcross College.

All that day the tension slowly increased and it would not be untrue to suggest that in more than one stomach a knot of apprehension was gradually formed. Yet none of these brave St. Mary's lads backed down from the challenge, none chose to ignore the gauntlet which had been thrown down before them.

So at 4.15 p.m. four boys marched up the avenue leading to Muckcross College, filled with resolution to keep the St. Mary's flag flying come-what-may, "to do or die", as the school anthem goes. They followed their captain, James Fitzgerald, with a kind of blind faith

- A. Fr. H. O'Reilly, President of the College, Mr. M. Gilsenan, President of the P.P.U. and Mr. T. F. O'Higgins, S.C., Chief Justice, Adjudicator of the Debate and Guest of Honour.
- B. Mr. G. Lynch.
- C. Hugh Stephenson.
- D. The Chief Justice in pensive mood.
- E. Mr. Brian O'Reilly
- F. The Present Team: J. O'Connell, L. Lynch, C. Tiernan (Winner of the Trophy) and H. Stephenson.
- G. Con Tiernan (6th Year) winner of the Lorcan Gogan Memorial Trophy.



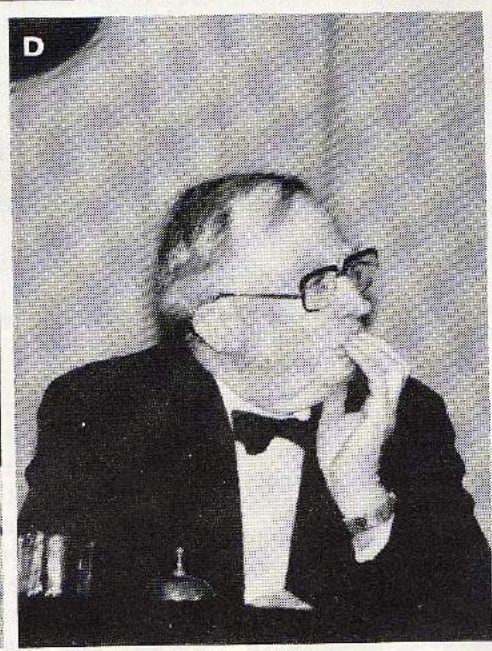
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which amounted to a fanatical trust in his undoubted qualities as a leader. In regimental order the team marched into the debating hall and with that, a hush fell on the thronging multitudes present, who, incidentally, came from both of the schools involved. The St. Mary's team (otherwise known as the "Government", in the language spoken in debating circles) sat down opposite the already seated opposition, the four-man (woman) Muckross team. After a few pleasantries had been exchanged, the debate was declared open. Anna de Courcy, the chairman, announced the motion "Happiness is a state of mind and not the result of circumstances". She also announced the teams which were as follows: James Fitzgerald (Capt.), Peter Cross, Peter Gilligan and Niall Corish, who were all debating for the motion, while debating against it were Yvonne Kenny (Capt.), Orla Grumley, Dana Fagan and last but not least Jacqui Montwill.

So Jim kicked off with a cunningly devised barrage of proofs and examples with apparent ease, as only Jim could, and in the process put forward a strong, indeed virtually impregnable case.

However, the opposition's captain, Yvonne, succeeded in countering with amazing verbal agility and, at the same time, managed to radiate an almost awe-inspiring confidence. Then she turned her attention to arguing against the motion and this she did with all the savagery of a tiger. This set the pattern for the rest of the debate which turned out not only to be lively and closely contested, but also to be of a high quality.

Peter Cross launched a convincing attack which included several examples of happy people. Several more examples, proving the same basic point (the motion) but from different angles, were put forward by the two remaining speakers for the "Government" whilst adopting a humorous approach. Peter Gilligan's superbly witty speech spoke of the commercial image of happiness as portrayed by

the media, while Niall Corish reviewed the pros concerning the simple life.

The remaining three female speakers, Orla, Dana and Jacqui, as well as giving some good examples to support their argument against the motion, also replied to the "Government" by attacking the very roots of its argument, and this they did with varying degrees of success. But alas all good things must come to an end and so when all the speakers had had their say, the four appointed adjudicators retired to decide the verdict.

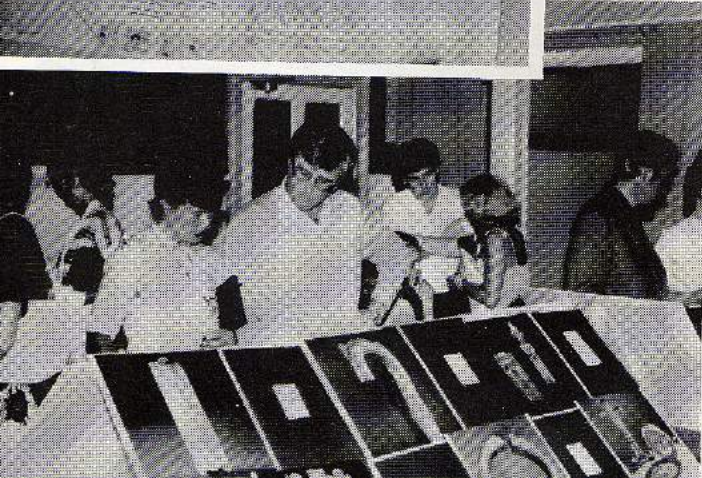
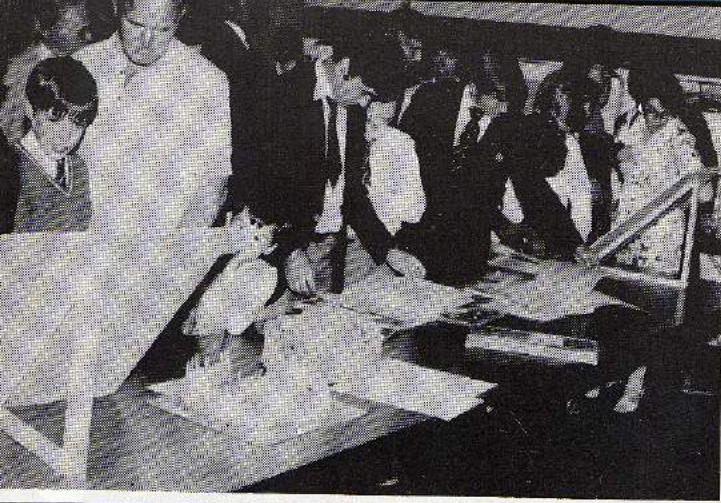
When the four had left the room, the debate was thrown open to the audience. During this interval, the "Government" faced a severe assault from the Muckross supporters, while strangely enough, the supporters from St. Mary's had seemingly lost their tongues! Under the circumstances, the team met this assault well.

When the 'judges' returned, silence dropped like a veil on the whole hall. By this time most people agreed that the Muckrossonians had been more at ease when delivering their speeches, a sure sign of greater experience. On the other hand, the content of the "Government's" speeches was of an equally high standard to that of the opposition's and nobody could deny that "on their first time out", they had put up a good fight. So the result was by no means a foregone conclusion, although I think it came as a surprise, none the less, not least to the "Government" themselves, to hear that they had won. The best speaker, one from each of the two teams, was deemed by the adjudicators to be, from the Muckross team — Yvonne Kenny and from the St. Mary's team — Niall Corish. As soon as the results had been announced, the "Government" were congratulated by the opposition — a noble and sporting gesture. But even then everyone present realised that the art of debating and true sportsmanship had been the real winners.

Needless to say, both teams and indeed the audience enjoyed themselves and all look forward to a return match in the near future.

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- A. Herbert Dennis gets to grips with the subject.
 - B. THIRD YEAR DEBATING SOCIETY COMMITTEE — J. Fitzgerald, P. Gilligan, N. Corish, P. Cross.
 - C. Mr. P. Quinn of the College Staff with Mr. M. Walsh, former student, who adjudicated the Junior Chamber of Commerce debate against Wesley College.
 - D. St. Mary's Debating Team against Notre Dame, Churchtown: T. McTiernan, C. Budds, C. Dunne, H. Stephenson.
 - E. Leonard Lynch in eloquent delivery.
 - F. DEBATING SOCIETY COMMITTEE 1981-82 — C. Tiernan, J. O'Connell, L. Lynch, C. Russell.
 - G. St. Mary's Debating Team against Wesley (Junior Chamber Competition): L. Lynch, G. Cross, C. Tiernan, R. Heron.
 - H. The Captain makes his point — John O'Connell speaks from the floor.





INTEGRATED STUDIES

During the school year 1981-1982, an experiment was carried out in First Year which involved the teaching of "Integrated Studies". To the outsider, it seemed as if the traditional subjects of History, Geography and Civics had been replaced by "Integrated Studies". However, a great deal more was involved as the following article indicates. It was written by Mr. P. N. Doyle of the College staff, one of the teachers most actively involved in the experiment.

Each generation seeks its own standards and values, transmitting these to its children. A vital part of this transmission involves the educational system. In years gone by, change was slow; children more readily accepted the values and standards of their parents. But this is not so today — standards, values, conventions are being questioned continually. This is reflected in our educational system. How best can we prepare our children for life or, more fundamentally, what is the aim of the education we offer?

All too often we tailor our teaching to the demands of the examinations — pressure from parents and society transmitted to and through the children can frustrate education. The all-prevailing factor in the minds of too many parents and students is how to get the required number of points — everything else is incidental. Too little thought is given to the lasting damage this pressure to achieve may have on the whole person.

However, it is a valid point that society does measure success by one's career, one's wealth, one's house, one's motor car. But if we pause for a moment and look around, how many people do we see who are materially comfortable are happy and at peace in themselves? How many of us chase the next pound, the bigger car, the more luxurious house and then end up wondering what it was all for?

Where do Integrated Studies fit into such a philosophical discourse? All these questions are being asked in educational circles too. And all the time, answers are being sought and because the perfect educational system will never be devised for the simple reason that it cannot, we must keep trying.

There is no method by which the product of an educational system can be adequately measured. The present examination system

comes close to the most unsatisfactory that can be imagined.

In the belief that there must be something better, educationalists have suggested many possible reforms, some with merit. Many have been tried through pilot schemes. Two such schemes in Ireland are S.E.S.P. (Social and Environmental Studies Project) centred on Shannon and the City of Dublin Humanities Curriculum.

Both projects developed curricula which integrated traditional subjects and produced 3-year courses which are accepted as an alternative for the Intermediate and Group Certificates.

These projects have been in operation now for over ten years, which would seem to be a sufficiently lengthy period for them to be adequately and critically assessed. They have proven themselves in so far as it is possible to prove anything in education. The reasons why they have not been more widely adopted are many. One such reason is the tendency in all of us to resist change. However, is it not better to anticipate change than have it forced upon us? Change is inevitable and it is better to anticipate it and thus introduce it at a rate and level that allows certain controls to be exercised.

One area in education which has generated a great deal of discussion is the transition from Primary to Post-Primary education. In St. Mary's, we have an excellent opportunity in that our students come to us at the age of 7-8 and remain with us until the age of 17-18. Thus, it should be in our capacity to minimise any difficulties students may have at the transition from the Junior to the Senior School.

Certainly, the move from the Junior to the Senior School is a big moment in any student's life — but there should be no place for fear or dread, but rather anticipation and expectation. Fortunately, much has changed in education

and the fear and dread that used to be present for so many are now gone. But there are still some students who suffer some measure of fear and they must concern us.

Management and Staff must ensure that this transition is as painless as possible — they must try to dispel the images many of the students will have created. Management and Staff must also show themselves as being concerned and caring. They must seek to show that the learning process can be enjoyed and that knowledge, in itself, is a worthwhile pursuit. They must try to dispel the notion that, even in this enlightened day, school and punishment must be equated in the minds of many 12-year-olds.

Such was the thinking behind the introduction of Integrated Studies in First Year. St. Mary's is also in the fortunate position in that we have a four-year run-up to the Intermediate which is based on a 3-year syllabus, thus giving us an ideal opportunity to treat First Year as a transitional year.

After examining both the S.E.S.P. and the Dublin Humanities Course, certain units were selected from the latter for study by First Year. These units included the Celts, Dublin 1913 and the Island People. Around these units the Integrated Studies Course was developed. History, Geography and Civics were no longer to be seen on the time-table and in their place Integrated Studies appeared.

The real radical change within Integrated Studies involves the idea of team teaching. Post-Primary education is subject orientated. The teacher teaches his subject and seldom, if ever, refers to other subjects. In Integrated Studies, the teachers co-ordinate and dovetail, consulting and conferring on an on-going basis. This is the theory, at any rate, and it is the aspect of Integrated Studies that offers the greatest challenge. A subject-orientated syllabus creates subject-orientated teachers. Over the six years of the post primary course, a teacher comes to see his subject as the core around which all subjects revolve. This is the ever-present danger inherent in specialisation.

We were extremely fortunate in the team involved in our first year to the point that both in English and Irish classes, use was made of material from the Integrated Studies course — this is the real meaning of Integrated Studies.

There can be no doubt that the students

involved in the experiment enjoyed the year's work. There was great emphasis on group-work and a number of projects were undertaken on both a group and an individual basis.

Another aspect that appealed to the students was the break in the daily routine of classes for visits to places outside the school. There were a number of these throughout the year — to Rathmines Library, the Boyne Valley, Leinster House, the National Museum, the Port and Docks area and, the high point of the year, our three-day tour of the Burren District, Co. Clare, which included a day-trip to Inisheer in the Aran Islands. The year was rounded off when the students invited their parents to a display of the year's work and the dramatisation of that period of Irish History from the Famine to the Land War.

No individual has been named in this account because this was a team effort. However, one person must be mentioned — Mr. P. Funge. The other members of the team were all drawn from the teaching staff. However, Paddy was a parent and in one fortnight, he called on all his talents and experience to put together the dramatisation of "The Islanders". Without going into details, suffice it to say that I still find it difficult to believe that what at first seemed impossible was actually achieved. Sincere thanks to Paddy.

I have no wish to create the impression that at last we have found the answer. We will never know just how this year helped the boys. But based on the evidence, it was successful in many areas. And, of course, there are areas where improvements will be made. For the writer, the most important fact was that we tried — it was a change that was not forced on us and if there was a risk involved, it was a small one when set against the possibilities. Education cannot be static, it must always look forward, always look for better than what we have at present. There must always be a willingness to exploit and harness the great gifts of youth — their energy, their hope, their eagerness. These must not be stilled but encouraged, and encouraged even more.

If we are afraid to make a mistake, we can never hope to achieve — we must always be willing to try.

P. N. Doyle



"The Islanders"





Our Fiddlers Three John Carvill, Paul McGann and Tom Millar — keep us in tune in Grafton Street.

Fr. O'Reilly makes a presentation to Fr. Doheny to help the work of CONCERN.



Carol Singers Colm Dunne, Conor Murphy, Mark Byrne, Gerry Cross, Brendan Cassidy and Leonard Lynch.

Carol Singing for Concern

When Father Michael Doheny, C.S.Sp., of CONCERN came to St. Mary's in November, he spoke to an audience made up of students from Fifth and Sixth Years. In the course of his address to them, he painted a grim and disturbing picture of the many problems besetting Third World countries, especially the problem of refugees of whom it is reckoned that there are six million at least in Africa alone. CONCERN volunteers from Ireland are at present working among such people, trying their utmost to restore to them dignity and joy after the degrading and inhuman treatment that they have suffered. We made up our minds then and there that we would do something to raise funds to help these volunteers to help the refugees.

But, like all good intentions, our resolve slipped to the back of our minds as the end of term with its attendant examination pressures approached. Suddenly, it was the end of the term and we realised that we had done little or nothing to prepare ourselves to carry out our promise.

Accordingly, a small, but enthusiastic group got together to plan. We decided, in a devastating burst of originality, that we would do some carol-singing in the city during the days coming up to Christmas.

The small but gallant band met on Grafton Street on Christmas Eve and with musical help from that talented trio, Tom Millar, Paul McCann and John Carvill (all of 5th Year) we set to work with a will — our lack of tunefulness was more than compensated for by our enthusiasm.

We were delighted by the generosity of so many anonymous people — and humbled too, that so many, despite the demands made on their resources at that busy shopping time, should spare such a generous thought for those for whom Christmas meant little more than simply another day of suffering, hunger, homelessness and despair. We know that we ourselves have learned something also from our small effort. We realise that celebrating Christmas with no thought for those less fortunate than ourselves is a contradiction of everything that that happy day should mean.

Father M. Doheny, C.S.Sp., addresses Fifth and Sixth Year Students in the Art Room.



Another view of the Carol Singers.

Gerry Hassett turns on the charm, although Santa Claus does not seem to be impressed.



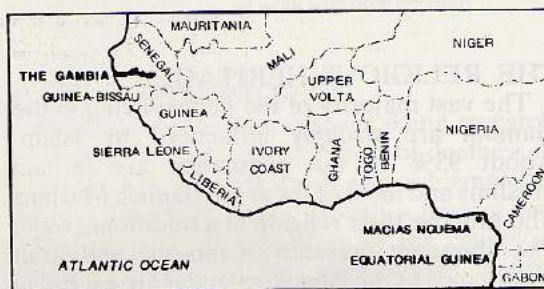
WEST AFRICAN INTERLUDE

Mr. Michael Begley, C.S.Sp., who taught in the Junior School from 1977 to 1979, spent two years working in the West African country of The Gambia where Irish Spiritan missionaries have been working since the middle of the 19th century. In this article, Michael describes the country, the people and, in particular, his own work among the handicapped, a work that has been helped by the generosity of the Junior School students and their parents. Michael is at present studying theology in the Holy Ghost Missionary College in Kimmage Manor.

Those of you who have read Alex Haley's book "Roots" will be somewhat familiar with the Gambia. It is a tiny ribbon-like country, and on a map of Africa, you will find it on the bulge of the West Coast. The River Gambia, from which the country receives its name, is its most dominating feature. Most of the population of roughly half a million people live near its banks, which are fringed with mangrove swamps. As you know, the mangrove swamp is a natural breeding ground for mosquitoes which are the bearers of the dreaded malaria fever.

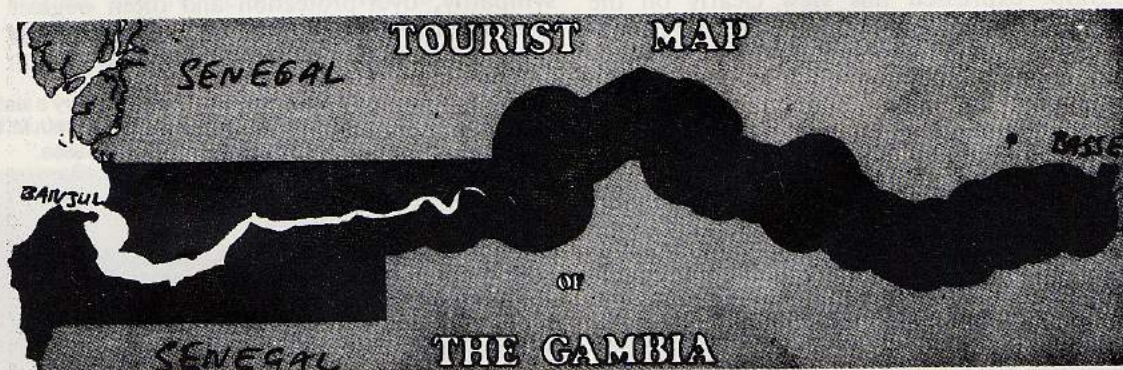
The Gambia is a relatively poor and largely under-developed country. Its sandy soil is infertile, malnutrition is common and living conditions are primitive. Most people live in small compounds which are made from corrugated iron sheets and mud walls. They survive on a daily diet of rice and groundnuts. Electricity, water supply, sanitation, health and education services are, at best, rudimentary. Despite all this poverty, the people are happy in their simple way of life.

Many different ethnic groups are found throughout the country. Although the two main tribes are Wolofs and Mandinkas, other smaller tribes do inhabit the many clusters of rural villages. These tribes include the Serahuleys, Akus, Jolas, Sereres, Manjaks and Caroninkas.



Each of these tribes speaks its own language and is the proud possessor of a unique and separate tradition. This great cultural diversity presents one of the greatest challenges to the missionary working in the country.

From the beginning of the missionary history of the Church in Gambia, the priests were conscious of this cultural diversity. The former bishop Mgr. Michael Moloney, C.S.Sp., and Fr. James White who worked in the Upper River Division in very difficult circumstances, concentrated on the Fula tribe. Further down the river, Fr. Andy Carroll worked with the Caroninkas and Fr. Jack Sharpe chose to live among the Manjaks. To cultivate an appreciation of the various tribal traditions and to learn a local language are an important task for a newly-arrived missionary.





The author with a group of Fula children in Basse.



A group of Spiritan missionaries pictured at Bishop Cleary's episcopal ordination. *From left, Mr. C. Early, Mr. M. Begley, Mr. R. Olin, Mr. M. Kilkenney, Fr. P. Dundon and Fr. R. Ellison. (All C.S.Sp.).*

THE RELIGIOUS HERITAGE

The vast majority of the people living in the Gambia are strongly influenced by Islam. About 95% of the population are in fact Muslims and most of these are staunch Muslims who practise their religion in a traditional way. The abundant presence of mosque and strict observance of the Islamic calendar are everyday reminders of this. Christians are therefore very much in a minority situation — of the Christian population, only 3% are Catholic.

Living in a predominantly Muslim environment has important ramifications for missionaries. Firstly, a knowledge and respect for Islam are essential. This respect rests on the realisation that Islam is a way to salvation willed by God. To realise that both Christians and Muslims worship the same God is an important starting point for inter-faith dialogue. Secondly, the prominence of Islam has influenced the tone of the Irish Spiritan pastoral approach. Their understanding of mission goes beyond a statistical concern for conversions. Not only is a missionary concerned with establishing a local Christian community, but also with providing services for the Muslim population. The new Bishop of Gambia, Mgr. Michael Cleary, C.S.Sp. expressed this view clearly on the occasion of his episcopal ordination last year.

VOICES OF THE DISABLED

The number of disabled people in the Gambia is enormous. Lepers, polio victims, mentally handicapped people, blind and deaf children can be found in every village and in every town. Absolutely no service exists for them and so they are reduced to an existence of begging in order to survive. Their social vulnerability is striking. Outside the extended family system which provides the disabled with food and shelter, their only means of living depends on the Muslim duty to give alms. Every Friday, the official prayer day, people suffering from all sorts of disabilities can be found outside the mosque collecting alms.

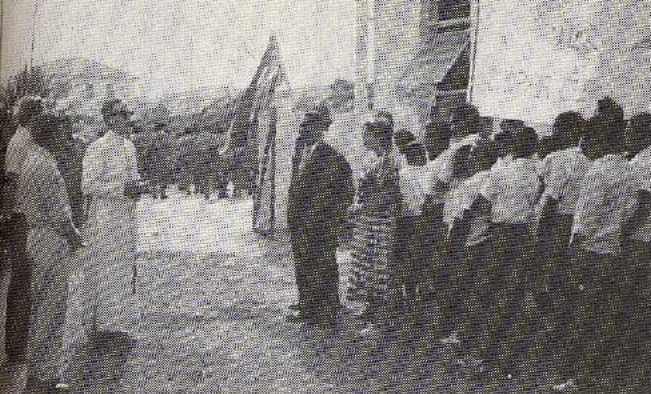
It is difficult to accurately describe the dominant local attitudes towards the disabled to you because in many ways, they are ambiguous. Although most people have a willingness to help them, many are convinced that deafness and leprosy are due to a curse or punishment from God. Others believe that a mentally handicapped or disturbed child is the product of devils. These beliefs which are very deeply ingrained into the culture have generated considerable mental and social agony for the disabled. As a result, attitudes of misguided sympathy, over-protection and often neglect give way to their need for adequate care. This

Local people sowing rice.



Two former members of the St. Mary's staff, Mr. M. Kilkenney, C.S.Sp. and the author, Mr. M. Begley cross the River Gambia at Basse.





Bishop Michael Cleary, C.S.Sp. shortly after his episcopal ordination, addresses participants in a Sponsored Walk to raise money for the Deaf School.



Mr. Colm Early, C.S.Sp., (Staff, St. Mary's, 1979-1980) at work with deaf children.

leaves the disabled in the Gambia with no political clout and they therefore are its most socially disadvantaged group of people.

THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Very conscious of this social need, Fr. Pat Nolan, C.S.Sp. decided to start a school for deaf children in Banjul, the principal city of the Gambia. Having worked with the deaf community in Cabra, Dublin, he soon realised that something practical could be done. Despite all the odds, on March 13th, 1978, Pat gathered together a group of seven children and started classes in the mission compound at Hagan Street.

His main object was to promote the welfare of the hearing-impaired in the Banjul region. Pat set about teaching these seven children signs and practical skill with a view to securing them jobs.

After leaving the staff of St. Mary's in June 1979, I went to the Gambia where I spent the following two years gaining some missionary experience. I was appointed to the deaf school in order to continue the work that Pat had started. Meanwhile, Pat returned to Dublin to complete his theological studies and was ordained to the priesthood in June 1982.

Deaf students using carpentry equipment and materials, purchased through the generosity of St. Mary's students and parents.



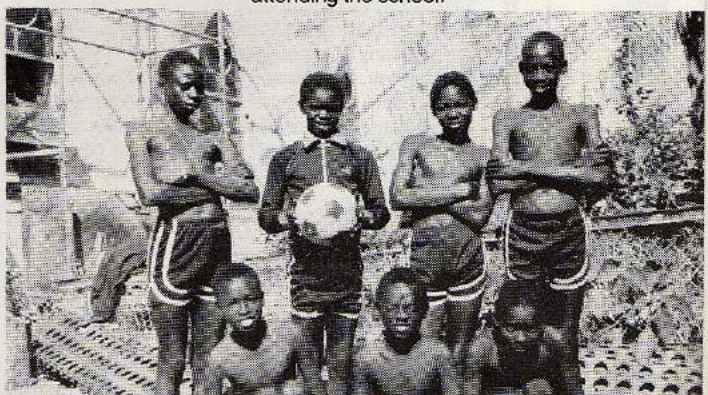
A RESEARCH PROJECT

Much of my time was spent doing research work into the extent and causes of deafness in Gambia. The importance of research emphasis during the initial stages of such a project was apparent. The identification of the causes of deafness was a basic requirement before accurate prevention and rehabilitation strategies could be developed.

What about incidence of deafness? Does it vary from region to region? What percentage of the total population suffered from a significant hearing loss? These were the questions that we were anxious to answer. In order to find some answers to these questions, a survey was conducted within a 30-mile radius of the capital, Banjul. It revealed that there 120 children with suspected impairment in this region. This number seemed very large and so further more detailed investigations needed to be conducted.

With the help of Dr. Hans Gronas, an Ear/Throat/Nose Specialist from Norway, detailed otoscopic and audiological evaluations were conducted on these children. The results of these evaluations revealed that 55 children would benefit greatly from placement at the school. Further testing and screening outside this region was the next priority and this occupied much of my second year.

Seven-a-Side Football Team of deaf children attending the school.





Mr. Michael Begley, C.S.Sp.

With these results, it did not take long to realise that the existing two-roomed school was totally inadequate. A new school for the deaf with proper facilities was urgently needed and this became a major project.

THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY ST. MARY'S

Since I returned home, many people have asked me "Where does the money for such a project come from?" Most of the current expenditure required to run the present school for 22 children is secured locally. A small school fee of 40 dalasis (£10) is paid by all the pupils. Children from various primary and secondary schools organised sponsored walks and donated the proceeds to the School for the Deaf. Other voluntary associations, especially the Association for the Deaf, also support the school by organising social activities, etc.

However, educational materials and other equipment which are needed for hearing-impaired people are very expensive. Personal contacts prove to be particularly helpful for such items! Here I include the contribution of the pupils and parents of St. Mary's which was

forwarded to me on your behalf by the late Fr. Sean Little, C.S.Sp. This generous gift greatly encouraged me in my work for the deaf children. This gift of £500 was used to purchase an Audiometer for screening purposes and to provide materials for a carpentry workshop at the school. In a very concrete way, you have helped deaf children in the Third World.

IN THE SPIRIT OF "TESITO"

The word "tesito" is a Mandinka word which means self-reliance. It is a slogan which many Gambians have adopted with pride since Independence from Britain was attained in 1965. It is very much in the spirit of "tesito" that the deaf school will evolve.

In 1980, Mr. Colm Early, C.S.Sp., who also taught in the Junior School in St. Mary's arrived in Banjul and became the new-cordinator of the deaf school project and is very keen on the idea of self-reliance..

In the long run, this kind of self-reliance can only be achieved by the training of local teachers as specialist teachers of the deaf. In pursuit of this goal, a local primary teacher, Sabina Sambou, has been sent to Ghana, where she has already completed her first year of studies there, hoping to finish her course in July 1983. That day will mark another small step towards self-reliance — something that is summed up well in a local proverb "ndanka, ndanka japa jolo!" (slowly, slowly, catch the monkey).

In conclusion, we note that the late Fr. Sean Little, C.S.Sp. whose memory is still so revered by many of his former students and their parents, worked for over 10 years as a missionary in the Gambia, as did Fr. Tony Geoghegan, C.S.Sp., former student in St. Mary's and presently a member of the Community.

PRACTICE INTERVIEW NIGHT

- A. William Foley receives the treatment from Messrs. Thornton, Gilsenan and Gray.
- B. Simon Faman breathes forth quiet confidence.
- C. Conor Murphy and Conan Budds in conversation.
- D. Alan Delany at his elegant best.
- E. D. Delaney, A. Delany, P. Dunne, F. Sheerin, C. Murphy.
- F. Paul Dunne and Simon Faman take time off to pose for the photographer.
- G. C. Murphy, D. Delaney and C. Budds discuss the prospects.
- H. Fintan Sheerin gets what is coming to him from Michael Quinlan — Conor Murphy doesn't seem to have any objections.



VIGIL AT KNOCK

On April 26th, 1982, a number of Final Year students travelled to Knock to participate in a Vocation Vigil at Our Lady's Shrine. In the following article, one of the students, Frank Browne, gives his impressions.

At 3.30 p.m., we set off on our way to Knock. It was a wonderful April Saturday and the sparkling rays of the sun seemed to focus our attention on the beauties of nature which for the greater part of the year seems hidden from our unresponsive senses.

Although we knew that the journey was a long one, it seemed quite short — perhaps because the conversation amongst us was good and the countryside enthralled us more and more the further west we travelled

On our arrival to Knock at 7.40 p.m., everything was relatively quiet. Fr. Godfrey, who accompanied us, concluded from this that either we were early or else we had come on the wrong day. I reassured one of my companions who was on the verge of panic — a panic that subsided only when he examined his remarkably detailed diary.

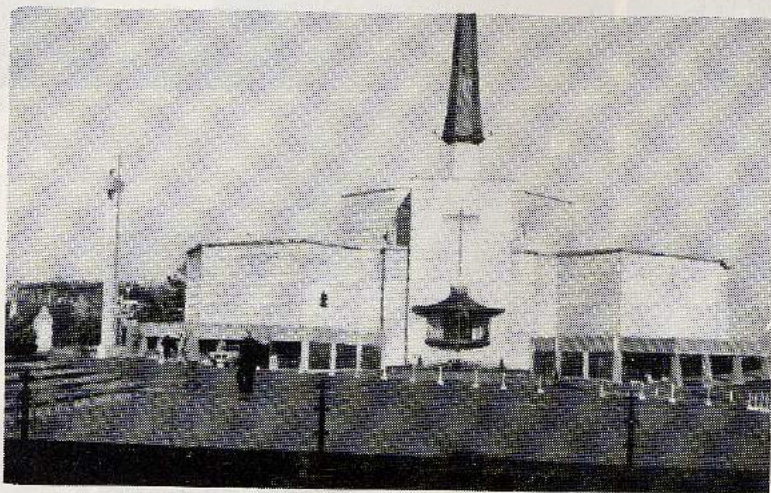
After a welcome cup of tea, we explored the area around the shrine. As we did this, we had the pleasure of meeting Monsignor James Horan, the Parish Priest of Knock, who stopped and chatted with us for a while. As he left us, he began to run along, probably making up for the time he lost. We were impressed by the cleanliness of Knock — hardly any litter was to



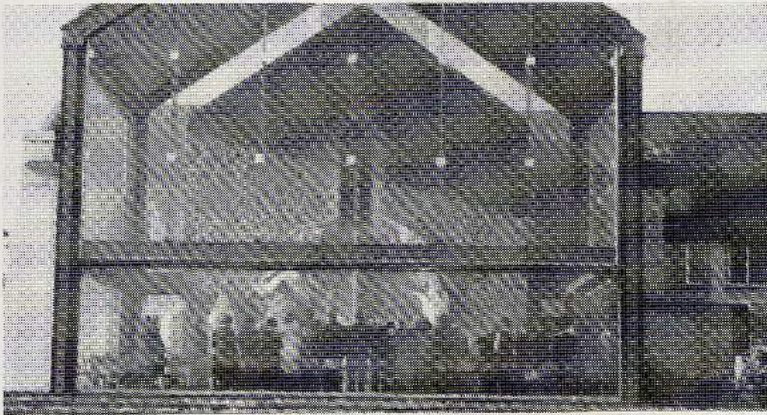
Frank Browne

be seen. The souvenir shops were placed neatly together, out of sight and sound of the shrine area. Everything seemed to be extremely well organised and clear signs kept all the pilgrims informed of the location of essential services.

We then entered the new and very large Church, raised by Pope John Paul II to the dignity of a Basilica on his historic visit to Knock in October 1979. Although this new church can accommodate many thousands, access in and



The new Basilica of Our Lady Queen of Ireland at Knock.
(Photo: Frank Browne)



The scene of the apparition — the gable end of the old church at Knock. (Photo: Frank Browne)

out is made very swift and easy by the great number of doors. The altar is situated in the centre of the Church which enables all present to see it easily. To the rear of the altar is situated the Blessed Sacrament Chapel where we prayed for a while and savoured the peace that seems almost tangible in this sacred spot.

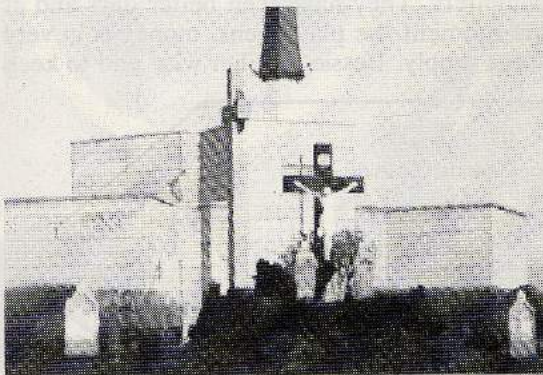
Soon, Knock began to be filled with other pilgrims who had, like us, come to participate in the Vigil. After some lively hymn singing to get things going, students from All Hallows College in Dublin presented in a dramatic form a play which portrayed the apostles and the opinion each one of them had of Jesus. At 9.30 p.m., the students led a procession up the hill in front of the Church where we followed the Way of the Cross. Unfortunately, the huge size of the gathering made deep meditation difficult. We then broke up for an hour.

When we resumed our places in the Basilica, a number of plays were presented by a group of

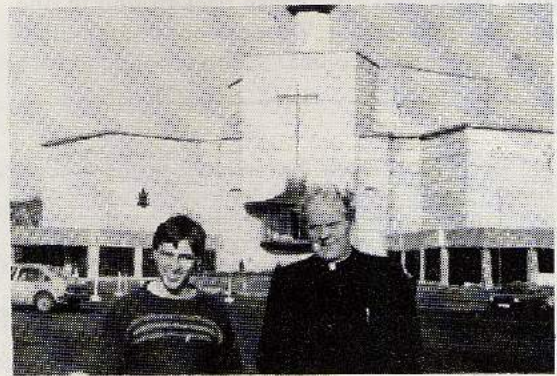
travelling actors. These plays illustrated common problems faced by all sectors of the community, such as loneliness, selfishness and unhappiness. The plays went on to show how these problems could be overcome by faith in Jesus Christ and in a sharing of one's feelings with one's fellow-man.

Soon it was midnight, the time for the highlight of our vigil, the celebration of the Mass. The three intentions for which the pilgrims had gathered to keep vigil were for those doing public examinations, for an increase in vocations and for peace. The Mass, which lasted an hour and a half, passed very quickly.

When we returned to the car at the conclusion of the Mass which marked the end of the Vigil, we felt a deep sense of fulfilment, a sense of delight that we had come, and a sense of hope and confidence for whatever the future had in store for us.



A view of the Twelfth Station, with the new Basilica of Knock in the background. (Photo: Frank Browne)



Fintan Sheerin and Fr. Godfrey in front of the new Basilica. (Photo: Frank Browne)

They Got What They Wanted

by Louis D'Alton

<i>Peter Murnaghan</i>	John Blunden
<i>Sally Murnaghan</i>	Catherine Dennis (<i>Notre Dame School</i>)
<i>Norah Murnaghan</i>	Orla Cunningham (<i>Notre Dame School</i>)
<i>Jack Murnaghan</i>	Colm Dunne
<i>Mrs. Bessie Murnaghan</i>	Hilary O'Loughlin (<i>Our Lady's School</i>)
<i>Owen Tubridy (a storekeeper)</i>	Gerard Cross
<i>Derry Murnaghan</i>	Hugh Mullen
<i>Bartley Murnaghan (the father)</i>	Conan Budds
<i>Tom Cassidy (a building contractor)</i>	Brendan Cassidy
<i>Matty McGrath (a farmer)</i>	James Furlong
<i>Joe McGrath (his son)</i>	John Carvill
<i>Errand Boy</i>	Robert Heron

Directed and Produced by Father F. C. Barry, C.S.Sp.

They Got What They Wanted

A THREE ACT COMEDY

by Louis D'Alton

This year, for the 1981 School Play, we turned from plays with an English background to one with an Irish setting. We were not disappointed with our choice. Louis D'Alton supplied us with

a very suitable one in "They Got What They Wanted".

The action is played out in the old-fashioned livingroom of a middle-class family, the Murnaghans, somewhere in the Midlands. Mr. and Mrs. Murnaghan, Bartley and Bessie, have three grown-up sons, Jack, Peter and Derry, and the girls, Sally and Norah are the two daughters. They have seen better days and at the moment the play opens, money is in very short supply. Bessie is at her wits' end to keep

- A. Cassidy, the contractor, played by his namesake, Brendan Cassidy.
- B. McGrath, (the farmer) in full flight.
- C. Sally (Catherine Dennis) in perfect pose.
- D. Jack (Colm Dunne) looks incredulous.
- E. Bartley (Conan Budds) takes a long and tranquil look at life.
- F. Derry (Hugh Mullen) makes a point.
- G. Tubridy, the local grocer, (Gerry Cross) waxes eloquent.
- H. Mrs. Murnaghan, the harassed housewife, played by Hilary O'Loughlin.
- J. Norah (Orla Cunningham) with her betrothed, Joe (John Carvill).





The Ladies' Dressingroom as Hilary, Catherine and Orla prepare for action.

up appearances in their large house (if one can judge by the livingroom) and to keep the loaf on the table. But her credit is at an all-time low with the town traders and especially with Tubridy, the local grocer. Apart from genial affection, she is no way helped by her bibliophile husband, Bartley. He freely admits his inability to hold down a job, prefers to pass his days in the dreamland of literary geniuses and looks upon all present and future problems with Micawberlike optimism.

Suddenly, sunlight breaks through the economic gloom. A headline in the local paper announces that the fabulously rich Gilskyre estate in the U.S. has been left to the descendants, by name Leary, or more probably, Leahy, of a certain Margaret (of the same name) who emigrated from the locality in 1830. Here the play begins, the Murnaghans are in line for untold wealth from Margaret Leahy. The news is not long in getting about. Money talks everywhere and nowhere more potently than in a country town. Overnight, the Murnaghans never had it so good. They are surrounded by friends on all sides. Businessmen, professional men, the bank, all rally round to offer their help in every way possible. For Bessie, credit is no problem. Bartley's extensive reading now serves him in good stead. He takes up the study of finance in a big way. He thinks up grandiose schemes for the children. Norah will have no difficulty in marrying Joe McGrath, son of a tight-fisted

local farmer. Sally is set up in a fashion boutique with agencies from Dublin and even the Continent. Derry will go into partnership with Cassidy, the local contractor who is flattered by the honour. There are schemes for local development, film-making, a greyhound track, a casino; legal advice and overdrafts present no problem. Bartley has mastered the intricacies of high finance and is winning all along the line. Everything is going along happily, when, as might be expected, the bubble bursts. Nearer claimants have been found to the Gilskyre millions. No matter. The play ends on a happy note with everybody going off to the wedding of Norah and Joe, letting the future take care of itself. D'Alton has written a static but sparkling comedy of three acts played out in the Murnaghan livingroom.

This year, we broke with a long St. Mary's tradition (stretching back to Shakespeare and beyond) by including girls in our cast. For about one hundred years, boys have interpreted with grace and elegance female roles in countless plays. But boys are not girls and nothing is like the real thing. And how magnificently the girls responded to our invitation! Hilary O'Loughlin, from Our Lady's School, Templeogue, played the part of Bessie. The role is an exacting one. Bessie had the unenviable task of running a household on a shoestring budget while endeavouring to maintain a fitting standard of respectability. Her five grown-up children and bookworm

husband must be fed and clothed. She is at her wits' end how to cope, when the good news of the Gilskyre legacy comes to her relief. Hilary brought to this part quite a maturity of interpretation, a native sense of humour and an ease of dialogue that belied her years. The part is an all-important one, as the play may be said to revolve about her and her husband. The family she mothered presents an infinite variety of personalities, there is Sally, excellently played by Catherine Dennis, of Notre Dame School, Churchtown, tall, dark, handsome, elegant and artistic, only awaiting her chance to portray her talents, which the Gilskyre money gives her. Norah, by contrast, a vivacious blonde, whose wedding with Joe climaxes the happy ending, was beautifully played by Orla Cunningham, also of Notre Dame, Churchtown.

The standard set by our guest actresses stimulated us to greater heights in the male roles. (Just why had the girls to be so word perfect?) Perhaps D'Alton's greatest achievement in this play is that he has drawn so well the characters of the same family, seven in all. John Blunden opened the play in the role of Peter with no job and nothing to talk about, but necessary to the action all the same. He made the best of this indifferent part. Colm Dunne, gifted with a fine speaking voice, was admirably cast as Jack, the eldest son and sole breadwinner. Not an easy debut for him, as the role calls for considerable maturity. Colm can be

well satisfied with his efforts. Derry, the youngest son and his father's favourite, is the best drawn of the three boys. Hugh Mullen brought an amount of personal characterisation and humour to his part. But it is undoubtedly Bartley, the widely-read, philosophising head of the household, the impractical genius living in a dream-world of his own, leaving to his consort the mundane task of keeping the house from falling down, who gives unity to, and sustains the whole action. It is a slow-moving, demanding part, calling for a good memory and a keen appreciation of the meaning of the rich vocabulary his wide reading has given him. The periphrasis is his meat and drink. Having grappled with and carried off very successfully the wordy part of Professor Higgins in "Pygmalion" last year, Conan Budds volunteered for this leading role. He made a meticulous study of the lines and brought the character of Bartley to life, beyond his hopes. So much for the Murnaghan family.

The supporting players who complete the cast are all well drawn. There is Tubridy, the crawling, fawning local storekeeper, prepared to turn every occasion to his own profit. Gerry Cross, taking to the stage for the first time, gave it his own convincing interpretation. The irate farmer, Matty McGrath, making sure that his holding will pass securely to posterity in the marriage of his son Joe with Norah, needs no lesson in economics to know that the Gilskyre estate means just that. James Furlong, with



Mrs. Gloria Leahy puts the finishing touches on Hilary O'Loughlin's coiffure.

characteristic thoroughness, put everything he had into a fine portrayal. John Carvill, as the rebellious son of the rising rural generation, happy to marry the girl of his choice, farm or no farm, fitted in nicely here. Cassidy the town contractor, helps to tell us how unpopular Tubridy is among the townfolk; a straightforward part played competently by Brendan Cassidy, also making his stage debut. In a play, even the very minor parts are important. Robert Heron appeared for a few brief seconds as the messenger boy who succeeds in being delightfully awkward, adding to the fun as he gets Tubridy's goat.

But actors have to be dressed and made-up. We had help from all sides. Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Leahy provided suitable dresses for the ladies. Mrs. Jo Funge and Mrs. Pauline Smyth gave much thought, time and

skill to fitting and make-up. For the male characters, Mr. Peter Walsh and Mr. John Gillespie transformed youths into mature men. John Keogh, with his team of stage-men, Alan Delany, John Nolan, Herbert Dennis and Robert Heron saw to it that the setting, designed and prepared by Raymund Bulger, had furniture and props in due order. Ronan Hughes and Patrick McCarthy, in control of the lighting for their third year, passed on a job well done to Cormac Funge and Niall Sweeney. Father Raftery provided the interval music and looked after the photographic end of things. Blanaid Coveney (Our Lady's School) and Miriam O'Keffe (Notre Dame) were always on the alert to lend first aid as prompters. All that was left to do was to join the audience and enjoy the complete work of art.

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PREFECTS

R. Power, M. McCarthy, H. Stephenson, P. Dunne,
S. McCabe, B. Hanratty, K. Regan, J. Kennedy, C. Murphy, L. Conlon,
F. Sheerin, M. Hanley, C. Budds, J. O'Connell, (School Captain), A. Delany, L. Lynch, R. Heron.

(Photo: James J. Maguire)

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS . . .

A Look at the School Year 1981-1982

Tuesday, September 15th

In spite of the extra two weeks' holiday, the first day back is as bad as ever. Classes ended early to allow the staff to attend a serious staff meeting in the front parlour.

Wednesday, September 16th

The SCT squad turn out for a practice match, reffed by Mr. Leonard to pick the team to meet Blackrock on Saturday.

Thursday, September 17th

Elections for class captains and vice-captains in full swing today. We congratulate John O'Connell on being elected Captain of the School by his fellow Sixth Year students.

Saturday, September 19th

The New Pavilion in Kenilworth is officially blessed and opened. The opening SCT match of the year, against Blackrock ended in a 9-9 draw.

Sunday, September 20th

With deep regret, we announce the death of Simon Rossi, a student in the Junior School.

Tuesday, September 22nd

The Leaving Certificate results arrive today and give general satisfaction. The JCT turn out for their first practice.

Wednesday, September 23rd

We wish Bon Voyage to Brother Ignatius who leaves today for Sierra Leone. Castleknock are victorious over the SCT (21-18), 2nd Seniors (10-7), and the 3rd Seniors (30-6).

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- A. No prizes for guessing what John Byrne and Niall Budds (4th Year) are talking about!
 - B. Gregory Traynor submits cheerfully to strangulation at the willing hands of Henry Bruce and Brendan McAvinue.
 - C. Don't look now but . . . Gary Graham and Mark Byrne of 6th Year.
 - D. What am I supposed to do with this? Donal Loughrey seems a little non-plussed by the Cricket Ball.
 - E. John Dowling, Paul Traynor and Michael McGill set a new fashion in headgear.
 - F. Fr. O'Reilly organises his troops on Photograph Day.





Saturday, September 26th

2nd Year are on Retreat today, directed by Fr. J. Lewis, CSSp of Kenya and Fr. R. Conboy, CSSp of Brazil. The Under 14's take on St. Michael's, the A team winning 36-0 and the B team losing 24-0.

Tuesday, September 29th

Mr. Hughes takes the JCT for practice and Mrs. Wall makes her appearance in the Computer Science Class! First Notes of the Year today and both Fr. Godfrey and Mr. Mac Murchú leave the students in no doubt that hard work must be the order of the day — and of the year.

Wednesday, September 30th

Not a very successful day's sport as the JCT are beaten 23-15 by Belvedere who also beat the 3rds 40-7 and the SCT 24-4.

Thursday, October 1st

A wet and wintry day as befits the beginning of a wet and wintry month. Games practices cancelled due to inclement weather.

Friday, October 2nd

First Friday Mass celebrated by Fr. O'Reilly.

Saturday, October 3rd

Third Year make their Retreat today under Frs. Lewis and Conboy. The JCT lost 6-19 to De La Salle.

Sunday, October 4th

The SCT come 3rd out of 18 teams in the Blackrock College Schools Festival in Stradbroke — well done!

Tuesday, October 6th

We reluctantly interrupt our studies during last class to take part in a Fire Drill — some students would prefer to be burned to a cinder rather than miss a precious moment of class.

Thursday, October 8th

No classes today, as the teachers attend the Archbishop's Mass in the Pro-cathedral — to pray for patience, no doubt.

Friday, October 9th

The inaugural debate of the year takes place as our team, consisting of Conan Budds, Tadhg McTiernan, Colm Dunne and Hugh Stephenson, pits its wits against Notre Dame, Churchtown



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- A. Fifth Year Soccer Ballet on the Recreation.
 - B. Dr. B. Deasy with his two sons, John and Olivier watch the presentation of medals after the Junior School Rugby League Finals.
 - C. Oui, mon cher, un jour, tu l'auras! Ruairi Moran (5th Year) makes no secret of his love for French — whatever about the teacher!
 - D. Freedom at last — D. Conlon, J. Kennedy, D. Fitzsimons, M. Creedon and D. Kennedy after the last of the Christmas exams.

and deal with the subject, "What the world needs is 'Love, Sweet Love'". Victoria nobis erat. Sixth Year take to the hills — to the Augustinian Novitiate, Orlagh, that is, to do their retreat with Fr. S. Casey, CSSp.

Saturday, October 10th

The SCT, 2nd Seniors and JCT travel to Roscrea for their annual fixture. The SCT won 16-4, as did the JCT 24-0, while the 2nds were beaten 37-4.

Monday, October 12th

A second group of Sixth Year students make their retreat today.

Thursday, October 15th

First Year travel to Newgrange, as part of their Integrated Studies programme, accompanied by Mr. Doyle and Mr. Gillespie.

Sunday, October 18th

SCT and JCT travel to Rockwell where both teams were beaten, 20-16 and 26-6 respectively.

Monday, October 19th

Fifth Year make their retreat in Tabor House, Milltown Park today and tomorrow.

Wednesday, October 21st

The JCT are victorious against High School, 28-10.

Thursday, October 22nd

Career talk, by Mr. P. Byrne, is given today to Sixth and Fifth Year. Fr. O'Reilly celebrates Mass in the evening during which new members of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association are received.

Friday, October 23rd

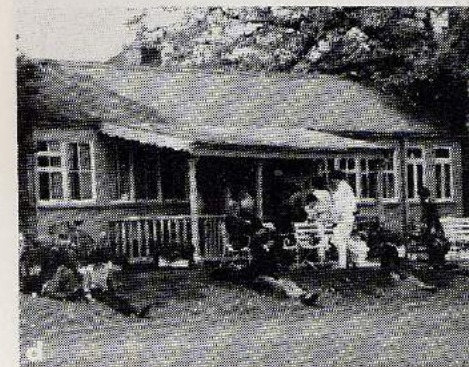
The Mid-Term break begins today. The JCT have a practice in Kenilworth under their new coach, Mr. Tony Hickie.

Saturday, October 24th

In spite of the mid-term break, the JCT turn out to win their match against St. Gerard's in Kenilworth, 14-3.

Tuesday, October 27th

The SCT's travel plans for their Welsh trip undergo a sudden change, as Sealink put us all in their debt by declaring a lightning



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- A. Paul Keogan makes the most of the summer sun in Kenilworth.
 - B. John O'Connell, School Captain, reads during a First Friday Mass.
 - C. I'm not afraid of 5th year — Ronan Traynor (3rd Year) chances his arm with Stephen Tee (5th Year).
 - D. Summer scene in Kenilworth as the team prepares for cricket.
 - E. Declan Fennick challenges John Kennedy for possession as Sean Purcell keeps a close eye on proceedings.



strike. The assembly met at the College at 10 p.m. and a convoy of cars make their way down the front avenue on its way to the North Wall.

Saturday, October 31st

The JCT practice hard in Kenilworth with Mr. T. Hickie and his brother and former International, Mr. D. Hickie.

Sunday, November 1st

The SCT return from the Land of My Fathers having drawn one match and narrowly losing the other.

Monday, November 2nd

We are in business once more as class resumes after the break. The results of the Intermediate Certificate arrive — at last! A half-day is granted to Fifth Year to help them recover from the shock of having passed the exam.

Tuesday, November 3rd

John O'Connell of Sixth Year is selected for the Interprovincial Trial today and the Irish Times praises his "excellent footwork".

Wednesday, November 4th

We welcome Mr. R. O'Connor and Mr. L. McNutt to the teaching staff.

Friday, November 6th

Fifth Year lead the singing at the First Friday Mass today. The Celebrant was Fr. C. Byrne. Our sympathies to Mr. Brennan on breaking his arm as the Staff turn out for soccer practice after school.

Saturday, November 7th

JCT beaten 16-24 by King's Hospital in Palmerstown this afternoon.

Tuesday, November 10th

The Irish Debating team travel to Naas after class with Fr. Godfrey and Mr. Kirby.

Friday, November 13th

In spite of the date, the school doesn't collapse on our heads or the world end. Mr. Liam Naughton takes his Fifth Year B.O. class to visit the Stock Exchange. (P.S. B.O. stands for Business Organisation). The Debating Society is host to Muckcross Park in



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- A. No. 33 himself — Ian Ronayne, 4th Year — in action in Kenilworth.
 - B. Niall Tracey, David A. Kelleher and Tom Stuart pictured on the last day of the school year, June, 1982.
 - C. Mr. R. Hughes is challenged by Paul Keogan for possession of the front field.
 - D. Sixth Year don't find the Leaving Certificate particularly daunting — Simon Farnan, Robert Heron and Denis Byrne.
 - E. Fourth Year (or most of 'em!) watch the soccer match on the Rec. with attention.

the Art Room. The subject: "Man is amazing, but not yet perfect". Quote of the evening from H. Dennis: "I am well up in octopusses". Two Fifth Year students had to leave rather hurriedly — for a prayer meeting in Donnybrook, near a well-known Rugby Club!

Monday, November 16th

SCT and JCT draws announced today. The SCT to play Roscrea in Athy (Dismayed Chorus: "Where's Athy?") The JCT to play Newbridge in Donnybrook. If anyone doesn't know where Donnybrook is, we can refer them to two Fifth Year students who regularly attend prayer meetings in the vicinity.

Wednesday, November 18th

The JCT lose 24-4 to Newbridge, but the Under 14's redress the balance by winning 26-19. Sr. Joan pays us a visit from St. Louis looking for orchestral hopefuls. The response was not overwhelming!

Friday, November 20th

Fr. M. Doherty, CSSp, of "Concern" speaks to Fifth and Sixth Year this morning. The Past Pupils assemble in the Concert Hall in the evening for their Annual Dinner. Fr. Raftery and the Culture Vultures grace the National Concert Hall for a performance of what someone in First Year called the "Mrs. Sollemnis".

Saturday, November 21st

The JCT have a disappointing outing against Pres. Bray. We take solace in the fact that Ireland was beaten by Australia 12-16, notwithstanding the assistance of Paul Dean, past student, on the Irish XV.

Monday, November 23rd

A wet morning means that some who arrived drenched to the skin got permission to go home and change. A few who arrived quite dry went out and got soaked in sympathy and solidarity with their less fortunate brothers — but did not get permission to go home and change.

Wednesday, November 25th

St. Michael's defeat both JCT and SCT this afternoon.

Thursday, November 26th

Our Irish debaters, John Carvill, Tadhg McTiernan and Herbert Dennis, uphold our honour in Our Lady's Grove School, Goatstown.



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- A. Stephen Tee and James Furlong (5th Year) discuss tactics prior to the SCT match against Wesley.
 - B. Mrs. Ryan tries on a new hat before the staff photo — Miss O'Sullivan, Miss Crowley and Mrs. Bane seem to approve.
 - C. Robert Daly serves a First Friday Mass.
 - D. First Year in sporting mood — Corrie McDermott, Niall Funge, Ciaran Keogh and Cormac Purcell.
 - E. Waddya lookin' at me for? Kieran Carvill would prefer to be allowed to get on with his French.



Friday, November 27th

Fr. Maiben's Annual Collection for Hume Street Hospital takes place today — our collectors gaily take to the streets, adding to the confusion caused by the Farmers' protest in Merrion Square. The Debating Society travel to Alexandra College to find out if there is any room left for idealism. They didn't come back to tell us.

Saturday, November 28th

The Dress Rehearsal of the play takes place this afternoon. The JCT lose to Gonzaga 8-12 while the SCT defeat Newbridge 19-13, despite having some key players missing who were involved in the School Play. We offer our deep sympathy to Fr. J. Byrne of Templeogue College (St. Mary's 1959-1980) on the death of his mother. R.I.P.

Sunday, November 29th

First performance of the Play this afternoon.

Monday, November 30th

The Junior Chamber Debate is held this evening. Our opponents are Wesley College and the subject is: "The School Curriculum is not a good preparation for life". The Chairman is Mr. Mervyn Walsh, a former student of the 1972 Leaving Certificate class.

Thursday, December 3rd

Great activity on the Top Corridor — and elsewhere — as tickets are sold for the forthcoming School Dance.

Saturday, December 5th

Last night of the Play. We thank the cast, the backstage crew, the make-up team and, of course, Fr. Barry. The cast did not waste time afterwards — they headed for the hills for a party to celebrate.

Monday, December 7th

Tomorrow's free day is anticipated by a dance in Templeville this evening, tonight and tomorrow morning.

Tuesday, December 8th

No classes today in honour of the Immaculate Conception. Fifth and Sixth year physicists, however, assemble to take their exam.

Wednesday, December 9th

Fr. Maiben thanks his collectors as he posts the results of the collection: £1,495. Games practices cancelled on all sides as pitches become unplayable due to the continuing freeze-up.

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- A. Fr. Murray keeps an eye on his shrubs on the front avenue. We welcome him home after his recent stay in hospital.
 - B. Cormac Kissane (1st Year) looks determined — in spite of the crutches. Glad to know you are better, Cormac!
 - C. A schoolboy's lot is not a happy one — Padraig Kearney (3rd Year) deals with an occupational hazard.
 - D. Fifth Year practise their smiles — prior to posing for the class photograph.
 - E. First Year smile for the camera — or, at least, make a good attempt! Dara Flood, Ronan Murphy and Troy Lavin.

Friday, December 11th

The cold snap continues as Fr. Maher is kept busy putting up "Cancelled" notices on the Sports notice-board.

Monday, December 14th

The end of term looms into view as the Christmas exams commence.

Tuesday, December 15th

First Year visit that other corridor of power, the Dáil.

Friday, December 18th

We take our departure in varying states of exhaustion, as the last examination becomes part of history and the term struggles to a halt.

EASTER TERM

Thursday, January 7th

The doors creak open once more as we eagerly throng the corridors anxious to take up where we left off . . . left off what, asks the worried staff.

Friday, January 8th

We did not have much time to take it up, whatever it was. A "Dies Non" declared at 10.30 on account of the snow. Fr. Barry is heard to remark that it's the worst snow since 1933 — we'll take his word for it, for obvious reasons! SKOOL IZ KOOL takes on a new meaning. We might have been dreaming of a White Christmas, but we never dreamt of this, as the whole country is brought to a virtual standstill.

Thursday, January 14th

We make an effort to get going once more, as 4th and 6th Years attend class — in theory at least. The effort is given up at 12.45 as classes for the rest of the day and for tomorrow also are cancelled as the freeze-up continues.

Monday, January 18th

You're not going to believe this — we're still closed — this time by a burst water mains due to the thaw.

Tuesday, January 19th

You're going to find this difficult to believe also — the Senior School opens, the Junior remains closed.



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- A. Gary Graham (Sixth Year) takes a long look at life.
 - B. Kenilworth in a wintry setting — January 1982.
 - C. Alan Naughton (Form 6) takes time off from watching the Cricket Finals to pose for the camera.
 - D. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse — E. Byrne, C. Murphy, B. Moore and B. Kerrigan during a soccer match on the Rec.
 - E. Paul Kilmurray (2nd Year) and friend, Liam McEniff grace the Junior Sports with their presence.



Wednesday, January 20th

Some semblance of normality is restored today as the JCT, SCT, 2nds and 3rds all have matches. "Being under the weather" takes on a new meaning as all teams are defeated, except the SCT who hold Templeogue to a 6-6 draw.



Friday, January 22nd

The Lorcan Gogan Memorial Debate between Past and Present students takes place this evening. We welcome former student, Chief Justice Mr. T. F. O'Higgins, S.C. as adjudicator and we congratulate Con Tiernan of 6th Year on winning the Trophy.

Saturday, January 23rd

Our despondency at our recent run of bad luck in rugby is lifted as Ireland defeat Wales 20-12, their first step on their journey to the Triple Crown.

Sunday, January 24th

The JCT emulate the National team and defeat Castleknock 6-4.



Tuesday, January 26th

Sympathy for Mr. Naughton's attack of flu is tempered by relief as his students enjoy unexpected free periods. Standing room only in Kenilworth in the afternoon as the JCT and 3rd Seniors engage in a practice match and four Minor League teams from First Year fight it out under the watchful eye of Fr. Maher. Conditions no better back at the College as the SCT follow the Under 14's on the front field — all making full use of the stretch in the evenings.

Wednesday, January 27th

The JCT defeat St. Paul's, 14-10.



Thursday, January 28th

Mr. Newell joins Mr. Naughton in the "grippe" of the flu. Sympathy all round increases in direct proportion. There is a career talk on Electronics today. Those coming to school expecting to find anarchy abounding following the defeat of the Government were surprised (pleasantly or otherwise) to find everything as usual and all the usual people in all the usual places. SCT Captain and Vice-Captain, Dermot Quigley and Gerry Hassett visit all classes in the afternoon in preparation for the Cup Match on February 8th against Roscrea.

Friday, January 29th

Fr. Raftery seems to be becoming a little weary of answering the



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- A. Patrick McCarthy (6th Year) supports the Senior Tennis Team at Bushy Park.
 - B. Tom Dillon and Robert Daly (First Year) serve Mass for Fr. T. Geoghegan.
 - C. So THAT'S what he spends his time at in that little office — Fr. Raftery hard at work tries to keep ahead of the 5th Year crossword experts!
 - D. The Abominable Snowman — alias John Carvill (5th Year) prepares for the snow.
 - E. Fourth Year Soccer Ballet on the Recreation.

question "When's the Annual coming out?" A tired smile seems to be his only answer — maybe the only words left to him are words that he'd rather not use.

Sunday, January 31st

The Scouts have their Annual Investiture in the College this morning.

Monday, February 1st

Overheard in Religious Knowledge class: "Who was Matt Talbot?" "He's the bloke who built the bridge".

Tuesday, February 2nd

We regret to announce the death of Mr. S. McCarthy, father of Michael in 6th Year. We offer our deepest sympathy to Michael, his mother and family and to Fr. Michael McCarthy, CSSp, Provincial.

Thursday, February 4th

Career talk today is on the Motor Industry. It's that time of year again as the Cheerleaders stage a Roar-In in the Hall. Sixth Years are becoming particularly adept at netting evaders. Fifth and Sixth Year make a donation of £85 to Shelter Referral.

Friday, February 5th

Mike Murphy, on the "Live Mike" says that he had a particularly rough lot in the house. We sympathise with him, knowing one member of his audience.

Saturday, February 6th

Victory all round again as the JCT defeat Belvedere 11-10 and Ireland defeat England 16-15.

Monday, February 8th

D-Day as we travel to Newbridge (changed from Athy) for our SCT Cup Match against Roscrea. We offer our sympathies to the team, to Fr. Godfrey and Mr. Cotter as their hopes are dashed in a 13-3 defeat. As Dermot Quigley scored a beautiful drop goal in the opening minutes of the game, we thought history was going to repeat itself from last year. We thank sincerely Mr. and Mrs. Quigley for their kind hospitality to the team after the match.

Tuesday, February 9th

Class as usual, despite post-match depression. Fr. Raftery gets involved in a cliff-hanging situation with 5th Year. Practice



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- A. Will I? Won't I? Conor Tee seems to hesitate before dispatching fellow Third Year student, Paul Rahilly.
 - B. Gerry Cross (5th Year) in relaxed mood.
 - C. Headshrinking the St. Mary's way — Ronan Traynor (3rd Year) receives the treatment from (we think) Conor Tee as Eoin Murphy and Peter Cross look on.
 - D. John O'Brien (2nd Year) in custody — note the barred windows!
 - E. Even the great ones relax — school captain John O'Connell in happy mood.



interviews tonight for 6th Year, with Mr. Lewis and Mr. Fearon directing proceedings.

Thursday, February 11th

Mr. Naughton's 5th Year Economics class gets going on its project while the 5th Year Irish Debate team engage Synge Street in Art Room.



Sunday, February 14th

Students from Form 6 and 6¹ in the Junior School are confirmed by Archbishop Ryan in Rathmines Parish Church this afternoon.

Monday, February 15th

The Staff, who have been behaving themselves fairly well up to now, assemble in secret session in the Staff Room for a meeting this afternoon.



Tuesday, February 16th

A record number of JCT players in detention as Fr. Raftery runs a shuttle service between the College and Kenilworth. The Community is honoured by a visit from Bishop J. Whelan, CSSp, this evening.

Wednesday, February 17th

Tickets for the Shrove Tuesday dance are being sold like hot pancakes by the Dance Committee.

Thursday, February 18th

Election Day — First Year cannot understand why they are not let out to exercise their vote.



Saturday, February 20th

Major events in the sports calendar this weekend include the Under 13's first Cup Match in Kenilworth and Ireland's 21-12 defeat of Scotland and winning the Triple Crown.

Sunday, February 21st

We welcome Fr. C. Byrne home again after his recent illness and we wish him a quick recovery to full health again.

Monday, February 22nd

The SCT play Edinburgh Academical Institution, weekend visitors for the International, and defeat them 10-6.



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- A. Gerry Keogh (3rd Year) grits his teeth as anchor man in the Sports Day Tug-O-War.
 - B. Henry Bruce, Stephen Rossi and Ronan Murphy on Sports Day.
 - C. John Byrne (4th Year) keeps an eye on the camera, instead of the ball!
 - D. SCT captain, Alan Delany watches the toss with his Wesley counterpart.
 - E. Mr. D. Dunne takes time off to enjoy the sunshine.

Wednesday, February 24th

We mark the beginning of Lent by taking ashes in the Chapel this morning. The Under 13's begin their cup campaign in style defeating Blackrock 24-4 in Kenilworth this afternoon.

Friday, February 24th

The Concert Hall reverberates this evening to the sounds of ENVY and Quannah Parker, and £34 is raised for Shelter Referral.

Monday, March 1st

Another roar-in this afternoon in preparation for the JCT Match this afternoon. The Golf Team have an outing this afternoon.

Tuesday, March 2nd

The JCT Cup Match today in Donnybrook sees our gallant XV defeated 11-0 by Newbridge. We offer them our sympathy and thank them for their hard work.

Friday, March 5th

Fr. Maher is the celebrant of the First Friday Mass. The Junior School Annual Rugby trip to Wales begins today.

Monday, March 8th

Two speakers from Alcoholics Anonymous, Louis and Fergus, share their experiences with Fifth and Sixth Year this morning. We thank them for coming. Our Junior School travellers from Wales are forced to spend the night at sea as the ship on which they were returning, the St. David from Holyhead is prevented from entering a blockaded Dun Laoghaire due to the B+I/Sealink dispute. We envy them as they win another free day from school!

Tuesday, March 9th

Our intrepid travellers take the return voyage to Wales, travel by train to Fishguard and reach native soil at Rosslare. It is ironic that once the rowdy element was removed, the St. David was allowed to dock at Dun Laoghaire without further ado!

Wednesday, March 10th

The Under Thirteens defeat Templeogue 8-4 in their Cup Match, snatching victory in the face of hail, snow and biting winds.

Wednesday, March 17th

Fr. Nugent, former president of the College joins the Community for lunch. We send our good wishes and congratulations to



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- A. Ronan Hughes (6th Year) is intrigued by the wonders of a pocket calculator.
 - B. Sports Day smiles (and otherwise) from Third Year students, Paul McSharry, Tristan Pierce, Garrett Quigley, Gerry Winston and Paul Roantree.
 - C. Jim Kelly (First Year) prepares for a class outing.
 - D. Exams? No problem! Fergus Roantree sees it all as plain sailing.
 - E. John Dwan (6th Year) and Gerry Cross, enjoy the joke — whatever it was!



Blackrock College on its victory in the Schools Senior Cup, defeating King's Hospital, 22-3

Friday, March 26th

The Debating Society makes its way to Notre Dame, Churchtown (funny how they knew the way) to the debate "Fashion is for the Birds". We are glad to be able to report, for once, that the weather this week has been springlike — let's hope it will continue.



Saturday, March 27th

The Under 16's Sevens make it to the Semi-final in the Seven-a-Side Festival. Fr. V. O'Grady, former member of staff, lunches with the Community prior to returning to Rome, where he is at present stationed.



Monday, March 29th

Our hopes about the good weather are fulfilled as the new week dawns "bright and fair" as the poet said or should have. The Irish Oral exams for the Leaving Certificate begin today.

Thursday, April 1st

As postage charges go up today, a number of students express their willingness to do without their Easter reports. They are rather disappointed to learn that their generous offer is not being accepted.



Friday, April 2nd

At a celebration of 75 Years of Scouting this evening, held in Blackrock College, a choir of St. Mary's Scouts provided the music. President Hillery led a distinguished attendance of dignitaries of Church and State. Presentations are made to Fr. Godfrey and Mr. Cotter by the S.C.T. in recognition for their hard work as the trainers. We welcome Fr. Murray on his return from hospital.

Saturday, April 3rd

We welcome Fr. Maiben on his return from Trinidad where he had been on a visit, renewing friendships made during his ten year's teaching in St. Mary's College, Port of Spain.



Monday, April 5th

The Easter examinations continue.

Wednesday, April 7th

The term ends with the final examinations today. As Fr. Raftery chooses "volunteers" for the Choir, 2nd Year Celebrate the dawn



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- A. Tom Millar (Fifth Year) at the keyboard.
 - B. Paul Traynor and Michael McGill shoulder their champion.
 - C. The Terrible Twins — the Fearon cousins, Jimmy (5th Year) and Michael (4th Year) in benevolent mood.
 - D. Norman Hughes (2nd Year) finds something to smile at in Kenilworth.
 - E. In spite of the fierce concentration, Jim Kelly (1st Year) manages a smile for the camera.
 - F. Vincent Cunningham, Garrett Quigley and Brendan McGreen enjoy a break from "hard work" in class.

of freedom with a soccer match in the yard, reffed by Mr. Brennan. Mr. Lee's new jacket makes it difficult for First Year to keep their minds — and eyes — on things academic.

SUMMER TERM

Monday, April 19th

Classes resume after a week of superb weather. We welcome Fr. Byrne as he makes his return to full teaching duties once more. We congratulate Ronan McNulty (3rd Year) on winning the McCullough-Pigott Cup at the Sligo Feis during the holidays.

Wednesday, April 21st

Kenilworth puts on its summer look as the whites of cricket and tennis players combine attractively with the fresh green of carefully manicured cricket creases and tennis courts. We send good wishes and hope for a speedy recovery to William Mulvihill of 3rd Year who has been ill in hospital recently.

Friday, April 23rd

The S.C.T. of 1961 who won the Senior Cup that year meet for a "21 Years Later" in the Tara Towers Hotel. Michael O'Neill takes over bell-ringing duties in the absence of Paul Donovan and keeps himself and the rest of us on our toes during the day.

Sunday, April 25th

A 5-Mile Sponsored Walk, organised by Mr. O. Dunne and Fintan Sheerin of 6th Year takes place today to raise funds for Fr. D. Darcy, now working in Brazil and on the staff in St. Mary's from 1964 to 1979.

Monday, April 26th

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. T. Newell on the birth of their daughter. Dr. and Mrs. Deasy address Fifth Year this morning.

Tuesday, April 27th

Blazers, ties, smiles, etc., are taken out today for their annual airing as class photographs for the Annual are taken by former student, Mr. James Maguire.

Friday, April 30th

Rugby visitors to the Junior School from Wales arrive today.

Sunday, May 2nd

The PPU holds its AGM this morning. Mr. Chris Maguire is



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- A. Sixth Year pose with Fr. Sean Casey, C.S.Sp. after their retreat in Orlagh in September.
 - B. Noel Peare (2nd Year) looks the camera in the eye.
 - C. David Ryan (2nd Year) enjoys the summer sun in Kenilworth.
 - D. No comment!
 - E. JCT line-out against Rockwell, N. Budds, M. Montague, G. Keogh and J. Fitzgerald. Ref: Fr. H. Moloney, C.S.Sp.
 - F. Norman Byrne and Troy Lavin selling tickets during the Cake Sale.



lected President, Mr. Douglas Thornton, Vice-President, Mr. Billy Byrne, Hon. Secretary and Mr. Hugh O'Neill, Hon. Treasurer. The stretch of beautiful weather comes to an abrupt end with gale force winds, torrential rain and a dramatic fall in temperatures.

Monday, May 3rd

Tennis matches get going as St. Michael's beat the JCT convincingly in Kenilworth this afternoon.

Wednesday, May 5th

We received a letter from Trocaire today, thanking us for our cheque for £482.00, the proceeds from the Lenten Campaign.

Friday, May 7th

Fr. T. Geoghegan is the celebrant of the First Friday Mass today. Declan Doyle of 3rd Year made his own unique contribution to the proceedings. Overheard outside 2nd Year: "This is not the Dáil and you are not Tony Gregory — get your tie on!"

Saturday, May 8th

Sixth Year stage a 12-Hour Soccer Marathon, to raise money for some worthy cause.

Sunday, May 9th

Union Sports Day in Kenilworth — Mother Nature smiles on the proceedings with sunshine and warm breezes, unlike her mood on this occasion last year. Cricket, tennis and soccer competitions are enthusiastically enjoyed by past and present, accompanied by sisters and cousins and aunts.

Wednesday, May 12th

Both Minor and Junior Tennis teams are victorious this afternoon. The Juniors played Beneavin and the Minors Killashee.

Friday, May 14th

A group of First and Second Year students set off for a visit to the Burren district of Co. Clare and to the Aran Islands. Mr. Brennan almost got left behind!

The Minor Tennis team continue their winning streak, beating Wesley 5-1.

Monday, May 17th

Fr. Gus Griffin, C.S.Sp., Vocations Director, speaks to Fifth

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- A. Stage Manager, John Keogh (6th Year) presents the happy pair, Orla Cunningham and John Carvill after the School Play, Dec. 1981.
 - B. What a good boy am I — Peter Cross of Third Year in rather self-satisfied pose.
 - C. E.E.C. milk is enjoyed by Garrett Quigley and Oliver Dunne while Brendan McGreen, Jody Ronaldson and Vincent Cunningham look on enviously.
 - D. Eloquence and Elegance — one of our visitors from Muckross during a Friday Night Debate.
 - E. Fr. Barry has a word with Catherine Dennis during the dress rehearsal. Hilary O'Loughlin on the right.
 - F. One unexpected result of the Retreat — Mark Byrne (6th Year) in (shall we say) uncharacteristic pose.

Year today. The Junior School has its prize-giving tonight. The JCT Tennis team is beaten by St. Benildus in torrential rain.

Wednesday, May 19th

SCT Tennis play a Wesley 'B' team and win.

Friday, May 21st

Sixth year take today off for a long study weekend, or so they say! J.C.T. Tennis narrowly beaten by Wesley, 4-3.

Saturday, May 22nd

Great activity in school this morning as Junior School Cricket finals take place on the front field, umpired by Dr. Deasy and Mr. B. Byrne, while Fr. Maher directs proceedings in the yard where 3 soccer matches are played. We offer our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Claire Bowden, especially to her grandsons, Ian Bowden (4th Year), Alan Maguire (2nd Year) and Andrew Hoey (2nd Year). May she rest in peace.

Sunday, May 23rd

Sixth Year and their parents attend Mass in the Chapel, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

Monday, May 24th

Bus not running this afternoon due to the PRSI march in the city. Classes end rather abruptly at 2 p.m. and we reluctantly go home.

Tuesday, May 25th

The staff meet this afternoon to plan their campaign for the coming weeks, while heats for Sports Day are being run off in Kenilworth.

Wednesday, May 26th

Fr. Martin Clarke, C.C., Celbridge, visits the College to hear the students sing the Sacred Music programme. SCT Cricket lose to Wesley in Leinster.

Thursday, May 27th

Sixth Year take on the Staff in a soccer match after school on the front field. Senior Prizegiving in the evening, presided over by Mr. Chris Maguire, President, PPU. We congratulate John O'Connell on winning the medal for General Excellence.



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- A. If looks could kill . . . ! Con Tiernan during a debate.
 - B. Selling like hot cakes — a scene from the cake sale for the Missions.
 - C. Nicholas Ryan (Junior 3) in the limelight.
 - D. Fergus Dolan, Jim Kelly and John Deasy relax on a Saturday morning — in school!
 - E. Do you expect me to believe that? Paul Whelan (2nd Year.) obviously doesn't.
 - F. That pair again! The Fearon cousins enjoy a light-hearted moment during the Staff v. Students Soccer Match.



Friday, May 28th

Last day of class for Sixth Year — nostalgia all round as they pay a final visit to the classrooms. SCT 'B' Tennis lose 5-1 to High School in Bushy Park.

Saturday, May 29th

Junior Sports Day takes place in ideal conditions. Under 14's Cricket host Wilson's Hospital in Kenilworth.

Sunday, May 30th

Senior Sports take place today in conditions which were, if possible, even better than yesterday. We thank Fr. Maher, Mrs. Maguire and Mr. Stephens. Despite our sporting preoccupations this weekend, we follow with great interest the progress of the Papal Visit to England.

Tuesday, June 1st

Some classes held "al fresco" today to avail of the sunshine.

Friday, June 4th

Another year in St. Mary's comes to an end. To mark the end of the year, Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Byrne and Fr. Raftery. The JCT gather in the afternoon to make an presentation to Mr. Tony Hickie in recognition of his dedication and hard work on their behalf.



- A. Do you wanna come in? John Deasy holds the door while Blaise Smith holds the photographer's attention.
- B. Brendan Cassidy (5th Year) checks the wicket prior to umpiring an Under Thirteen match in Kenilworth.
- C. First Year head for the hills — Robert Daly, Fergal McNulty, Neil Fox and Joseph Beirne.
- D. SCT captain, Alan Delany "fixes" the wicket!
- E. Judge on the run — Peter Mahony refs a Fourth Year soccer match on the Rec.

SCOUTING

Unit Leader: Tom Shanahan.
Unit Treasurer: Tony Dalton.
Unit Secretary: Pat Shaffrey.
Unit Chaplain: Fr. S. Maher, C.S.Sp.

Section Leaders

Cubs: Richard Byrne.
6th Troop: John Larney.
7th Troop: Declan Sheehan.
8th Troop: Pat Stephenson.
Venturers: Dermot Rafter.

The start of the scouting year was delayed by the late opening of the school in September. However, in the first week of October, we saw the various sections commence their activities. There were changes of leadership in all sections of the unit, Richard Byrne became the new Cub Leader. Meanwhile, John Larney, Declan Sheehan and Pat Stephenson took up the reins of leadership in the 6th, 7th and 8th respectively. Dermot Rafter succeeded Tom Shanahan as Venture Leader, while Tom himself moved to the position of Unit Leader, replacing Don O'Higgins, who stepped down after having served the Unit loyally for many years.

The year was a successful one. The Cubs had their usual programme of activities which included hikes, outings and a Christmas party. The Scout troops also had a busy year with weekly meetings, combined with hikes and weekend camps, providing a very full programme. At Christmas, while the 7th and 8th hosted in Knockree, the 6th enjoyed a trip to the historic Youth Hostel in Aughavanna.

The Annual Investiture was held in January and was followed in early February by the popular Wine and Cheese Party which was held in the Rugby Club premises at Templeville. A word of thanks to all those who helped to make

A. Kenneth Hickey hard at work.

(Photo: Fr. S. Maher)

B. John Boland in the Cookhouse.

(Photo: Fr. S. Maher)





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this a successful and enjoyable event.

In April, the three scout troops camped together in Larch Hill for a weekend. It was a great success with the warm weather playing no small part in that success. A number of scouts from the Unit participated in the Service of Thanksgiving held in April to mark the 75th Anniversary of World Scouting. (For details, see the report on the Scout Choir).

The planning for the summer camps had been in progress since Christmas. As the summer holidays approached, the finishing touches were put to the arrangements.

Summer Camp for the Cubs this year was held in Lough Dan Campsite, a newly developed site in the Wicklow mountains. A number of leaders from the Scout troops attended to assist the Cub Leaders. The 6th, 7th and 8th Troops camped in Oxford, Nottingham and near London, respectively. We were very pleased when Father Maher joined us as Chaplain. His enthusiasm and advice during the year were an inspiration to us all.

In conclusion, the Unit would like to express its gratitude to all those who helped in many ways during the year. The Unit Leader wishes to thank all the Leaders of the Unit who gave generously of their time during the past year.

6th Troop Summer Camp

Summer Camp, the highlight of the scouting calendar, was held this year at Youlbury campsite in England, which is a few miles from the university city of Oxford.

We met at the B & I terminal as we could not travel by Sealink ferry due to an industrial dispute. After all the necessary checks had been made, we boarded the ferry and soon we were on our way to England.

We docked at Liverpool and loaded our

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- A. Garrett Quigley, John Kennedy and Patrick Crowe on the train in Euston Station after a day trip to London.
 - B. Kenneth Hickey and Martin Stuart busy in mopping up operations.

(Photo: Fr. S. Maher)

- C. Patrick Crowe and John Kennedy on campsite.

equipment aboard our coach. We then set off for Youlbury. When we arrived, we set to work immediately. The day of arrival and the following day were spent setting up the respective patrols' campsites. After some hard work, we were able to really enjoy camp, as we had the basic necessities for good camping — fires, tables, seats, sleeping and store tents, chopping areas, etc.

For the next few days, apart from the usual chores, we played inter-patrol soccer and volleyball which were played as a league competition. When the swimming pool was filled, we made liberal use of it. Apart from those sporting pastimes, many competitions and instructive sessions were initiated covering such areas of activity as axemanship (involving the felling of a large tree adjacent to our campsite), orienteering, tracking, pioneering, i.e. the construction of an aerial runway and other sports such as T.P.O. and a series of troop versus leaders soccer and volleyball matches.

One of the highlights of the camp this year was a newly introduced "Hog Competition", run as follows: A representative from each patrol (and one leader) competed against each other in consuming four pints of dessert mix. The first to finish the dessert earned the title of "Boss Hog". Even some betting went on as to the final outcome of the competition. The eventual winner was the undersigned — at great cost to personal health.

The eventful days on the site were interspersed with outings. We went twice to Oxford which was a picturesque town with good shopping facilities. We also went to London, although quite far away. In spite of the distance we had to cover, we enjoyed our visit and thought the journey to be worthwhile because of the shopping and sight-seeing amenities. We also paid a visit to the Oxfordshire County Museum and Blenheim Palace, one of the statelyest of Britain's stately homes and the birthplace, in 1875, of Sir Winston Churchill.

This year's summer camp was a most enjoy-



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- A. Patrol Leaders Peter Gilligan and Niall Budds (Camp Reporter) during 6th Troop Camp.

(Photo: J. Graham)

- B. 6th Troop members boarding the coach during Summer Camp.

(Photo: J. Graham)

- C. Garrett Quigley in dubious company.

(Photo: W. Crowe)



Scout Leader John Larney

(Photo: J. Graham)



able experience and in conclusion, I would like to thank, on behalf of the whole troop, our group of leaders, led by John Larney. Without them, camp would never have been the great success that it was.

Niall Budds, (4th Year),
P.L., Eagle Patrol.



7th Troop Summer Camp

For this year's summer camp, the 7th decided to set off for Walesby Forest Scout Centre in Nottinghamshire in England which was so highly recommended by the 8th Troop who had spent their summer camp there last year.

- A. William Crowe in Madame Tussaud's.
- B. Some of history's greats, Napoleon, Garrett Quigley and Wellington in Madame Tussaud's.
- C. William Crowe in conversation with Abraham Lincoln.

(Photo: W. Crowe)

Therefore, on June 24th, we, in the company of the 6th who were also travelling, caught the evening ferry to Liverpool — or, perhaps better to say, the evening ferry caught us! We arrived the following morning after a smooth but sleepless crossing where we said farewell to our colleagues of the 6th who were going to Oxfordshire. We boarded our coach and headed for Nottinghamshire with high hopes and great enthusiasm. On arrival at the campsite, the P.L.'s chose the patrol sites after, as usual, many arguments. The Troop then proceeded to set up camp, with everyone joining in the work and the acorn fights.

This year's "on site" activities were very enjoyable, owing to the excellent weather and facilities. One such activity was archery. We discovered that there are a few budding "Robin Hoods" in the Troop. Other activities included canoeing on a nearby river, orienteering on the large campsite, and water polo which was won by the Eagle Patrol. The Treasure Hunt around the campsite was enthusiastically embarked on by everyone and again the Eagle Patrol was victorious.

The soccer and volleyball competitions were both won by the Panther Patrol. Another sporting highlight was a soccer match against a local troop. We were victorious — of course!

The obvious choice for our troop outing was the nearby city of Nottingham. This great city is a shoppers' paradise with its huge centres such as Victoria and Broadmarsh. Most of the day was spent in the record shops and the Wimpy bars. The patrol outing also took place to this interesting city.

Before the end of camp, an investiture ceremony was held in the course of which three scouts were invested — Tom Dillon, Michael Higgins and Freddie Trenaman. They were invested by the Site Warden who was also the local Troop leader.

Finally, on July 6th, we set off for home and arrived at the North Wall in the early hours of the morning, tired but happy and satisfied after



A. Bedtime for Patrick Crowe during 8th Troop Camp.

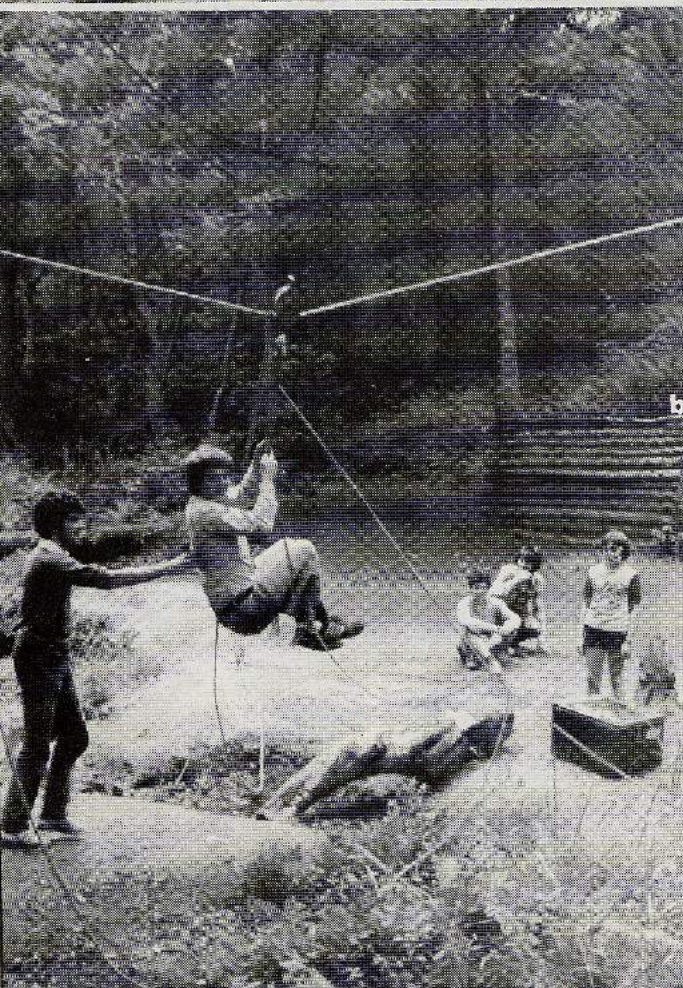
(Photo: W. Crowe)

B. Winner of the Prize for Tidy Campsite — Garrett Quigley amid the rubble!

(Photo: W. Crowe)

C. William Crowe during 8th Troop Summer Camp.

(Photo: Fr. S. Maher)



an eventful summer camp.

We extend our sincere thanks to Declan Sheehan, our Troop Leader, and his assistants, John Sheehan, Michael Power, Pat Leahy and Richard Byrne for giving so much of their time and energy towards helping this camp to have been one of our most successful ones to date. We congratulate the Eagles and Panthers who jointly won a close-fought Patrol competition.

John Loughrey (4th Year),
P.L., Eagle Patrol.

8th Troop Summer Camp

The venue for this year's summer camp was Phasels Wood Scout Camp near London. We had a calm crossing from Dublin to Liverpool where we arrived at about 8 a.m. After loading all our equipment and baggage on to the coach, we embarked on a six-hour journey.

On arrival at the campsite, we set up camp. During the next four days, we were kept busy improving our sites' layout and also in making gadgets of all sizes and descriptions.

The local town was Hemel Hempstead and we went there three times, principally to make use of its swimming pool which was enjoyed by all.

Our first day trip was to Watford where we saw the Roman ruins. However, as it was raining we were not able to see the full extent of this interesting archeological dig.

Our principal outing was to London. We saw some of the sights of the city and then spent most of our time shopping in Oxford Street.

On the campsite, we carried out orienteering projects. We had three leagues — in tip rugby, soccer and volleyball. Every patrol won at least one league.

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- A. Donal Delaney enjoying his ride on the aerial runway during 6th Troop Camp.

(Photo: J. Graham)

- B. Patrick McCarthy gives John Ward a friendly push off on the aerial runway during 6th Troop Camp.

(Photo: J. Graham)

On the second-last day of our stay, we set to work dismantling everything, so that on the last day we were ready to make an early start on the first stage of our journey home. The winners of the patrol competition were the Tigers, followed closely by the Wolves and the Lions.

The return journey was uneventful and although we enjoyed our camp, we were glad to see home once again.

Our thanks go to the leaders and to our chaplain, Father Maher, who camped with us—they all made it a very enjoyable camp for us.

Cormac Byrne (2nd Year),
P.L. Lions.



Scout Leader Pat Stephenson

The Scout Choir

The year 1982 marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the World Scout Movement by Lord Baden-Powell and scouts all over the world commemorated this event and the great man behind it in various ways. In Ireland, the C.B.S.I., in conjunction with other scouting bodies in the country, organised an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving in which the St. Mary's Scouts were asked to participate. Our function was to provide the singing and the verse-speaking which would play an integral part in the Service of Thanksgiving.

Accordingly, soon after Christmas, a group of scouts from the three College troops assembled under the leadership of Miss Maura

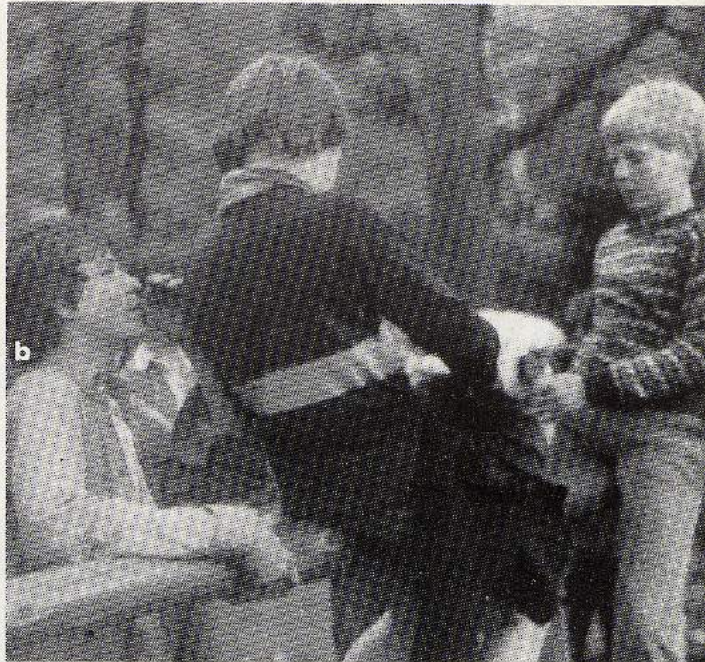
A. John Boland, William and Patrick Crowe on board in Liverpool. Ronan Murphy to the right.

B. Jody Ronaldson gives Colm Rice some advice as he prepares to take on Mark Regan on the greasy pole.

(Photo: J. Graham)

C. Mark Lawler in discussion with Martin Dwan, Patrick Crowe and John Boland.

(Photo: Fr. S. Maher)





8th Troop on Campsite.
(Photo: Fr. S. Maher)

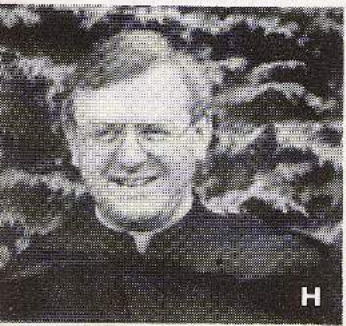
Cranny (Mrs. F. O'Donnell) and Fr. Raftery to prepare for the service. The preparation took a lot of hard work and a lot of dedication from the scouts who came regularly to practices held in the College on cold, dark evenings during February and March. Since the only criterion for membership of the Scout Choir was that one be a scout, a lot of hard work had to be done to take the rough edge off our singing and verse-speaking voices. It is to the credit of the St. Mary's scouts that they rose to the challenge set before them and acquitted themselves with distinction on the night of the service in their appearance, their discipline and in their performance.

The Service, originally intended to take place in the Mansion House, was moved to the Jubilee Hall of Blackrock College, where, on April 2nd, a distinguished gathering assembled. Chief among the guests were His Excellency, the President of Ireland, and his Excellency the Apostolic Nuncio, together with members of

the diplomatic corps, the hierarchy and other bodies.

As other scouts presented dramatically on the stage "Nature's Trail", we sang an old Irish folk song, "My Singing Bird", followed by a song, the words of which were written specially for the occasion and set to the music of the "Ode to Joy" from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. We sang the hymn "O Praise Ye The Lord" during the actual Thanksgiving Service and then the whole assembly rose as we sang the very moving "Let there be Peace", in which the solo part was sung by Michael McCarthy of 6th Year who lent his fine voice and considerable talents to us at two days' notice. Peter Gilligan of 4th Year recited a poem in Irish, "Cuigí na hÉireann" and recent past student, Pat Leahy acted the part of Lord Baden-Powell. Other St. Mary's scouts had solo parts in the verse-speaking recital. It is to be hoped that the Scout Choir will continue to work together to bring pleasure to themselves and to others as they use in song and speech their God-given talents.

- A. Ronan Traynor (3rd Year).
- B. Waiting our turn to go on stage, Gerard Keogh, Martin Dwan and Sean Purcell.
- C. Dara Kilmartin (3rd Year).
- D. Michael McCarthy (6th Year).
- E. Peter Gilligan (3rd Year).
- F. Garrett Quigley (3rd Year).
- G. SCOUT CHOIR 1982
N. Byrne, F. McNulty, N. Funge, C. Kissane, J. Kennedy, B. McDevitt, P. Ruane, D. Flood.
S. Purcell, D. Kelleher, D. Fitzsimons, D. Kennedy, C. Byrne, G. Ryan, T. Keane, C. Budds.
N. Hughes, W. Crowe, D. Kilmartin, G. Quigley, P. Gilligan, A. McGovern, G. Winston, G. Keogh.
M. Dwan, P. Traynor, R. Traynor, C. Purcell.
- H. Fr. P. Raftery, Musical Director.
- J. Gerard Winston (3rd Year).
- K. David Fitzsimons, John Kennedy and Gerard Keogh.
- L. Pat Leahy, who played the part of Lord Baden-Powell.





Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

CENTRE NO. 217

Activity grew this year in the Centre and we enrolled in the region of fifty new members of the Association, including the first members of the new Juvenile Section. In December 1981, we entered for the Terenure Inter-Schools Quiz, during Temperance Week. Despite our victory in this competition in the previous two years, we lost this year to our near neighbours, St. Louis. At least the trophy remained in Rathmines! In April 1982, a Sponsored Walk was organised and the proceeds were sent to aid the missionary work of Fr. David Darcy in Brazil. Fr. Darcy had been in St. Mary's from 1964 to 1979 and during his time here had been very involved in the activities of the Pioneer Centre. He is now at work among the poor of

Sao Paulo, an immense Brazilian city whose teeming population of millions is made up in great part by poor people who either have come to the city, attracted by prospects of illusory wealth or who have been dispossessed from their lands by unscrupulous speculators. Our sponsored Walk raised over £400 and we offer our thanks to all who were concerned in it.

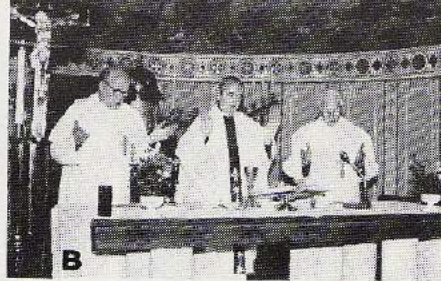
If a negative note must be sounded, it would be to express concern at the lack of support from members as far as activities were concerned. It is to be hoped that more support and active involvement from all members will be forthcoming in the future.

Finally, I would like to express thanks to the Council for their support throughout the year, to Fr. O'Reilly, Mr. O. Dunne and Fr. Raftery for their help and encouragement.

Fintan Sheerin, Secretary,
Sixth Year.

- A. PIONEER ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE 1981-82
J. Coyne, R. Murphy, J. Thornton, C. Keogh, O. Dunne, B. Herriott, F. Sheerin (Secretary), B. McDonald, N. Lucas.
- B. Fr. O'Reilly and Mr. O. Dunne lead off the Pioneer Sponsored Walk.
- C. Enthusiastic marchers set off on the Sponsored Walk.
- D. Weary after their good deed — Oliver Dunne and William Crowe (3rd Year) take a well-earned rest after the Sponsored Walk.
- E. James Healy (First Year), watched by John Boland, receives his Pioneer Emblem from Fr. O'Reilly.
- F. Waiting for the Sponsored Walk to begin.
- G. The new members pose after the Mass during which they were enrolled as Pioneers.
- H. Canine support for the Sponsored Walk.
- J. Dads and sisters came along too.
- K. Fr. O'Reilly, assisted by Tom Dillon (First Year) distributes Pioneer Emblems to new members.





Sixth Year Farewell

On the last Sunday of the Summer Term, most of the Sixth Year students and their parents gathered in the College for a Farewell Mass and a last cup of tea and final chat in the Hall. Soon afterwards, the following letter — unsolicited! — found its way to the Editor's desk. We wish them every success in the future.

Dear Editor,

On the occasion of our leaving St. Mary's, Sixth Year wish to express our appreciation and gratitude for all that has been done on our behalf during our time here.

To the community and staff of the College, we are deeply indebted for the effort and the interest they have shown in our education and preparation for life.

To the Principal of the Senior School, Father J. Godfrey and to the Vice-Principal, Pól Uas. Mac Murchú, we extend our thanks for their help and co-operation, and for their time, of which they have given generously.

We say thanks also to that brave band, our teachers, who have fought a long and unremitting battle to win over our distracted minds to the cause of education and learning.

To those still locked in that ceaseless combat, the upcoming students, we wish every success in the coming years. We know they will continue to foster the growth of that intangible yet vital spirit that makes St. Mary's College what it is.

Finally, to the groundsmen, to the canteen staff and to everyone concerned with the life and work of the College, we give our thanks for the happy years we have spent here, which will always be remembered as amongst the best of our lives.

Sincerely Yours,
Sixth Year, 1982.



- A. Mr. and Mrs. Browne with Frank.
- B. Fr. Godfrey, Fr. O'Reilly and Fr. Barry concelebrate the Farewell Mass.
- C. Mr. N. Doyle in conversation with John Kennedy (left) and Alan Delany.
- D. Go on, Simon — smile! Simon Farnan receives encouragement from Donal O'Kane and Joseph Kildea.
- E. Peter Gray, Patrick McCarthy and Conor Delaney.
- F. Patrick McCarthy, Robert Heron and Leonard Lynch drink a toast to the future — in tea!
- G. Fr Godfrey speaking with Mr. and Mrs. McSweeney.
- H. Mark Byrne, Louis Conlon and Robert Heron discuss the prospects.
- I. Mr. and Mrs. P. McCarthy with Patrick.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' UNION

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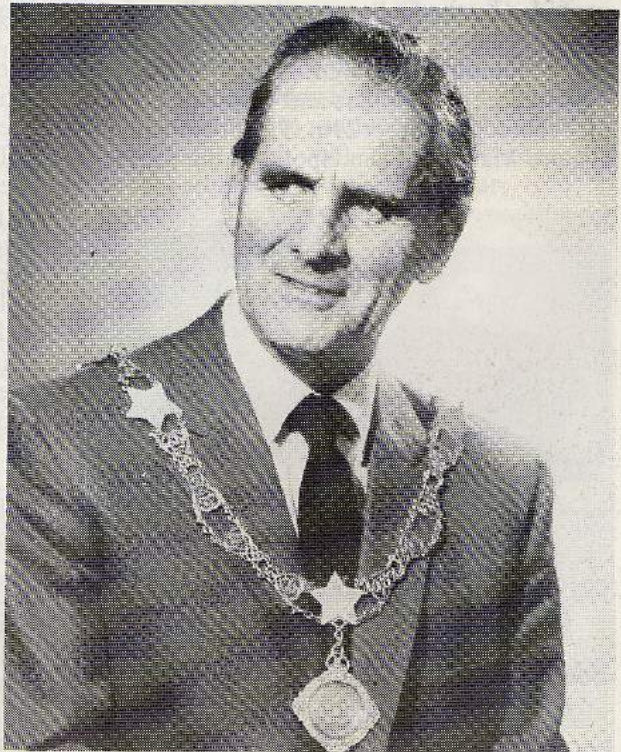
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M. Gilsean, L. Birkett, D. Fanagan, J. O'Connell, L. Lynch.

All Past Presidents of the Union are ex-officio members of the Committee

Christopher Maguire's election as President of the Union served to strengthen even more a link between the College and the Maguire family which spans more than one generation. Chris's three brothers Jimmy, Fr. Tom, CSSp. and Jack were also students in St. Mary's as were his two sons, Paul who left in 1977 and Alan, presently in 3rd Year. Chris and his wife Patricia (née Bowden) celebrate the Silver Jubilee of their wedding this year and we offer them our congratulations and best wishes.



(Photo: J. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.)

Hon. Secretary's Union Report 1981-1982

The Union year began in May with a thinly attended A.G.M., following concelebrated Mass in the College Chapel. During a lively meeting, the new President, Matt Gilsean, heard many viewpoints showing the continuing interest of the past pupils in the affairs of the School and Congregation. Mr. Gilsean promised that the future would see ever-closer ties developing between the Union and the Congregation. He himself had been working for some time on a discussion document on this very matter.

Alas, rain on the following two Sundays all but washed out our Family Sports Day in Kenilworth Square. Despite the weather, the Soccer Tournament was held and enjoyed by all. So was the tea in the Cricket Pavilion.

The attendane at the Annual Mass in November for deceased past pupils and teachers of the College showed a marked increase over the previous few years. This Annual Mass, it should be stressed, is a Family Mass, and the refreshments afterwards provided by the College are most welcome.

The Annual Dinner held in the College Hall has become the highlight of the Union year. This year, 125 members and 18 guests sat down on Friday, November 29th. The President of the Union, Matt Gilsean, spoke of the people —



Fr. O'Reilly, President of the College, and Mr. M. Gilsean, outgoing President of the P.P.U. discuss a point.



Mr. Matt Gilsean, outgoing President of the P.P.U. smilingly takes questions from the floor.

the Fathers, the pupils and lay-masters, — who had made up the life of St. Mary's down through the years and stressed that it was people, allied to a fine tradition, that made our Alma Mater what it was. We must jealously guard that tradition. Father Hugh O'Reilly, President of the College, thanked the President for all that he had said, and spoke of the need to support, in every way, and at all times, the work of Catholic Voluntary Schools, where the Catholic ethic of life can be continually fostered.

Dancing in the Braemor Rooms after a good meal and fine entertainment was another enjoyable event in the Union Calendar of Events. 128 members and their partners were present on this occasion.

Irish Continental Lines, at the behest of our indefatigable President, gave a magnificent prize of a holiday in France which was won in the raffle by Mr. and Mrs. Tim Brooder. This function is now firmly established and enjoyed by those attending and is worthy of support of all past students.

Because of the late start to the school year, the Lorcan Gogan Memorial Debate took place in January of this year. The Present team, showing perspicacity and deep feeling on the issue, was adjudged by the Chairman, former student Mr. T. F. O'Higgins, S.C., Chief Justice, to have defeated the motion "That the solution to Ireland's energy problem lies in going nuclear". The Past team, defending their title, put up a gallant fight, but alas, humour



Mr. Billy Byrne, Hon. Sec. of the P.P.U. presents his report to the A.G.M., watched by outgoing President, Mr. Matt Gilsenan.

was not enough to sway the scales of justice our way.

By popular request, the Juniors' function was amalgamated this year with our presentation to Father Francis C. Barry, C.S.Sp. which marked the official retirement of Fr. Barry from the teaching staff and which celebrated his unique contribution to the College over a period exceeding four decades. Following Mass in the College Chapel, the huge attendance adjourned to the Hall, the scene of so many plays produced and directed by "Père". Four distinguished past pupils read their addresses from a volume prepared by Paddy Funge covering various facets of Father Barry's life in the College. In a gracious gesture, this volume was made available to any member of the attendance who wished to have a copy. The attendance is thought to have been the largest attendance of former students at any function since the foundation of the Union. In addition, many past students who because of distance or other circumstances could not attend, showed their desire to be associated with this unique occasion by sending their congratulations and best wishes to Fr. Barry. Following the addresses, a replica Ardagh Chalice, suitably engraved, was presented to Fr. Barry, together with a specially bound volume of the speeches and a donation for Fr. Barry's favourite charity

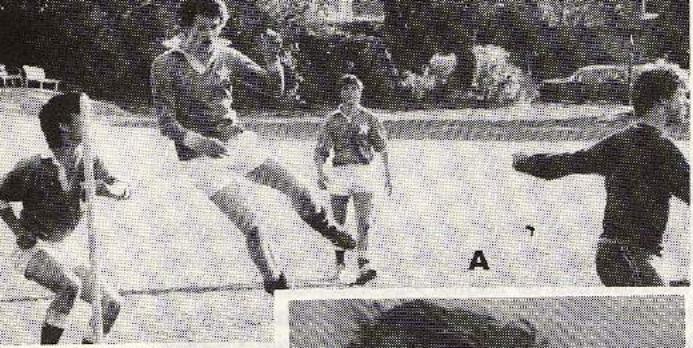


Mr. Billy Byrne, Hon. Secretary of the P.P.U. and Mr. Bernard Somers, Hon. Treasurer, enjoy a light-hearted moment at the A.G.M.

Golf outings prove to be very attractive for our members and this year was no exception. The President's prize was hosted by Matt Gilsenan at Miltown and over 90 people played. The Union Cup was won by Matt Doolan, with Joe Fanagan as runner-up. The second outing held at the Grange Golf Club was the inaugural outing for the Bennie Lynch Memorial Trophy, which was devoted by friends of the late Bennie through subscription. There was a full turn-out of the Lynch brothers for the occasion, as well as Bennie's son, Leonard, a final-year student in student in the College. The trophy was presented by Kevin Lynch, S.C. to the winner Martin Murray who will take over as captain from Dermot O'Donovan.

The combined outing with our sister unions of Blackrock and Rockwell College was moved to Miltown and was a great success, rescuing a valuable function that might have otherwise disappeared.

St. Mary's College Rugby Football Club had one of its best years on the field for some time and won five trophies. The playing strength of the Club is, alas, no longer predominantly past pupils and the Union is disappointed that a number of schoolboys, on leaving St. Mary's, appear to be joining other clubs. This despite the efforts of the President of the Club, Mr. Brian Whelan, himself a distinguished past pupil, and others to persuade them to join their club. The Union will closely monitor this worrying situation in the coming year.



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Mr. Chris Maguire, President of the P.P.U. presents his son, Alan (2nd Year) with his prize on Senior Prizegiving night.



St. Mary's Lawn Tennis Club has added floodlighting to their all-weather courts. The Union strongly encouraged members and their families to join up and preserve our links with this thriving club. Nigel Bennett and Paddy Funge will be glad to give any information to any member.

The Unit of the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland attached to the College is in a very healthy state under the guidance of Tom Shanahan. We must pay tribute to young leaders who give so much of their time and energy to the running of three troops and a cub pack. The unit was honoured to be asked to take part in the Ecumenical Celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Scouting Movement by Lord Baden-Powell. At the celebration, held in the hall of Blackrock College, a choir of St. Mary's Scouts acquitted

themselves admirably both in singing and verse-speaking. This endeavour was directed by Miss Maura Cranny, (Mrs. F. O'Donnell) known to countless past students of St. Mary's and herself the mother of two of them, Ciaran and Frank.

The Union is pleased to be associated with the Career Guidance programme in the College. Paddy Fearon, in conjunction with Mr. Kevin Lewis, the Careers Master, put in long hours during and after a normal day's work to ensure its success. The College continues to thrive academically and is continually monitoring the changes needed in preparing the boys for their future. Plans for moderate expansion and modernisation are being discussed at present. The new rugby pavillion in Kenilworth Square, was blessed and opened in September. If the rain we had on that day had been falling when vandals set fire to the old

SCENES FROM UNION SPORTS DAY

- A. Football Ballet during the soccer match (Photo: J. Maguire, AFIAP)
- B. Mr. C. Maguire presents the prizes, his first official function as President of the P.P.U. (Photo: J. Maguire, AFIAP)
- C. John O'Connell (School Captain) takes a well-earned breather.
- D. Adrian Hoey in action on the tennis court.
- E. In the family tradition . . . Niall Funge prepares for a backhand return.
- F. Fr. Barry shows how it's done. (Photo: J. Maguire, AFIAP)
- G. With determination stamped on his brow, Dara Kilmartin plays a forehand drive.
- H. Adrian Hoey and Norman Byrne with Mr. P. Funge.
- J. Mr. P. Funge prepares the Tennis Competition with Mrs. J. Funge, B. O'Connor and Nicola and John Thornton, the eventual winners of the competition.

pavilion, a piece of College history might have been preserved. The College was pleased to see the Union donating the Crest which adorns the front of the new building.

During the year, the College welcomed a new President and Superior, Fr. Hugh O'Reilly, himself a former pupil and the first such to occupy the position of President. Fr. W. Nugent, who had held office as President for the preceding six years, left St. Mary's to take up an assignment as Chaplain to the St. John of God Hospital in Stillorgan. Fr. Vincent O'Grady, a past student, prefect and member of the teaching staff, also left St. Mary's to take up another assignment and is currently a member of the staff of the College des Missions, Bouveret, Switzerland, directed by the Swiss Spiritan Province. Brother Ignatius Curry returned to Africa, this time to Sierra Leone and Fr. Jack Fallon went to Rockwell. The Community welcomed two new members, Fr. Sean O'Shaughnessy (formerly of Kenya) and Fr. Peter Quinn (formerly of Nigeria and Ghana).

The Marian Boys' Club Management Committee, under Dermot Sullivan, is at present reviewing the activities of the club. Some members in a personal capacity sit on the Board, but the club is not functioning as an outlet for the Catholic action of past pupils any larger. Dermot hopes to have something positive to relate to the incoming Union Committee.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to my



Mr. Chris Maguire addresses the A.G.M. after being invested with the Presidential Chain of Office.

fellow officers: Bernard Somers, the busiest man in Ireland at present as a professional liquidator, somehow managed to keep us solvent, despite our most strenuous efforts to thwart him; Chris Maguire, our Vice-President for his hard work and efficient organisation; and, finally, our outgoing President, Matt Gilsenan, a St. Mary's man through and through who believed that all things are possible if only a sub-committee can be formed — of course, this kind of optimism is only to be expected from a man who drives a very large Datsun, emblazoned with the legend "Esmonde for Ford".

Billy Byrne,
Hon. Secretary.

Ronan O'Donnell (2) makes an Official Visit to the Junior School to inspect the scenes of triumph of his father, Ciaran (L.C. 1968 and Teaching Staff 1977-1978), his mother, Mary (Teaching Staff 1978 onwards) and his grandmother, Miss Maura Cranny (Mrs. F. O'Donnell, Teaching Staff 1947 onwards). Ronan is in the good hands of Derek Flanagan, Gareth Halpin and Peter Shaffrey).



TWENTY-ONE YEARS LATER

In 1961, the St. Mary's College S.C.T. won the Schools' Senior Cup for the first time. Mr. Brian Cotter, who captained the side on that occasion, recalls some of the highlights of the game, as well as describing the celebration held this year, which was attended by most of the winning team.

Twenty-one years later, memories were still as clear as ever - the day St. Mary's won the Senior Cup for the time.

To celebrate the occasion, a dinner was held in the Tara Towers Hotel. Looking a little "older and some greyer", sixteen of the heroes who had helped to achieve the feat had a most enjoyable evening of renewed friendships and reminiscences.

Those who attended were Tony Hickie, full-back, who subsequently played Senior Rugby for Leinster and who last year, trained the College J.C.T.; Eamon Fitzgerald, a former Secretary of the Past Pupils' Union, Gerry Fanning, Bernard Moran, Noel Cooke, Hon. Auditor to the Rugby Club, Brian Cotter, presently coaching the College S.C.T., David O'Sullivan, Michael Hooper, Frank Dowling, Denis Hickie, brother of Tony, later capped eight times for Ireland, Eddie Fitzgerald, Liam Shepherd, Billy Byrne, currently Secretary of the P.P.U., and who coaches rugby and cricket in the Junior School, Clive Bailey, Arthur Costello and Denis Nagle - the two last-named having maintained their interest in rugby by becoming referees. Apologies were received from Peter Best and Brian Williams who were unable to attend. Conor Lawson, the last

of the stalwarts, is presently working in Saudi Arabia.

Our guests for the night were Fr. H. O'Reilly, President of St. Mary's and himself a past pupil, Fr. J. Godfrey, Principal of the Senior School and, in 1961, trainer of the Blackrock S.C.T. whom we defeated on our way to the Cup, Fr. F. Barry, who trained most of us in rugby at J.C.T. level and taught us French, Fr. P. Raftery, Editor of the College Annual and official photographer for the night, and Pól Uasal Mac Murchú, Vice-Principal of the Senior School, who endeavoured to teach us Gaeilge in those far-off days.

In the course of the evening, the cup matches of 1961 were relived and replayed. Among the more outstanding memories were the first round defeat of Blackrock College (10-6), an historic occasion in itself as it was the first time St. Mary's had beaten Blackrock in the Schools' Cup. This victory was particularly satisfying as Blackrock were leading 6-0 at half-time. In the second half, we scored a try at each corner flag at the Bective end of Donnybrook both of which were converted by Tony Hickie.

In the second round, we beat C.U.S. 13-3. This was remembered as a very tough match because C.U.S. scored first and it took until



Tony Hickie, Fr. F. Barry



twenty minutes into the second half before we drew level. We finished off the match by scoring twice in the last ten minutes.

Belvedere were our opponents in the Semi-Final. This was a match of open football which we won 17-6 and in doing so, scored four tries.

And so to the final against Castleknock in Lansdowne Road on March 25th and our historic victory of 11-0 which brought the Senior Cup home to Rathmines for the first time. In this match, when the score was nil all, a despairing hand-trip by Gerry Fanning on Alan Duggan prevented a Castleknock try which would have given them the lead and possibly changed the course of the whole game. This spurred the St. Mary's lads on and Michael Hooper scored a try just before half-time. Eamon Fitzgerald and Gerry Fanning both scored tries in the second half and the cup went to Rathmines for first time.

Rathmines that evening was an astonishing

sight — a host of blue and white banners made their way back to the College and a cheering army of schoolboys converged on the College.

The one person whom we would have most wished to have with us to remember and talk over old times, our trainer, Fr. Walter Kennedy, was unable to be present through illness. Without his help and guidance, we would never have won the Cup. A quote from one of the papers back in 1961 reads as follows: "St Mary's have been expertly coached by Rev. Walter Kennedy, a Rockwell College forward in his schooldays and currently one of the shrewdest teachers of rugby in the land." He was that, and very much more. We all send him our best wishes.

We would like to thank Fr. M. Kilbride of Blackrock College for allowing us to borrow the Leinster Senior Cup for the Dinner. It helped to bring back pleasant memories.

- A. Gerry Fanning, Fr. H. O'Reilly, Frank Dowling.
- B. Frank Dowling, Bernard Moran, Eamon Fitzgerald, David O'Sullivan.
- C. Brian Cotter, Fr. H. O'Reilly.
- D. Fr. F. Barry, D. Nagle, B. Byrne, M. Hooper, C. Bailey.
- E. David O'Sullivan, Denis Hickie, Gerry Fanning, Fr. H. O'Reilly.
- F. Billy Byrne, Michael Hooper, Clive Bailey, Eddie Fitzgerald, Noel Cooke.
- G. Denis Hickie, Gerry Fanning, Fr. H. O'Reilly, Frank Dowling, Brian Cotter, Fr. J. Godfrey.
- H. Billy Byrne, Eddie Fitzgerald, Noel Cooke, Liam Shepherd, Arthur Costello, Bernard Moran.
- J. (From left, back) L. Shepherd, G. Fanning, T. Hickie, A. Costello, E. Fitzgerald, M. Hooper, F. Dowling. (2nd Row) D. Nagle, Ed. Fitzgerald, C. Bailey, D. Hickie, B. Cotter, B. Byrne, D. O'Sullivan. (3rd Row) B. Moran, N. Cooke.
- K. Fr. H. O'Reilly, Frank Dowling, Brian Cotter, Fr. J. Godfrey, Eamon Fitzgerald.
- L. Eddie Fitzgerald, Noel Cooke, Liam Shepherd.
- M. E. Fitzgerald (partly hidden), T. Hickie, Fr. F. Barry, D. Nagle, B. Byrne, M. Hooper.

OBITUARY



Oliver J. Byrne

Oliver last visited his old school two years ago. The occasion was the Annual Requiem Mass offered in November for deceased members of the Teaching Staff and Past Pupils. This year he will be one of those for whom we pray. He died on 13th November, 1981, after a long illness accepted with the cheerfulness and courage characteristic of the man.

During his years in St. Mary's, Oliver participated in all the extra-curricular activities of the school: athletics, football, drama, etc. We recall a group photo of the cast of the one-act play, *The Bishop's Candlesticks* in which Oliver was a very convincing gendarme.

But Oliver was above all an all-round sportsman, his first love being rugby football. He captained the St. Mary's R.F.C. First XV which reached the semi-final of the Leinster Senior Cup competition in 1947, and he was re-elected captain in 1948-'49. When his business career took him to Belfast in 1950 he joined Malone R.F.C.

His other sporting interests were rowing as a member of Neptune R.C.; water-polo in which he gained international status with Clontarf S.C.; golf which he enjoyed as a member of Miltown G.C., Beaver Park, Belfast, and Lahinch, Co. Clare.

In 1946 he joined the National Cash Register Company, Dublin, and in 1950 he was transferred to Belfast. He returned to Dublin as Manager of the Company in 1962 and was appointed Regional Director for Ireland in 1970. Owing to illness he was forced to retire in 1974.

Oliver's social interests included the Rotary and Lions Clubs in Dublin and Belfast. But his family and his faith took first place in his life. He was a family man and a devout Christian. May he rest in peace!

To his wife Mary and his sons Garret and Fergal, to his brother Phelim and his sisters Lilian and Carmel we offer our sincere sympathy.

P.J.M.



Captain Brian Maguire

Captain Brian Maguire died on June 2nd, 1982 at the early age of 50, mourned by his many friends. Brian left St. Mary's in 1950 at the age of 18 and immediately entered Military College at the Curragh. On completion of his course there, he was commissioned in November 1952 and was posted to the 4th Battalion, Collins Barracks, Cork. He served as F.C.A. Training Officer in Skibbereen until he joined the United Nations Forces in the Congo, with the 35th Battalion in 1961. The St. Mary's Annual of 1961 contains a most interesting account written by Brian of his time in the Congo, in which he

spoke most movingly of the importance of his religious faith at a time when his life and the lives of his comrades-in-arms were in mortal danger. While in the Congo, Brian was promoted to the rank of Captain. On his return to Ireland, he completed the Command and Staff Course at the Curragh with distinction.

On retiring from the army in 1968, he joined Shannonside Tourist Board and at the time of his death, he was Manager of T. Moloney Tours, Cork. He was very interested in sailing and music and while with the army, was a member of the Collins Musical Society which numbered "Showboat" and "Desert Song" among its productions. He is survived by his wife Jeanne and his three children, Irene, Kevin and Brian Junior. To them and to all his relatives, we offer the sympathy and prayers of Brian's Alma Mater



The last photograph taken of Mr. Michael Stephens, dealing with the snow outside the main gate of Kenilworth Square, January, 1982.

Mr. Michael Stephens

On September 1st, 1982, St. Mary's opened once more as another school year commenced. Everyone was eager to get to the rugby field after the long repose since the school year had ended three months previously. As we looked at the field in Kenilworth Square, looking so fresh and green after an unbelievably fine summer, we saw that the playing-fields were already laid out, in preparation for the practice and matches of the coming term. But there was

something missing. Where were the gleaming white goal-posts? And then the news was whispered from one boy to the next: "Mick" had died the previous day. No one could believe it at first — he was so much part and parcel of the place that it was impossible to visualise it without him. But the sad news was only too true. That was why the familiar figure wheeling his bicycle to open the gates and meet us was no longer there. And he would never be there anymore.

Michael Stephens came to St. Mary's as Groundsman in Kenilworth Square in 1964 — before any of the present Fifth and Sixth Year students were born. For eighteen years, his life had become so bound up with Kenilworth that he made it his own. He came from sturdy farming-stock in Wexford. Born in Monbeg in the parish of Ballindaggin, he grew up in the local rural community, formed intellectually and spiritually in the solid education of the local school and in a devout Catholic home and parish church — a formation upon which he was to build all his life in a great variety of situations and employments. He was renowned as a growing youth and a young man for his energy, hard work, and above all, for his dedication to a job once undertaken. It was said locally that any field of crops that had seen the hand of Mick Stephens was sure to be the best.

A farmer has, of necessity, to be a jack-of-all-trades, in the very best of sense of the term. So, along with the agricultural skills, go a variety of others, handed down by tradition and personally perfected — building, making drains, plastering, servicing of machinery, cobbling, even cooking and baking. Michael knew them all. And a rural community has its round of social events — hurling and Gaelic football, handball for the young men, parties, with much dancing and singing for all. Michael excelled in them all, even as an organiser. He was even introduced to local theatricals by his parish priest, Canon Byrne, who made him his right-hand man. He would often recall with delight learning his lines as he ploughed his lonely furrows, the fun at rehearsals, the moments of crisis "on the night" when lines were muffed, and the great times that were had

by all as they relaxed at a party when the show was over.

He experienced all the demands of trade-unionism in work at the flour-mills in Wexford and, during the war, building air-fields in England. On his return to Ireland, he joined the Local Defence Force in his spare time and later worked in the building trade in Dublin.

It was with such a background of varied skills and boundless energy that he was engaged by the Bursar at the time, the late and greatly loved Father Edmund Gorman. He took over the care of Kenilworth, brushing aside all questions of settlement for hours, simply expressing the wish to be allowed to do a thorough job in his own time. That was how it all began and that was how it remained. For eighteen years, he devoted himself to his task day and night. He was no time server; in fact, the first watch he had was one given him ten years later by the boys for his good services. He was indifferent to half-days or holidays. He might or might not take them; if work was pressing, he omitted them at his own wish.

With the general care of the grounds, he was in his element — care of trees, the 600-yard hedge, cultivation of a healthy grass, seeding, top-dressing and the rest. He was quickly introduced to the world of new sports — rugby, cricket, tennis, basketball, athletics, each calling for specialised preparation. In no time, he had mastered the fine points of presentation in each and the finished product was always something of which St. Mary's could be proud — almost a work of art. Never an idle moment, there was always something to be done — drains had to be cleared or re-laid, pipes to be fixed, roofs to be repaired, seats and pavillions to be painted inside as well as outside, windows to be re-glazed. He had a particular appreciation for the beauty of flowers. As each season came round, there was always a wild profusion of floral beauty to greet the eye. Day and night, the lonely figure could be discovered in some part of the Square, mowing, digging, pruning, repairing. Time meant nothing to him. His one thought was that the grounds should always be in order — that was the job he had taken on.

But Michael had something deeper to live

for. He was a man of deep and simple piety. He was a holy man. One need not have conversed with him long to discover that. Sunday saw him at his best, dressed in a fine suit, ready for Mass. He never failed to attend missions and evenings of special devotion in Rathgar Church. He neither smoked nor drank; yet he kept a bottle of wine or whiskey or something stronger to regale, on occasion, a more intimate friend.

His concern for things of God was evident right to the end. On the very day of the final attack that led to his death a few days later, he confided to a shopkeeper in Rathmines that his sole wish was to retire somewhere where he could be near a church. The compass of his life was set in the right direction.

Now he is dead. All who were ever acquainted with him in Kenilworth agree that he was a man in a million. St. Mary's and Kenilworth are all poorer for his passing. He came unobtrusively to the grounds in 1964. It was some time before people began to realise that he was there. Nobody ever asked if he had a surname. On a Saturday afternoon at the end of August, he left the grounds for the last time. He was taken ill in a shop in Rathmines. He was brought to St. James's Hospital, where he died three days later.

To his brothers, Mr. Thomas Walsh and Mr. Eugene Stephens, his sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Carroll, Mrs. Josephine Gillen, Mrs. Catherine O'Neill and to all his relatives, we offer our sincere sympathy. During the Masses that were celebrated for the opening of the school year, the boys remembered him in their prayers. Even though they took him very much for granted and were sometimes impatient when the years began to catch up on him, we know that they will continue to remember Michael in prayer.

May Christ the Workman welcome an honest mate and give him rest from his labours.

"Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose" (Psalm 23)

F. C. Barry, C.S.Sp.

NEWS OF THE PAST

During the month of March, *Seamus Roantree*, who left the College in 1977, called to St. Mary's to say goodbye before leaving for Calcutta where he was due to begin a two-year



Mr. Seamus Roantree

stint of voluntary service amongst the needy of that city. He was sent by the Dr. Tom Dooley organisation which has links with Mother Teresa and her Missionaries of Charity and which provides her and her sisters with much needed assistance. A typical day in the life of a volunteer such as Seamus consists of rising early in the morning in order to be at a building housing 180 male patients by 8.15 a.m. Most of these patients are elderly, bedridden and virtually helpless. In addition, there are also some young boys who have lost limbs or are otherwise incapacitated. All of the patients have to be bathed daily in the most primitive conditions. They are also shaved once a week with old-fashioned razors. The beds are made up and the floors are washed daily. When the volunteers have attended to these essential needs of the patients, they devote whatever time is left over to maintenance and general repairs

to the building. As well as working inside the hospital, the volunteers also attend to the direct needs of the poor in the streets outside. With the assistance of one or two doctors who give injections and other necessary medical aid, the volunteers give comfort and solace to these unfortunate people and see to it that the terminally ill are allowed to die with dignity and in surroundings of peace and concern. All of this work takes place in an area totally lacking in elementary hygiene, shortage of basic foods and in temperatures sometimes in excess of 100°. Seamus is a brother of past-students Frank and Brian and of present students, Paul and Fergus. We salute the humanity and generosity of Seamus' noble gesture and we respectfully offer his example to our present students.

During the year, we had the pleasure of visits from a number of former members of the community. Chief among them was *Father Gerry Lord C.S.Sp.* who served St. Mary's and its students for almost a quarter of a century. He is now happily in parish ministry in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, U.S.A. We were happy to meet him once more. We hope he enjoyed his holiday in Ireland and we send our thanks and best wishes to him in America



Fr. H. O'Reilly and Fr. G. Lord, C.S.Sp.



Mr. G. Brady, T.D.

Among the Government appointments made in the course of the year, we note the name of *Gerard Brady, T.D.* who was appointed Minister of State at the Department of Environment. After leaving St. Mary's in the early 1950's, Gerard studied to be an Ophthalmic Optician. In addition to his career as an

optician, he soon became interested in the political life of the country and was first elected to the Dáil in 1977. He was a member of Dublin City Council from 1974 to 1982 and a former Chairman of its Health Committee. In 1980, he was appointed as a member of the panel of Chairmen of the Dáil. He was Chairman of the Fianna Fáil Oireachtas House Committee and has served on several other Parliamentary Bodies, including the Health and Social Welfare Committees. He was appointed as a member of the Fianna Fáil Committee on Family Affairs and Marital Breakdown. He is an uncle of present student, Stuart. As we go to press, news has just reached us of Gerard's appointment as Minister for Education, to be followed by news of the fall of the Government. We congratulate and sympathise!

Father Patrick Pearson, was a student in St. Mary's during the early 1940's when the Second World War was at its height. He was evacuated from his native London because of the danger of Nazi air raids and stayed with relations of his mother in Dublin whence he came to St. Mary's. He completed his secondary studies in England and began his studies for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Southwark. He is now Parish Priest of Sheerness on the Isle of Sheppey and is Rural Dean of Chatham. We were happy to receive a visit from him during the course of the year and we send him our best wishes.



Fr. P. Pearson with (left)
Fr. F. Barry and Fr. H. O'Reilly



Fr. Niall Macauley, C.S.Sp.

Students in St. Mary's during the 1933-1935 period will remember *Fr. Niall MacAuley, C.S.Sp.*, as one of their prefects, together with Bishop J. Whelan, Dr. M. O'Carroll (of Blackrock College), Fr. J. Kavanagh (formerly Kenya, now U.S.A.) and Fr. G. Foley (formerly Kenya, now Blackrock College). Fr. MacAuley was ordained in 1938 and was on the staff of the Novitiate in Kilshane from 1939 to 1945. Appointed to Kenya in 1945, he was Principal Superior of the Holy Ghost Fathers there for ten years, 1959 to 1969. He is now in charge of the Missions at Athi River in the Diocese of Machakos and during his home leave this year, he spent some time in St. Mary's. Incidentally, his place in Athi River was taken for the summer months by Fr. Patrick Liddane, presently of the St. Mary's Community, and a veteran missionary of over thirty years' experience in both Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

We congratulate *Dr. Joseph Rafter* on his achievement in being the first Irishman to receive a doctorate degree from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. He studied for his B.Sc. and M.Sc. Degrees at U.C.D. and was awarded his Ph.D. in Bio-chemistry. The Irish Embassy in Stockholm hosted a reception in his honour. His brother, Dermot, is very involved in the direction of the College Scout Unit

Matt Gilsean, last year's President of the Past Pupils' Union, had barely relinquished office when he was elected President of the SKAL Club of Dublin. SKAL is a worldwide organisation of top Executives in the travel industry and Matt will be travelling to the SKAL World Congress in Manila soon to represent Ireland at this important meeting. The Editor would like to express his deep appreciation of all Matt's help with regard to the Past Pupils' section of the Annual.



Mr. Matt Gilsean

Fr. Michael Comerford, C.S.Sp., of Rockwell College is a past student of St. Mary's of a very special kind. He was a student in St. Mary's during the period 1922-1923 when the College had closed and was used as a House of Residence for student members of the Holy



Fr. M. Comerford, C.S.Sp.

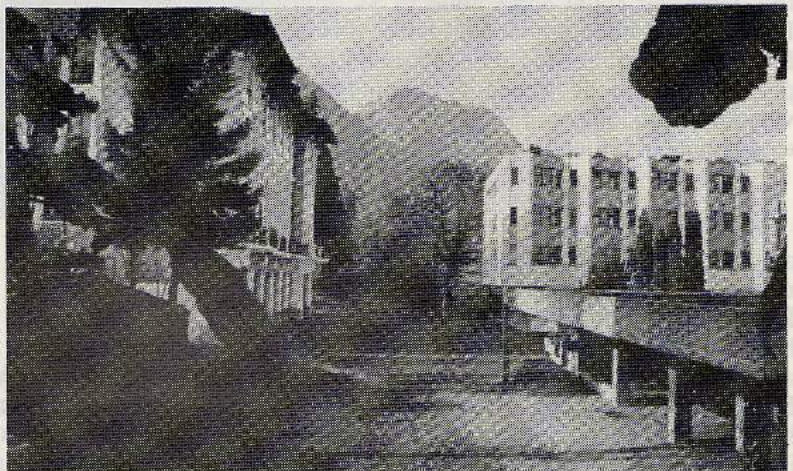
Ghost Congregation attending U.C.D. in Earlsfort Terrace. Fr. Comerford is to Rockwell what Fr. Frank Barry is to us in St. Mary's. His entire priestly life has been devoted to Rockwell. This year he celebrates sixty years membership of the Congregation and next year, with Fr. Edmond Burke of St. Mary's, he will celebrate fifty years of priesthood. The photograph reproduced here was taken when he paid a brief visit to St. Mary's in April. Ad multos annos. Fr. Comerford!

Fr. Vincent O'Grady, C.S.Sp., former student, prefect and staff member of St. Mary's, has taken up an appointment as teacher of English on the Staff of the College des Missions at Bouveret in Switzerland, a school directed by our Spiritan confreres of the Swiss Province. The picture we reproduced shows the main

College buildings and, we must regretfully admit, they surpass St. Mary's in the beauty of their setting! We send Fr. O'Grady our good wishes and thank him for his dedicated work here.

Mr. Gerald F. Corrigan, a vice-president of Russell Reynolds Associates, Inc., Los Angeles, has been appointed attaché to the Irish Olympic Team for the 1984 Games. Gerry left St. Mary's in 1955 and his career was outlined in the "Final Year" section of last year's Annual. He holds the degree of Master of Business Administration from the University of California, Los Angeles and spent eight years as assistant Dean of the U.C.L.A. Graduate School of Management. As attaché, Gerry will be responsible for liaison between the Los Angeles Olympic Organising Committee and the Olympic Council of Ireland.

Father Brian McLaughlin, C.S.Sp. paid a visit to the College prior to returning to Brazil where he has been involved in missionary work for some years. Brian left St. Mary's in 1958 after distinguishing himself in rugby and cricket as well as in studies. He entered the Holy Ghost Novitiate and after taking B.A. in U.C.D. he spent two years on the staff of Blackrock College as prefect. After ordination in 1967, he spent some years in Rome as a post-graduate student. He served on the Irish Provincial Council and left for Brazil where Irish Spiritans have been working since 1963, one of the band of four pioneers being Fr. Noel Banahan,



College Des Missions
Bouveret, Switzerland.



Fr. Brian MacLaughlin, C.S.Sp.

C.S.Sp., another St. Mary's past student. Brian served for three years as District Superior of the Irish Spiritan Community and was elected by them to represent the district at the Irish Provincial Chapter, held in July 1982. His nephew, Peter, is presently a student in the Junior School.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to two members of this year's Silver Jubilee Ordination Class who have special links with St. Mary's. *Father James Hurley* and *Father Tony Geoghegan* were ordained together in Rome on July 7th 1957 and celebrated the 25th Anniversary of their ordination with a special



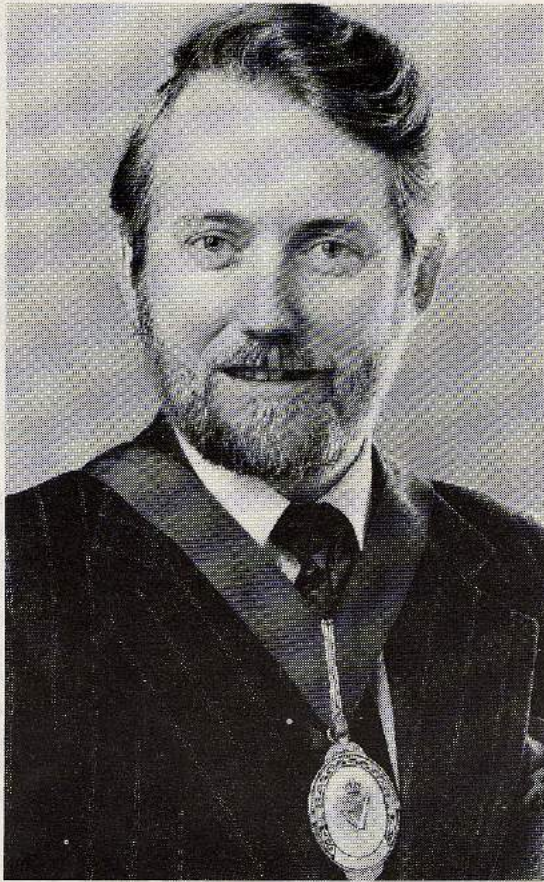
Fr. J. Hurley and Fr. T. Geoghegan, C.S.Sp.

Mass during the Irish Provincial Chapter, 1982, to which they were both elected delegates. Fr. Hurley was President of St. Mary's for six years and Principal of the Secondary School. He is presently Headmaster of Rockwell. Fr. Geoghegan, former missionary in the Gambia and Nigeria, former Professor of Theology and Seminary Rector, has been resident in St. Mary's, of which he is a former student, for the past year, while serving on the Provincial Council. In congratulating Fr. Hurley and Fr. Geoghegan, we also offer our good wishes to two other members of the Class, Fr. Gerry Tannam, a former student, and Fr. Peter Quinn, who spent the year 1981-1982 teaching in the Junior School.



Fr. Tom Maguire, C.S.Sp. with his nephew, Alan Maguire

A recent and most welcome visitor to the College was *Fr. Tom Maguire, C.S.Sp.*, brother of Chris, currently President of the P.P.U., James, whose photographic work graces many of the pages of the Annual, and Jack. Tom was ordained in 1955 and worked in Nigeria until the Civil War forced the majority of the Holy Ghost Fathers to withdraw. He spent some time in administrative work in the Irish Province and was on the Senior School Staff in St. Mary's for a year, 1973-1974, while studying for the H.Dip.Ed. in U.C.D. He returned to Africa, this time to Sierra Leone where he was involved in educational work. He is now busy in parochial ministry in Canada. The ubiquitous photographer snapped him with his nephew Alan, a student in the Senior School and son of Tom's brother, Chris.



Mr. Kevin O'Neill

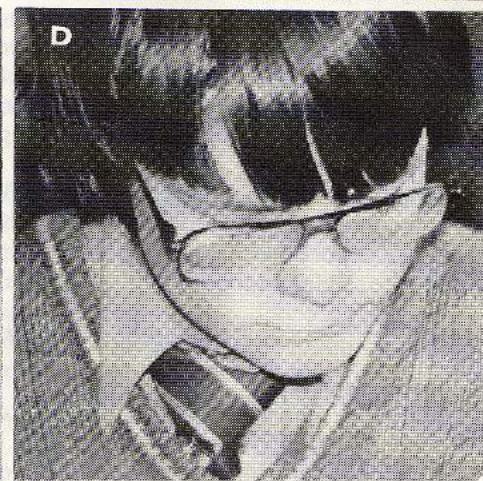
At the Annual General Meeting of the Engineering Scientific Association at Trinity College, *Mr. Kevin O'Neill* was inaugurated President for 1982. The Association was established in 1903, its aims being to promote interchange and attainment of technical advances within the engineering arena, with emphasis on opportunities for application within Irish industry. Kevin left St. Mary's in 1958 after Matriculation and we send him our congratulations.

When the Government recently decided to bring the number of High Court Judges to fourteen from twelve, one of the nominees was past student, *Mr. Francis D. Murphy, S.C.* After leaving St. Mary's, Frank studied in U.C.D. and at King's Inns. He was called to the Bar in 1953 and to Inner Bar in 1969. He is a former chairman of the Bar Council of Ireland and is a Bencher of King's Inns. At the Bar, he specialised in company law and taxation. He is married with two children and to him we send the congratulations and good wishes of his Alma Mater.

Reference is made elsewhere in the Annual to the good work of *Mr. Tony Hickie, B.Arch., M.R.I.A.I.* as coach of the J.C.T. during the year. We congratulate him on going into partnership with Professor Cathal O'Neill and wish him every success in this new venture.

EXAMINATION BLUES

- A. Cormac Kissane (1st Year).
- B. Ciaran Budds (1st Year).
- C. Declan Rennick (1st Year).
- D. Alan Maguire (2nd Year).
- E. Eoin Kelly (1st Year).
- F. Henry Bruce (1st Year).
- G. John Higgins (1st Year).
- H. Alan Connolly (2nd Year).
- J. Jim Kelly (1st Year).
- K. John Boland (1st Year).



FINAL YEAR 1956

(The Editor wishes to express his gratitude to Mr. Don Purcell for his assistance in compiling this article)

Aldwell, Christopher. On leaving St. Mary's, Christopher entered Trinity College where he took his B.A. (Mod.) Degree in Natural Science in 1960. He then entered the Geological Survey Office, then under the Department of Industry and Commerce, now the Department of Industry and Energy. He holds the position of Principal Geologist in that office, dealing primarily in the fields of hydro-geology and environment geology. Involved in youth work through the Legion of Mary during his school days, he still continues that involvement. Another interest is philately. A professional interest is languages. During the current year, Christopher, in the course of his work, has travelled to Czechoslovakia, Greece, Belgium, Italy and France.

Burke, Richard. We received no answer to our circular.

Gerry Cahill (1946-1954). Entered Munster & Leinster Bank (now Allied Irish Banks) in 1955 after commercial course in Rosses Colleges. Appoint Manager of Wembley branch in 1972 and subsequently transferred to Hammersmith branch in 1976. Played rugby at lower levels with St. Mary's R.F.C. and North Kildare R.F.C. Founder member of the Lantern Theatre Club. Hon. Secretary for 10 years of St. Mary's L.T.C. (Percy's) and later first social secretary of St. Mary's R.F.C. Past President of Wembley Chamber of Commerce and currently member of Executive Committee Hammersmith & Fulham Chamber of Commerce. Member of Rotary Club of Hammersmith and Wembley Circle Catenian Association. Married Pauline Algar in 1966; has three children Karen (15), Conor (13) and Raymond (9). Living in Bushey, Herts. ("Buckhurst", 9 Heathfield Road, Bushey). Brothers Paddy and John are both Past Pupils.

Connolly, Patrick. We received no answer to our circular. We understand Patrick to have studied medicine and to have held various

appointments in the medical world, including one in the Richmond Hospital, Dublin.

Cronin, John W. John took up a post in the Civil Service when he left St. Mary's and now holds the rank of Assistant Principal and presently holds the position of Registrar of the Adoption Board. He married Joan O'Kelly and they have three sons, aged 15, 11 and 9 years. Keen on golf, John plays in Skerries G. C. Both he and Joan enjoy playing bridge also.

Curran, Gabriel. We received no answer to our circular. We think that Gabriel studied dentistry on leaving school and is at present in practice in the Mullingar area.

Doyle, John W. No reply to our circular.

Furlong, Diarmuid W. Diarmuid studied dentistry in T.C.D., graduating in 1962. He completed his studies with six months at Bristol Dental School and a year and a half at the Royal Dental School, Stockholm. During his time in Sweden, Diarmuid helped to found an exiles Rugby Club which is still flourishing. He married Rosaleen Leyden in 1968 and they are the parents of four children, aged from 8 years to 1½. He has been in general dental practice in Coulsdon in Surrey, England, since 1970. His present sporting interests include squash and golf and formerly played rugby for the London Irish Club. Both Diarmuid and Rosaleen are keen skiers and they hope to introduce their children to the sport soon

Hennessy, Jack. On leaving school, Jack joined the Munster and Leinster Bank Dame Street Office in 1956 and played Senior Cup Rugby with St. Mary's College in 1956-1957 season before emigrating to California in February 1958. Settling in San Francisco, he joined the Bank of America where he worked until 1966 when he returned to Ireland, this time to Limerick, his native city. He worked in industry there until 1971 when he joined his present employer, Credit Bank Ltd. He is presently

Branch Manager of the Limerick Office. He married Mary Lowry in 1958 and they have two boys, Steven and Paul. He has been on the Committee of the Bohemian Rugby Club for the past 15 years, where he is an Honorary Vice-President. He is also an enthusiastic jogger in his spare time.

Hogan, Patrick B. No reply to our circular.

Lyons, Gabriel. Gabriel commenced studies in Commerce in U. C. D. but soon became an Audit Clerk with Sheeran & Co., Auditors and Accountants, of Grafton Street. In 1960, he joined the Accounts Department of Lep Ireland Ltk., Tara Street. In 1966, he spent a year in the Accounts Department of Hawker Siddely Aviation Ltd., Herts., England. After a further year in England, as Assistant Accountant, Liebler Cranes (Sales), Ltd., Gabriel returned to Ireland to join Central Shipping Ltd., as Credit Controller. He was promoted to Account/Financial Controller and then to Company Secretary, his present position. He joined the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland in 1973 and was this year elected to the Governing Council of the Institute. In 1975, he married Aileen McSorley whose brother, Dr. Donal McSorley, is also a past St. Mary's student. They have two sons, Cillian Stephen (aged 5) and Ronán Colman (2½). Among his interests, Gabriel lists politics (active member of Fine Gael since 1969) and community affairs (Chairman, Monalea Residents Association, Joint Treasurer, Firhouse Community Council). He is also interested in the promotion and preservation of the Grand Canal on which he maintains a small houseboat. Gabriel likes to play squash during the winter months.

Martin, Arthur P. Arthur spent some time in A. H. Masser, Ltd., before commencing studies in Architecture in U.C.D. in 1959. In 1964, having taken a First Class Honours Degree and having been awarded many prizes and awards (including both the R.I.A.I. Design Competition and the R.I.B.A. Scholarship to Rome), Arthur spent a short time in London. He then won a fellowship at the Ohio State University to study City and Regional Planning. He and his wife Irene, whom he married in

1965, travelled to the U.S. where they both spent two happy years as students, Arthur graduating with a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning and Irene with P.H.T. (Putting Hubby Through!). They returned to Dublin in 1967. Having spent a year in the firm of Fehily Associates. Arthur, in 1969 set up the partnership of Brady, Shipman, Martin, a private practice specializing in all forms of development consultancy, including Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Planning. Arthur, who looks after the planning end of the business, has since been involved in several large-scale planning projects, including The National Coastline Study and various other Regional Strategy Studies. He enjoys music and sailing, interests he has had since his school days. Irene and Arthur have three children, Janice (14), Philip (12) and Lindsay (5). Irene, by the way, is a sister of Bill and Richard Nolan, of St. Mary's fame.

O'Doherty, Colm. Colm joined the Bank of Ireland on leaving St. Mary's. After serving in various branches around the country, he was appointed Manager in 1974 and returned to Dublin. He has been Branch Manager in Cornelscourt for the past three years, where, he assures us, all St. Mary's men will be welcome! Sporting activities nowadays are confined to golf — he is an active member of the Castle G.C. and is presently serving on the Committee. He married Angela Hayden from Graigenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny, and they have three daughters who attend Notre Dame des Missions Convent in Churchtown (an establishment not unknown to present and previous generations of St. Mary's boys). He has been involved in the activities of the School and was Chairman of the Parents Association for the past five years.

O'Donoghue, Aubrey. Having initiated a minor soccer revolution (much to the chagrin of Fr. Barry), Aubrey attended T.C.D. of which establishment he is a graduate in Business Studies, Arts and Education. He also qualified as a Chartered Company Secretary and spent several years working as a secondary teacher and Commerce Lecturer before turning his attention to the formation of a Credit Company which he now directs jointly with his brother,

Clive — also a past student. Aubrey married Ethna Foley, formerly a Staff Nurse in the Mater Hospital and they are living at present in Killiney with their two sons, Barry and Shane. Creeping old age has turned Aubrey's sporting attentions from soccer to tennis and he is an all-year-round member of Glenageary L.T.C.

O'Meara, Noel. Noel finished his secondary course in Blackrock College from where he entered the Novitiate of the Holy Ghost Congregation. After profession, he studied in Kimmage Manor and U.C.D. and spent two years (1960-1962) in St. Mary's as a prefect. He was ordained in Kimmage Manor in the summer of 1965 and after completing his studies, he joined the staff of Templeogue College which had just been opened. He graduated from T.C.D. with the degree of Master of Education, his thesis detailing the part played by the Holy Ghost Congregation in the field of Irish Education for over a century. After spending some time on the Provincial Council, Noel was assigned to missionary work in Brazil where he is presently working. He called to visit the community in St. Mary's on his recent visit home which we regret, was occasioned by the death of his mother, R.I.P. We offer him our sincere sympathy on his loss.

Purcell, Don. Don is now a Chartered Quantity Survey in private practice in Dublin. During his time in St. Mary's, he distinguished himself in sports, particularly rugby in which sport he captained both Junior and Senior Cup teams. On leaving the College, he commenced studies at the College of Technology, Bolton Street and qualified in 1962. He married Maura Sugrue in 1963 and they have four children. Their sons, Conor, Séan and Cormac are at present students in the Senior School. For many years Don was an active member of the St. Mary's College R.F.C. Nowadays, his main interests are trout fishing, boats and sailing. He also admits to a healthy interest in good food and wine!

Reynolds, Paul. Paul entered All Hallows College, Dublin, on leaving St. Mary's and after completing his philosophy and theology studies, he was ordained to the Diocesan Priesthood in 1963. He spent a total of seven years in

Birmingham, Huntsville, Alabama, U.S.A. He moved to Georgia in 1970 and is now the Parish Priest of the Catholic Church in Lilburn, a suburb of the city of Atlanta. Outside his parish ministry, his main interests are music and football.

Rutherford, David M. David qualified in Electrical Engineering in U.C.D. and spent a further year in the College as a demonstrator in the Electrical Engineering Department. He then joined R.T.E. where he is still at work. He and his wife have three children, Adrienne (13), Tanya (10) and Michael (6). They are presently living in Killiney where some of their near neighbours were students in St. Mary's — Robin Doherty, the late Tom Thornbury and John Lennon. Formerly a keen golfer, David still finds time for an occasional round. He enjoys gardening, classical music and many forms of outdoor activity.

Sheehan, James M. On leaving St. Mary's James entered the Medical School in U.C.D. where his course was adorned by so many honours and such success that it must have been unique in the annals of the College. He obtained the B.Sc. degree in anatomy with first class honours in 1960. He took his medical degree in 1963, winning gold medals in medicine, surgery and obstetrics. He then did some post-graduate training in Ireland and England. He obtained F.R.C.S.I. in 1966 and obtained M.Sc. degree in Bio-Engineering, University of Surrey, Guildford in 1970. He was appointed consultant surgeon, St. Vincent's Hospital and St. Mary's Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh, in 1970. He specialises in orthopaedic surgery, particularly the reconstruction of arthritic joints with artificial components. In 1966, he married Rosemary Sheehan and they have four children whose ages range from 11 to 3. His hobby is gardening.

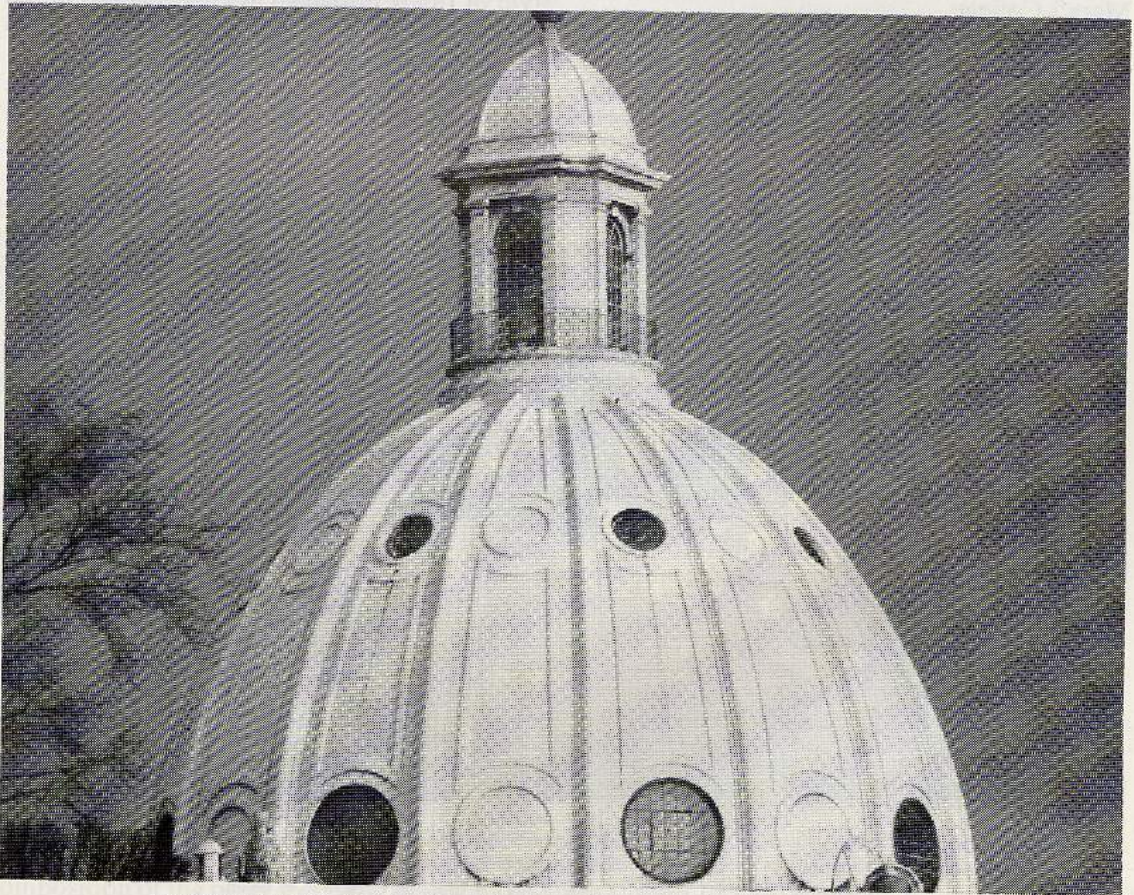
Shiels, Desmond J. We had no reply to our circular from Desmond whom we think is presently living in South Africa.

Tierney, Brendan. No reply. Brendan, we think is in England.

Tierney, Michael. Michael studied dentistry in the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin where he qualified in 1962. On taking his degree, he moved to Reading in England where he commenced as an Assistant in a large practice. He still works in the same practice as a Senior Partner. His wife, Marjorie (née Haddon) comes from Clontarf and they married in 1963. They have three children. Catherine, the eldest, is due to commence studies in nursing in January while the two boys Alan (17) and Andrew (14) are both at Oratory School. Michael plays a lot of golf and fits in a game of squash twice a week. The family tries to make a trip home to Dublin twice a year, mainly to see

their parents, all of whom are still living in Dublin.

Traynor, Frank. Frank qualified in Engineering in U.C.D. in 1960. He then worked in the oil and gas business for a number of years. In 1969, he returned to U.C.D. this time to study Business Administration in which he took a Masters Degree. He then worked in Merchant Banking for eight years and is now Managing Director of Silvermines Ltd. He married Elizabeth Murphy in 1966 and they have three boys — Ronan, Paul, and Barry, all presently students in St. Mary's.



A familiar sight to St. Mary's boys — the dome of the parish church set against a wintry sky.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE R.F.C.

Hon. Secretary's Report for the Season 1981-1982

The Date, 20th February 1982; Time, 4.30 p.m.; Venue, Lansdowne Rd; Occasion, Ireland wins Triple Crown, the highlight of the Rugby Calendar for the first time since 1949, and we at St. Mary's can feel proud of our Club's contribution to that event in that two of our players wore the Green Jersey during the Campaign — the will o' the wisp Paul Dean at Centre and the Hooker and Captain Ciaran Fitzgerald whose inspiring leadership was instrumental in motivating his colleagues to bionic dimensions. Since that magic day Ciaran has received wide exposure through the media and his unassuming and modest attitude has made him a household word — a wonderful advertisement for rugby football, and St. Mary's College.

It now sounds blasé to announce our accustomed band of interprovincial players who were honoured during the season — Ciaran, Paul, Michael Quaid, Hugh McGuire, Terry

Kennedy and Paul Andreucetti but please ponder on this for a moment. To achieve first team standard in any Senior Club demands above average ability, and then to graduate to interpro level must require special talent. It is a pleasant feeling to know that these people are our own Club Members, and contribute enormously to keeping the name of St. Mary's to the forefront of Irish Rugby. Heartiest congratulations therefore and may we continue to be honoured at representative level.

From early season it was apparent that there was a definite purpose shown by Club coaches and selectors which spread to the entire playing membership and this is now evident by the array of silverware here before us this evening. The style of rugby displayed at all levels was in the best traditions of the Club and this is a tribute to the tremendous dedication shown by players, coaches, managers and selectors. There were teams which did not aspire to honours this year



JUNIOR THREE — CUP AND LEAGUE WINNERS

R. O'Donnell (Coach), B. Geraghty (Asst. Manager), J. McCullough, P. Brooder, P. O'Reilly, W. Fagan (Vice-Pres.), D. O'Brien, E. Wigglesworth, F. O'Donnell, P. McInerney (Manager), T. Burke-Moran (Linesman).

C. Cooke, M. Graham, T. Byrne, J. Curran (Capt.), S. Brennan, G. Browne, P. Elliott.

E. Meagher, G. Coman.

(Photo: James J. Maguire)



JUNIOR FOUR — LEAGUE WINNERS

L. Roche (Manager), W. Mills, G. Conlon, D. Ferris, P. Murphy, J. Pyne, P. Brooder, B. Whelan (President, R.F.C.), B. Wynn (Coach),
 D. Andreucetti, C. O'Donnell, B. O'Sullivan, N. Woodcock (Capt.), M. Graham, D. Ellison, P. Thornton,
 H. Bolger, J. Ebbs.

(Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.)

but they played a very important part in helping the more fortunate ones in capturing the Junior 3 League, the Moran Cup, Junior 4 League, James O'Connor Cup and the Guilfoyle Cup. It is perhaps a little unfair to single out any one team, but mention must be made of the Junior 3 XV captained by Jim Curran who achieved the League and Cup double in most impressive style, completing the season undefeated. The team had a very good mixture of youth and maturity and of the latter type may I pay tribute to one, Mr. Anthony Byrne. His bag of Official Leinster Branch Medals now totals 17, and when one considers that the same To Jo propped on the famous Cup winning team of 1969, it gives some idea of the contribution he has given to the Club over the years. It is heartening to hear that he intends to soldier on next year, at least.

The new additions to the Club at under-19 level made their presence felt in no uncertain manner. We did not have the ultimate success in the McCorry Cup but an examination into the composition of the panel will show that many of

them played an important part in the winning of other Cups. An under-21 Task force was despatched to London at Easter with orders to capture the London Irish Festival Trophy, and whilst there are conflicting reports of the tour, nevertheless we are reliably informed that these lads wore the St. Mary's colours with distinction. Even off the field the lads were a great help to Gerry Ebbs in helping out at the Friday night dances. We heartily congratulate them on an excellent season.

All the teams received first class attention from the Match Committee, chaired by Jim Harrington and ably assisted by Steve Treacy and Maurice Hogan, who worked very hard during the year. Their job was a most difficult one, and how well do they deserve the thanks of the players for all their efforts during the year.

It was encouraging to see former players coming forward and helping out in coaching and selecting, particularly at Junior level, which gave a great boost to those working with depleted forces in the past. We now have a first class team of selectors and coaches available,

and this can only be for the betterment of the Club. It is most important that the input of new blood continue, and I can assure any person who wishes to help in any capacity that his services will be more than welcome.

Rugby, being a physical game, received extensive media coverage during the recent past regarding serious injuries. We are very thankful to have completed the season without a major calamity and for this we owe a great deal of gratitude to our panel of doctors, co-ordinated by their captain, Brendan Deasy, for their attendance at home matches throughout the season. Their off-the-field treatment certainly accelerated the return to fitness of those unfortunate enough to have suffered the run-of-the-mill injuries associated with our game.

Now, I would like to pick out for special mention, the unsung heroes of any Club, who make our matches possible — whistlers. To our Leinster Branch and Club referees we owe the highest thanks and congratulations for their standard of refereeing and the interest in their subject throughout the year. Some of our younger ex-players have ambitions at Leinster Branch level and are receiving help and advice from our two stalwarts Mervyn Johnson and Denis Nagle. May all the referees aspire to higher honours.

During the year we were honoured to host fixtures with Rockwell and Castleknock Colleges and these were most important, by way of introducing the youngsters into the Club in the hope that some of them would see fit to further their Senior careers in Templeville Road.

The bond between our Club and Templeogue College continues to grow, and we are extremely fortunate to have such a strong nursery on our doorsteps. To Fr. Redmond, our sincere thanks

for his continuous support and coupled with Fr. Redmond may I also say a special word of thanks to Mick Glynn for the liaison between the Club and College.

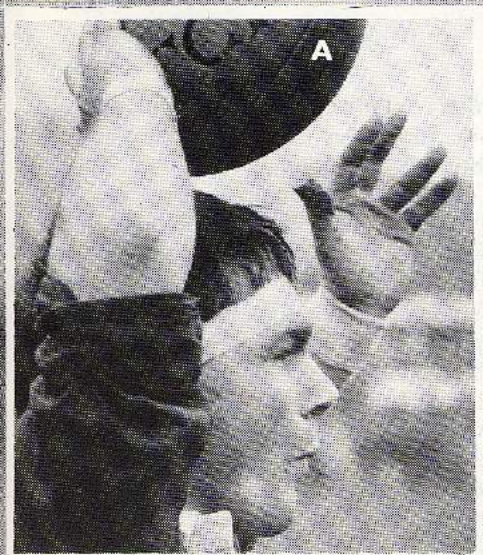
It is heartening to note the resurgence of rugby in St. Mary's College and as always it is pleasing to have the support of Rathmines behind us. To the President Fr. O'Reilly and his Staff we would like to express thanks for the magnificent set of jerseys presented to us for the Cup campaigns. The jerseys were a lucky omen and graced the victory rostrum on four occasions. I suppose two sets of jerseys are out of the question for next year! A former Secretary of the Club, Chris Maguire has been elected President of the P.P.U. and our best wishes go with him for a very successful year.

Before leaving the College I feel that we owe a vote of thanks to all our players who spent a considerable amount of time in coaching the youngsters coming up to their Cup campaign.

On the administrative side reference must be made to the Management Committee whose day-to-day involvement on Clubhouse and Grounds has been more demanding than ever before. As ever, Billy Fagan chaired the Committee with his usual enthusiasm and demands for results, and he deserves the highest thanks of the Club for the many years he has served us in that capacity. Billy recently handed over the reins to Kevin Kinahan who has shown already that he will be an even harder taskmaster. The continued improvement in the pitches is due to John Carvill and here again we are extremely fortunate to have the services of such an expert in this most important area.

Overseeing repairs and renovations to the Clubhouse has been the responsibility of a comparative newcomer, Lochlann Aiken and the present good order is proof in itself that

- A. Ciaran Fitzgerald, of St. Mary's R.F.C. Captain of the Irish XV, Winners of the Triple Crown, 1982. *(Photo: J. Maguire, AFIAP)*
- B. M. Gilsenan (President P.P.U.), C. Fitzgerald, J. Moore (President I.R.F.U.), B. Whelan, (President, R.F.C.). *(Photo: J. Maguire, AFIAP)*
- C. M. Gilsenan (President, P.P.U.), C. Fitzgerald (Captain, Irish XV, Triple Crown Winners, 1982), Fr. H. O'Reilly (President of the College) and P. Andreucetti. *(Photo: J. Maguire, AFIAP)*
- D. Ciaran Fitzgerald, of St. Mary's R.F.C. Captain of the Irish XV, Winners of the Triple Crown, 1982. *(Photo: J. Maguire, AFIAP)*



Lochlann is devoting considerable time and energy to this job. I feel at this stage it would not be inappropriate to mention another comparative newcomer to the scene, in the person of Bobby Coan who has over the past few years completely involved himself in the Club, and has given his time unselfishly to many chores including Selection, and of course not forgetting his recent position as Honorary Chauffeur to Past Presidents.

We have discussed involvement, commitment, and energy and where are these characteristics more exemplified than in "Eileen's Angels" whose sheer professionalism at catering make us the envy of all other rugby clubs bar none. The work that these ladies undertook, particularly in the past few weeks would make the strongest male cringe. Please God, keep them safe and well during the Summer months and send them back to look after us in the Autumn.

The upkeep of the Club and the repayments require a vast amount of money and as usual our main source is derived from our Friday night dances. Last year we put Gerry Ebbs out to grass after many years to the cause, yet here he is again leading his troops from the front, ably supported by John "the try scoring wing-forward" Fair, Lex Simpson and James O'Loughlin. The ever loyal Dance Committee supports Gerry every week and we can never underestimate the magnificent work the Friday-nighters do for the Club. Surely there are a few other Club Members who are prepared to give up the odd Friday night for the Club.

The monthly Socials apart from being very popular, also bring in much needed revenue and

once again we are indebted to Frank Kennedy and his merry band of men for all the work they put in throughout the season.

Club and Celebration Dinners were up to the highest Colm Bevan standard, despite Michael Fanagan. Now that Michael's best rugby days are behind him, it is pleasing to note that he is placing the rest of his considerable talents at the disposal of the Club.

As usual, the Club's name is carried with distinction all over Ireland by Treasurer of the Leinster Branch — Paddy Bolger. Paddy has the unique talent, that having served on the administrative side for many years he still has the same enthusiasm for the work as he had at day one. Earlier this year we were delighted to learn of Vincent McGovern's appointment as a Selector on the Leinster Branch. We know that Vincent will carry on the traditions of previous St. Mary's men and we wish him continued success.

Last summer several Sub-Committees were appointed to carry out an investigation into the future planning of the Club. Hours and hours of work were undertaken with one objective — the betterment of St. Mary's, and it's typical of the Club that so many people volunteered their services. Brian Whelan apart from fulfilling the President's duties with distinction somehow found time to immerse himself in the work of the Sub-Committees. He has been at the helm of every project in the Club and while his term of office is about to end I earnestly hope that his valued advice will be available for many years to come. John Kinahan is the only person in the Club with nuclear energy and this he needs to get through the countless hours spent on the

- A. C. Sweeney (Captain, R.F.C.), Paul Dean, Fr. F. Barry, C. Maguire (President, P.P.U.), Ciaran Fitzgerald, Fr. H. O'Reilly (President College), B. Fagan (President, R.F.C.) and Terry Kennedy.
- B. Paul Dean, Ciaran Fitzgerald and Terry Kennedy.
- C. Terry Kennedy, Paul Dean and Fr. J. Godfrey.
- D. B. Fagan (President, R.F.C.), C. Sweeney (Captain, R.F.C.), G. Fitzgerald, Fr. F. Barry.
- E. Presidents Three: Mr. C. Maguire (P.P.U.), Fr. H. O'Reilly (The College) and Mr. B. Fagan (R.F.C.).
- F. Mr. C. Maguire, Fr. H. O'Reilly and T. Kennedy.
- G. Paul Dean, Fr. F. Barry, Ciaran Fitzgerald and Terry Kennedy.
- H. Paul Dean and Fr. H. O'Reilly.





JUNIOR FIVE — O'CONNOR CUP

B. Whelan (President, R.F.C.), K. Conboy, D. Murphy, M. Feehan, J. Murphy, B. Kennedy, J. Pyne, J. Gately, K. Kinahan,
B. Swift (Coach), T. Browne (Manager).

H. Bolger, I. Brady, S. Donnelly, M. O'Leary, D. Comerford, P. Thornton, R. O'Connor.

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Club finances and it is with an acute sense of relief we learn that he is prepared to carry the burden for another term.

From this report one can ascertain that many hours of hard work on a voluntary basis are required to keep us at the top of the ladder. There are few other Clubs that can call on its members for this kind of commitment, and this is what makes us unique, and is the prime reason why we enjoy continued success. Before

the evening is through we will have new Captains, Selectors, Coaches, Committee members etc. Support them — keep up the good work. The spirit of St. Mary's is alive and living in Templeville. Success we have, continued success is assured and this time next year we will be stronger than ever before.

Michael Banks.
Hon. Secretary

SIXTH YEAR AT PLAY

- A. Con Tiernan in action, with John Keogh to the right.
- B. John Kennedy and that good old footballing trick — tying one's laces!
- C. Mr. Leonard shows how it's done in the Staff v 6th Year Soccer Match.
- D. Patrick McCarthy remains in possession despite attention from Mr. Brennan and Mr. Kirby in the Staff v 6th Year Soccer Match.
- E. John Kennedy in possession.
- F. John Keogh takes time off from soccer to spare a smile for the camera.
- G. Mr. Hughes executes a stylish turn as he is challenged by Frank Browne and admired by Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Brennan in the Staff v Sixth Soccer Match.
- H. "Watch Out, Sir!" John Kennedy about to put the heart crosswise in Mr. Kirby in the Staff v 6th Year Soccer Match.



ST. MARY'S COLLEGE L.T.C.

Season 1981-1982

COMMITTEE

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Ladies Captain:
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TOM McKEOGH, JOHN SHORTEN, PAUL MOLLOY, YVONNE RYAN

Hon. Secretary's Report,

1981-1982.

It has been in many respects an historic year for St. Mary's College L.T.C. It was the year in which the official opening of the club's new all-weather courts took place, and the inauguration of the new floodlighting on three of these courts. It was also a year in which, on two separate occasions, in April and in August, some of Dublin's most prominent citizens came to visit our premises and share in our celebrations.

Finally, it was a year in which the club received unparalleled publicity and attention in the national media — newspapers, radio and television.

All of these were related; taken together they represent the highpoints of what has been a watershed year for the club.

THE COMMITTEE

The committee met regularly throughout the period November 1981 to October 1982, — on average convening once a month. Responsibilities were assigned among members covering finance and planning, social affairs,

grounds, tennis and the German visit. Tom McKeogh was seconded to the committee at its first meeting to take responsibility for this last occasion, the visit of our friends from Schloss-Holte during the month of August, and an event which dominated the year's social calendar.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING

In April, the Lord Mayor, Alexis Fitzgerald, T.D., performed the official opening of the new courts and floodlighting at a gala occasion in the club pavillion. Present among a long list of dignitaries were the Minister of State at the Department of Environment, now Minister for Education, Gerard Brady, T.D., aldermen and councillors from Dublin Corporation, representatives of all sections of the tennis world in Dublin, local residents, and members of the club.

The occasion was extensively covered on television and in the newspapers.

THE GERMAN VISIT

The German visit was held in mid August and

represented another success for the club. Under Tom McKeogh's stern chairmanship the German sub-committee, which came to know itself affectionately as the German High Command, met continuously in an underground bar somewhere in Ballsbridge. Fundraising activities over several months succeeded in raising almost £2,000, which meant that the visit represented no burden whatever on the Club's finances. A detailed and professional brochure of the programme and all relevant information for the guests was prepared courtesy of our Vice-President Paddy Funge. An exhausting schedule of events — a truly Germanic schedule was prepared for the unwitting guests.

In the event over 20 guests arrived to face this whirlwind of activity. A press reception was held in their honour, attended by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin, the President of the Irish Lawn Tennis Association and other guests. This brought more favourable press attention, and many hangovers. Reports say our German visitors were taken by storm by Fuhrer Tom McKeogh and left the country uncertain of their feet after the week's events under his baton.

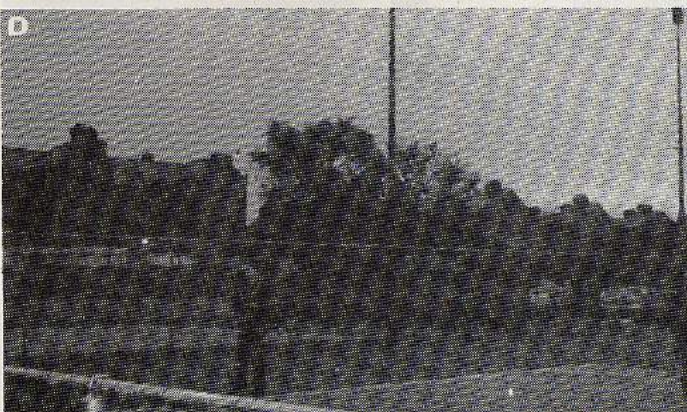
The week was a resounding success, and culminated in an invitation to a number of our junior members to visit Germany next year.

TENNIS

Probably the most notable event of the tennis year, significantly, was the achievement of our young junior members in winning the Saab Trophy, at the first try. This tournament is staged among the tennis clubs of the Dublin 4 and 6 areas, and it was no accident that our team did so well. The progress of tennis among our younger members has been continuous throughout the year, and highly reassuring to those of us beginning to look back fondly on our own past, and glorious, achievements. The

OFFICIAL OPENING

- A. Michael Houlihan addresses the gathering.
- B. The Lord Mayor, Alexis FitzGerald, T.D., performs the Official Opening.
- C. Members of the Artane Boys' Band after the salute.
- D. Lord Mayor FitzGerald serves in — (before the floodlights came on!)





success of our youngsters guarantees future success for the club. Here it is appropriate to point out that this is the achievement of the past few years, a future secured, and it is for this that two presidents concerned, Terry O'Toole and Michael Houlihan, quite apart from the many others who contributed, deserve only the highest thanks of the club.

Tennis among the youngsters was once again under the eagle eye of Dermot Nally, and the success in winning the Saab Trophy was to no small degree a reflection on the work he put in over the year with the juniors and juveniles, assisted by Mary Joy, Deirdre Keegan, Mary and Robert Fitzpatrick, and of course, Men's Captain, Colm O'Connor.

Tennis among the adults progressed smoothly under Colm's Captaincy and that of Liz McCarthy, with League matches, handicap tournaments and championships running to schedule. It was necessary to delay the Championship Finals At Home until September in order to facilitate the German visit in mid-August.

Throughout the year the newly instituted floodlights caused the courts to be used extensively, as indeed had been expected, outside normal daylight hours. This transformation of the club from one devoted to day-time, and indeed largely summer tennis, to one in which tennis is played at all hours all through the year represents a sea-change and one to which the Club has not yet perhaps fully geared itself, quite naturally. Already we have become eligible for a much wider variety of competitions played in autumn and winter months. In addition the club is receiving a growing number of requests for use of our courts for various tournaments, requests which the committee has not found it easy to comply with, because of pressure on our new courts from our own members.

Our friends from Grunn-Weiss, Germany enjoyed their trip.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The social calendar was ably organised throughout the year by Deirdre Keegan, with the high spots, for once not being the At Home or the Fancy Dress (which this year was not held) but two big press receptions and the seven days in August representing the German Week. On grounds, Phil Farrell quietly throughout the year instituted a wide range of improvements in the club's appearance.

PRINCIPAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Men's Singles : Philip McNevin
Runner-up : Finbarr O'Sullivan

Ladies' Singles : Gillian Lane
Runner-up : Liz McCarthy

Men's Doubles : Phil Farrell and
Finbarr O'Sullivan

Ladies' Doubles : Frances Cooke
Doreen Dermody

Mixed Doubles : Jennie O'Kane and
Philip McNevin

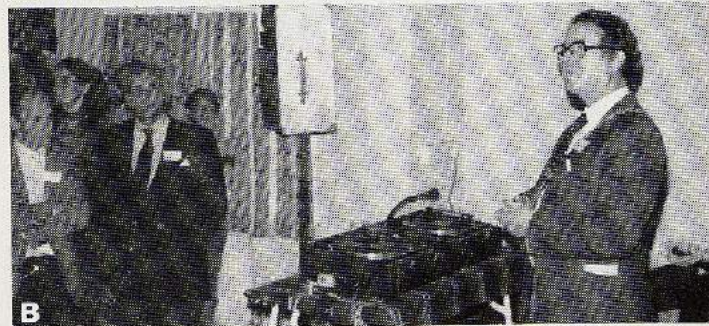
Men's Plate : Niall Scully

Ladies' Plate : Paula Quinn

M. Heney.
Secretary



A



B



C



D



E

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- A. The Saab Trophy Winners.
 - B. A welcome speech to our German visitors.
 - C. The juniors watch a match of the Saab Trophy.
 - D. Captain receives Saab Cup.
 - E. Our Austrian members, Hans and Eva Nagle.



FORM SIX

F. Rice, B. McCarthy, M. Leo, Darragh Condren, R. Ward, B. Mulvihill,
M. Regan, D. Maher, J. Fitzsimon, C. Callinan, A. Shanahan, R. Tighe,
Declan Condren, E. Wheilan, J. Marren, R. Klimartin, A. Naughton, P. McNally,
A. Cooke, L. Doddy, L. McEniff, R. Byrne, M. Thorne, G. Gannon,
B. Maguire, D. Brabazon, B. O'Donoghue, Mr. J. Crowley, P. Funge, C. Lucey, D. Ruane.



FORM SIX¹

D. Flanagan, N. O'Kelly, D. Davis, J. O'Gorman, J. Moran, P. Shaffrey, D. Keelan,
J. Salmon, F. Trenaman, F. Savino, M. Stuart, J. Finnegan, K. O'Beirne, M. Roche,
P. Dwyer, K. McBrien, C. Molony, F. Durkan, C. Hanratty, A. Bradley, D. Perry,
D. Connolly, P. Whelan, G. Halpin, M. Foley, P. Lynch, D. Ryan,
S. Graham, I. Costello, D. Keegan, Fr. E. Darcy, S. Joyce, F. Cunnane, M. Stapleton.



FORM FIVE

J. Whelan, D. Dromey, P. Dolan, E. Long, O. Deasy, A. Hoey, M. McCarthy, D. Doyle,
S. Byrne, C. Stephenson, C. Maher, P. Mooney, T. Dowling, E. Wall, M. O'Toole.
J. Farrell, D. O'Shea, D. Keogan, S. Gogan, M. Whelan.
S. Peare, J. MacNally, B. Casey, B. McNamara, M. Collins, G. Watts, P. Fitzgerald,
C. Twomey, G. Thorne, J. Costello, Mr. C. Sweeney, A. Glynn, S. Lavin, E. Brabazon.



FORM FIVE¹

- V. Pomeroy, J. O'Reilly, P. Cosgrove, A. Reeves, E. O'Neill, P. McLoughlin, B. O'Sullivan,
P. Dowling, C. Creedon, D. Kenny, R. Walsh, P. Brennan, S. McGill
K. Nowlan, P. Maher, D. McSharry, J. K. Moran, R. Hogan, R. Kelleher, P. O'Callaghan.
P. Molony, G. Lavin, B. Roche, C. Buckley, D. Cunningham, M. O'Toole, P. McCarthy
J. Pidgeon, S. Barry, R. Dennis, Mrs. U. Wall, J. Roche, A. McConnell, C. Jones



FORM FOUR

J. Healy, S. Keogh, S. Whelan, A. Briddock, N. Twomey, N. Murphy, K. McDavitt, K. Dunne,
A. Doyle, S. Lowry, B. Cotter, R. Regan, S. Tracey, D. O'Toole,
N. O'Brien, S. Fogarty, D. Murphy, D. Brabazon, J. Kirwan, G. Roche,
E. Rennick, W. Power, B. Kennedy, A. Finn, D. Longeran, J. Kelly,
R. Whelan, R. Long, C. Kissane, Mrs. M. O'Donnell, M. Kennedy, P. Byrne, I. Byrne.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZEWINNERS 1982

Medal for General Excellence
MARK THORNE

Fr. Hourigan Trophy for Religious Education
DECLAN CONDREN and JOHN MARRON
Joint Winners

Fr. Hurley Trophy for Languages
LAWRENCE DODDY

Fr. Gilmore Trophy for Art
CONOR LUCEY

Sportsman of the Year
ANDREW BRADLEY

Special Prize for Art
LIAM McENIFF



Mark Thorne
Medal for General Excellence



Lawrence Doddy
Fr. Hurley Trophy for Languages



FORM FOUR¹

S. Strahan, J. Holland, J. Kelly, P. Keogan, K. McGinley, T. Brophy, L. Murray, S. Kendal,
P. Harkness, R. Young, V. Wallace, S. Shirley, S. Daly, S. Tobin, M. Gilmartin.
G. Kearney, T. Keaveney, S. Kelly, R. McHugh, J. Flynn, R. McBrien.
H. Browne, P. Conlon, C. McCarthy, D. McCabe, D. O'Flynn, K. Malone.
* D. Maher, S. McGuinness, R. Sisk, Miss P. Crowley, M. Cull, D. Shiels, G. Pelosi.

CLASS PRIZEWINNERS 1982

Form 6

- 1 Lawrence Doddy
- 2 Mark Thorne
- 3 Declan Condren

Form 6¹

- 1 Jimmy Finnegan
- 2 Simon Joyce
- 3 Cathal Hanratty

Form 5

- 1 Gareth Thorne
- 2 Justin Farrell
- 3 Simon Peare } *ex aequo*
Edward Wall }

Form 5¹

- 1 Shane Barry
- 2 Phelim Molony
- 3 Con Buckley

Form 4

- 1 Basil Kennedy
- 2 David Murphy
- 3 Emmet Rennick

Form 4¹

- 1 Simon Shirley
- 2 Seamus Daly } *ex aequo*
Mark Cull }
- 3 Ruairi Young

Form 3

- 1 Brian Hanlon
- 2 Adrian Trenaman
- 3 Edward Condren

Form 3¹

- 1 Vincent Harney
- 2 Kevin Sheehy
- 3 Duane Byrne

Form 2

- 1 Patrick Doddy
- 2 Donal Harty
- 3 Keith Brennan



Declan Condren
Joint Winner of the Fr. Hourigan
Trophy for Religious Education



John Marron
Joint Winner of the Fr. Hourigan
Trophy for Religious Education



FORM THREE

D. Ring, D. Riordan, L. Beare, D. Mullan, G. Carvill, S. Young.
P. Hickey, D. McCambridge, J. O'Hara, H. Byme, B. Kilmurray, S. Gardiner.
J. Bainbridge, R. Whelan, N. Ryan, P. Nagle, P. Barry, E. Water, A. Fitzgerald.
R. Murphy, A. Trenaman, J. Sweeney, K. Saab, J. Moran, D. McCormack, G. McCafferty, S. Hogan.
E. Condren, G. Dennis, M. Raftery-Skehan, Miss E. McCallig, R. Lynch, A. Rossi, B. Hanlon.

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EXCELLENT LIST

Form 6

Rory Byrne
Breffni Maguire
John Marron
Donal Ruane

Form 6¹

Donal Davis
David Keegan
John Moran
Niall O'Kelly
Peter Whelan

Form 5

Eamonn Brabazon
Stephen Byrne
Matthew Collins
Desmond Doyle
Peter Fitzgerald
Sean Gogan
Adrian Hoey
Daniel Keogan
Maithiu McCarthy
Paul Mooney
David O'Shea

Mark O'Toole
Coleman Stephenson
Conor Twomey
John Whelan

Form 5¹

Paul Brennan
Ronan Hogan

Form 4

Alan Briddock
Ian Byrne
Peter Byrne
Brian Cotter
Aidan Doyle
Karl Dunne
Alan Finn
Stuart Fogarty
Joseph Healy
John Kelly
Stephen Keogh
John Kirwan
Conor Kissane
Roderick Long
Shane Lowry

Kevin McDevitt
Neil Murphy
Niall O'Brien
Darragh O'Toole
William Power
Ronald Regan
Gareth Roche
Shane Tracey
Niall Twomey
Stuart Whelan

Form 4¹

John Flynn
Garret Kearney
Thomas Keaveney
Simon Kelly
David McCabe
Valentine Wallace

Form 3

John Bainbridge
Gearoid Carvill
Sean Gardiner
Pierce Hickey
Garrett McCafferty



Conor Lucey
Fr. Gilmore Trophy for Art



Andrew Bradley
Sportsman of the Year



FORM 3'

- K. Curtin, F. Breathnach, P. Trant, M. Frost, F. Ward, T. Cosgrove, M. Smith.
M. Browne, D. Kearney, J. Figgis, D. Kenny, A. Byrne.
D. Byrne, V. Harney, M. McLaughlin, B. Reid, K. Connolly, G. Hughes, K. Sheehy.
G. Rigby, B. O' Kane, G. Groom, E. Ormonde, N. Mountaine, P. Moloney, M. Finnegan.
I. O'Neill, P. Maguire, J. Jennings, Mrs. T. White, M. Reilly, S. O'Donohoe, N. O'Gorman.

Robert Murphy
Mark Raftery-Skehan
David Riordan
Karl Saab
Emmet Wafer
Shane Young

Marc McLaughlin
Niall Mountaine
Eoin Ormond
Garvan Rigby

Conall Flood
Eddie Foley
Paul Kennedy
Cillian McNulty
Patrick Moloney
Michael Morris
Karl Murray
Norman McBrien
John Riordan
Seamus Shanahan
Barry Traynor
George Walsh

Form 3¹

Fergal Breathnach
Mark Browne
Declan Kearney
Philip Maguire

Form 2

Cormac Barry
David Barnes
Alphonso Cafolla
John Condren
Stephen Cotter
Garrett Fanning



THE WINTER . . .
G. Kearney with the ball.



. . . AND THE SUMMER
Karl Saab about to
start a run.



FORM 2

- C. Smyth, A. Caffolla, G. Fanning, J. Heron, C. Fitzgerald, B. Traynor, D. Harty, R. McNamara,
D. Forde, C. Flynn, D. Barnes, J. Condren, S. Cotter, P. Kennedy.
K. Brennan, K. Murray, P. Duddy, C. Barry, P. Moloney, E. Foley, M. Morris.
S. Shanahan, C. Hughes, G. Hooper, M. McBrien, C. Flood, C. Keogh.
G. Walsh, J. Mac Giolla Ríogh, J. Riordan, Miss M. O'Sullivan, C. McNulty, P. Mc Elwee, I. Gilmartin.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL ROLL 1981-82

Brabazon, David
Byrne, Rory
Callinan, Conor
Condon, John
Condren, Darragh
Condren, Declan
Cooke, Alan
Delaney, Donal

Doddy, Lawrence
Fitzsimons, John
Funge, Pdraic
Gannon, Gregory
Kilmartin, Ronan
Leo, Maurice
Lucey, Conor
Maher, Darragh

SIX

Marron, John
Mulvihill, Brian
McCarthy, Brian
McEniff, Liam
Maguire, Breifne
McNally, Paul
Naughton, Alan
O'Donohue, Barry

Regan, Mark
Rice, Fergus
Ruane, Donal
Shanahan, Aidan
Thorne, Mark
Tighe, Robert
Ward, Rossa
Whelan, Eamonn

Bradley, Andrew
Connolly, David
Costello, Ivor
Cunnane, Francis
Davis, Donal
Durkan, Frank
Dwyer, Philip
Finnegan, James
Flanagan, Derek

Foley, Michael
Graham, Stephen
Halpin, Gareth
Hanratty, Cathal
Joyce, Simon
Keegan, David
Keelan, David
Lynch, Philip
McBrien, Karl

SIX¹

Molony, Conor
Moran, John
O'Beirne, Killian
O'Gorman, John
O'Kelly, Niall
Perry, Declan
Roche, Michael
Ryan, Derek
Salmon, John

Savino, Franz
Shaffrey, Peter
Stapleton, Maurice
Stuart, Martin
Trenaman, Freddie
Whelan, Peter

Brabazon, Eamonn
Byrne, Stephen
Casey, Brian
Collins, Matthew
Costello, John
Deasy, Olivier
Dolan, Paul
Dowling, Thomas
Doyle, Desmond

Dromey, David
Farrell, Justin
Fitzgerald, Peter
Glynn, Adam
Gogan, Sean
Hoey, Adrian
Keogan, Daniel
Lavin, Simon
Long, Evan

FIVE

McCarthy, Maitiu
McNally, John
McNamara, Bruce
Maher, Conor
Mooney, Paul
O'Shea, David
O'Toole, Mark
Peare, Simon
Stephenson, Colman

Thorne, Gareth
Twomey, Conor
Wall, Edward
Watts, Garry
Whelan, John
Whelan, Mark

Barry, Shane
Brennan, Paul
Buckley, Con
Cosgrove, Peter
Creedon, Colin
Cunningham, David
Dennis, Rory
Dowling, Paul
Hogan, Ronan

Jones, Colm
Kelleher, Richard
Kenny, Declan
Lavin, Gary
McCarthy, Paul
McConnell, Alan
McGill, Shane
McLoughlin, Peter
McSharry, Dermot

FIVE¹

Maher, Peter
Molony, Phelim
Moran, John
Nowlan, Kevin
O'Callaghan, Peter
O'Doherty, Daniel
O'Neill, Eoin
O'Reilly, Jerome
O'Sullivan, Brian

O'Toole, Michael
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Pomeroy, Victor
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Roche, Brendan
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Walsh, Ronan

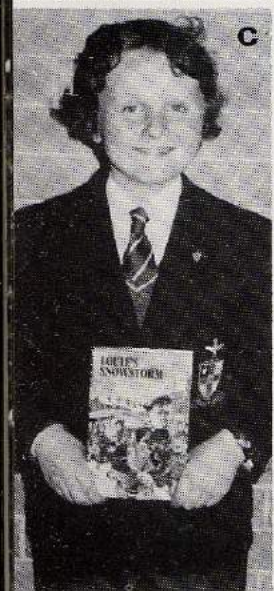
Brabazon, Dermot
Briddock, Alan
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Byrne, Peter
Cotter, Brian
Doyle, Aidan
Dunne, Karl
Fogarty, Stuart

Finn, Alan
Healy, Joseph
Kelly, John
Kennedy, Basil
Kennedy, Martin
Keogh, Stephen
Kirwan, John
Kissane, Conor

FOUR

Lonergan, David
Long, Roderick
Lowry, Shane
McDevitt, Kevin
Murphy, David
Murphy, Neil
O'Brien, Niall
O'Toole, Darragh

Regan, Ronald
Power, William
Rennick, Emmet
Roche, Gareth
Tracey, Shane
Twomey, Niall
Whelan, Rory
Whelan, Stuart



FOUR¹

Brophy, Thomas	Kearney, Garrett	McGinley, Kalan	Shiels, Damien
Browne, Henry	Keaveney, Thomas	McGuinness, Stephen	Shirley, Simon
Conlon, Paul	Kelly, Jeremy	McHugh, Robert	Sisk, Richard
Cull, Marc	Kelly, Simon	Maher, Declan	Strahan, Stephen
Daly, Seamus	Kendal, Stephen	Malone, Karl	Tobin, Simon
Flynn, John	Keogan, Padraig	Murray, Laurence	Wallace, Valentine
Gilmartin, Mark	McBrien, Ronan	O'Brien, Geoffrey	Young, Ruairi
Harkness, Pater	McCabe, David	O'Flynn, Dara	
Holland, Joseph	McCarthy, Colman	Pelosi, Gerald	

THREE

Barry, Paul	Hanlon, Brian	Mullan, David	Saab, Karl
Bainbridge, John	Hickey, Pierce	Murphy, Robert	Sweeney, Jason
Beare, Leo	Hogan, Stephen	Nagle, Paul	Trenaman, Adrian
Byrne, Hugh	Kilmurray, Brian	O'Hara, John	Wafer, Emmet
Carvill, Gearoid	Lynch, Ronan	Raftery-Skehan, Mark	Whelan, Ross
Condren, Edward	McCafferty, Garrett	Ring, David	Young, Shane
Dennis, George	McCамbridge, Dominic	Riordan, David	
Fitzgerald, Alex	McCormack, David	Rossi, Adam	
Gardiner, Sean	Moran, James	Ryan, Nicholas	

THREE¹

Breathnach, Fearghal	Finnegan, Michael	Moloney, Paul	Smith, McDara
Brown, Mark	Frost, Michael	Mountaine, Niall	Reid, Brendan
Butler, Richard	Groome, George	McLaughlin, Marc	Reilly, Mark
Byrne, Andrew	Harney, Vincent	O'Donohue, Seamus	Rigby, Garvan
Byrne, Duane	Hughes, Geoffrey	O'Gorman, Neil	Trant, Patrick
Connolly, Kevin	Jennings, James	O'Kane, Bryan	Ward, Fergal
Cosgrove, Thomas	Kearney, Declan	O'Neill, Ian	
Curtin, Kieran	Kenny, Denis	Ormond, Eoin	
Figgis, Jonathan	Maguire, Philip	Sheehy, Kevin	

TWO

Barry, Cormac	Flynn, Cillian	Hoopar, Gareth	Mac Giolla Riogh, Joseph
Barnes, David	Fitzgerald, Cornelius	Kennedy, Paul	McNamara, Raymond
Brennan, Keith	Flood, Conall	Keogh, Conall	McNulty, Cillian
Cafolla, Alphonso	Forde, David	Moloney, Patrick	Riordan, John
Condren, John	Foley, Edward	Morris, Michael	Shanahan, Seamus
Cotter, Stephen	Gilmartin, Ian	Murray, Karl	Smyth, Colin
Doddy, Patrick	Harty, Donal	McBrien, Norman	Traynor, Barry
Fanning, Garrett	Heron, Joseph	McElwee, Peter	Walsh, George

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING

- A. John Moran, Peter Whelan and Donal Davis (Form 6¹).
- B. Niall O'Kelly and Cathal Hanratty (Form 6¹).
- C. Donal Ruane (Form 6).
- D. Seamus Shanahan (Form 2).
- E. Rory Byrne and Conor Lucey (Form 6).
- F. Ronan Hogan (Form 5).
- G. David Keegan and Simon Joyce (Form 6).
- H. Simon Kelly and Rory Young (Form 4¹).

JUNIOR SCHOOL RUGBY

The first Saturday in September dawned bright and sunny as 66 new boys donned the St. Mary's jersey for the first time. As they took to the front field, many an anxious mother (and a proud father) took a nervous gulp. A new season of Junior School Rugby had started.

Mr. Colm Sweeney, a recent addition to the Junior School teaching staff, met the fathers' coaching brigade of Tony Kearney, Ray Joyce, Frank Keogh, Ronnie Regan, George Saab, Ted Finn and Billy Byrne. Despite the strenuous training session, none of the fathers was injured.

Throughout the season, coaching continued for every boy in the school at the Saturday sessions both on the front field and at the pitches of St. Mary's College Rugby Club at Templeville Road. As the year progressed, the boys were given the opportunity to represent their school against other schools. Indeed, so great was the enthusiasm among the new recruits that Mr. Sweeney arranged some Under Eight fixtures as well as those for the Under Nines who were his special charge,

Under Tens coaching was done by Ted Finn and Billy Byrne and the boys had a most enjoyable season. Not blessed with many victories, they played at all times with great determination and pride in their school. A second weekly training session was always well attended and the trainers feel that this group's potential has yet to be realised.

The Under Elevens, with John Cunningham and Steve Tracey in charge, trained at Templeville Road, the grounds of St. Mary's R.F.C. The pressure on our space is so great that we could not manage without these facilities so willingly extended to us by the Club authorities. Competition for places on the team was very keen, with the prospect of the Welsh trip in view. In a fine season, the boys managed a fair share of victories and played some outstanding football.

Brendan Deasy and John Carvill once again drilled the Under Twelves. The boys by now have learned to live up to the high standards set by previous teams and this team was one of the best to represent the school at this level, losing only one of their season's fixtures. Their performances at home and away against their Welsh friends of Brynteg were outstanding when they recorded a double victory.



HOLY CHILDHOOD LEAGUE WINNERS

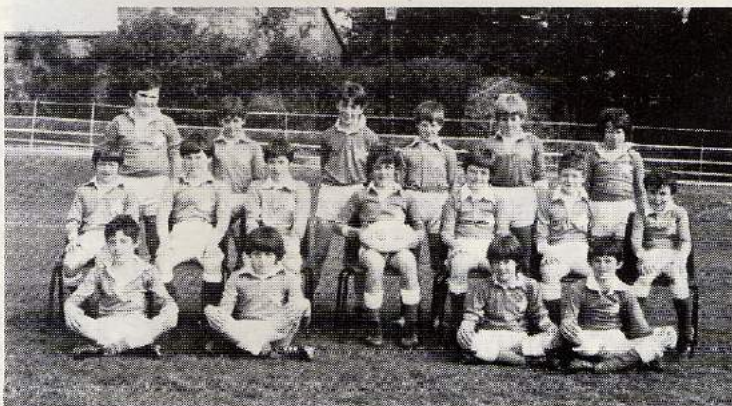
D. Condren, J. McNally, A. Naughton, P. Dolan, M. Whelan, F. Cunnane,
E. Whelan, J. Moran, E. O'Neill, J. Condon (Capt.), P. McCarthy, J. P. Pidgeon, L. McEniff,
J. Kelly, P. Mooney, A. Hoey, D. Maher.

UNDER TWELVES — A
 N. O'Kelly, G. Gannon, F. Rice,
 A. Naughton, J. Finnegan,
 J. Condon,
 B. Hartigan, J. Kelly, R. Murphy,
 S. Rossi (Capt.), F. Dolan,
 C. Budds, C. Carvill,
 M. McGill, J. Dowling.



UNDER TWELVES — B & C
 D. Lyons, R. Ward, B. Mulvihill,
 L. McEniff, E. Whelan, M. Leo,
 C. Hanratty,
 J. Marron, P. Shaffrey, R. Tighe,
 L. Doddy, J. Fitzsimon,
 D. McHugh, J. Moran,
 J. Dwyer, J. Cierkin, C. Kissane,
 M. Thorne (Capt.), R. Kilmartin,
 T. Hogan, G. Ryan,
 D. Ryan, S. Joyce, D. Brabazon,
 G. Byrne, L. Traynor, C. Keogh.

UNDER ELEVENS — A
 M. Roche, J. Whelan, M. Stuart,
 E. Wall, M. Regan, P. Fitzgerald,
 R. Hogan, P. Whelan, D. Connolly,
 G. Lavin (Capt.), A. McConnell,
 J. P. Pidgeon, E. Brabazon,
 A. Hoey, E. Long, A. Cooke,
 G. Halpin.



The customary Welsh tour for the Under Elevens and the Under Twelves was undertaken to Bridgend in South Wales where the boys stayed with their opposite numbers. The school teams played well and kept up the good name of Irish rugby. Bridgend Schools' (selected from all the schools in the district) provided the opposition for the Under Elevens while Brynteg, a local comprehensive school of 1,800 pupils, played the Under Twelves on the Saturday of our weekend visit. On the Sunday, both the Under Elevens and the Under Twelves each had a combined fixture against the Archbishop McGrath Catholic School nearby.

For many, the highlight of the year is the internal leagues, played on a class basis. Here the teams are made up of boys with differing ages and abilities. The standard of rugby is remarkably high and essentials of teamwork and organisation have to be learnt by the boys themselves, especially the captains.

Stephen Cotter led his team to victory in the Junior League for Forms 2, 3 and 3¹. His is a famous name in the annals of St. Mary's, his father, having captained the first ever Senior Schools' Team to win the coveted trophy in 1961. Stephen led by example and brought his

team through a ten-match league and final.

South Africa, led by Colman McCarthy, dominated the Minor League for Forms 4 and 4¹. Having learned from previous defeats in finals, Colman prepared well this year and won the Cup in great style without losing a match, even in the preliminary rounds.

The Holy Childhood League for the "Top Corridor", i.e., Form 5, 5¹, 6 and 6¹, is always very fiercely contested. This year was no exception. Jack Condon's team emerged victorious after a thrilling final watched by a very large crowd. There is only a hairsbreadth between all the teams participating and their application is such that one wonders if this league should be renamed!

In conclusion, thanks must go to Fathers O'Reilly and Quinn for their regular Saturday attendance; to the Ladies Tea Committee, led by Yvonne Finn, for providing after-match refreshments; to Freda Byrne who organised the Cake Sale on "Finals" Day (which realised £250 for the foreign missions) and to all the parents who allow us the privilege and pleasure of trying to instil some of the love we have for the wonderful game of rugby into their boys.

Billy Byrne

JUNIOR SCHOOL RUGBY TOUR TO WALES

The fourth Under Elevens and Under Twelves Rugby tour to Wales took place this year. Instead of the early morning travel to Rosslare, the touring party left from Dun Laoghaire, where we assembled at 8.00 a.m. on Friday, March 5th. Seventy-six boys travelled in the company of Mr. Tony Burke-Moran, Mr. John Carvill, Mr. John Cunningham, Dr. Brendan Deasy, Mr. Stephen Tracey, with Mr. Colm Sweeney, of the Junior School Staff. To charmingly aid and care for this bunch of adults and children were Mrs. Elizabeth Carvill, Mrs. Martine Deasy and Mrs. Eileen Tracey. The crossing to Holyhead was just plain sailing without mishap or herald of events to follow. The train journey, with brief stops at Crewe and Cardiff, was pleasant and we experienced the same friendly and hospitable welcome from our hosts and those friends of previous visits who were awaiting our arrival in Bridgend. The boys

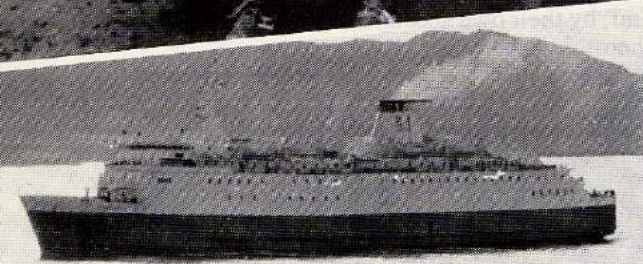
were soon distributed to their hosting families and, by their own accounts, immensely enjoyed themselves.

The Under Twelves in Wales achieved several notable firsts. On Saturday, the Under 12 A team defeated Brynteg for the first time in Wales, the score in our favour being 14-12. The Under 12 B team also defeated Brynteg (8-4) for the first time ever and followed up this victory with an A team 46-0 victory and the B team 32-0 victory against Archbishop McGrath School on Sunday, and every boy was involved in these successes. On Saturday, the Under Elevens lost to the formidable opposition provided by the Bridgend Districts Selected sides, while on Sunday, the Under Eleven A team defeated Penny-y-Bond and Brackla by 18-0, while the Under Eleven B team was narrowly beaten 8-4 in a most exciting match.

In the early hours of Monday morning, aware



Junior School Rugby Trip to Wales, March 1982



of the Sealink/B & I dispute, British Rail told us that they expected the ferry from Holyhead to sail as scheduled. Waving goodbye to our old and new friends and promising to see them all in Dublin, we departed from Bridgend and arrived at Holyhead and boarded the Sealink Ferry which sailed a few minutes early to escape the blockade which was due to be mounted to prevent the B & I Ferry from entering Holyhead harbour. A sigh of relief and a calm sea made the journey easy. Shortly before we reached harbour some University students started to sing — a farewell to the journey completed! Seventy-six small boys were attracted, shyly joined in, found their voices and went into competition, singing their own songs. They won again, but the journey was not over. The harbour entrance at Dun Laoghaire was blocked and after five hours of boat juggling and discussions, our Captain announced that we were returning to Holyhead, where we duly arrived at about 3.00 a.m. on Tuesday.

On the information available, it appeared that the Fishguard-Rosslare ferry would get us home so small boys were rounded up from all the likely and unlikely parts of the boat, together with their belongings and hastily ushered onto the railway station platform. A few hours' sleep in most uncomfortable positions revived us somewhat as we retraced our original journey of the previous Friday finally, passing through Bridgend in the train at 11 a.m. en route to Swansea. There some misguided traveller informed us that the

Holyhead boat had in fact reached Dun Laoghaire, because of the illness of one of the passengers on board. Our emotions at that point are better left undescribed!

The Sealink reception for the hungry and weary St. Mary's party at Fishguard was magnificent and we were sumptuously fed and treated. But the journey was rough and many of the boys and some adults had to resort to paper bags, with cabins provided for the most seriously distressed. All discomforts were forgotten as we disembarked at Rosslare with more Sealink bags filled this time with picnic packs and boarded the luxury coaches provided for our return to Dublin. Irrepressible youth incredibly, sang their Mary's songs as we finally approached Rathmines at the end of our double journeyings. Brynteg Comprehensive Schools Under Twelves and Bridgend District Under Elevens paid their return visit to Dublin on Friday, April 30th. Brynteg, in a most exciting and absorbing match on Saturday achieved a draw (8-8) with St. Mary's Under Twelve A team, while the St. Mary's B team succeeded in completing a notable double, winning 8-0. The Brynteg Bridgend Districts Selected Under Eleven A and B teams again beat St. Mary's on Saturday and on Sunday, they defeated Terenure College A and B sides, the Terenure side being previously unbeaten.

On behalf of all the trainers, I would like to commend the boys for their participation, the parents for their support and also the assistance by the College and the Rugby Club.

John Carvill

ADRIFT ON THE IRISH SEA!

On our journey to Wales, we became mixed up in the B & I/Sealink dispute. Although our stay in Wales was very enjoyable, our return journey was not so pleasant.

To begin with, on the day on which we were due to leave for home, we had to be up by 5.50 a.m. which was even worse than school — and that's saying something. Most of us promptly fell asleep again. Nevertheless, most of us got to the station by 6.30 a.m. — in body at least. The station platform was thronged by bleary-eyed trainers (!) and boys (!!). We waited on the platform for the train, but

British Rail was late — so unlike our own C.I.E.

An hour later we were on the train for Cardiff. During a long train journey, some of our weaker-minded colleagues tend to become a little bored and have to take drastic action. After the excitement of throwing things out of the window of a train travelling at 80 m.p.h. lost its novelty, we became very involved in "mugging" which consists of grabbing the first person who is fortunate enough to be standing outside the door of the compartment. He is dragged into the compartment, beaten up, thrown out and sent



UNDER NINES — A
 E. Ormond, P. Conlon, V. Harney,
 K. McDevitt, S. Tracey, S. Keogh,
 D. Byrne.
 M. Raftery-Skehan, A. Rossi,
 C. McCarthy, R. Regan (Capt.),
 G. Roche, S. Whelan,
 G. Hughes.
 T. Cosgrove, N. Murphy.



UNDER NINES — B & C
 K. Sheehy, S. O'Donohoe,
 N. Mountaine, J. Jennings,
 E. Ormond, M. Browne,
 G. Carvill, S. Gardiner.
 M. Finnegan, R. Murphy,
 B. Hanlon, J. Bainbridge,
 P. Barry (Capt.), G. McCafferty,
 R. Lynch, I. O'Neill, N. Ryan.
 B. Reid, J. Sweeney,
 M. McLoughlin, S. Hogan,
 D. Mullan, D. Kearney, G. Rigby.



UNDER EIGHTS
 D. Barnes, E. Foley,
 C. Barry, C. Smith,
 N. McBrien, G. Walsh,
 S. Cotter (Capt.), I. Gilmartin,
 J. Mac Giolla Riogh.
 B. Hanlon, C. Flynn, S. Hogan.

about his business. It was good fun while it lasted. However, the adults in charge of us soon put an end to it

From Cardiff we went to Crewe amusing ourselves in other ways and by other means. Crewe is a very big station and lugging a suitcase from one side of it to the other is no laughing matter. We spent the journey from Crewe to Holyhead talking about little brothers, school, certain teachers and other such horrific subjects.

When we boarded the St. David in Holyhead and sailed out of the harbour, the indoor games and slot machines on board were completely monopolised by the Mary's mob — much to the chagrin of other fare-paying passengers. Some of the St. Mary's boys were relaxing in the bar when news of the blockade awaiting us in Dun Laoghaire reached us. We immediately rushed up on deck — at least, those of us who were able to do so — to see what it was like. In the distance, we could see the outline of the "Munster". The prospect of an exciting end to a dull journey helped most spirits to perk up a little. We started to shout as to who we were and where we came from and were sure that we were a worthy advertisement for our noble school. We were gratified to learn that our parents, comfortably ensconced before roaring coal fires, saw and heard us on the Nine O'Clock News — before they switched off the set, turned off the lights and tried to convince the neighbours that they weren't there. We couldn't understand how they could be so embarrassed. When we were ordered inside once again, we tried to be helpful to the crew by suggesting various ways out of the impasse, such as ramming the other ship that was blocking our entry, manning lifeboats, throwing some of the adults overboard, and swimming for it. For one ghastly moment, we thought we had been taken seriously when the St. David approached so close to the Munster that it seemed as if the captain was going to enter the harbour through sheer force.

Resigning ourselves to our fate of a night adrift on a cold and inhospitable sea, we looked for places where we might bed down for the night. Some of us managed about two hours of fitful slumber only to wake up as the St. David made its final and unsuccessful effort to effect entry to the harbour. The Captain then announced that we were returning to Holyhead

and that supper would be served. The first item of news was greeted with disappointment, while the second, surprisingly, aroused cheers from all concerned.

On arrival in Holyhead at some godless hour of the morning, we boarded a train to Crewe. For once, a train carrying St. Mary's boys was very quiet — everyone was asleep at this stage from sheer exhaustion. The journey was surprisingly familiar — we wonder why! On arrival at Fishguard, we boarded the St. Columba bound for Rosslare.

On board, those in danger of imminent death through starvation (which included most of us) were treated to a delicious meal. At a predictable interval afterwards, due to a choppy sea, most of us lost what we had gained. The caterers' loss was ours also.

For some unexplained reason, those about to get sick or recovering from the effects of having got sick made their way unerringly to the ship's cinema where the scene that met one's eyes is better left to the imagination.

We finally touched our native soil in Rosslare and made our way home much to the relief of our parents and, we feel sure, British Rail. We would like to thank on behalf of all the boys who travelled, the adults who accompanied us and who took such good care of us when we were "in peril on the sea".

Jim Kelly and Ciaran Keogh
(First Year)



Jack Condon makes his victory speech after leading his team to success in the Rugby League Final.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS



Victor Ludorum

DONAL DAVIS

100 METRES

Forms 6 and 6'

1. D. Davis
2. S. Joyce
3. D. Brabazon

Form 4'

1. R. McHugh and D. O'Flynn
2. G. Kearney and R. Young

Form 2

1. C. Flood
2. G. Fanning
3. N. McBrien

THREE-LEGGED RACE

Form 5

1. E. Wall and S. Peare
2. S. Lavin and P. Fitzgerald

Forms 3 and 3'

1. E. Ormond
2. K. Connolly
3. V. Harney

Form 2

1. S. Cotter and E. Foley
2. R. McNamara and C. McNulty

Form 5'

1. G. Lavin and R. Hogan
2. K. Nowlan and P. Maher

Forms 4 and 4'

1. A. Finn
2. C. McCarthy
3. S. Lowry

Form 3

1. B. Hanlon and J. Bainbridge
2. P. Hickey and R. Murphy

Form 6

1. J. Condon and R. Byrne
2. D. Brabazon and L. Doddy

Forms 5 and 5'

1. G. Lavin
2. R. Hogan
3. K. Nowlan

Form 3'

1. D. Byrne and S. O'Donoghue
2. D. Kearney and M. Browne

Form 6'

1. K. McBrien and F. Durkan
2. D. Ryan and K. O'Beirne

Form 4

1. S. Lowry and M. Kennedy
2. D. Brabazon and N. Twomey

- A. Recorders' Table on Junior Sportsday — Miss P. Crowley, Mrs. U. Wall, Mrs. M. O'Donnell and Mrs. E. Ryan.
- B. Emmet Rennick and Ronald Regan on Sportsday.
- C. Michael McCarthy at his accustomed post — the Public Address System on Junior Sportsday.
- D. Slaking one's thirst on a hot Sportsday.
- E. The Three-legged Race.
- F. John Moran in action in the Slow Bicycle Race.
- G. A touch of glamour on Junior Sportsday.
- H. Mr. F. Keogh, Mr. C. Sweeney, Mr. J. Crowley, Mr. P. Tracey, Mr. G. Saab help out on Junior Sportsday.
- J. Donal Davis (Form 6) Victor Ludorum.

OBSTACLE RACE

Form 2

1. D. Barnes
2. M. Morris
3. C. Flood

Form 3

1. D. McCormack
2. P. Nagle
3. J. Bainbridge

Form 3¹

1. B. Reid
2. M. Browne
3. P. Moloney

Form 4

1. S. Lowry
2. S. Whelan
3. W. Power

Form 4¹

1. J. Flynn
2. C. McCarthy
3. H. Brown

EGG AND SPOON RACE

Form 2

1. E. Foley
2. D. Barnes
3. C. Smyth

Form 3

1. J. O'Hara
2. P. Barry
3. J. Sweeney

Form 3¹

1. P. Maguire
2. B. Reid
3. S. O'Donoghue

Form 4

1. E. Rennick
2. R. Regan
3. K. McDevitt

Form 4¹

1. G. Kearney
2. D. McCabe
3. P. Conlon

Form 5

1. D. O'Shea
2. J. Farrell
3. M. Whelan

Form 5¹

1. K. Nowlan
2. E. O'Neill
3. R. Walsh

Form 6

1. D. Brabazon
2. M. Thorne
3. C. Callinan

Form 6¹

1. S. Joyce
2. S. Graham
3. D. Connolly

200 METRES

Forms 5 and 5¹

1. D. O'Shea
2. G. Lavin
3. R. Walsh

Forms 6 and 6¹

1. D. Finnegan
2. J. Finnegan
3. D. Connolly

MUSICAL CHAIRS

Form 5

1. C. Twomey
2. J. McNally

Form 5¹

1. R. Hogan
2. P. Dowling

Form 6

1. M. Thorne
2. D. Ruane

Form 6¹

1. M. Stuart
2. D. Perry

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING CONCERT
A. Padraic Funge (Form 6) tap-dancing.
C. Paul McCarthy (Form 5) singing.
E. Donal Ruane (Form 6) playing his accordion.
B, D, F, G, H. Views of the Concert Choir.



RELAYS

Forms 3 and 3

1. E. Ormond, J. Hughes,
J. Jennings, G. Rigby
2. M. Raftery-Skehan, B. Hanlon
J. Sweeney, S. Young

Forms 4 and 4'

1. D. Brabazon, K. McDevitt,
R. Reagan M. Kennedy
2. S. Lowry, A. Finn, S. Keogh, E. Rennick

Forms 5 and 5'

1. S. Byrne, M. Whelan, A. Hoey, E. Long
2. K. Nowlan, R. Dennis,
R. Walsh, P. Cosgrave

Forms 6 and 6'

1. A. Cooke, F. Rice,
R. Byrne, R. Ward
2. A. Naughton, D. Brabazon,
M. Thorne, R. Tighe



CONFIRMATION DAY 1982

- A. His Grace, the Archbishop.
- B. Mr. Trenaman and Freddie, Dr. and Mrs. V. Molony with Conor, Joseph, Phelim and Vincent and Fr. H. O'Reilly.
- C. Mr. M. Foley with Conor (left) and Michael and Fr. H. O'Reilly.
- D. His Grace, the Archbishop.
- E. Mrs. J. Condon, Fr. H. O'Reilly, Jack and Jack's uncle, Mr. Kieran Condon.
- F. Mr. A. Trenaman, with Freddie and Fr. H. O'Reilly.
- G. Lt. Col. and Mrs. T. McNally with Paul, John, Fiona and Fr. H. O'Reilly.
- H. His Grace, the Archbishop.



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WINNERS OF SIXTH FORM CRICKET LEAGUE
 P. McNally, C. Callinan, D. Ryan, K. O'Beirne, I. Costello.
 B. Muivhill, G. Halpin, P. Lynch, D. Davis.



WINNERS OF THE FORM CRICKET LEAGUE
 J. Costello, C. Stephenson, C. Buckley, J. Farrell, C. Twomey.
 D. O'Shea, E. Wall, M. McCarthy, A. Hoey, E. O'Neill.



WINNERS OF FOURTH FORM CRICKET LEAGUE
 S. Whelan, C. Kissane, G. Kearney, E. Rennick, I. Byrne.
 R. Sisk, J. Kelly, V. Wallace, J. Flynn.



WINNERS OF THIRD FORM CRICKET LEAGUE
 J. Bainbridge, G. Rigby, P. Maguire, M. Browne, A. Trenaman.
 J. MacGiolla Riogh, R. Lynch, E. Ormond, C. Fitzgerald, M. Morris.



DEBS' DANCE 1982

*There was a sound of revelry by night,
And Dublin's capital had gathered there
Its beauty and its chivalry.*

*Bright the lamps shone
O'er fair women and brave men.
A thousand hearts beat happily.....*

(With apologies to Lord Byron)

His Lordship might well have been speaking of the Debs' Dance, 1982 which took place in the Gresham Hotel on Friday, October 1st when the Sixth Year Class of 1981-1982, escorted by their ladies fair, played host to the Teaching Staff of the College and some special guests. At the top table, in the company of School Captain, John O'Connell, sparkling with Daz whiteness, and his colleagues, Alan Delany and Leonard Lynch, a distinguished group sat down to a delicious meal. Father Hugh O'Reilly, President of the College, Father Jerome Godfrey, Principal of the Senior School, Pól Uasal Mac Murchú, Vice-Principal and Bean Ní Mhurchú, Mr. Chris Maguire, President of the P.P.U. and Mrs. Maguire, Mr.

Bill Fagan, President of the R.F.C. and Mrs. Fagan, and Father Peter Raftery, Form-Master. After the meal, Alan Delany, Master of Ceremonies for the evening's proceedings elicited eloquent speeches from Father Godfrey, Mr. Mac Murchú, John O'Connell and Leonard Lynch. In addition to the students who had finished their course in St. Mary's the previous June, other students who had spent some time in St. Mary's with them were also invited. In addition to the teaching staff, Mr. Brian Cotter, S.C.T. trainer and his wife, Mrs Isabel Cotter, Senior School Secretary were also present. Under threat of being turned into pumpkins, the clergy withdrew at midnight. However, a reliable source informs us that the revels continued unabated until dawn. Some very interesting presentations were made to some very interesting people. To the Man in White and his hard-working committee, the Man in Black extends the thanks and appreciation of the teaching staff and other invited guests for a most enjoyable and memorable evening.



(Photo: James Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.)



(Photos: J. Dwan, P. McCarthy, N. Donnelly)



S.C.T. RUGBY

As will be seen later on, this was to be a season of "what might have beens". The season began immediately after the Sevens tournaments for the previous year's SCT were completed. This fact in itself was extraordinary and it was to typify the enthusiasm, the will to train and team spirit which was to develop among the members of the season's Senior Cup squad.

The reason for this early start was that, with eight of the previous year's team still available, we considered ourselves in with a chance of a good cup run.

And so training began in the gym, first during the cricket season during the summer term and then during the summer vacation. And thus, with two weeks — later to become four — of the holidays remaining, the progression from the hard floors of the gym to the concrete-like surface of Kenilworth was made without any undue difficulties.

The old camaraderie which inevitably develops during and after the hard pre-season

training sessions made its appearance once again and was welcomed. It was essential that we reach peak fitness as soon as possible, as we were due to play the old enemy, Blackrock, in a special prestige match to mark the official opening of our new pavilion in Kenilworth. Despite the rain, it was a pleasant occasion; after the inevitable photographs, we took to the field to play an exciting game which resulted in a 9-9 draw — a game which we could easily have won.

This was to be the pattern in the next few games. Then came the Blackrock festival. Fielding a very experimental team, we progressed through our group to a semi-final meeting with Belvedere who had trounced us in a friendly on the previous Wednesday. As it turned out, our forwards played magnificently in the rain. However, we were unable to convert pressure into points and we were beaten 3-0.

By Hallowe'en, a definite pattern in the team composition had developed. As Dermot



SCT 1981-1982

D. McCarthy, G. Graham, C. Murphy, G. Cross, R. Hughes, B. Cassidy, J. O'Connell, J. Furlong, T. Millar
P. MacGiolla Riogh, M. McSweeney, G. Hassett, D. Quigley (Capt), R. Power, R. O'Connor, S. Tee
P. Donovan, J. Kennedy, A. McEvoy, K. Regan, B. Gilsenan.
Inset: J. Keogh

Quigley, our most-able captain, was playing at outside-half, Peter Mac Giolla Riogh, also a natural number 10, was tried at full-back where, with his well-timed tackling, his prodigiously long kicks to touch and acutely-timed entries into the back line, he made absolutely sure of his position. On a few occasions when Peter was unavailable due to injury, Paul Donovan filled the position with customary competence.

On the right wing, Des McCarthy, the scrum-half of the previous year, made the position his own on account of his blistering pace. The other wing was to cause some difficulties for the selectors because of the qualities of the candidates, Stephen Tee and Tom Millar. Stephen with his strong pace and untiring running was eventually to edge out Tom with his devastating strength. We cannot forget either the contribution of John Kennedy who, with his classy skills, including a brilliant side-step and his never-say-die spirit, was considered very unlucky not to have got a place on the subs bench for the Cup match. No one tried harder than John at the training sessions.

In the centre, John O'Connell, school captain, with his power-house build and his crash tackling ability was assured of his position and he was later to underline his potential when he was selected to represent Leinster against the visiting Australians. The other centre position was decided at the 'Rock festival when Conor Murphy was moved from the wing to fill the vacant centre berth. He was to play there for the rest of the season.

Dermot Quigley, our captain, at outside half led his team by example, both on the field in matches and practices, and off the field too. Dermot was not only our leading points scorer, kicking well over 100 points, but he was also the team's leading try scorer. This was important because when the crunch came just before the Cup, Dermot was able to command our respect at practices. More stringent and demanding even than Mr. Brian Cotter, our coach, Dermot encouraged each member of the squad to give of his best.

Arthur McEvoy, with his undoubted skill and strategic kicking, filled the scrum-half berth vacated by Des McCarthy. Arthur combined with Dermot and his penetrative running to form a dynamic half-back partnership.

At No. 8, Gerry Cross, The red-headed



JOHN O'CONNELL (6th Year)
Interprovincial

rocket, with his line-out jumping, his ball-control and distribution in the scrums and his deceptively quick pace around the field, filled this position with competence. Gerry was selected for a Final Trial and were it not for his rather youthful age, I feel sure that he would have made the Leinster team. We wish him the best of luck next year in Provincial honours.

At wing-forward, we had the supremely fast and athletic Mark McSweeney who was to be our second highest try scorer and Bobby O'Connor who made tremendous strides in progressing from the Thirds to the Firsts. Bobby, although not the biggest flanker ever to grace the football field, made up for this by his will to work hard in the rucks and mauls. Ken Regan and Mark Hanley also occupied this position in quite a few games and I am sure that if Ken, our utility player had been able to concentrate on one position only, he would have played in the Cup match.

The second row was the most problematic and controversial position of the team. After an initial hiccup, Ronan Hughes, with his brilliant ball-winning potential, made one of the positions his own. For the second position, there was a tremendous tussle between Brendan Cassidy, with his line-out ability and general fitness and speed — he was probably the fittest member of the team — and James Furlong, who



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along with Gerry Cross and Stephen Tee, came straight up from the JCT. James with his all-round work-rate was to claim the position for himself in the Cup match, but there was really very little to choose between him and Brendan.

In the front row, Ray Power at hooker, with his very quick strike, his tactical sense, his accurate throw-in and general work output was assured of his place and also eventually emerged as the pack leader. Gerry Hassett, who next year will be playing his third consecutive season on the SCT, was never in doubt for his place. Gerry, together with Conor Murphy, Gerry Cross and John O'Connell got a second trial. Gerry worked very hard all through the season and was a most enthusiastic trainer. We used to love watching Gerry practising his drop goals which, he said, would come in handy in Lansdowne Road. John Keogh, with his mighty build and great diligence, was the obvious choice for the other prop-forward position. Having played in the second row during the previous season, John was most useful jumping at Number 2 in the line-out.

At Hallowe'en, we undertook a most successful tour to Bridgend in Wales. The trip was very successful on both the football and the social fronts. On the field we held Cynffig School to a scoreless draw and in the second match we were most unlucky to lose a most keenly contested match 7-14 to Brynteg School who are no mean performers in Welsh schools rugby circles. However, the most important element of this tour was the further development of an already unique team spirit.

Further evidence of the success of the tour was that in our run-up to the Cup match against Cistercian College, Roscrea, we were only defeated once in ten matches, defeating the eventual finalists, Kings Hospital on their own

ground. We were most unlucky to lose 9-7 to Blackrock, the eventual winners, in our second encounter. So, we were all looking forward to a good Cup run, especially after having defeated Roscrea 16-4 on their own territory earlier in the season.

However, when the big day arrived, things could not have gone worse. The match, which was originally scheduled for Athy, was eventually played in the grounds of Newbridge College and we take this opportunity of expressing our grateful appreciation to the Prior and Community of Newbridge for accommodating us. Monday, February 8th turned out to be a cold, wet and windy day — the pouring rain and galeforce winds did not make for pleasant rugby playing weather. We took an early lead when Dermot Quigley put us three points ahead with a beautifully executed drop goal. Roscrea equalised soon after and at half-time, things looked well for us as the score board showed both sides to be level and the wind in our favour in the second half.

However, very soon after resumption of play, things began to go very wrong for us and we ended up by throwing away the match by 3 points to 13. The disappointment and dejection in the dressingroom afterwards are better left undetailed. Some consolation was derived later on when Roscrea reached the semi-final in the competition.

However, having put in so much work throughout the season, we decided to participate in the Sevens tournaments, knowing that they were suited to our brand of rugby. And so we continued training right into the summer term.

In the Wanderers Sevens, we played magnificently and were unlucky to lose a sudden-death play-off against Clongowes. We each won a pair

- A. John Keogh, Gerry Hassett and Jimmy Furlong (Photo: J. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.)
B. Arthur McEvoy, Bobby O'Connor, Gerry Hassett, Gerry Cross (Photo: J. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.)
C. Stephen Tee, Gerry Cross, Arthur McEvoy and Jimmy Furlong (Photo: J. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.)
D. Conor Murphy, Arthur McEvoy, Dermot Quigley (Capt) and Stephen Tee Photo: C.S.Sp.
E. Stephen Tee, Arthur McEvoy, Ronan Hughes and John Keogh Photo: J. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.
F. Arthur McEvoy (9), Jimmy Furlong (4), Dermot Quigley (Capt), Mark McSweeney Photo: C.S.Sp.
G. St. Mary's supporters in Newbridge for the Cup Match against Roscrea Photo: C.S.Sp.

of shorts, but they can hardly be placed to grace the mantelpiece at home!

However, great enjoyment was derived from these tournaments and indeed all through the season. For this, we extend our grateful thanks to Mr. Brian Cotter, our coach, who captained the first St. Mary's SCT to win the Senior Cup in 1961 and to Fr. Jerome Godfrey, our most able manager.

Conor Murphy,
Sixth Year.

Senior Cup Team Trip to Wales 1981

During the Hallowe'en break, the SCT made a trip to Wales, in the company of Fr. Godfrey and Mr. Brian Cotter, the team's trainers. Mark Hanley, a member of the team, describes, in diary form, the highlights of the trip.

Tuesday, October 27th

Our SCT trip to Wales had to be advanced by a day, due to a strike by the Sealink Company. Accordingly, we were obliged to take the earlier B & I ferry from Dublin to Liverpool. We assembled in the College at 8 p.m., from where a convoy of cars made its way to the ferry terminal. We departed late that night and apart from a slight brush between Conor Murphy and a rather inebriated lady, the crossing was uneventful . . . at least for the rest of us.

Wednesday, October 28th

We arrived in Liverpool just before sunrise and we boarded the coach which was going to be our means of transport for the duration of the trip. After passing through some beautiful and interesting Welsh countryside and after listening to some not-so-beautiful and not-so-interesting jokes from Mr. Cotter, we arrived at our destination. We were surprised not to find guards of honour, triumphal arches, massed bands, etc., to greet us. This was explained later when we learned that the good citizens of Bridgend were busy watching their own rugby team defeat the Australia XV on the latter's tour of the home countries. We were introduced

to the families with whom we were to stay, most of whom had sons on the Brynteg School Team which we were to meet on the field the following Saturday — a match which was to be the highlight of the trip. After dinner in the homes of our host families, we all re-assembled in the evening with the members of Brynteg School. As it turned out, we had a song contest, the winner being the team who knew more rugby songs — in all the excitement, we never found out who won.

Thursday, October 29th

On Thursday, after a late rising, we played Cynfeg School. The temperature was zero and so was the scoreboard — a scoreless draw. When all of us had thawed out after the match, we had dinner and a disco at the Crwbyrr R.F.C. where the more adventurous amongst us became better acquainted with the local girls.

Friday, October 30th

This morning, we made a trip to Cardiff which is not too far from Bridgend where we visited Cardiff Arms Park. We were given a most interesting guided tour and we also were fortunate enough to collect some autographs from the Australian Rugby Squad who were also visiting the Welsh National Stadium. It was obviously the day for groups of VIP's to visit. We all returned home, with the exception of John O'Connell, school captain, who seemingly had other fish to fry — after all, it was Friday. Our evening entertainment consisted of another singing session and various types of contests between ourselves and the members of Brynteg School.

Saturday, October 31st

The high-point of the trip — our match against Brynteg. Although we were defeated 14-7, at one point it seemed as if victory might be ours, after a brilliant try by Mark McSweeney. Finally, it was time to begin our trip home. But how could we leave without seeing the Australians playing since they had done us the honour of accompanying us on our trip. So after thanking our host families, we went back to Cardiff Arms Park where we saw the Australians defeat the Welsh 'B' side 10-9.

Immediately after the match, we set off in the



S.C.T HALLOWE'EN TRIP TO WALES





THIRD SENIORS

D. Tynan, A. O'Regan, R. Moran, A. Behan, P. Fennick, D. McSweeney, J. Russell, D. Watts, P. Norris
P. McCarthy, M. McGovern, M. Fearon, J. Bagnall (Capt), O. O'Neill, J. Thornton, P. Ronaldson
A. Horne, J. Muldoon, B. Moore, I. Ronayne

were quite incredible. However, a change was almost immediately noticeable after the break. Con Tiernan was chosen as captain and the team began to achieve some very good results on the field. Of greater significance was the increase in team spirit. Players began to understand each other's play and the pack seemed to perform more as a unit. The arrival of John Muldoon and Alan Delany at half-back gave us a lot more penetration in the three-quarter line and this in turn seemed to give the side a great deal more confidence. We began to look forward to the League campaign with a certain amount of relish, secure in the knowledge that any team that wanted to beat us was going to have to work very hard for their victory.

The period leading up to the League saw some very good performances and a big increase in the amount of effort during training sessions. The first two matches in the League ended in rather easy victories over C.U.S. and St. Andrew's. The performance of the pack in this latter match was excellent. As usual, the St.

Mary's team was much lighter and much more speedy around the field.

The semi-final against Belvedere was a very good game. Belvedere with a much bigger and stronger pack dominated the forward exchanges but had great difficulty in penetrating a very stout defence. The final outcome was a 13-6 win for Belvedere. And so our interest in the League came to an end.

It only remains for me to thank all those who played for the Seconds during the year for their co-operation and the understanding they have shown me during the season. It is always disappointing for someone who has trained hard and played in a good number of games during the season to find that he has failed to gain a place on the League side. However, those who found themselves in this position accepted it very sportingly and thus made my task of selection that much easier. Once again, thanks to everyone for a most enjoyable season.

Michael T. Leonard,
Coach.

One hundred and sixtyone



UNDER EIGHTEENS SEVEN-A-SIDE 'A' TEAM
 J. Furlong, C. Murphy, J. O'Connell, S. Tee, A. McEvoy
 G. Cross, G. Hassett, D. Quigley, B. O'Connor, P. MacGiolla Riogh



UNDER EIGHTEENS SEVEN-A-SIDE 'B' TEAM
 T. Millar, B. Cassidy, B. Gilsenan
 K. Regan, J. Carvill, C. Tiernan, J. Muldoon, J. Kennedy



UNDER SIXTEEN SEVEN-A-SIDE TEAM
P. Donovan, I. Ronayne, J. Furlong, J. Muldoon
J. Carvill, G. Cross, S. Tee

Third Senior XV

With the delayed return to school, the rugby season did not get off the ground until late in September. Our first fixture was against Castleknock and although we were defeated, we had hopes for a successful season. As previous teams have witnessed, the Third Senior XV cannot be selected until the First and Second XV's have been chosen. An added difficulty this year arose from the fact that both SCT and Seconds were plagued with injuries during the first term which meant that the Thirds had to supply the stand-ins.

Our matches in October were anything but successful if one were to judge by results alone. We sustained defeats at the hands — or, perhaps, the feet — of St. Michael's, Templeogue, Terenure and Gonzaga, while we held High School to a draw. Although the scores were against us, the team was being steadily built into quite a formidable unit by Mr. David Dunne, our trainer. We were still trying to select the best team possible from the large

number of players available for selection. The pack worked and fought well throughout the season. The front row was composed of Michael Fearon, Paul Norris and Patrick McCarthy, the second row of John Thornton and Anthony O'Regan and the back row of John Bagnall, Niall Harnett and Andrew Behan. Later changes in the pack brought in Mark McGovern, Rory Moran, Peter Gray, Jimmy Fearon, Paul McGann and David Tynan.

The back line, which served us so well in all our matches, consisted of scrum-half John Muldoon, out-half Alan Delany, centres John Russell and Ian Ronayne, wings, Robert Murray and Brian Moore, with David Watts filling the full-back position. Subsequent changes in this line-up were to involve Owen O'Neill, Paul Whelan, Patrick Ronaldson, Eoin Byrne, Adrian Horne, Darrell Crowe, Peter Mahony, Patrick Rennick, Charles Russell, Kevin Conlon, Anthony O'Regan and David McSweeney.

The season continued with matches against Kings Hospital, De La Salle, Churchtown, St.

Paul's, Belvedere and C.B.S., Monkstown. During all these matches, the team played very well, chalking up three victories in a row. At last the team was working as we had hoped and our sights were fixed on the Thirds League which was only two months away. After the Christmas break, the draw was announced for the League. We were drawn against Clongowes and Presentation College, Glathule away, and Blackrock at home.

After some very hard and intense training sessions, we travelled down to Clongowes, full of hope, but, alas, we were defeated. After a very tough game, the score-board read 11-13 in favour of Clongowes. It was a tribute to the fighting spirit of the St. Mary's team, who, like all St. Mary's teams, fight hardest when the chips are down, that the winning margin was not much greater. Our next match was out in Glathule against the Presentation College. In typically February conditions of cold and wet,

we took to the field and fought hard until the final whistle saw Glathule victorious 6-3. And so, with no chance of qualifying for the next round from our particular section, we went into our last match with the intention of enjoying the final Thirds match of the season. And enjoy it we did. We defeated Blackrock 16-0, running in three splendid tries.

And so ended a very enjoyable season in which the joy of victory and the disappointment of defeat were equally balanced. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the lads who played on the team and also all those who tried but failed to find a place. Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Dunne for his coaching and help throughout the season and Fr. S. Maher, the gamesmaster, without whom the year's rugby would not have been so enjoyable for all.

John Bagnall,
4th Year.



THE HOEY STYLE...

Under Eleven Adrian Hoey (left) and his brother, J.C.T. player, Andrew show how its done...as proud mother watches.

- A. Mr. Brian Cotter expresses his thanks to S.C.T. for their presentation to him
- B. Dermot Quigley, S.C.T. Captain, addresses his colleagues on the occasion of the presentation to Fr. Godfrey and Mr. Cotter
- C. Fr. Godfrey expresses his thanks to the S.C.T. for their gift
- D. Dermot Quigley, Captain of the S.C.T. makes a presentation to Mr. Brian Cotter on behalf of the team
- E. Con Tiernan and Gerry Morris make a presentation to Mr. M. Leonard, Trainer of the Second Senior Team
- F. S.C.T. members at the presentation
- G. S.C.T. members at the presentation
- H. Mr. Tony Hickie, J.C.T. Coach, receives a presentation from the team during the Summer holidays



J.C.T RUGBY

A number of factors — some inevitable, others less so — combined to make the 1981-82 rugby season for the JCT one which was disappointing and discouraging as far as tangible success was concerned. One such factor was the startlingly low number of players available for selection within the age-group. We were scarcely able to field one team when schools of similar size could put three Junior teams on the field without any difficulty. The reasons for the small numbers this year are best left to the silence of history. Another factor which had a detrimental effect on the morale of the players was the fact that they were without an official coach until well into October. At this juncture, we gladly pay tribute to Fr. Godfrey and Mr. Hughes, who, despite their heavy commitments to the SCT and Under 14's respectively, gave much time and energy to prepare the JCT for the first few matches of the season. Then came the glad news that through the good offices of Mr. M. Gilsenan, President of the PPU and Mr. V. McGovern, President of the RFC, Mr. Tony

Hickie had generously consented to take on the task of coaching the JCT. Tony had worn the St. Mary's star with distinction on the rugby field, both as a schoolboy and as a member of the RFC. As a schoolboy, he had played full-back on the SCT that won the Schools' Cup for the first time in 1961, an event to which reference is made elsewhere in this Annual. As a member of the RFC he had been chosen for inter-provincial honours on many occasions. In articles of this kind, it is customary to pay tribute in the closing paragraphs to the trainer of the team. All who played on the JCT under Mr. Hickie's coaching will fully endorse an editorial decision to place on record our gratitude and appreciation in the opening paragraph. No words would be adequate to describe his total dedication to the boys, often in spite of serious personal inconvenience. His understanding of the game as an instrument in our total educational endeavour in the College was something which was most heartening and welcome in one whose normal daily activity



JCT 1981-1982

P. Gilligan, A. Hoey, P. McSharry, J. Fitzgerald, C. Foley, P. Roantree, K. Murray, G. Winston, G. Quigley
J. Loughrey, J. Byrne, O. White, R. Murphy (Capt), N. Budds, G. Keogh, M. Montague
F. O'Connor, V. Cunningham, G. Byrne, D. Lynch



UNDER FOURTEEN A's

B. O'Brien, J. Cosgrave, S. Purcell, A. McGovern, R. Morton, T. Moore, J. Donovan, T. Pierce
 J. Massey, P. Whelan, P. Cross, B. McDevitt(Capt), N. McDonnell, R. Traynor, D. Ryan
 E. McSweeney, B. O'Hora

seidom takes him into contact with matters to do with schools. His understanding of the boys, his knowledge of each one of them, his patience with them, his tolerance of the inevitable mistakes, his enthusiasm for the occasional flash of genius — all these endeared him to them. That they themselves realised this was obvious from their presentation to him at the end of the school year in June. Although we were all disappointed when Tony decided not to continue as coach for a second year, we understood fully his reason for making this decision — pressure of work made it impossible for him to devote the time he would like to devote to the training and organisation of the team. This in itself speaks eloquently of his commitment. Although he was with us for only one short year, he carries with him the gratitude and appreciation of the boys, their parents and all who were in any way involved with the team.

Only one member of the team this year, Vincent Cunningham, had cup match experience from the previous year. A number of others had played on the Junior Seconds team

the previous year as Under Fourteen's — Owen White, Gerard Byrne, Niall Budds, Rory Murphy, Paul Roantree, Gerard Keogh and John Byrne. Two players, Andrew Hoey and Paul McSharry, came up directly from the Under Thirteen's. The remainder of the panel — Killian Murray, Conor Foley, David Lynch, Mark Montague, Jim Fitzgerald, Garrett Quigley, Peter Gilligan, John Loughrey, Gerard Winston and Frank O'Connor, had all played as Under Fourteen's during the previous year's season.

Killian Murray played dependably and competently as full-back during the season and in the Cup match. The wingers were Conor Foley of the long stride and Owen White whose athletic prowess gave us many exciting runs for the line. Andrew Hoey and David Lynch performed well as centres. Gerard Byrne, diminutive in stature but lion-hearted in courage, provided a clean delivery of ball from the scrum to Vincent Cunningham, our talented and experienced out-half, whose accurate and ground-winning kicking saved us in many



difficult situations. In the front row of the scrum, Jim Fitzgerald and Peter Gilligan flanked their classmate, Garrett Quigley, brother of Dermot, SCT captain. Our two strongest players, Paul Roantree and Gerard Keogh made up the second row and used their impressive physical stature to advantage in the set scrums as well as jumping well in the line-outs. Niall Budds used mind as well as muscle in the No. 8 position in which he was flanked by two hard-working wing-forwards, Mark Montague and Rory Murphy. Rory held the captaincy of the team right throughout the season and we pay tribute here to his hard work both as player and as captain. He played a crucial role in keeping the morale of the team high, especially at times when a continuous and seemingly never-ending series of defeats in the friendlies threatened to destroy the team entirely.

The reserves, who could easily have given up altogether in view of the disappointing season, were constant in their loyalty, support and attendance at training. They included John Byrne, Paul McSharry, John Loughrey, Gerard Winston, Frank O'Connor and Paul Keogan.

Our friendly matches, apart from a handful of welcome victories, make dismal reading. When the cup-draw was announced, we were not comforted to read that our opponents would be Newbridge at whose hands on their home ground we had suffered a 24-4 defeat.

The Cup match was scheduled for Tuesday, March 2nd in Donnybrook. In spite of Newbridge's convincing victory over us earlier in the season, there was no sign of defeatism among the fifteen players that took the field that

afternoon. Although we were defeated 11-0, the boys acquitted themselves well and all who had had anything to do with them felt proud of them. The post-match disappointment and dejection were inevitable. However, the entertainment provided at the College helped raise our spirits a little. Our thanks go to Fr. Smithwick and to the kitchen staff for their kindness to us. We then retired to one of the classrooms where, through the kind offices of Mr. Byrne, father of Gerry, our scrum-half, we watched two entertaining films.

We owe our thanks to many people, chief among them Fr. Maher, the Gamesmaster. Mr. Denis Hickie, Tony's brother and former international, gave us valuable help during the season. Many parents were constant in their support, interest and encouragement and regularly attended the matches, despite inclement weather. The present writer would like to place on record his gratitude to the boys for their very thoughtful gift — delivered, as expected, in inimitable style!

Under 14's Rugby

Due to the late start to the school year in September, we had even less time than usual to prepare for our first representative fixture of the season on September 23rd, when both the A and B teams played their counterparts in Castleknock College. The B team played courageously, but went down 24-0 to a bigger Castleknock pack. The A team played extremely well on their first outing, winning

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| A. Gerry Keogh, Peter Gilligan, Paul Roantree, Niall Budds, Mark Montague and Rory Murphy (Captain) | <i>Photo: J. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.</i> |
| B. St. Mary's forwards fighting for possession, Garrett Quigley, Niall Budds, Jim Fitzgerald and Rory Murphy (Captain) | <i>Photo: J. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.</i> |
| C. Gerry Keogh, Peter Gilligan, Paul Roantree, Niall Budds, Gerry Byrne and Mark Montague | <i>Photo: J. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.</i> |
| D. A helping hand for Andrew Hoey from Gerry Byrne | <i>Photo: C.S.Sp.</i> |
| E. J.C.T. prior to leaving the College for Donnybrook on Cup Match Day | <i>Photo: C.S.Sp.</i> |
| F. Gerry Byrne's injured hand is seen to by the referee. Also in the picture, Garrett Quigley and Captain, Rory Murphy | <i>Photo: J. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.</i> |
| G. Andrew Hoey is taken down by a Newbridge tackle, with Conor Foley, Killian Murray and Mark Montague up in support | <i>Photo: C.S.Sp.</i> |
| H. Killian Murray makes a determined run | |
| J. Jim Fitzgerald prepares to throw the ball in | <i>Photo: J. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.</i> |



UNDER FOURTEEN B's

C. Byrne, S. Byrne, N. Hughes, L. O'Donoghue, D. Doyle
 J. Scanlon, N. Tracey, A. Maguire (Capt), B. McCarthy, J. Deasy
 P. Rahilly E. Murphy

19-12, with Andrew Hoey keeping us in the black with a fine try. We had to pay dearly for our victory, however, in that Brendan McCarthy, playing at prop-forward, had to retire from the match with suspected concussion.

Soon afterwards, both teams met St. Michael's in Kenilworth. The B team took to the field first and found themselves facing some familiar faces from St. Michael's who won the match 24-0. The A team, who had been cheering on their colleagues on the sideline during the B match, now entered the fray. Determined to avenge the defeat sustained earlier in the afternoon, they got down to business forthwith and emerged convincing winners at 36-0. The foundation of this fine victory lay in the pack, with the back line doing plenty of good running.

Our next encounter was a home match against High School and the back line continued to give proof of its prowess, running in some good tries. Our last match in September was against Belvedere in Cabra. On resumption of play, after a first half in which Belvedere tended

to dominate, the St. Mary's forwards played with much more determination, giving the backs a steady and dependable supply of ball with the result that some fine tries were scored. The B team, who were playing on the neighbouring pitch, were short a few players and the subsequent re-shuffling of the available players told against them as they went down 26-6.

Our first match in October took place in Templeville against Gonzaga. The score in our favour was rather high — 46-0 — with most of the tries being scored as a result of some sparkling back play. Again the price of our victory was high as Neil McDonnell was injured and had to spend some time in hospital in Crumlin. An injured knee sustained in a tackle sidelined Neil for the rest of the season. We offer him our sympathy and wish him a speedy return to the game. On the same occasion, the B team chalked up a resounding victory over Gonzaga.

We next met Terenure in a home fixture, with the A team having to fight hard — something we always have to do against Terenure teams.

Although we tended to dominate for most of the game, we could not turn our territorial superiority into tries. We won a hard-fought match 10-4. The B team were unlucky to be beaten 24-4, a score that does not represent the commitment and open play they displayed. De La Salle were our next opponents away and the A team took a long time to come to terms with the initial drive and verve of the De La Salle team. However, after some good forward work by St. Mary's, the backs began to find the measure of the De La Salle defence. It was a game with a relatively low score, but full of running and hard work by the St. Mary's pack. The game against Clongowes on Wednesday, October 21st necessitated a bus trip to Clane where we found that the Clongowes pack had the advantage in size and strength but were contained effectively by the St. Mary's pack, who were faster to the breakdown point. We secured a plentiful supply of ball for the back line who revelled in the fine conditions and scored some fine tries.

After the mid-term break, we were hosts to Castleknock at home in Templeville. The B team put up a sterling performance and were unlucky to go down to a strong and determined

'Knock team, 12-4. That the B team had the courage to score a fine try near the end of the game is evidence of their determination and never-say-die spirit. The A team played extremely well against Castleknock. Tristan Pierce, injecting pace into the back line by coming into the line, was particularly effective. The forwards worked tirelessly and laid on a plentiful supply of ball for our ever-eager and running back line. St. Mary's were convincing winners 24-6.

Our next match pitted us against C.B.S. Monkstown. Scores had to be hard-earned during this match in which we were winners, 18-0. The B team were again unlucky to come up against a bigger, stronger C.B.C. side and were defeated 30-0. On Wednesday, November 11th, the A team played St. Gerard's Bray, a team that turned out to be a fine opposition, fighting every inch of the way. This was one of the best balanced games of the season and credit must go to St. Mary's for playing fine, open rugby against such determined opposition.

On the following Saturday, we met St. Paul's in Kenilworth. We took control of this game from the first whistle and St. Paul's were rarely in the game, as proved by the final score of 36-6



UNDER THIRTEEN A's

C. Purcell, D. Rennick, T. Lavin, K. Hickey, R. Kennedy, T. Dillon, D. Wall
H. Bruce, A. Montague, P. Murray, S. Tracey (Capt), P. Kilmurray, D. Byers, A. Connolly
J. Higgins, A. Sweeney, F. McNulty, N. Byrne

in our favour. Our next fixture necessitated another bus trip, in company with the JCT, to Newbridge. In spite of breakdowns and other acts of both God and man to deflect us from our purpose, we arrived safely to find an open and windswept pitch awaiting us, providing conditions that suited Newbridge better than they suited us. In spite of this, we were victorious 27-19.

In our encounter with Templeogue College, the A team won a hard and closely fought match 16-7. The B team too was rewarded for its dedication and hard work and its refusal to be daunted by defeats. In a fine, open, running game, the entire fifteen acquitted themselves admirably, winning 30-0.

We welcomed C.B.C. to Kenilworth Square for our next match. The B team played extremely well, and were unlucky to lose 4-0. They had C.B.C. on the rack for a long period in the second half but that elusive try never came. The A team again defeated C.B.C. 18-0.

Playing against Belvedere on the following Saturday, November 28th, the A team played with their usual confidence, doing the basic things correctly. Comfortably in the lead by half-time, they began to use some of their backline moves. These moves give great satisfaction when executed correctly and make for a more entertaining and open game and, in addition, keeps the opposition on their toes. We won this, our second encounter with Belvo, 22-0. The B team was also victorious against the same opponents, 4-0. Only for some sterling defence by Belvedere, our margin of victory would have been wider.

On Wednesday, February 3rd, we entertained Roscrea in Templeville. This game again proved to be a hard-fought contest up front. Though St. Mary's were at a disadvantage to the height and size of the Roscrea footballers, we played a very mobile game, with most of the ball from mauls coming to us. The back line, of course, revelled in this and some fine running by outside half, Jonathan Donovan and strong incursions into Roscrea territory by Tristan Pierce, ably abetted by Tony Moore and Richard Morton, helped to increase the scores in our favour. The final score was 22-0. A pleasant meal in the clubhouse followed this game and we offer our thanks to Mrs. Eileen Tracey and the Ladies' Committee.

Our final match of the season brought us face-to-face once more with Templeogue, with the A team winning 16-7 and the B team unfortunately going down 28-0.

And so ended the Under Fourteen's Season for 1981-82, a very successful one, especially from the point of view of scores. We scored 424 points and conceded only 81. We offer our thanks to Fr. Maher, our Gamesmaster, for his help in organising a successful and enjoyable season.

Richard Hughes.

Under 13's Rugby

There is always a certain excitement about the rugby scene in September. The previous year has by now become history. Last year's Under 13's have moved up to the Under 14's and a new batch of students turn out to contest the places on the Under 13 panel. All the hopes and expectations of a new beginning, a fresh start are there. At Under 13 level, the Provincial Cup, played for by all the Under 13 players in the C.S.Sp. Colleges, is at the back of everyone's mind, players, coaches and parents. Always the thought is "Will this be the year? Will we do it this year?" Unfortunately, the Under 13's of the 1981-82 season found to their disappointment that it was not to be. The early matches showed plenty of talent. We won most of our matches and those which we lost were lost by only a few points each time. I felt all the time that we had the potential. Apart from teaching the basics of the game, the task of the coach is to strive to get a good blend and balance between the forwards, the halves and the backs. When numbers are limited, talent is also limited and therefore it is vital that all the available talent be exploited to the best advantage. Sometimes, the players are not too willing to experiment. They have become accustomed to playing in one position during their years in the Junior School and, quite understandably, do not wish to move from that position. Then, it must also be taken into account that indiscriminate change can unsettle a team — this would be of no help to the players as individuals nor to the team of which they are members.



UNDER THIRTEENS B's

C. Hickey, M. Dwan, D. McGuinness, P. Crowe, P. Ruane, K. Twomey
B. McAvinue, F. Roantree, G. Traynor (Capt), D. Flood, D. P. Kelleher
R. Daly, N. Turley

In the forwards, too many players lacked weight and strength and no matter how great the spirit and determination may be, when a team is faced by a well-drilled and heavier pack, it is difficult to obtain quality possession. This was well illustrated this year in our Cup encounter with Willow Park. Again and again, the Willow forwards dominated, as they obtained most of the possession. We had to depend on the occasional break or half chance if we were to score. Yet for all their possession and superior strength, we denied them their coveted score on many occasions. In the end, their winning margin was but a single try. It is very hard to stand on the side-line and see one's forwards at such a disadvantage. In those matches where we did get a reasonable share of the possession, our halves and three-quarters showed real talent in running and handling,

often penetrating the defences of the opposition.

Our most frustrating match was the semi-final encounter against St. Michael's. St. Michael's had beaten us twice but the margins were such that the defeats were anything but convincing. However, before the semi-final, our hooker, Henry Bruce, became unavailable through injury. Even when being pushed back in previous matches, Henry always managed to get possession. It was only when we had to do without his valuable services through injury that we realised how much we depended on him.

If my memory serves me right, in that entire semi-final game, we succeeded in winning two scrums. With the possession St. Michael's had, they should have put up a cricket score. That they did not speaks for the courage of the St. Mary's Under 13's.



MINOR RUGBY LEAGUE WINNERS
 D. Flood, T. Dillon, M. Dwan, R. Daly
 J. Clerkin, N. Byrne (Capt), C. Budds

Among the forwards, David Byers, Henry Bruce, Kenneth Hickey, Robert Kennedy and Troy Lavin were the most consistent. Behind the scrum Declan Rennick and Norman Byrne showed plenty of talent, both in attack and defence, but the real thrill always came when they combined with the rest of the back line, Peter Murray in the centre, and David Wall and Fergal McNulty on the wings to produce some excellent running and passing moves.

John Higgins took over the full-back position during the year and with more experience will develop into a very efficient full-back. Among the regulars on the A team not already mentioned were Eoin Lynam and Aidan Montague among the forwards and the captain, Steven Tracey. Steven is an immensely strong and talented player and has tremendous courage. Again and again, he played a captain's part with his example.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the boys of the Under 13's teams, A and B, who made this a very enjoyable year for me. I am particularly indebted to those responsible for the very beautiful presentation. It was very much appreciated.

Noel P. Doyle.



CRICKET

Senior XI

In contrast with the weather during the 1981 season, this year's season was blessed with ideal cricket weather. School's cricket in Leinster never had it so good. It was fine weather all the way, cool at first, later brilliant sunshine, too good to be true. Wickets were hard and dry, and plenty of runs were scored in all grades.

On paper, we seemed to have a fine Senior XI with a good backbone of Leinster Club players in Alan Delany (Capt.), Conor Murphy, Peter Mac Giolla Riogh, Vincent Cunningham, Neil Briddock, Vincent Merriman, plus strong support from Arthur McEvoy, Hugh Mullen Gerry Cross, and several others. But no doubt our great setback in cricket in St. Mary's is the slow transition from the rugby season. The cricket season lasts just over a month. Hence, if practices are not under way by April 19th, we find ourselves invariably launched into matches in the opening days of May very unprepared. So it was this year, as in the past.

However, we opened the season with an early win against a weak Stratford side on April 21st. We played Phoenix the following Sunday and lost. Wednesday, April 28th saw us in College Park against Trinity Ramblers — always a keen match in the most ideal of settings. We won with a score of 120 for 8 against 92 all out.

On May 1st, we met a strong Leinster CC XI. They batted first and were hammering our bowling, losing a new ball in the process. (Our coach was muttering something about it being more economical for our bowlers to get lost, instead of the ball, which cost over £10). A merciful thunderclap with torrential rain saved the day and we were happy to go home! By this time, most of the members of the team were awake to the fact that we needed practice, if one can judge by the subsequent attendance. Better late than never, but late it was.

The League began with a match against St. Andrew's — a strong disciplined side with a sense of urgency in their batting, fielding and bowling. They made 170, over 50 of which came from the last five overs. We could only muster 79 in reply. Against St. Columba's, we made 105 for 5 in 35 overs. It was not enough. Our bowling was unequal to the occasion and they



SENIOR XI 1981-1982

C. Murphy, G. Hassett, S. Tee, G. Cross, J. Furlong, V. Merriman
P. MacGiolla Riogh, V. Cunningham, A. Delany (Capt), A. McEvoy, H. Mullen



SECOND SENIOR XI 1981-1982
 G. Maher, G. Hassett, C. Russell, A. Horne
 S. Gunning, R. Moran, J. Carvill (Capt), L. Lynch, R. O'Connor, B. Cassidy

made it for the loss of only a few wickets. In our last match against Wesley College, we got a lesson on how to use remaining overs. They made over 80 for the remaining 11 overs out of a grand total of 163 for 6. To this we could only reply with a modest 78.

Summing up season 1982, we certainly had plenty of batting potential. Our bowling was simply not good enough, although Hugh Mullen bowled himself to a standstill. All round, a far too nonchalant approach to the game. A side of expert Goliaths can topple before poorly-equipped Davids. But it demands discipline, a sense of urgency and a strong will to win; and that nowhere more than in the Irish Schools cricket context where we are trying to pack a whole season into one month. Given these three qualities, impossible victories will be achieved time and again. Without them, our cricket will always be nondescript. It was just that in 1982.

Conor Murphy (6th Year), after his success with Leinster and Ireland Schools last year was chosen to play against Munster schools in May. Rain prevented any play. Because of the Leaving Certificate, he did not receive an international trial this year. However, while sitting for his Matriculation, Conor learned of

his selection for the Irish Schools XI to play the Leprechauns in Belfast at the Instonians Ground. The schools team won the day. Conor also played in a 3-day match against Wales at Railway Union in Sandymount and the Irish Schools team was again victorious.

Second Senior XI

Cricket at this level is nothing if not unpredictable in this most unpredictable of games. But it may modestly be said that cricket in the Leinster Schools is played here at its sporting best. Never mind the result — let's get on with the game — this seems to be the unspoken attitude of the Second XI fraternity. It seemed at first that we would have no team at all. But after numerous notices, the idea slowly percolated into the cranium of some Second XI aspirants that the season had opened and that St. Mary's was listed as taking part. Then everything began to come to life. With the minimum of practice, we went into our first match against St. Columba's on the sacred ground of Leinster CC no less, (but, let it not be

said too loudly — in dress resembling Wimbledon rather than Lords!). We surpassed ourselves in winning. We dismissed St. Columba's for 90 runs and made 103 for 3 (G. Hassett 26 and V. Merriman 23 n.o., and J. Carvill 29 n.o.). A very good beginning.

Enthusiasm ran high as we met Belvedere. This time, however, we lost by only a few runs but we learned the valuable lesson that dropped easy catches can lose matches. We made 108 on a large field and looked secure for a win. Try as we might, however, their opening bats flailed our bowling, to pass the score for the loss of no wicket. A fine match, nevertheless — that's cricket. St. Andrew's next, and we could only make 69 and once again four dropped catches cost us the match. St. Andrew's eventually won the League and the Cup. But we were not finished yet. Clongowes came to us with three wins in their bag, among them one against Stratford. We beat them with the modest total of 79. Laurence Lynch (5th Year) with his left-arm slow bowling was our hero that day. But we went down again before a Kings Hospital team in a low scoring match in which better fielding decided the day.

John Carvill proved a good captain, useful with bat and ball. Gerry Hassett improved in every match and proved to be a fearless hard-

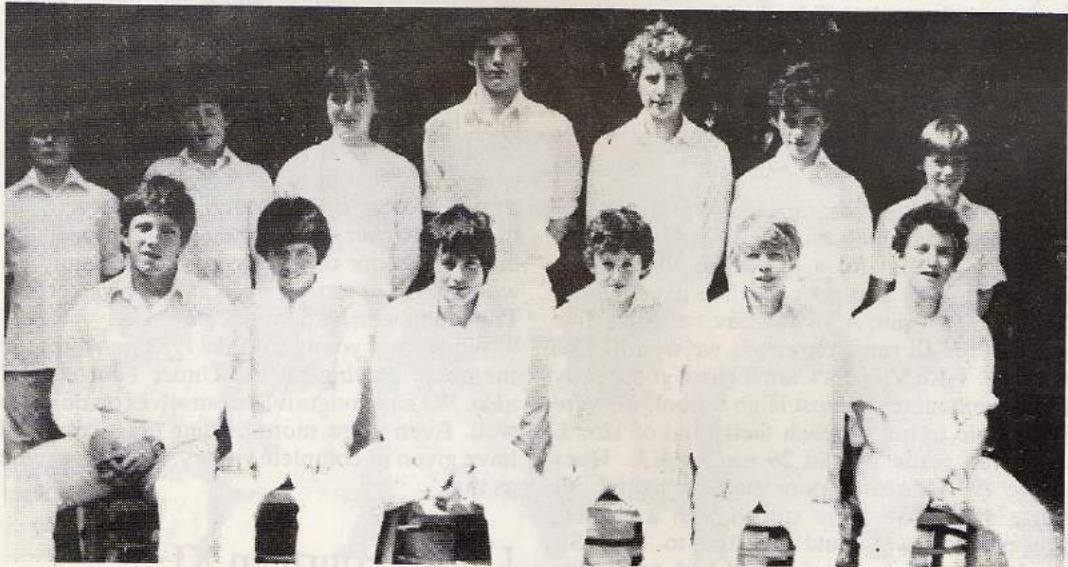


CONOR MURPHY (6th Year)
Schoolboy Cricket International

hitting batsman. He earned his place on the Senior Team. Second XI enthusiasm was a shot in the arm for St. Mary's Cricket, 1982.

Junior XI

Vincent Cunningham was the obvious choice for captain of the Junior XI, 1982. A splendid



JUNIOR XI 1981-1982

A. Maguire, P. Rahilly, J. Donovan, G. Keogh, P. McSharry, D. Kilmartin, B. McDevitt
A. Hoey, P. Kearney, V. Cunningham (Capt), E. Murphy, P. Cross, T. Pierce



UNDER FOURTEENS XI 1981-1982

C. Byrne, P. Rahilly, J. Donovan, G. McGann, P. McSharry, A. Maguire
E. Murphy, T. Pierce, A. Hoey, B. McDevitt (Capt), L. O'Donoghue, C. Kissane

all-round sportsman (tennis, cricket, rugby), he was also called upon to strengthen up the Senior XI.

We began our season on a high note, winning our first two matches against Wesley (V. Cunningham 63 n.o.) making the 86 runs required in 12 overs, and against High School, passing their total of 67 for 7 with three wickets in hand. A dropped catch or two lost us this match against Belvedere by 6 runs (66 to their 72) in which V. Cunningham made 20 and T. Pierce 17. We fielded a depleted side against St. Andrew's, making only 69 for 9 against their fine total of 138 for 5.

Then came the League matches. Once again we were in winning mood. We had Sandford Park on the run for a low score when a few missed catches and poor bowling gave them a total of 97 despite Alan Maguire's effort of five wickets for 18 runs. However, we won by five wickets. With Vincent Cunningham going early in the next match against High School, we were in trouble trying to reach their total of 125. J. Donovan made a solid 26 n.o. and A. Hoey made 29. However, poor support halted our score at 95. We were still in with a chance, however, if we could manage to beat St. Andrew's. We had early good luck to dismiss two good batsmen cheaply but a series of dropped catches and poor bowling saw them

run in 170 for 6, a formidable total. We made a splendid reply. We were 70 for one wicket when V. Cunningham was caught out from a most uncharacteristic stroke. We struggled on, however, and put on another 60 runs. It was not enough but cricketwise, it was the best match of the season — over 300 runs scored in an afternoon. A replay with Sandford to decide League points gave them an easy victory to reach the final. The final was played at Kenilworth and was a display of cricket at its best by St. Columba's. They had to face a Sandford total of 88 and were in dire straits when they lost seven wickets for 34 runs. A heavy shower of rain made things worse for them. However, two of their batsmen stayed to bring the score on slowly in singles mainly, to within sight of victory when another wicket fell. They then won by two wickets.

We were a young team in 1982, most of our members playing on the Under Fourteen XI also. We can congratulate ourselves on doing so well. Even a few more fielding practices could have given us complete victory. It was as simple as that.

Under Fourteen XI

Barry McDevitt captained what we reckoned was going to be a very good side. However,

misfortune struck with the news that Liam O'Donoghue would be out for the season; it meant that we were without a good batsman and bowler.

We lost our first match to High School, failing to reach their total of 113 for 7. But our hopes mounted in the following match against Wesley College when we passed their total of 97 with the loss of only four wickets (Peter Cross 32 n.o. and Paul Rahilly 31).

In our first League match against St. Andrew's, we made the respectable score of 107 (A. Hoey 50 and P. Rahilly 30). However, our bowling failed completely and they made the score for three wickets in 18 overs. The pattern was repeated in the next match against Sandford Park. Barry McDevitt and Paul Rahilly made a fine stand of 66 runs to give us the good total of 106. It was not enough. Again, our bowling was shown up when Sandford passed our total for the loss of only two wickets. Nor could good scores by Liam O'Donoghue 23, Andrew Hoey 24 n.o. and Tristan Pierce 31 save us from defeat by Wilson's Hospital who passed our total of 110 to win. However, we got some consolation in the last match of the League and season when we beat Wesley College 90-81, thanks to a fine innings by Liam O'Donoghue and a fine bowling spell by him also 8 for 36.

The final was a high scoring one played out between Sandford and High School. Sandford faced a huge total of 178, after spending four hours in the field. A "foolish" run-out when within a few runs of victory, deprived them of a

sensational win. But that again is cricket. Could we have won? Of course. Then why not? The answer is simple — we did not practice enough — no victory without effort — on the cricket field as in life!

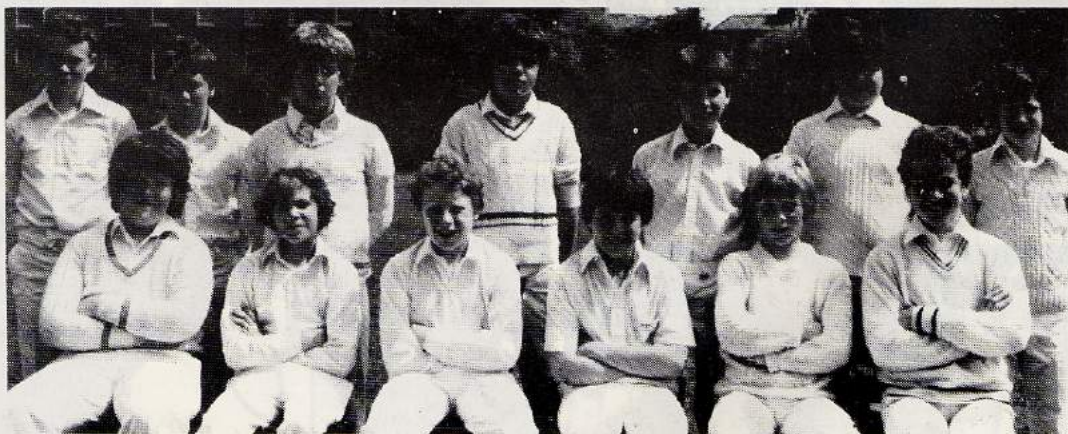
Under Thirteen XI

For the first time perhaps in our history, we had far too few players in this section in St. Mary's. No great results could be expected from a team which was lacking in all the cricket skills. However, we managed to bring together a team of sorts and as time went on, we were able to compete with the best.

We got off to a good start with a victory against St. Andrew's, 63-55. We lost our next match however, against Sandford Park only scoring 46 against their 106 for 4. In the Cup competition, we could only make 39 which Aravon soon passed for no wicket. We then went on to beat St. Columba's at Kenilworth 68-45. Dropped catches against Belvedere cost us the final match 79-54.

Aaron Sweeney, Steven Tracey, Henry Bruce and Cormac Kissane proved to be the best of our batsmen. Henry Bruce and Cormac Kissane were entered for the Under Thirteen single wicket competition. They both did very well. Cormac reached the quarter-final and was beaten by the eventual winner. Henry reached the semi-final and was awarded a prize.

F. C. Barry, C.S.Sp.



UNDER THIRTEENS XI 1981-1982

A. Sweeney, C. Kissane, K. Carvill, J. Molony, N. Byrne, D. W. Fogarty, K. Twomey
C. Budds, N. Funge, J. Higgins, H. Bruce (Capt), D. Flood, S. Tracey



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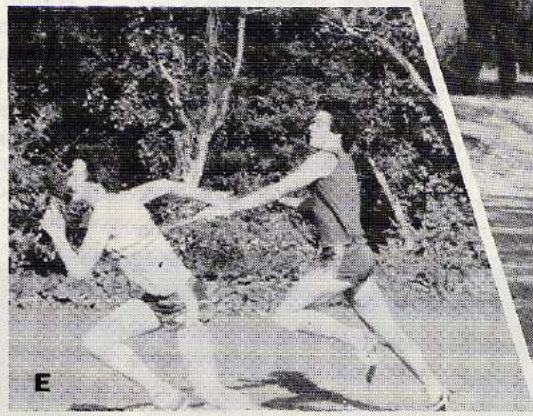
- A. Dermot Conlon (2nd Year) receiving his prize from Mrs. Maguire
- B. PAST PUPILS RELAY TEAM
- C. Mark McSweeney, Victor Ludorum, in action
- D. Kieran Carvill (1st Year) makes progress in the obstacle race
- E. Baton changeover in the Senior Relay — Ken Regan and Dermot Quigley
- F. Brendan Cassidy (5th Year) receives his prize from Mrs. Maguire
- G. Sportsday smile from Eoin O'Neill (Form 5)



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SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTSDAY

Senior	Intermediate	Junior	Juvenile
100m			
1. M. McSweeney	O. White	D. Conlon	M. McGill
2. B. Cassidy	J. Byrne	S. Tracey	C. Purcell
200m			150yds
1. M. McSweeney	O. White	D. Conlon	B. Hartigan
2. C. Murphy	J. Byrne	S. Tracey	M. McGill
400m			
1. B. Cassidy (Rec)	O. White		
2. M. McSweeney	B. McGreen		
800m			
1. B. Cassidy	B. McGreen	T. Dillon	J. Dowling
2. C. Murphy	P. McSharry	J. Boland	B. Hartigan
1500m			
1. B. Cassidy		T. Dillon	
2. B. McGreen		J. Boland	
		B. McAvinue	
High Jump			
1. M. McSweeney	V. Cunningham	P. Lee	
2. D. Quigley	G. McGann	D. P. Kelleher	
Long Jump			
1. M. McSweeney	J. Byrne	D. Conlon	S. Rossi
2. C. Purcell	R. Murphy	P. Kennedy	C. Purcell
Shot			
1. D. Quigley	R. Murphy	D. Conlon	
2. S. Tee	G. Keogh	S. Byrne	
Bicycle Race			
1. D. Quigley	S. Purcell	D. Loughrey	C. Purcell
2. D. Delaney	G. Quigley	J. Boland	F. Dolan
Relays			
1. J. Kennedy (Capt.)	O. White (Capt.)	N. Turley (Capt.)	

Musical Chairs

P. Kennedy

Slow Bicycle Race

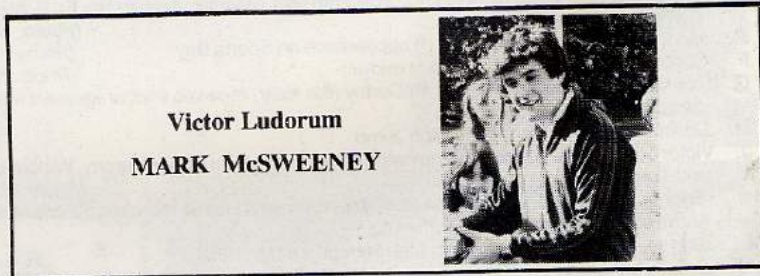
M. McGill

Sack Race

H. Bruce

Obstacle Race

K. Carvill



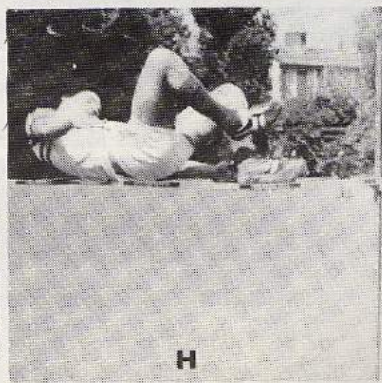


SENIOR ATHLETICS TEAM 1981-1982
M. McSweeney, C. Purcell, K. Regan, J. Kennedy, B. Cassidy



INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS TEAM 1981-1982
P. McGann, J. Byrne, A. O'Regan, O. White, S. Tee, B. McGreen

- A. Owen White (Fourth Year) wins the relay
- B. Bicycle race — concentration etched on the faces of Mark Lowry, Eoin Murphy and Gerard Winston *(Photo: N. Sweeney)*
- C. Third Year Tug-O-War, P. Roantree, G. Winston, P. McSharry, C. Tee, T. Pierce, M. Reid and G. Quigley pulling together — for once! *(Photo: N. Sweeney)*
- D. Conor Tee (3rd Year) receives his prize from Mrs. Maguire, assisted by Fr. S. Maher, Games-master *(Photo: N. Sweeney)*
- E. Mr. L. Naughton makes a brief (!) appearance on Sports Day *(Photo: N. Sweeney)*
- F. Oops! Conor Murphy (6th Year) in mid-air *(Photo: N. Sweeney)*
- G. Our Man with the Mike, "Mike" McCarthy (6th Year) receives encouragement from classmate Gary Graham
- H. Dermot Quigley Clearing the High Jump
- J. Victor Ludorum, Mark McSweeney wins convincingly from Conor Murphy, Waldemar Kearney and Tom Millar *(Photo: N. Sweeney)*
- K. Sportsday smiles and otherwise from Paul Kennedy, Ruane Kilmartin, Corrie McDermott, Andrew O'Donovan and John Dowling
- L. Judges confer — Mr. Quinn, Mr. Mac Murchú and Mr. Kirby
- M. Relay change-over — Conor Foley and Padraig Kearney, both of 3rd Year *(Photo: N. Sweeney)*



Tennis

Although tennis does not rank with rugby or cricket in importance in the St. Mary's hierarchy of sports, a significant and considerable number of students become involved in playing it in the summer term. Of these, a number of teams were formed to enter the competitions organised annually by the Irish Schools Lawn Tennis Association. Like cricket, tennis in St. Mary's suffers from the brevity of the final term

and the vagaries of the weather. Although there is little we can do about the first factor, and even less about the second, this year, at least, we had no cause to complain about the weather. On most of the occasions on which we played, the sun shone and nature smiled.

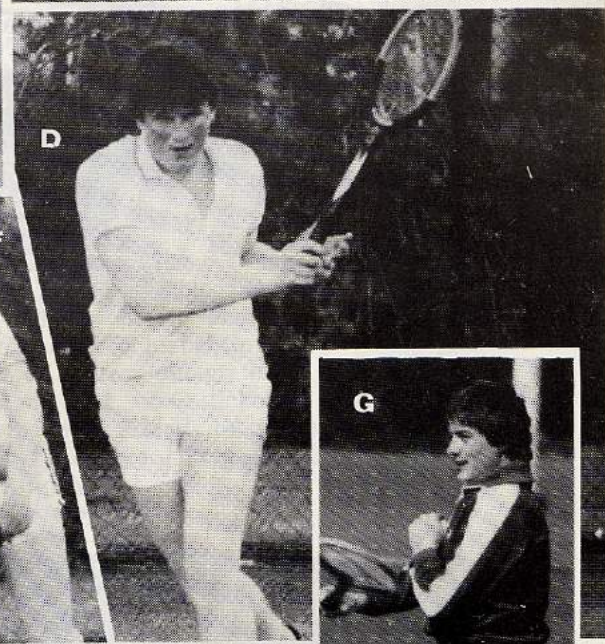
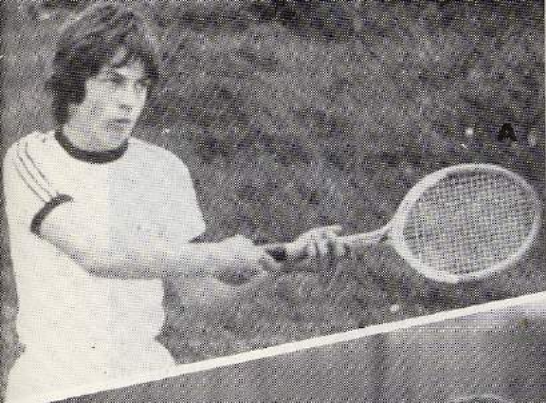
Although at Junior and Minor level, the competition is organised on a League basis, at Senior level it remains a knock-out affair and a knock-out is exactly what happened to us this year in our one and only match within the



SENIOR A TENNIS TEAM 1981-1982

B. Hanratty, R. Power, J. O'Connell, C. Maher, M. McGovern, D. Watts

- A. Gary Raymond (2nd Year)
- B. Raymond Power (6th Year)
- C. Declan Rennick (2nd Year)
- D. Mark McGovern (6th Year)
- E. Paul Rahilly (3rd Year)
- F. David Watts (6th Year)
- G. Vincent Cunningham Junior Tennis Team (3rd Year)
- H. Ciaran Maher (5th Year)
- J. Brian Hanratty (6th Year)
- K. David A. Kelleher (2nd Year)
- L. John O'Connell (6th Year)





SENIOR B TENNIS TEAM 1981-1982
 C. Maher, R. O'Connor, B. Gilsenan, P. O'Donovan, A. Horne, G. Maher



JUNIOR A TENNIS TEAM 1981-1982
 P. Rennick, B. Kerrigan, C. Jones, J. Thornton
 Absent: P. Mahony, D. McSweeney



JUNIOR B TENNIS TEAM 1981-1982
 D. Lynch, P. Roantree, P. Rahilly, P. McSharry
 Absent: V. Cunningham, C. Maher

competition, against Wesley. This match took place in Kenilworth on Thursday 6th May, the team for that occasion consisting of Ciaran Maher, John O'Connell, Brian Hanratty, David Watts, Mark McGovern and Raymond Power. Although we lost in all the singles, our doubles partnership of Mark and Raymond won their match 3-6, 7-5, 7-6, the last set involving a tie-breaker which stretched the match to a marathon affair lasting almost three hours. So ended our Senior team's official career. However, an unofficial friendly match with a Wesley 'B' team proved to be a more pleasant affair on Wednesday, May 19th in Bushy Park, a match which we won 6-0 in singles matches. A Senior 'B' team, consisting of 5th Year students took on High School at Bushy Park on May 28th. We were beaten 5-1, our only success on that occasion being Paul Donovan's convincing 6-0, 6-1 victory over his opponent. We thank Wesley and High School for the matches. We hope they enjoyed them also.

Our Junior team, consisting of 3rd Year students, Vincent Cunningham, Paul Roantree, David Lynch, Ciaran Maher, Paul Rahilly and Paul McSharry, were beaten convincingly by St. Michael's in their first match of the season on May 3rd. The score in St. Michael's favour was 6-0. A 4th Year Junior team, consisting of Patrick Rennick, John Thornton, Brian Kerrigan, David McSweeney, Paul Roantree and Conor Jones held Beneavin to a 3-3 draw on May 12th — although a technical hitch seems to have helped the St. Mary's team more than

somewhat! The final Junior match was played on May 17th against St. Benildus College. Torrential rain forced us to make a last minute dash from Kenilworth to Bushy Park where we lost 4-0 on the hard courts. In a friendly match against Wesley College, we were narrowly beaten 4-3.

It was the Minor team this year that showed the greatest promise for the future of tennis in St. Mary's, although our first match against Kings Hospital at home on May 5th turned out to be a disappointing 5-1 defeat. The team on that occasion was made up of Declan Rennick, David A. Kelleher, Steven Tracey, Cormac Byrne, Paul Whelan and Gary Raymond. Our one spot of victory was Steven Tracey's convincing win in his singles match. On the following Wednesday, May 12th, the tables were turned as we achieved a convincing victory over Killashee in Naas L.T.C. We thank Mrs. Eileen Tracey for her kind help with transport on that occasion. Two days later, still flushed with success, so to speak, we played our third match, this time against Wesley away. We were once again victorious 5-1 and we thank Mrs. Jane Rennick for helping us with transport.

In conclusion, we thank Fr. Maher, the Gamesmaster for his help in accommodating us. We also express our gratitude to Fr. Donal Sullivan, C.M. of Castleknock College who, singlehanded, attends to the organisation of Schools' Tennis for Leinster. Thank you, Fr. Sullivan.



MINOR TENNIS TEAM 1981-1982
D. A. Kelleher, S. Tracey, C. Byrne, D. Rennick, P. Whelan, G. Raymond

BASKETBALL

Sixth Year League

Four teams participated in the League this year and the games got under way during the short last term. Despite the shortage of teams, the league matches were played with great enthusiasm and spirit, with everyone who participated enjoying themselves. After the first round, Ken Regan and John Kennedy both had four points each with Ken's team victorious over Con Tiernan and John Kennedy's teams, while John Kennedy enjoyed victory over J. Russell and C. Tiernan's teams. J. Russell's team and C. Tiernan's team both had two points each, J. Russell beating K. Regan, and C. Tiernan gaining two points from J. Russell's team.

The second round of the League was hotly contested to see who would reach the final. K. Regan's team played a good game and gained a further four points to ensure their place in the final. The other finalists did not emerge so easily since both J. Kennedy and J. Russell were both level at six points each. The resulting play-off was the most thrilling match of the League. J. Kennedy went ahead with two early baskets, but J. Russell's team fought back and forced the game into extra time, where J. Russell won by six points to two points, thus becoming the other finalists. We say "hard luck and well played" to both John Kennedy's team and to Con Tiernan's team.



The final was refereed on a rather wet and windy afternoon by Fr. Maher, our Games-master, to whom we owe our thanks for refereeing many games during the League. Ken Regan went ahead by an early basket, followed by another fine basket by Mark McGovern. John Russell replied with an early penalty and a great basket from Conan Budds. At half-time, it was anybody's game, but after the interval, Ken's team scored three successive baskets, of which two were scored by Donal O'Kane. John Russell scored a further basket but Ken Regan wrapped it up with two more. Ken's team consisted of Ken himself, Mark McGovern, Donal O'Kane and Mark Byrne while John Russell had the assistance of Conan Budds, John Blunden and Paul Briddock. We congratulate Ken's winning team.

John Russell, 6th Year.

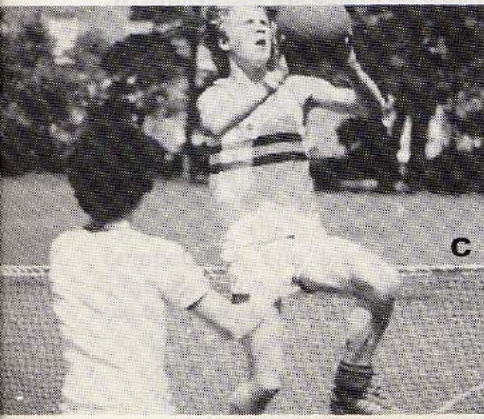
- A. C. Dunne, G. Maher, R. Moran, A. McEvoy, B. Cassidy
- B. Seamus Yendole gets ahead, as Colm Dunne moves in to challenge
- C. Bobby O'Connor in full flight, being challenged by Gareth Maher
- D. Tim Scanlon takes aim for the basket
- E. Arthur McEvoy (back to camera), Ruairi Moran and Bobby O'Connor in action
- F. Gareth Maher and Brendan Cassidy enjoy a well-earned rest at half-time
- G. Ruairi Moran, Brian Gilsenan and Brendan Cassidy enjoy the half-time sunshine
- H. Tim Scanlon makes progress, despite attention from Gareth Maher and Brendan Cassidy
- J. S. Gunning, D. O'Sullivan, R. O'Connor, S. Yendole, T. Scanlon



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Golf Report

Although golf is not one of the more recognised sports in St. Mary's, this year a team was formed of 5th and 6th Year students and we entered the Leinster Schools Tournament.

The team consisted of Peter Mac Giolla Riogh, Denis Byrne, Killian Cregan (all of 6th Year) and Arthur McEvoy (5th Year). Paul Donovan, also of 5th Year, was the reserve.

The Leinster Schools Tournament is organised on a league basis. Each section within the league consisted of four schools, of which one would go through to the next round. Each round consisted of two fourballs. Our section consisted of St. Mary's, Terenure, Gonzaga and St. Mark's.

The venue for our first match on February 12th was the Grange Golf Club and our opponents were Terenure College. Weather-wise, it was not a good day for golf, with strong

winds making good golf very difficult to play. Killian Cregan and Arthur McEvoy were able to control their match and won 2 up, but Paul Donovan and Peter Mac Giolla Riogh met with some bad luck and they both lost 3 down.

Our second match took place on March 1st in Milltown G.C., our opponents for this occasion being Gonzaga. Although weather conditions were again unfavourable, Peter Mac Giolla Riogh and Denis Byrne played well to win 3 up, while Arthur McEvoy and Killian Cregan won 1 up.

Our final match on March 4th was against St. Mark's, the venue on this occasion being the Castle Golf Club. This match was of crucial importance to us in that we had not only to win, but win 4 up, if we were to proceed to the next round. Peter Mac Giolla Riogh did well to win their match 4 up, but Arthur McEvoy and Killian Cregan could not hold their match and lost 2 down.

The following table indicates how the four teams in our section finished:

<i>Team</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Holes Up</i>	<i>Holes Down</i>	<i>Total</i>
Gonzaga	3	2	1	10	4	6 up
St. Mary's	3	2	1	7	2	5 up
Terenure	3	3	1	2	6	4 down
St. Marks	3	0	3	0	4	4 down

Arthur McEvoy,
5th Year.

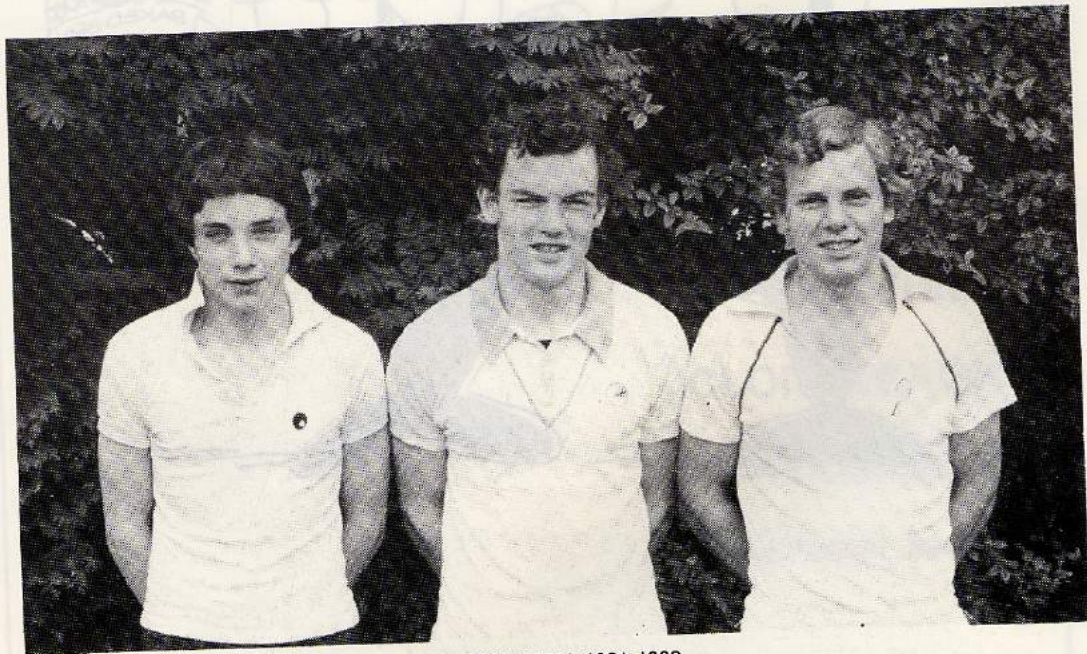
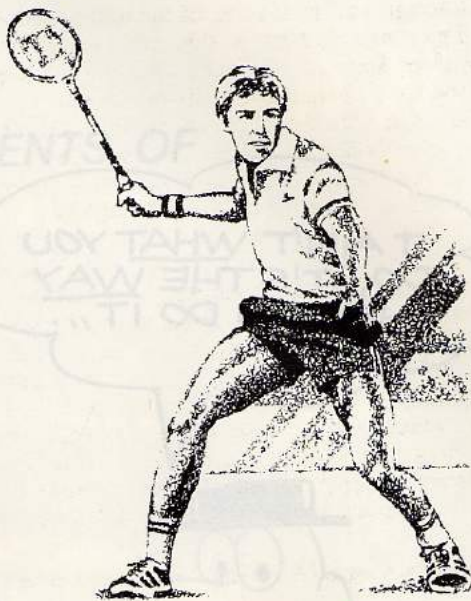


GOLF TEAM 1981-1982
A. McEvoy, P. MacGiolla Riogh
D. Byrne, P. Donovan

Squash

This year, for the first time, a school squash team was formed, comprising of three Fifth Year students, Ciaran Maher, Stephen Tee and Arthur McEvoy. Apart from Ciaran, whose prowess in the sport was highlighted in last year's Annual, Stephen and Arthur had no experience of playing matches. However, this did not dampen their enthusiasm nor prevent them from playing admirably. Due to the fact that we have no squash courts in St. Mary's, all the matches had to be played away, so that there was a lot of travelling involved.

In our first match, we defeated De La Salle on their own territory, the score being 2-1. We were also victorious in our match against St. Conleth's, 3-0. However, our run of success came to a sudden and unpleasant end when we went down 3-0 to Presentation College, Glashule, the eventual winners of the competition. Our last match was against St. Fintan's, Clontarf. Since they failed to appear, we were awarded a walkover.



SQUASH TEAM 1981-1982
Ciaran Maher, Stephen Tee, Arthur McEvoy



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JUNIOR SCHOOL ROUNDUP

A. Conor Callinan, Barry O'Donoghue and Declan Condren.

B. Conal Flood and the totally tropical taste.

C. Alan McConnell and Brian O'Sullivan.

D. Gearoid Carvill paying more attention to the camera than to the wicket!

E. Thomas Keaveney receives his prize from Mr. C. Maguire. Also in the picture, Mrs. E. Ryan of the Junior School Staff.

F. David Connolly, Michael Roche and Killian O'Beirne from Form 6.

G. Matthew Collins and Fergus Dolan.

H. Rory Whelan in costume for the Junior Prizegiving Concert.

J. Junior School batsman in action.



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