



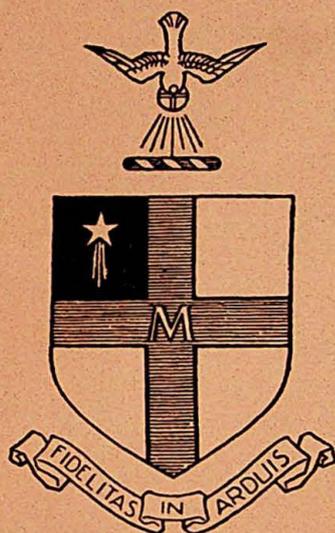
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30 The Superior General of the Congregation  
of the Holy Ghost and the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary

Most Reverend Father

We have the honour to submit for your  
favourable consideration the accompanying petition praying  
for the re-opening of St. Mary's College Kilmenna

We are assured that His Grace the Archbishop  
of Dublin Primate of Ireland strongly supports this prayer  
and will address himself direct in its favour to Your  
Congregation

The petition bears the signature of His  
Excellency J. M. Healy the Governor General of Ireland and  
that of Mr W. G. Cosgrave, President of the Executive Government  
of Ireland It is also subscribed to by the chief members  
of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Archdiocese of Dublin and  
many other influential clergy, as well as by Catholic laymen  
of high position in the Irish Free State

We beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

Patrick Hayden.

Parish Priest of St. Nicholas  
of Myra  
Francis St. John.

Michael A. Corry  
President of Committee

27 July 1926

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*Frontispiece* — The letter to the Superior General accompanying the signatures asking for the re-opening of St. Mary's in 1926

# *Editorial*

The first College Annual was published in 1940 the Golden Jubilee of the opening of the College in 1890. This year we have another Golden Jubilee as the College was closed in 1916 and re-opened in 1926. In the Annual is a history of the College from 1926 to 1934 when St. Mary's won its first Leinster Schools' Trophy, the J.C.T. Cup. We trust that these pages of history will be of interest to present and past pupils.

There is also a detailed description of the College Chapel. For well over twenty years the Chapel has been a centre of prayer not only for the pupils but also for past pupils. We hope that Dr. M. Kennedy's article will not only be explanatory but also a help to prayerful moments in the Chapel.

The various activities of the College and past pupils are chronicled in the following pages. The 1975-76 year was a successful one in the College history. Much was achieved and accomplished and we hope to continue the high standard of education that is part and parcel of St. Mary's.

We were very happy to have Fr. M. McDonagh on the Staff during the year. The Community are also grateful for the work done during the year by the Staff in both Senior and Junior Schools. Many photographs appear in the Annual. Our thanks to James G. Maguire A.F.I.A.P., Douglas Thornton, Fathers C. Byrne, D. Darcy, J. Hurley and V. O'Grady.

Finally a word of thanks to Niall O'Keeffe, Aidan Henry and Gordon Hughes of Baggot Print and Irish Pictorial. Without their patient and efficient help, the 17th Edition of the College Annual would not have been possible.

*EDITOR*





### THE COLLEGE STAFF 1975-76

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## *Vice President*

Very Rev. W. Kennedy C.S.Sp.

### *Principal Senior School*

Rev. J. Hurley C.S.Sp.

### *Vice Principal Senior School*

Pol Uas Mac Murchu

### *Gamesmaster*

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Mr. C. Brannigan  
Mr. F. Conlon  
Mr. J. Corbett  
Mr. M. Cotter  
Miss B. Coyle  
Mr. J. Crowley  
Miss M. Culhane  
Mr. N. Doyle  
Mr. J. Gillespie  
Mr. P. Henry  
Miss B. Hogan  
Mrs. M. Kelly

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### *Vice Principal Junior School*

Rev. G. Lord C.S.Sp.

### *Bursar*

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Rev. M. McDonagh C.S.Sp.

Rev. M. Maiben C.S.Sp.

Rev. P.J. Murray C.S.Sp.

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Mr. K. Lewis  
Mr. S. McCarthy  
Mr. K. Murphy  
Mr. L. Naughton  
Mr. T. Newell  
Mr. M. O'Flaherty  
Mr. S. O'Canainn  
Mr. P. Quinn  
Mrs. B. Roberts  
Mrs. M. Sealy  
Mrs. L. Southwell

*Speech & Drama:* Miss M. Cranny

*Music:* Miss M. Valentine

*Physical Education:* Mr. O. Dunne, Mrs. O. O'Sullivan



SIXTH YEAR

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From Top: A. Daly, J. Murphy, B. McDonnell, S. Burke, A. Molooy, P. Galligan, J. Cunningham, M. Byrne.  
P. Toland, D. Muldoon, J. Connell, G. Jones, P. Hourican, R. Sloan, D. O'Neill, K. Farnan.  
J. Hamill, I. Fitzgerald, S. Rice, D. Dooley, M. Thornton, W. Opperman, D. O'Neill.  
R. McDonnell, P. Delaney, P. Carmody, K. Egan, A. Cahalane, J. Gately, I. Long, B. Foley.  
T. Coveney, G. Fanagan, D. Lonergan, A. Sheridan, P. Barnwell, B. Quigley, C. Largey.  
S. Wafer, D. Sheerin, D. Larkin, D. Chambers, L. Costello, I. Delany, P. Walsh, J. Dargan.  
D. Cahill, K. O'Byrne, M. Fitzgerald, C. McCarthy, P. Gueret, F. McTiernan, M. Moylette, C. Sharpe.

## SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZEWINNERS

1976

<i>Gold Medal for General Excellence</i> ... ..	Paul Gueret
<i>Gold Medal for General Excellence in Studies Leaving Certificate</i> ... ..	Simon Burke
<i>Gold Medal for General Excellence in Studies Inter. Certificate</i> ... ..	Seosamh Fitzpatrick
<i>Fr. Ernest Farrell Gold Medal for Religious Knowledge (6th Year)</i> ... ..	Sean Wafer
<i>Silver Medal for Best Speaker in English Debate</i> ... ..	Desmond O'Neill
<i>Silver Medal for Honours List (6th Year)</i> ... ..	Paul Walsh



Paul Gueret receives the General Excellence Medal. Photo: C. Byrne C.S.Sp.



FIFTH YEAR

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# BOOK PRIZES

## 6th Year

<i>Religious Knowledge</i>		Gerard Jones 6A <sup>1</sup>
<i>Irish</i>		Felix McTiernan, Terence Coveney, Patrick Delaney
<i>General Average</i>	6A	Simon Burke, Paul Gueret, Paul Walsh
	6A <sup>1</sup>	Ian Delany, David Larkin, Aidan Daly
<i>Honours List</i>		Paul Hughes, David Larkin, Donal Lonergan, Maurice Moylette, Sean Wafer, Mark Thornton, Declan Sheerin, Paul Gueret, Paul Walsh.

## 5th Year

<i>Religious Knowledge</i>		Niall Burgess, Eamonn Browne
<i>Irish</i>		John Tracey, Kevin Quigley, Peter Kearney
<i>General Average</i>	5A	John Tracey, Joseph O'Neill, Francis Butler
	5A <sup>1</sup>	Eamonn Browne, James Burke, Paul Flanagan
<i>Honours List</i>		Paul Maguire, Peter O'Rourke, Michael McCann, Niall Burgess.

## 4th Year

<i>Religious Knowledge</i>		Brian Leahy, Declan Maher
<i>Irish</i>		Peter McShane, Christopher Russell, Barry Coffey
<i>General Average</i>	4A	David Cogley, Brian O'Moore, Gareth Byrne
	4A <sup>1</sup>	Barry Coffey, Peter Graham, Kevin O'Reilly
<i>Honours List</i>		Seosamh Fitzpatrick, Brian Leahy, Gareth Byrne, Brian O'Moore, David Cogley, Pat Mackey, Peter Graham.

## 3rd Year

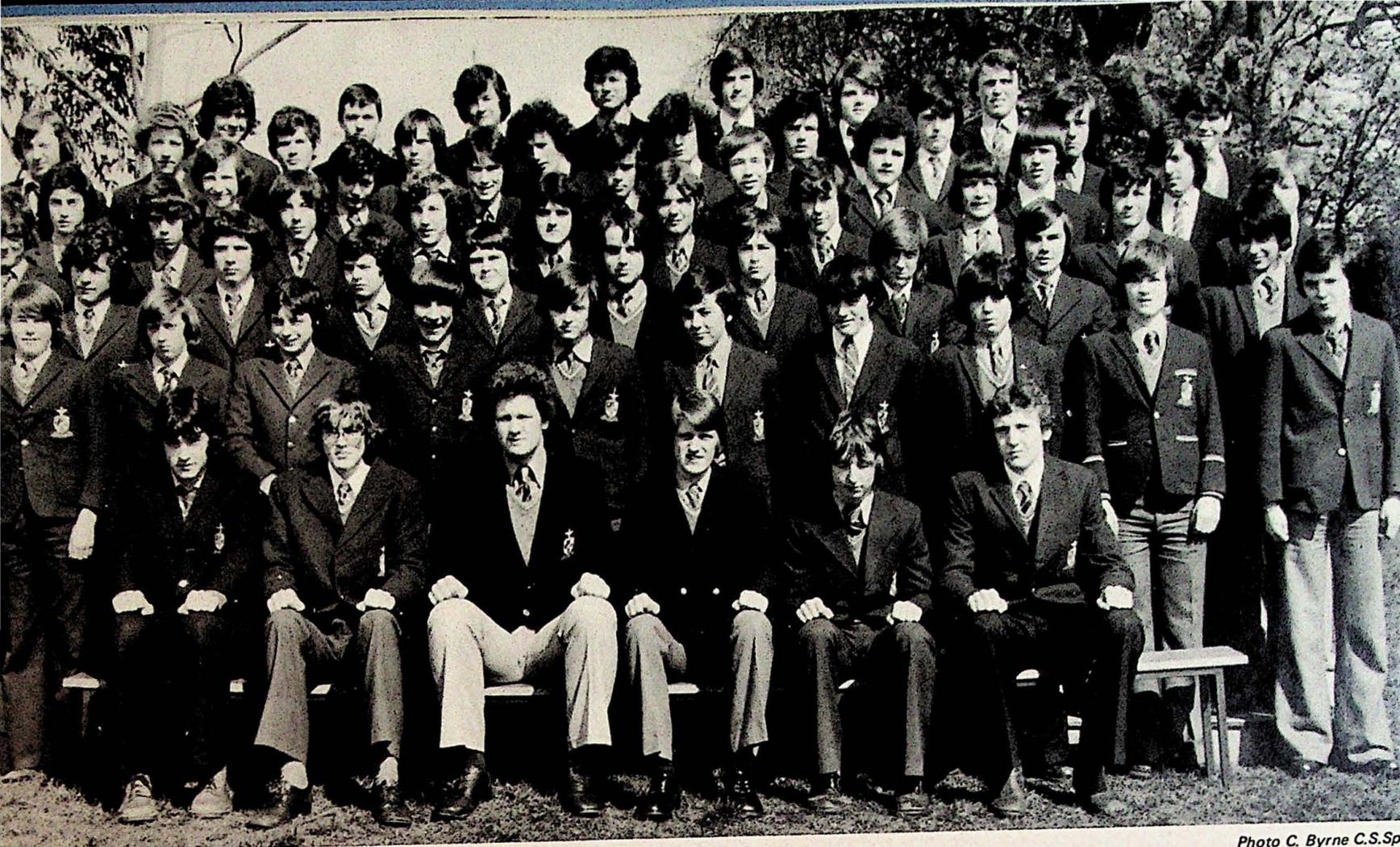
<i>Religious Knowledge</i>		Conal Cassidy, Patrick Stephenson
<i>Irish</i>		Cormac Redehan, Kenneth Gannon, Paul Gallagher
<i>General Average</i>	3A	John Ambrose, Michael Gannon, Fergus Kerrigan
	3A <sup>1</sup>	Connell Mulvihill, Patrick Stephenson, William Maguire.
<i>Honours List</i>		Cormac Redahan, Connell Mulvihill, Mark Ronayne, Derek Egan, Geoffrey Kinsella.

## 2nd Year

<i>Religious Knowledge</i>		Colman Corish, Brian O'Neill
<i>Irish</i>		William Leo, Darragh Kelly
<i>General Average</i>	2A	Michael Power, William Leo, Colman Corish
	2A <sup>1</sup>	Brian O'Neill, Martin Leavy, Andrew Cowman
<i>Honours List</i>		Brian Delany, Stephen Ryan, Martin Leavy, Brian O'Neill, Kevin Hughes, Gearoid Fitzpatrick, William Leo, Michael Sheerin, James Graham, Colman Corish, John Sheil.

## 1st Year

<i>Religious Knowledge</i>		John Fitzgerald, Martin Murphy
<i>Irish</i>		Mark Redmond, Derek McKey
<i>General Average</i>	1A	Mark Redmond, John Fitzgerald, Mark Lawler
	1A <sup>1</sup>	David Kelly, Edward Byrne, Shane Farrell
<i>Honours List</i>		Mark Lawler, Vincent Traynor, David Kirk, Edward Byrne, John Fitzgerald, Mark Redmond, Conor Cooke, Liam Byrne, Desmond Foley.



FOURTH YEAR

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From Top: L. Connell, T. O'Connell, C. Curtis, B. O'Moore, G. Byrne, P. Mulvey, B. Largey.  
B. Byrne, P. Graham, B. Heaney, D. O'Doherty, P. Bowe, M. Healy, P. Black, A. Kelly, E. Armstrong.  
S. McDonnell, B. Sheehan, T. O'Brien, D. Moylette, D. Murphy, B. McNally, P. Lynch, S. Fitzpatrick, D. Butt.  
J. Doyle, J. Hefferon, P. Thornton, C. Lewis, C. Kelly, P. Dean, M. Hughes, K. Birmingham, K. O'Reilly, D. Cogley.  
B. Redmond, C. Sloan, D. Maher, T. Lynch, P. McCarthy, G. Dunne, F. Horne, D. Byrne, A. Leahy.  
C. Russell, P. Fitzgerald, P. Mackey, P. Corrigan, L. Tannam, D. O'Neill, C. Quigley, C. O'Kane, B. Connor, P. Sirr.  
J. Waldron, M. Crosbie, J. O'Connor, S. Fanagan, P. MacDonnell, I. Dunn.

# Public Examination Results

## Leaving Certificate 1974

M. Amman  
P. Beirne  
K. Bolger  
N. Byrne  
K. Cantwell  
I. Conlon  
P. Cooney  
J. Crofts  
C. Davis  
M. Deegan  
D. Doran  
P. Doyle  
M. Fanagan  
J. Farrell  
F. Fitzgibbon  
P. Healy  
G. Hickey  
B. Keane

J. Keogan  
D. Lawler  
J. Lenehan  
J. Lynch  
J. McCullogh  
D. McDonald  
B. McKell  
M. McKey  
J. McManus  
A. Molloy  
B. Mooney  
S. Mulvey  
R. Murray  
J. O'Callaghan  
N. O'Cofaigh  
B. O'Connor  
C. O'Kelly

C. O'Neill  
D. O'Neill  
P. O'Reilly  
A. O'Shea  
A. Pacitti  
O. Pomeroy  
H. Quinn  
L. Quinn  
D. Rafter  
C. Redmond  
P. Shortall  
B. Sullivan  
N. Smith  
E. Tiernan  
J. Traynor  
M. Waters  
M. Walsh

## Intermediate Certificate 1975

A. Bennett  
M. Birmingham  
R. Bolger  
E. Browne  
N. Burgess  
J. Burke  
M. Burke  
F. Butler  
E. Byrne  
M. Chester  
G. Coman  
P. Conheady  
E. Corish  
B. Culleton  
B. Dagge  
E. Donnelly  
R. Doyle  
M. Feehan  
P. Flanagan  
P. Gannon

N. Geoghegan  
M. Graham  
P. Hartigan  
D. Healy  
K. Holland  
C. Jolley  
P. Kearney  
B. Kennedy  
T. Kennedy  
D. Keogan  
D. Larney  
N. Lynch  
J. McCann  
M. McCann  
D. McCarthy  
M. McGrath  
P. Maguire  
K. Morrin  
J. Morris  
T. Mullen

J. O'Connor  
D. O'Duffy  
B. O'Kane  
J. O'Neill  
R. O'Neill  
P. O'Rourke  
N. Power  
C. Quinlan  
K. Quigley  
D. Quinn  
D. Raftery  
J. Redahan  
A. Redmond  
P. Redmond  
C. Stokes  
L. Sullivan  
J. Tracey  
J. Turley  
J. Whelan  
K. Woods



Simon Burke receives the General Excellence Medal in Studies, Leaving Cert.

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THIRD YEAR

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A. Whelan, F. Murray, N. Martin, E. Robins, N. Winder, J. Hartigan, G. Lennon, B. Booth, H. Delany,  
R. Fearon, S. Muldoon, D. Gilligan, M. Cosgrove, F. Kerrigan, P. Walshe, C. Mulvihill, K. MacDonnell, P. Devlin, P. Blunden,  
C. O'Connor, R. Leo, S. Donnelly, J. Bennett, K. Ryan, S. McGrath, O. O'Sullivan, A. Farrell, J. Ward,  
M. Ronayne, D. Figgis, N. Nelligan, P. Lonergan, D. Kerrigan, S. Maguire, A. Russell, N. Harrington,  
M. Crowe, D. Egan, L. O'Byrne, D. Ellison, D. Bennett, W. Maguire, M. Gannon, J. Ambrose.

## ST. MARY'S COLLEGE SENIOR SCHOOL ROLL 1975-1976

### 6A

P. Barnwell  
S. Burke  
M. Byrne  
P. Carmody  
T. Coveney  
J. Cunningham  
K. Farnan  
I. Fitzgerald  
B. Foley  
J. Gately  
P. Gueret  
J. Hamill  
P. Hourican  
P. Hughes  
C. Largey  
D. Lonergan  
I. Long  
B. McDonnell  
F. McTiernan  
A. Molloy  
M. Moylette  
D. Muldoon  
S. Mulvey  
B. O'Brien  
K. O'Byrne  
D. O'Neill  
W. Opperman  
C. Sharpe  
D. Sheerin  
M. Thornton  
P. Toland  
S. Wafer  
P. Walsh

### 6A<sup>1</sup>

D. Arigho  
A. Cahalane  
D. Cahill  
D. Chambers  
L. Costello  
A. Daly  
J. Dargan  
P. Delaney  
I. Delany  
D. Dooley  
K. Egan  
G. Fanagan  
M. Fitzgerald  
P. Galligan  
G. Jones  
D. Larkin  
C. McCarthy  
R. MacDonnell  
J. Murphy  
D. O'Neill  
B. Quigley  
S. Rice  
F. Roantree  
A. Sheridan  
R. Sloan

### 5A

A. Bennett  
N. Burgess  
F. Butler  
P. Conheady  
E. Corish  
N. Geoghegan  
K. Holland  
C. Jolley  
B. Kennedy  
D. Keogan  
D. Larney  
P. Maguire  
K. Morrin  
T. Mullen  
D. O'Duffy  
J. O'Neill  
R. O'Neill  
P. O'Rourke  
N. Power  
K. Quigley  
D. Quinn  
S. Raftery  
J. Redahan  
A. Redmond  
P. Redmond  
C. Stokes  
P. Sullivan  
J. Tracey  
J. Turley  
J. Whelan

### 5A<sup>1</sup>

M. Bermingham  
E. Browne  
R. Bulger  
J. Burke  
M. Burke  
B. Byrne  
M. Chester  
D. Cowman  
B. Culleton  
B. Dagge  
E. Donnelly  
R. Doyle  
M. Feehan  
P. Flanagan  
P. Gannon  
M. Graham  
P. Hartigan  
D. Healy  
P. Kearney  
T. Kennedy  
N. Lynch  
J. McCann  
M. McCann  
D. McCarthy  
J. Morris  
J. O'Connor  
B. O'Kane  
C. Quinlan  
S. Roantree  
K. Woods



On the right Paul Gueret, School Captain 1975/76 and beside him the Vice Captain, Conor McCarthy.



Paul Walsh receives the Silver Medal for 6th Year Honours List.



SECOND YEAR

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P. Murray, P. Fearon, P. Clancy, F. McDonald, F. Conway, J. Sheil, R. Quigley, B. Martin, S. Cooke, M. Bowe.  
J. Cunningham, D. Hammond, B. Delany, B. O'Neill, R. McDonnell, C. Corish, P. O'Reilly, D. Sweeney, J. Gilsean.  
M. Drumm, S. Holland, J. Horne, S. Drumm, S. Daly, M. Hanna, U. Stephenson, D. Tallon, W. Leo.  
M. McSharry, P. O'Reilly, M. Power, J. Graham, P. Bennett, J. Gallagher, C. Cregan, E. Ambrose.

## 4A

P. Black  
P. Bowe  
D. Butt  
G. Byrne  
D. Cogley  
L. Connell  
C. Curtis  
G. Dunne  
S. Fanagan  
P. Fitzgerald  
J. Fitzpatrick  
M. Healy  
B. Heaney  
M. Hughes  
P. Kerrigan  
B. Leahy  
C. Levins  
T. Lynch  
P. Mackey  
D. Maher  
D. Moylette  
P. McCarthy  
S. McDonald  
B. McNally  
P. McShane  
T. O'Brien  
T. O'Connell  
B. O'Connor  
C. O'Kane  
D. O'Neill  
C. Russell  
B. Sheehan  
P. Sirr  
P. Thornton

4A<sup>1</sup>

E. Armstrong  
K. Birmingham  
B. Byrne  
D. Byrne  
B. Coffey  
P. Corrigan  
M. Crosbie  
P. Dean  
J. Doyle  
I. Dunn  
P. Graham  
J. Hefferon  
F. Horne  
A. Kelly  
C. Kelly  
B. Largey  
A. Leahy  
P. Lynch  
P. Mulvey  
D. Murphy  
S. McCarthy  
P. MacDonnell  
J. O'Connor  
D. O'Doherty  
K. O'Reilly  
C. Quigley  
B. Redmond  
C. Sloan  
L. Tannam  
J. Waldron

## 3A

J. Ambrose  
D. Bennett  
J. Bennett  
P. Blunden  
B. Booth  
R. Byrne  
C. Cassidy  
J. Clancy  
T. Cleary  
M. Cosgrove  
M. Crowe  
D. Darby  
P. Davitt  
H. Delany  
P. Devlin  
S. Donnally  
M. Dooley  
C. Doyle  
D. Egan  
D. Ellison  
A. Farrell  
R. Fearon  
D. Figgis  
D. Fleming  
P. Gallagher  
D. Gilligan  
M. Gowran  
T. Gray  
N. Harrington  
J. Hartigan  
C. Keane  
F. Kerrigan

3A<sup>1</sup>

D. Kerrigan  
G. Kinsella  
J. Larney  
G. Lennon  
R. Leo  
P. Lonergan  
S. Maguire  
W. Maguire  
N. Martin  
S. Muldoon  
C. Mulvihill  
F. Murray  
K. MacDonnell  
P. McGrath  
S. McGrath  
N. Neligan  
L. O'Byrne  
C. O'Connor  
O. O'Sullivan  
C. Redchan  
E. Robins  
M. Ronayne  
A. Russell  
K. Ryan  
D. Sheehan  
P. Stephenson  
P. Walshe  
J. Ward  
A. Whelan  
N. Winder

## 2A

E. Ambrose  
P. Barnes  
M. Bowe  
P. Cassidy  
S. Cooke  
C. Corish  
C. Cregan  
J. Cunningham  
M. Drumm  
S. Drumm  
G. Fitzpatrick  
J. Gallagher  
J. Gilsenan  
J. Graham  
M. Hanna  
M. Heffernan  
S. Holland  
J. Horne  
K. Hughes  
W. Leo  
G. Long  
F. McDonald  
J. McShane  
B. Martin  
P. Murray  
P. O'Reilly  
P. O'Reilly  
M. Power  
G. Redmond  
M. Sheeran  
J. Sheil  
U. Stephenson  
D. Sweeney  
D. Tallon  
D. Teevan  
A. Wright

2A<sup>1</sup>

P. Bennett  
G. Byrne  
P. Clancy  
F. Conway  
A. Cowman  
S. Daly  
B. Delany  
I. Farnan  
M. Farrell  
P. Fearon  
D. Hammond  
J. Kearney  
D. Kelly  
J. Leavy  
M. Leavy  
A. McCormack  
J. McDonald  
R. McDonnell  
M. McSharry  
E. Morton  
Ph. Murray  
B. O'Neill  
P. Opperman  
R. Quigley  
J. Randles  
S. Ryan  
P. Shaffrey

## 1A

M. Ahern  
M. Bowe  
A. Breathnach  
P. Brooder  
E. Brophy  
R. Burgess  
I. Byrne  
L. Byrne  
N. Cogley  
C. Cooke  
P. Cosgrove  
E. Coveney  
J. Fitzgerald  
D. Foley  
D. Gallagher  
M. Gueret  
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N. Randles  
C. Rice  
V. Traynor  
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J. Woods



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FIRST YEAR

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## DUBLIN JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUIZ

This year, St. Mary's decided to enter the Metropolitan Schools' Quiz organised by the Dublin Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Metropolitan area is divided into four chapters, each of which ran its own competition. Then the four chapter winners were to meet in the final. Due to an overlap in boundaries, St. Mary's were able to enter in two chapters, both the Dublin and Clondalkin ones and won in both chapters. The team was Mark Heffernan, Michael Power, Michael Sheerin and the Captain, Ultan Stephenson.

The Dublin chapter held the quiz in St. Mary's and that evening we eliminated C.B.S. Westland Row and later defeated C.B.S. Parnell St. who had earlier accounted for C.U.S. So we were now finalists in the Dublin chapter. But the team now entered the fray of the Clondalkin chapter and having received a bye went on to account for C.B.S. Drimnagh Castle who had earlier eliminated the Convent of Mercy, Drimnagh. So the team were now in the final of the Clondalkin chapter.

The Dublin chapter final was held in St. Louis, Rathmines. Three teams competed in the final with St. Mary's winning, Marian College were second which was later to be significant. Then on to the Clondalkin chapter final held in

Presentation Convent, Clondalkin. St. Mary's won again despite stiff competition and the prizes of rolled gold pen and pencil sets added to the plaques won in the Dublin chapter.

Then came the Metropolitan final. As St. Mary's had qualified in two chapters the Junior Chamber of Commerce did not want us to compete in each semi final. So we were eliminated from the Dublin chapter and Marian College who had been second were brought forward to the semi final stage. They defeated St. Benildus in the first semi final and we defeated the Dominican Convent, Cabra in the second semi final. So we were faced with Marian College, our replacement in the Dublin chapter. And they won the final. The winners received a bicycle each and each of our team a transistor radio.

Our thanks first to the Junior Chamber of Commerce for organising and running the quiz. Also to the fifty nine other teams, who directly or indirectly gave us such good competition. Finally our thanks to Fr. J. Hurley who attended every session and often arranged transport for the team.

Ultan Stephenson



THE QUIZ TEAM

M. Power, M. Sheerin, M. Heffernan, U. Stephenson

# ORNITHOLOGY CLUB

1975/76

This was our 7th year of ornithological activities in the College in recent times. As regards meetings it was probably the least active of those seven years but this was made up for by the productivity of field-work.

In late November we had an interesting day at Malahide Estuary, N. Co. Dublin, where a large flock of Goldeneye was seen (c. 170) in addition to about 20 Gt. Crested Grebes, but the day was undoubtedly capped by views, down to about 20 yards, of an eclipse plummaged Gt. Northern Diver.

Due to week-end shooting activities on the Wexford slob our annual outing had to be split into two groups. The first, kindly driven by Mr. Lawlor, met with a disappointment as Mr. O. Merne, Warden, had not left word that they would be coming in his absence and that they had permission to drive around the slob. A disappointment, I hope, that will be rectified next year. The second party left the College on the morning of the 17th January, generously transported by Mr. S. McCarthy, who agreed to take us to Tacumshin Lake near Kilmore Quay in addition to the N. Slob. The former yielded a male Snow Bunting which conveniently landed on a fence post for easier observation, while the latter, a rather poor view of a Peregrine Falcon.

At the end of the month very cold weather gave rise to a good day's bird-watching at Rogerstown estuary. Three relatively uncom-

mon birds were seen — three Jacksnipes, a tree-sparrow and a short eared owl. A large number (c.500) of Brent Geese was also seen.

During the last term a slide show was given on "Birds of Saltee" aimed at helping those who were going to the island for the first time. Due to athletics, cricket etc. it was poorly attended.

On 29th May a party of 12 set off from the College on the annual outing to the Gt. Saltee. South easterly winds had brought numerous migrants, the best of which, a male Nightjar, was seen by everybody. Other migrants on the island were — Turtle dove (5) Quail (1) Yellow Wagtail (1) Spotted Flycatcher (10) and innumerable Sedge-Warblers. Several Bridled Guillemots were also seen. The gannett colony is smaller than in previous years, the reason for this is probably human disturbance. This interference would explain why the Gt. Skellig with its little or no human interference, is one of the most successful breeding sites in the world.

We are most indebted to Fr. Hurley, C.S.Sp. for having subsidised our outing. Mr. Leonard, Mrs. O'Duffy and Mr. Russell all deserve the Club's sincere thanks for having provided the transport.

The Club will continue next year and hopefully there will be more interest shown by those in 1st Year that hitherto.

D.J. O'Duffy

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## Ornithology Club Photographs:

1. Greylag goose in the Zoo
2. Magpie nest and eggs in Cape Clear
3. Nute swan (Cob) in Swords Estuary
4. Bar headed goose in Swords Estuary
5. Snel duck in the Zoo
6. Barnacle goose in the Zoo

Photos: The Ornithology Society

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## SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING CONCERT

<i>Amhrain Ghaeilge</i> (1A and 1A <sup>1</sup> )	a) Rosc Catha na Mumhan b) Cill Chais c) Sean O Duibhir an Ghleanna.
<i>Verse Speaking</i> (1A <sup>1</sup> )	My Dark Rosaleen.
<i>German Play</i> (1A)	Pantomine Cinderella.
<i>French Plays</i>	Le Chateau de Vaurien (1A) Le Cordon Bleu (1A <sup>1</sup> )
<i>French Song</i> (1A)	La Gavotte.
<i>Drama</i> (2A <sup>1</sup> )	Beirtear Amuigh ar Sheamus
<i>Amhrain Ghaeilge agus Laidine</i> (1A and 1A <sup>1</sup> )	a) Eamon an Chnoic b) An Spailpin Fanach c) Regina Coeli d) O Sanctissima



**Paul Hughes** receives his book Prize for Honours List 6th Year from his Dad.

# GOLDEN PRIEST

by

Aodh De Blacam

THE CAST  
(in order of appearance)

## Prologue:

Spoken by a Rapparee	JAMES O'CONNOR	Count Redmond O'Hanlon Leader of the Rapparees	BRIAN O'MOORE
James McKenna Dr. Plunket's manservant	RAYMOND BULGER	Shane Bernagh, his follower	CATHAL CURTIS
Father Jerome Miescow a Polish priest	JOSEPH O'NEILL	Colonel Lucas of Dromantine, a Planter	GARETH BYRNE
Father Michael O'Hanlon	TIMOTHY O'CONNELL	Turnkey	EDMUND ARMSTRONG
Dr. Oliver Plunket	CORMAC SHARPE	Chief Jailer	BLAINE McDONALD
Peter Pad-the-Road, a beggar	ALAN WRIGHT	Chief Justice	RONAN O'NEILL
MacMoyer of Ballymoyre, the Keeper of the Book	DAVID BUTT	Prison Guards	KEVIN O'QUIGLEY & NIALL POWER.
Meehaul Rua ) Chief of the ) Faction Shanavests ) Fighters	THOMAS MULLEN		
Cahal Hamis ) Chief of the ) Caravats )	CHARLES JOLLEY		

*"Wooden Chalice Golden Priest  
When Patrick came to Eirinn;  
Golden chalice, wooden priest  
And ill the Faith was farin'."*

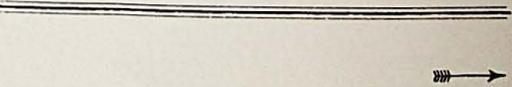
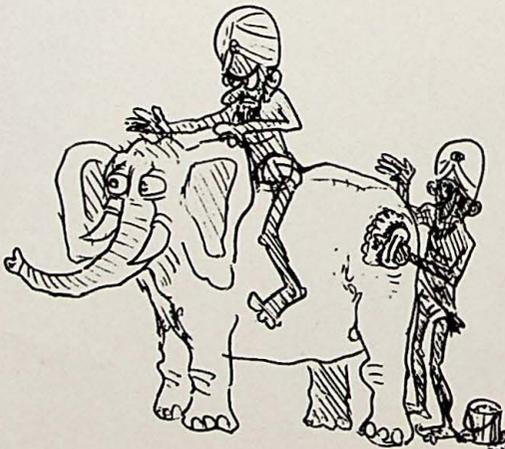
The long-awaited canonization of Blessed Oliver Plunket prompted this year's choice of play for the Dramatic Society and Aodh de Blacam's *Golden Priest* was chosen. This is an imaginative telling of the life and martyrdom of St. Oliver. It was written in 1940, and in fact was produced in the College theatre by Fr. P.J. Murray, in 1943 — at that time the second performance of the play in Ireland. On a first reading, *Golden Priest* does not strike one as being great drama — at least not in the sense that Bolt's 'Man for All Seasons' or Anouhil's 'Becket' are great drama. In these two plays a critical historic situation is taken (More face to face with the King's 'matter', the friendship and

estrangement of Becket and Henry) and worked out to its tense dramatic conclusion, the death in each case of the principal character. *Golden Priest* is more a historic tapestry. But a tapestry with a difference, in that the personages are authentic, well delineated, true to life. Most of the incidents and sayings in the play are historic. Fr. Miescow the Polish priest prophesied the martyrdom of the Saint. The Gaelic verse (quoted above) is known to have been often on Oliver's lips — indeed he is credited with their authorship. Redmond O'Hanlon's dealings with Lucas of Dromantine and what came of them are historic. So is the ultimate repentance of McMoyer and the fidelity of Plunket's servant, James McKenna. The actual words of Dr Plunket and the Lord Chief Justice are used in the trial scene. And the faction-fighting characters are basically authentic.

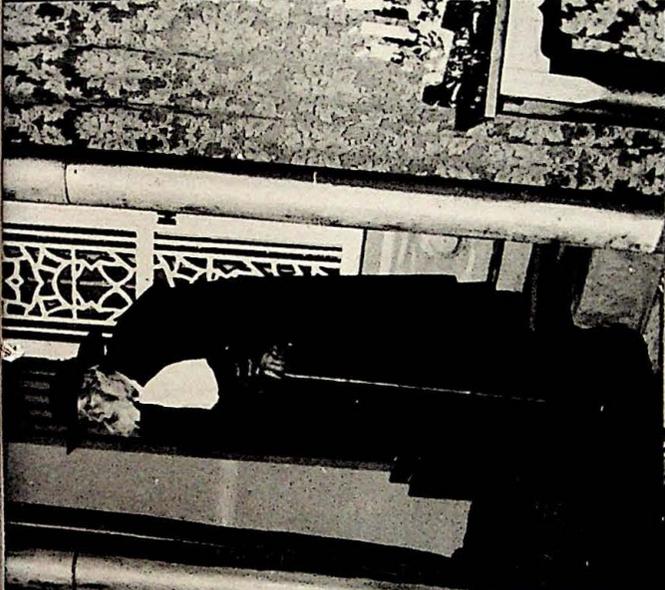
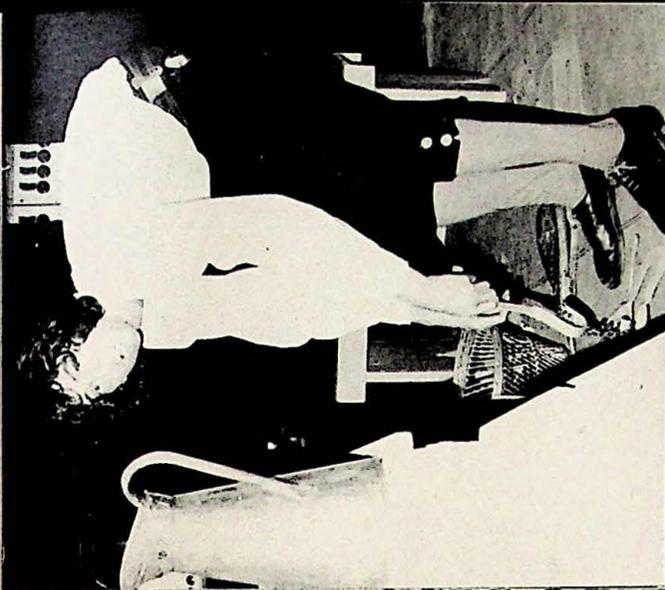
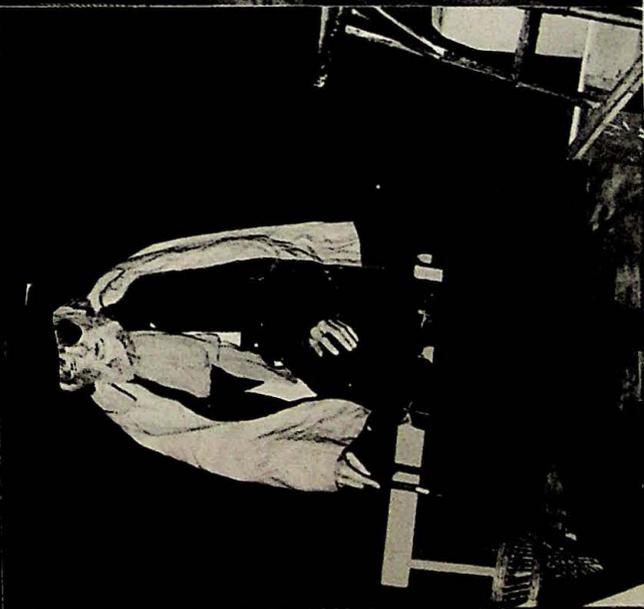
On a first reading 'Golden Priest' sounds a little too pious, overladen perhaps with expressions of devotion we have been accustomed to called 'victorian'. Yet, as the play unfolds, one finds that its attraction lies not so much in the plot (there is none) than in the precise delineation of the various characters, each an authentic personality. And it is precisely the interplay and clash of these characters, all revolving round the central one of Oliver, that holds the interest, forces the attention, unifies the action and highlights the drama of his death, his martyrdom.

John O'Connor in the uniform of a Rapparee with his delivery of the prologue, served to create the atmosphere of the Irish scene of the 17th century, and set the drama on its way. Then in the first act we get a brief glance of the peaceful, academic and holy atmosphere of Rome where the young Dr. Oliver hoped to

spend his entire life preparing priests for the Counter-Reformation. His faithful servant McKenna is there (played by Raymund Bulger) and faithful he will remain through the years that are to follow even to the cell at Newgate and to the scaffold. The state of things in Ireland is quickly made known in the person of Father Michael O'Hanlon just arrived from that country, broken down by years of hardship, torture and hunger in the exercise of his ministry. Timothy O'Connell conveyed all this convincingly in his actions and his words. In contrast to him, is the gentle Polish Father Mieskow, quietly persuasive and saintly. The part well suited Joseph O'Neill who did it full justice. Both have a profound influence on the youthful Dr. Oliver. The decision lies before him - accept the burden of Archbishop of Armagh after 25 years absence from Ireland or



1. Act 1: Dr. Plunket's room in Rome. Fr. Mieskow (to Oliver): You will rule great numbers of the faithful. You will be watched from Rome.....
2. Act 1: Dr. Plunket's room in Rome Fr. M. O'Hanlon: It is the best of news you have brought Fr. Mieskow....
3. Act 2: McKenna: If his Grace is expecting you Sir, he will not fail.....
4. Act 2: Peter Pad-The-Road: Och, is this the house of the holy and blessed Archbishop?
5. Act 2: McMoyer: That was a great battle the Shanavests fought on the fair green on the pattern day.
6. Act 2: Oliver with Cahal Hamish and Meehaul Rua (Faction Leaders) Cahal Hamish: The Caravats - the men of Killeavy - would fight for the Church, Archbishop but.....



plead with the Holy Father to allow him to devote himself in the serene atmosphere of Rome, to the fundamental work of preparing priests for the Mission. He is confronted with the living example of the rack-tortured Fr. O'Hanlon before him, the quiet words of Fr. Mieskow 'the will of the Holy Father', 'maybe to martyrdom' fall upon his ears. His mind is made up. To Ireland he will go. Cormac Sharpe elected to try the part of Oliver. He seemed to have given it much thought. That, combined with a fine voice, quiet, strong, full of assurance, resulted in a portrayal of a personality that one felt must surely have been Oliver's.

Events move quickly as the Irish scene opens in Act II, eleven years later. We are at once introduced to the hard times experienced in this unfortunate country, even in the Archbishop's cottage that serves as his residence. Here in sharp contrast to Rome, in a harsh setting, the action becomes violent to typify the poverty and turbulence with which the young Archbishop has to contend. Here, De Blacam succeeds admirably in his portrayal of some of the characters that cross the new Archbishop's path. There is Peter Pad-the-Road the ubiquitous tramp of the Irish roads, crafty, tough, witty, acceptable in every company but resident in none. He is one of threat creations of the play, providing relieving sallies of humour and helping to knit the story together even in the cell at Newgate and at Oliver's trial. Alan Wright, despite his young thirteen years of age, and helped rather than hindered by a clear, shrill, voice, gave a memorable rendering of this endearing character. David Butt, well suited in stature and voice for the part of McMoyer, Keeper of the Book of Armagh and betrayer of the Archbishop, time-server and drunkard, but even heroic in his ultimate repentance (a historic fact), sustained this difficult role to its touching anti-climax. The final shattering of his worldly ambitions, when dressed in all the finery that his blood-money has brought him, the plumed hat falls from his hands as he realises the enormity of his crime, is one of the great dramatic moments of the play. A glimpse is caught of the efforts of the Archbishop to pacify the faction feuds of his widespread flock. Poverty, drunkenness, lack of instruction, impossibility of receiving the sacraments, all combined to bring out the worst in a despairing people. The Shanavests represented by Tom Mullen and the Caravats headed by Charley Jolley in their fierce quarrel, and their reconciliation as a result of his efforts had the authentic ring of the prevalent state of affairs.

Quite another aspect of the Irish scene is

portrayed in the relationship between the Archbishop and the Rapparees. Brian O'Moore worked hard to portray the fortright, dignified, cultured, defiant-to-the-end, dispossessed Irish chieftan, Count Redmond O'Hanlon, while Cathal Curtis as Shane Bernagh his servant, epitomised the thinking of the ordinary man 'on the run' for whom the point of the sword spoke more eloquently than all soft words or parleys. Life was not easy for the Archbishop in the guidance of his flock. Then there was the Possessor, the Invader in the person of Colonel Lucas using all his guile and intrigue to make of the Archbishop, the Castle's man. Gareth Byrne took on and acquitted himself commendably in the complex role of the Colonel — precise, suave, cajoling, and threatening in turn, and finally treacherous. That was the historic tapestry in Ireland. There remained only the prison-scene in Newgate Jail and the trail-scene, to bring about the climax and the denouement. Edmund Armstrong the innkeeper of 'She Stoops to Conquer' in the 1975 production, had the necessary girth and all that was required to bring to life this executive of 'the lawr is the lawr', always prepared to be sympathetic to the condemned man ('poor bloighter') for — a consideration, though going so much against his conscience. The trial scene with the technique of spot-lighting at our disposal, was played as an 'inset' and not off-stage as directed. Ronan O'Neill handled the part of the Lord Chief Justice admirably — inexorable, cold, cynical, heartless as he delivered sentence on the crime of setting up a false religion... 'a greater crime cannot be committed than the propagation of that religion' — so runs the historic text. Blane McDonald the Chief Jailer, Kevin O'Quigley and Niall Power the guards, completed the personnel of this scene.

Make-up in the hands of Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Walsh and Mr. O'Shea gave the final touches of authenticity to the characters. The incidental music was nicely timed by Dan O'Duffy and Kevin O'Quigley, Niall Power controlled the quick changes of scenery, while Ultan Stephenson and Eamonn Amprose manipulated the lights with efficient dexterity.



## ENGLISH DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society was slow to get started this year. During the Christmas Term we had only two Debates, both against Notre Dame des Missions. The first motion was "A Woman's Place is in the Home" while the second was "The Irish Educational System Has Failed". Both were entertainingly and intelligently discussed.

The next term was more serious with our entry in the U.C.D. and also the Trinity Public Speaking Competitions. Our representatives in the U.C.D. competition were Felix McTiernan and Ian Fitzgerald. Felix put in a splendid performance to reach the semi final. Meanwhile at Trinity Desmond O'Neill and Michael Byrne were notching up another victory which put them in the final. All roads now lead to the final in Trinity College. The girls from Duggannon got the upperhand. We proved, however, to be the best Boys' School by taking second place.

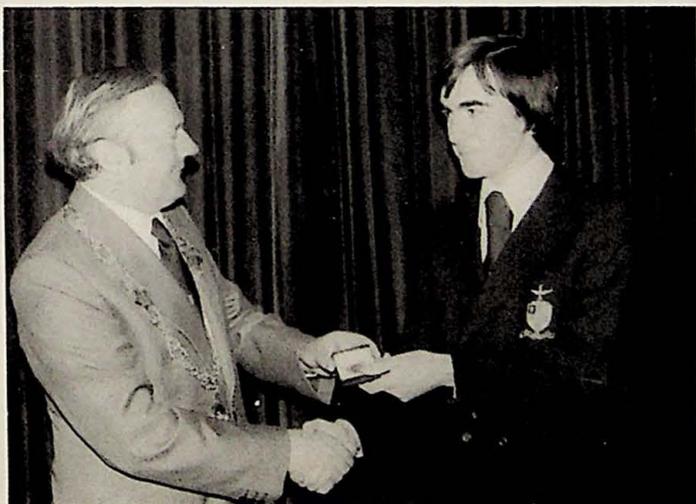
Meanwhile several debates were held in the College. A new system was introduced. Four cornered debates were held. The first one was arranged with St. Louis, Sandymount High and Muckross. We were very pleased to be winners. Another one was arranged with Mount Anville, Our Lady's Templeogue, Sancta Maria and Templeogue College. Sancta Maria were victors that evening but Michael Chester won the award as best speaker of the evening. Our final debate was with Mount Anville and the topic this time was "That This House Thinks That Men Are The Inferior Sex".

So ended another successful year of debating in the College. We would like to thank Mr. S. McCarthy for his interest in the Society and also Mr. J. Gillespie for acting as Chairman. Our thanks also to Fr. J. Hurley C.S.Sp. who helped to organise the Debates. We cannot forget Fr. V. O'Grady C.S.Sp. for providing refreshments after each Debate. So the year once again has proved to be successful and most students in Fifth and Sixth Year took an active part.

M. Chester.

## CHESS

Again this year we entered a senior and junior team in the Schools' leagues, Section C. J. Hamill and M. Bermingham looked after the teams and got through the nine or ten rounds reasonably successfully. Quite a number got a chance to represent the college though the senior team was usually J. Hamill, S. Burke, D. Larney, J. Burke, E. Browne and J. Cunningham while along with M. Bermingham were P. Stephenson, A. Russell, P. Thornton, B. Sheehan, P. Black, O. Sullivan and J. Larney and several others. Within the school, fifth year had a tournament which was won after very close encounters by J. Burke from E. Browne. D. Sweeney and P. Cassidy got to the final of the second year one while first year never got round to completing theirs. The shortened lunch break makes it that bit more difficult to get matches run off within the school.



Desmond O'Neill receives the Silver Medal for Best Speaker in English Debate.

## 6th/7th/8th Dublin Unit C.B.S.I.

*Unit Leader:* Jim Kelly  
*Unit Secretary:* Jerry Kelly  
*Den Warden:* Louis McMullan

*Chaplain:* Fr. D. Darcy C.S.Sp.  
*Unit Treasurer:* Ross McMahon

**Cubs:** *C/L:* John Keogh

*A/C/L:* Donal Davis, Eoin Redahan

**6th:** *S/L:* Tony Dalton,  
Tom Shanahan.

*A/S/L:* Brian Sullivan, Jimmy Crofts

**7th:** *S/L:* Stephen Sheehan.

*A/S/L:* Richard Murphy, Gerry Cogan,  
Tony Pacitti

**8th:** *S/L:* Don O'Higgins.

*A/S/L:* Willie Ryan, Dermot Rafter

**Venturers:** *Leader:* Gerard McDonald.

The most significant change in the unit during the year was the formation of a new troop, the 6th Dublin. We felt the numbers were again too big and we decided to limit the troops to five patrols and keep them that way. A. Dalton took the new troop but handed over to T. O'Seanachain at Christmas. D. O'Higgins succeeded Tony in the 8th and S. Sheehan moved up to A. Delany's place in the 7th. G. McDonald took over from P. Kelly and B. Costello with the Venturers. We are grateful to the retiring leaders mentioned and several others who assisted, for all their valuable work. Congratulations are due to Peter Costello, S/M for several years, on his recent wedding.

The year was a very successful one. The Cubs had their usual programme including summer camp at Courstown and they paid particular attention this year to the Arrow Test

Programme. As well as usual summer camps, all the troops had successful camping over weekends, including special training sessions. At Christmas, while the 7th and 8th hosted as usual in Aughavannagh, the 6th broke new ground near Clifden. A group of Venturers under Jim and Paddy Kelly joined an International trek in the Alps in July and despite very unsuitable wet weather had a very interesting and enjoyable fortnight.

After a lapse of a few years, our fund raising committee came back into existence to help buy tents for the new troop. Our thanks are due to all who came forward to help, the old and the new. From the point of view of the College, it must be said that the voluntary work so generously undertaken by so many of our recent past in looking after the scouts is greatly appreciated.

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### SCOUT'S PHOTOS

Edward Byrne in the Fancy Dress Competition.

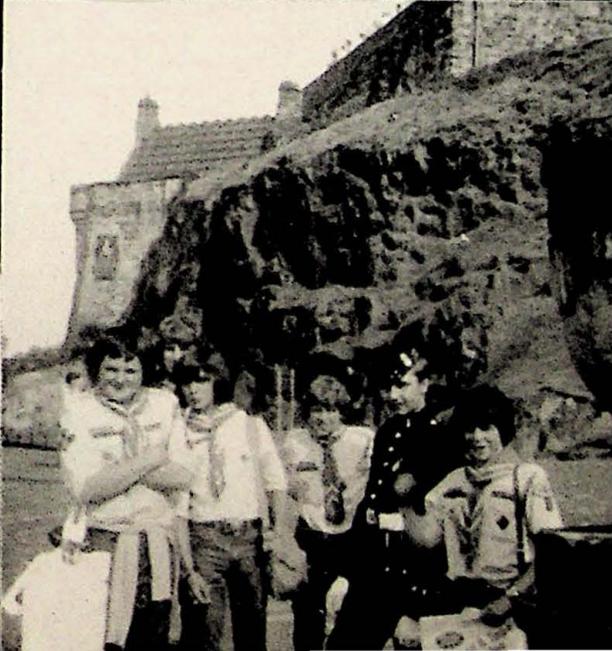
The Eagles with their pioneering project.

Jim Crofts, Tom Shanahan, Fr. Darcy and Gerry McDonald.

The 6th Troop sightseeing.

Fr. Hurley with the 8th Troop leaders.

The 8th Troop sightseeing.



## 6th TROOP

This year, for the first Troop camp we decided to go to the Continent and picked a site about 3Km north of Le Havre, situated in a large forest. We assembled on the 24th of June at Amiens Street for the Rosslare train. The ferry brought us overnight to Le Havre, where we transferred by bus to the campsite.

We arrived in a heatwave with temperatures over 100° Far., so that 12 to 3 became a period of inactivity. This limited us very much, with Activities confined to late afternoons and evenings. The swims we got in were a great relief indeed.

The Cheetahs won the customary Soccer League, led by Philip McDonnell. We also had an 'Operation Survival', which involved building a shelter and a look-out post of natural materials, and also cooking a meal without utensils. To test our shelters we had to spend a night in them.

On the first Tuesday we had an outing to Dieppe and swimming and shopping filled our time. We found the town very interesting.

We had four half-days in Le Havre working on the Troop Project, which was the compiling of a 'Tourist Brochure' on the town.

One Friday we had the Patrol Outings. Most Patrols went to the centre of Le Havre which has a very good shopping area, as well as a strand.

The Volleyball Blitz, staged two days later, saw the Cheetahs winners again. This was followed on Monday by the Patrol Leaders' outing to Le Havre. The last two days were spent cleaning up and getting ready for the journey home.

On Wednesday we were ready when the coach came and travelled to Le Havre to connect with the ferry for Rosslare. Engine trouble slowed the ferry down, we docked late at Rosslare and had to take a later than usual train to Dublin. On the train the announcement we were waiting for came – the winners of the inter-Patrol Competition were the Falcons, Patrol Leader, Brian Leahy. We finally reached Dublin at 10 p.m.

Our thanks go to all the Officers, Tom Shanahan, Brian Sullivan, Jim Crofts, Gerry McDonald, to Chaplain Fr. Darcy – Thank You for a most enjoyable camp.



## 7th Camp

Youlbury Campsite near Oxford opened its gate to the 7th Dublin Troop for their annual camp this year. Eight years ago, in 1968, the 7th had held their camp on the same site. So the 7th returned after leaving Dun Laoghaire on the Mail Boat to Holyhead and arrived at Youlbury at 8.30 a.m.

The first two days were spent setting up camp. On Sunday the Troop went to the nearby Carmelite Monastery for Mass as for the first time in the history of the Troop there was no Chaplain. The weather was glorious and sunshine lasted the whole length of our stay. It was so hot that the swimming pool was used three times a day. So it was in keeping with the wather that we had a diving competition and a swimming gala. John Ward won the diving championship while the Curlews took the prize in the gala.

Outdoors we had volleyball and the Panthers won a very exciting final. There was also a soccer competition with the Buffaloes successful. Despite all the heat and sunshine, we also had a rugby blitz. This competition was also won by the Curlews.

Trips from the Camp were made to Oxford, London and Woburn as well as the usual patrol and patrol leaders' outings. In London we saw The Tower, The Imperial War Museum and Oxford St. The trip to Woburn was on Saturday, July 3rd. The Safari Park was a great attraction as were, the Dolphinarium, the Sky Ride and the shops. The Patrol Outing saw everyone in Oxford with some Patrols trying their hand at punting down the river Thames.

Back in camp the Patrol Competition had its thrills. Two days before breaking camp the Curlews and the Buffaloes were in the lead. On the final day however, David Kerrigan led the Buffaloes to a deserved win over the cup holders. Also on camp we had patrol pioneering projects and we did some backwoods cooking. For fun we had the Midnight Game which involved being awakened in the middle of the night. It was the best in years and also the shortest.

In general this was the best camp in years. This would not have been so without the work done before and during Camp. Our thanks to the Officers especially Stephen Sheehan our Leader. Richard Murphy was his Chief Assistant while Tony Pacitti looked after the Bank. Our thanks also to Gerry Coghlan and John Sheehan and we were delighted to have Donal Davis join us for this most enjoyable camp.

Gareth Byrne  
Patrol Leader  
Curlew Patrol

## CAMP REPORT '76

On the 25th of June, we, the 8th Dublin troop set sail on the B & I ferry to Liverpool with the shores of Ireland behind and camp '76 ahead of us. We disembarked at 7 a.m., loaded our luggage on to a bus and departed for Lime Street railway station. At 9.40 we left Liverpool for Glasgow on the first leg of our tiring journey. We changed trains 3 times. One incident of this journey deserves special mention and that is the efficiency of the baggage team in changing luggage from a train to a bus and yet again to another train – all in seven minutes! We finally arrived at Templars Park Scout Campsite, Aberdeen, in the late evening. We pitched camp, had a light tea, and settled down to a good night's sleep.

The next few days saw many improvements on our camp site and we explored the new areas which surrounded us. The weather was beautiful all through our stay and so the competitions got under way immediately and ran smoothly thanks to the organisation of John Keogh. The soccer competition was won by the Wolves, while the Hawks won the volleyball competition – after losing to the Wolves at soccer. Both winners reaped the rewards of victory in the shape of generous hampers of tuck, presented by the officers. The troop v officers soccer match was won by the officers. This was followed by an enjoyable water fight.

Thanks to the beautiful weather we had a

swim at least once a day in a nearby river. On the last full day of camp we went canoeing in the Dee in canoes kindly supplied by the 38th Aberdeen scout troop.

One of the outstanding features of our first tour, the tour of the Scottish Highlands, was a visit to Balmoral castle and its splendid grounds. We also went on a tour to Edinburgh, a beautiful city and most patrols visited Edinburgh Castle and Princes Street, a great shopping area. The patrols made their way, individually, to Aberdeen, visiting places of interest and the shopping areas.

By now the race for first place in the inter-patrol competition was hotting up. The Wolves, led by O. O'Sullivan steadily increased their lead and eventually won with the Badgers in second place.

We all arrived home, tired but happy after a very enjoyable camp '76. Our thanks are due to the officers who ran the camp for the fortnight: Camp Chief Donald O'Higgins; Banker Tony Dalton; First Aid Willie Ryan; Quatermaster Dermot Rafters; Competitions John Keogh; and venturer John Morris. A special mention of thanks is due to Fr. Hurley. This was his first venture in scouting. He performed his duties admirably, both as chaplain and as officer, participating in all our activities. We hope he enjoyed his first venture in scouting as much as we all did.

W. Maguire  
O. O'Sullivan  
C. Redehan.



# ST. MARY'S COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' UNION



## COMMITTEE 1976/77

*Hon. President:* John Hughes

*Hon. Vice President:* Patrick Fearon

*Joint Hon. Secretaries:* Rev. W. Kennedy C.S.Sp., Eamon Fitzgérald

*Hon. Treasurer:* Dan Coveney

### *Committee Members:*

Very Rev. W. Nugent, C.S.Sp., J. Bowden, T. Brooder, D. Byrne, W. Byrne, G. Cullen, B. Fanning, P. Geary, J. Horne, T. Lynch, A. Molloy, B. O'Meara, H. O'Neill, R. Redmond, D. White.

The election of **John Hughes** as President of the College Union was a fitting tribute to a Past Pupil who has always been a loyal St. Mary's man and active not only in the Union but also in the Rugby Club. When a student in St. Mary's, John had a very distinguished sporting career. He captained the Cricket J.C.T. to victory in the Leinster Cup in 1946 and captained the S.C.T. Cricket to similar honour in 1948. He played for three years on both the Under 13 Rugby Team and also on the J.C.T. and played two years on the S.C.T. He qualified as a B. Comm from U.C.D. in 1951 and went on to become a Chartered Accountant in 1954. He has been associated with I.B.M., Wavin Pipes Ltd. and the Irish Sugar Co. He married in 1957 and his two boys are in the Senior School while his wife, Joan, and six daughters are also loyal St. Mary's supporters. We wish John our congratulations and know the College Union is in safe, competent and devoted hands.

Photo: G. Lord C.S.Sp.



# Hon. Secretary's Report for year 1975/76

Annual Mass for deceased Past Students and Professors was held in the College on Sunday, November 2nd 1975. The attendance was probably the largest in recent years. Many families also attended.

Union Dinner was also held in the College on November 21st for the first time in many years. One hundred and fifty five members and guests were present. A catering firm looked after the food and refreshments. While certain short-

comings were apparant, it is hoped to overcome those next year. The Committee's decision in changing from the traditional venue appears to have been fully vindicated.

Dinner Dance was held in Killiney Court Hotel on February 6th 1976 and again the attendance was disappointing. Our thanks to Mrs. Sheila Lynch and her Ladies' Committee for organising the Tombola as a result of which a cheque for £55 was presented to the Marian



Very Rev. W. Nugent with Mr. and Mrs. J. Hughes, P. Fearon and T. Lynch at the Senior School Sports.

Boys Club. The Killiney Court Hotel has been provisionally booked for February 4th 1977.

**COLLEGE SCOUT UNIT** originally known as the "7th Dublin" now comprises the 6th, 7th, and 8th. Dublin Units. A third group was added last September 1975 and the total membership is now 196.

Last year the Cubs camped in Courtown. The two Troups held separate Summer Camps – one at Downe, Kent and the other at Cowes, Isle of Wight. The Venturers went on an expedition to the Channel Islands. Two scouts and one leader attended the World Jamboree in Norway joining 17,500 fellow Scouts from 96 countries.

With the generous support of parents of scouts and also many very loyal former members, most of the finance required to purchase equipment for the new Troop has now been raised. Despite continued expansion, the Unit's main problem remains the long waiting list.

Next year the C.B.S.I. movement, which was started by two Past Pupils of the College, Frs. Ernest and Tom Farrell, will be 50 years old. The centrepiece of the celebrations will be an International Camp for 7,000 Scouts in Mount Mellary.

**Tennis Club** in Belmont Villas had one of its most successful years in 1975/76. There was a notable increase in the number of playing members and it is pleasing that many of the new members are Past Pupils. Tom Kirwan (1965) retained the Mens' Championship and we all hope he can make it three in a row and retain the "O'Byrne Cup".

Our mens' team was beaten in the final of their section in the Winter League. A contributing factor was that the two hard courts were fully occupied during the winter. Another factor for the success of the Club was the various Social Activities. We had a Theatre Outing, a fantastic Barbeque in Brittas last August, 1975 and a very enjoyable "At Home" in Pecker's Disco.

The grass courts were opened on May 9th, having spent £350 on re-sodding and general overhaul, and we are now faced with a bill for £1,300 for resurfacing the hardcourts. The spirit is there but not the money.

**Golf Society** had a turning point in 1975. Having joined the Union and Rugby under one Society, two very successful outings were held. The first was in Milltown G.C. on May 29th. 1975 for the President's Prize. Professor Tom Lynch's prize of a silver salver was won by George Hook (handicap 19) with a score of 46 points. Vincent Nagle was second and Peter Ryan third. There were eight prizes in all. It

was pleasing that 85 people played and a record was set when 83 sat down to a meal.

The second outing was held at the Grange G.C. on August 21st 1975 when the Waterford Glass Vase was presented by the Captain, John Kilmurray. The winner was Joe Kilmurray, the runner up was Jim Kelly and in third place was Brian O'Meara. The number playing was 82 and 80 sat down for a meal. Both outings showed a 100% improvement in attendance over previous years.

**Rugby Club** in its 75th season experienced unprecedented difficulties due to the lack of a Club House while the present one was being completed. The Club owes a great debt of gratitude to Very Rev. M. McCarthy C.S.Sp., President of Templeogue College for placing dressing room and shower facilities in Templeogue College at the disposal of the Club. Thanks also to Very Rev. W. Nugent C.S.Sp., President of St. Mary's for allowing Committee meetings to be held in St. Mary's.

The building of the new Club House was a team effort and much praise must go to the Club Members who acted on building, finance and grounds sub-committees and also to the many St. Mary's men who gave their professional expertise when asked. A special word of thanks must go to the Ladies' Committee for their Fund Raising Activity.

On the playing field the 1st XV lost the Semi Final 3-0 to Blackrock. International Caps were gained by Tom Grace, Johnie Moloney and they had Interprovincial caps along with Tom Feighery. Tom Grace has been further honoured by being selected Captain of the Irish Team and along with Tom Feighery toured New Zealand in the summer of 1976.

Both the 2nd and 3rd's were defeated in the Semi Finals of the Junior and Minor Leagues but the O'Connor Cup was won for the first time in the Final against Wanderers.

**Career Guidance** was a new venture organised by a small sub-committee of Past Presidents with Professor Tom Lynch helped by Rev. Fr. Hurley C.S.Sp., Principal Senior School, Rev. Fr. W. Kennedy C.S.Sp., Vice President and Mr. K. Lewis, Career Guidance Teacher in the College. In all 23 topics were covered ranging from religious vocations, the professions, the skilled trades, business management and journalism to public services and banking.

The sub-committee wish to thank all Past Pupils, Parents of pupils and others who gave of their time most willingly. An indication of the success and enthusiasm with which these talks were received is that in each case time ran out before all the questions could be answered. The

standard of enquiry from the pupils was very high.

**Sports Day** was held in Kenilworth Square on Sunday May 9th. The weather was our friend this year and after a slow start, Tom Lynch's XI faced Reggie Redmond's XI on the cricket crease. Gerry Cullen had organised a successful soccer match. The Basketball and Tennis matches did not take place owing to lack of support. The "tea and buns" were provided as always by Johnny Bowden and family to whom we are eternally grateful.

**Marian Boys' Club** caters for 60 young boys in the Gardener St. area and opens three nights per week. Only six St. Mary's Past Pupils are actively in the Club and many more are urgently needed. The Club once again had a successful financial year. The Ladies' Committee under the guidance of Mrs. Una Mangan ran several Cake Sales and a Musical Evening and raised over £800. All the ladies deserve the highest praise and gratitude for the hard work

and endeavour employed organising these functions.

The 24 hour fast in St. Stephen's Green undertaken by 28 young people including 15 students of the College contributed over £1000. The Union contributed £55 from Tombola receipts and £100 was again transferred from the Golden Guinea A/C.

Finally I would like to thank the President of the College, Very Rev. W. Nugent C.S.Sp., the Community and in particular Rev. Fr. W. Kennedy C.S.Sp. and Rev. Fr. J. Hurley C.S.Sp. for their help and co-operation during the year. Also our president, Tom Lynch, for his work on behalf of the Union during the year and particularly in the area of Career Guidance where he was ably assisted by John Hughes and Reggie Redmond. My thanks also to the Hon. Treasurer, Gerry Cullen, and all members of the Union Committee.

Desmond Byrne



*Photo: Douglas Thornton*

Past pupils with sons in the Junior School at the Junior School Sports. B. Whelan, F. Montague, B. Lynch, C. Maguire, C. McCarthy, D. O'Donovan, H. Byers.

# \*\*\* University Report \*\*\*

## University College Dublin

### Arts:

J. Keogh	B.A.
P. Flynn	B.A.
J. Mulvey	2nd Arts.
C. Callan	2nd Arts
M. O'Shea	1st Arts
P. McGovern	1st Arts

### Engineering

D. Ryan	3rd Engineering
P. Leahy	3rd Engineering

### Science

P. Walsh	2nd Science
J. Gallagher	2nd Science
D. Davis	2nd Science

### Medicine

P. Byrne	M.B. B.C.H. B.A.O.
J. Raftery	1st Med
D. O'Neill	1st Med
A. McShane	M.B. B.C.H. B.A.O.
P. Byrne	1st Med
D. McShane	1st Med
D. Ryan	2nd Med

## College of Surgeons

T. Flanagan	Qualified Doctor
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## Trinity

### Business Studies

J. Doddy	3rd Year
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### Social Studies

F. Kelly	3rd Year
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### Law

A. Schuster	1st Year
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### Medicine

S. Sheehan	2nd Med
W. Ryan	2nd Med

### Engineering

J. Sheehan	1st Engineering
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### Commerce

K. Arigho	2nd Comm.
G. Delany	2nd Comm.
P. Gormley	2nd Comm.
H. O'Neill	2nd Comm.
R. Stokes	1st Comm.
J. Oliver	B. Comm.
M. Walsh	B. Comm.
T. Kennedy	B. Comm.

### Detistry

G. Aylward	Final
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### Architecture

E. O'Cofaigh	3rd Arch
P. Shaffrey	3rd Arch
P. Norton	2nd Arch
D. O'Connor	2nd Arch

### Law

P. Gilsenan	B.C.L.
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### Vetinary

G. Madden	5th Vet
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## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### Science

K. Deering	2nd Science
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## BOLTON STREET

D. Hooper	Bus. Technology
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## P.E. COLLEGE, LLIMERICK

A. Ward	2nd Year
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## P.E. COLLEGE, LOUGHBOROUGH

D. Deering	2nd Year
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## KEVIN STREET

J. McManus	P.S.E. 111
B. Costello	S.E.E. 111
B. Redmond	S.E.E. 111
D. Bennett	W.A.S. 11



## Marriages

1975/1976

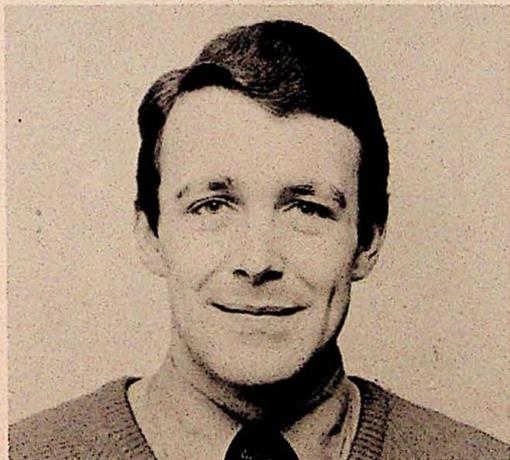
Our sincere congratulations to the following Past Students whose marriages have come to our notice since our last publication.

John Fearon	to	Mary Cody
Peter Costello	to	Ann Hennigan

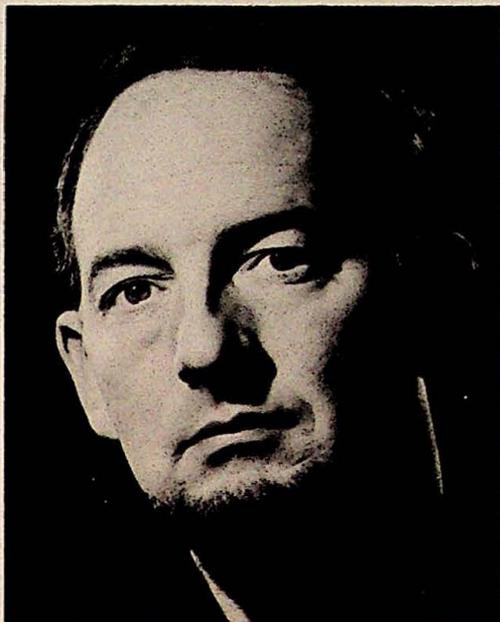
# News of Past Students

**James G. Maguire A.F.I.A.P. (1964)** was featured in the January, 1976, edition of the *Industrial & Commercial Photographer* with a lengthy pictorial review of his outstanding work in photography. To quote, "Recognised as being Dublin's outstanding portrait photographer, his studios have seen many well known personalities. His most interesting series of colour portraits of individual Members of the Government were commissioned as the official portraits for television and embassies abroad. In 1968 Jimmy was named *Artiste de la Federation Internationale de L'Art Photographique*. In 1972 he was accepted as an individual member of Europhot – the Council of the Professional Photographers of Europe. Our congratulations to Jimmy on all these honours and his photographs are a feature of this Annual and other College Annuals for many years.

**Gerry Duffy** continued to be one of the outstanding cricketers in the Province of Leinster. He made his debut way back in 1948 and last season headed the batting chart in the Province with an average of 39.29 runs as a result of scoring 9,037 in 314 innings. Showing his versatility, Gerry was 8th in the bowling averages with a season's "bag" of 731 wickets at the cost of 13.96 runs. Furthermore he topped the fielding table with a total of 173 catches.



Brian Molloy



James G. Maguire

**Alex Schuster (1974)** was elected a Scholar of Trinity College. He is studying in the Law Faculty.

**Kyran Bulger (1975)** had the distinction of winning a Scholarship to Trinity College, Dublin. He obtained first place in Medicine this year and won the Hutchenson Award.

**Brian Molloy (1971)** – Medical Student at R.C.S.I. – was awarded the Coombe Hospital Gold Medal (1976) for Obstetrics and Gynaecology. This Medal is awarded to the medical student who obtains first place in a special prize examination held at the Hospital. The examination is open to students from any of the Medical Colleges who have been in residence at the Coombe Hospital during the past year. Among the first nine in the same examination were two other Past Pupils attending U.C.D., Alan McShane and Michael Hefferon (both 1970–; Brian was also awarded the Bronze Medal for Psychiatry in this year's examination at R.C.S.I.

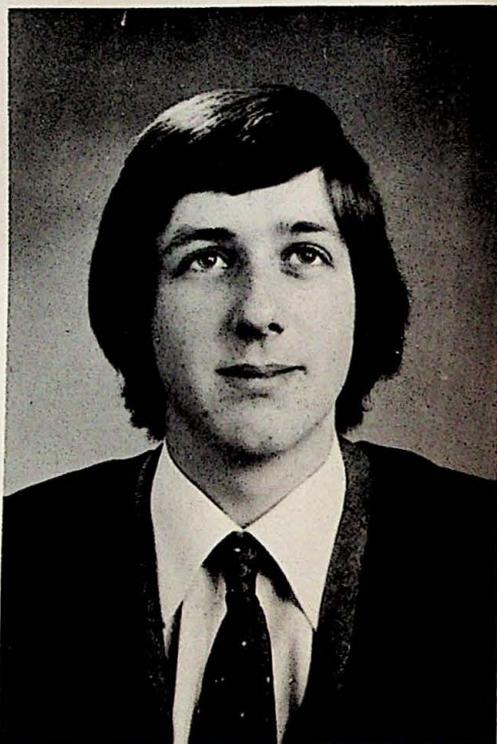


Charles "Johnny" Johnston (1943) now lives in Kinsale but gained a new name last year — Chief Babal Aje of Ile-Oluji, Nigeria. The chieftaincy was conferred on him in recognition of his contribution to the economy of the state. Apart from being vice chairman of the Standard Bank in Nigeria, he served on boards, which were set up to invest in agriculture. These included the Industrial Development Bank, Lagos Chamber of Commerce, the Institute of Management and the World Life Fund. He was also chairman of the Nigerian professional golfers' association.

The international banker, he had previously been in Ghana, assumed a new role on his return to Ireland. He is Deputy Chairman of Julian Hodge (Ireland) Ltd. and Hodge Finance (Ireland) Ltd., which are members of the Standard Bank Group.

David Liddy (1965) was appointed Manager of the Abbey Theatre, Dublin in Spring this year. After leaving the College, he studied in U.C.D. and was soon associated with the Stage One Repertory Company, the Trinity Players and the Group Theatre, Cork. Then he became co-director of the Dublin Stage Company, Trinity Players Theatre. He won the Irish Universities Drama Association award for the best production in 1968 and 1969. In 1969 he worked as an actor for Amalgamated Artists, Des Keogh Productions and R.T.E. before becoming director of the Hemel Hempstead Arts Centre for Young People. He then became house manager of the Manchester Opera House and later general manager and licensee of the Royal Court Theatre in Liverpool in 1973.

Charlie Johnston and his wife after the conferring of the Chieftainship.



John Sheehan (1974) was elected a Scholar of Trinity College. He obtained first place in Second Engineering Examination and won the Sir Francis Spring Prize.

**Professor Michael MacCormack**, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce at U.C.D., has been appointed as Extern Examiner in Business Studies to the University of Nigeria. He has also been appointed as Consultant to the University of Nigeria for the Development of Graduate work in Business Studies. Michael has also visited the technical University at Wroclaw, Poland to advise on the development of Administrative Studies.

**Joe Kenny** (1954-65) has recently qualified as an Accountant having passed the five year examinations of the Association of Certified Accountants.

Joe joined Henry M. Murphy & Co. Chartered Accountants this January and is specialising in insolvency cases.

Since leaving he has spent eleven years in the shipping industry and is a member by examination of The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, Baltic Exchange Chambers, London.

**Mervyn Walsh** (1972) won the Robert Schumann silver medal presented annually to a second or third level student for work which furthers the ideal of a united Europe. A presentation is made to a student of each country in the E.E.C. and the award also includes a certificate and a travel grant of £190 to be used by the student for further study or

**Dermot Burke** (1960) called to the College during the year. Fr. Dermot was ordained in 1966 in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny. He then went to serve the people in Hexham and later Newcastle. He is presently in St. Edward's, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear as Assistant Priest. His contemporaries will remember that he played three years in the three quarter line on the S.C.T., in 1958 with Jimmy Kelly as Captain, in 1959 with Paddy Rossi as Captain and in 1960 with David Curtis as Captain. Fr. Dermot has happy memories of his days in St. Mary's and extends a Cead Mile Failte to any St. Mary's man who happens to be in or near Tyne and Wear.

**Fred Cogley** well known to us all as head of Sport in R.T.E. has been editing an "Irish Rugby Annual" for the last few years which brings new results and statistics up to date with articles of interest to Rugby enthusiasts. It is published by Maxwell Publicity which is run by another past pupil Terry Gogan.

Its nice to hear that some of our past students co-operate with each other in business after they leave school.

travel in foreign countries. Mervyn had worked in hotel administration in Augsburg and in the insurance field in Frankfurt for periods of three and a half months each thereby fulfilling the condition of the sponsors that theoretical knowledge is put into practice with foreign based management. Mervyn also received his B. Comm. in U.C.D. last year.

Mervyn Walsh receiving his prize from Mr. Sperale, President of the European Parliament.





# Obituary



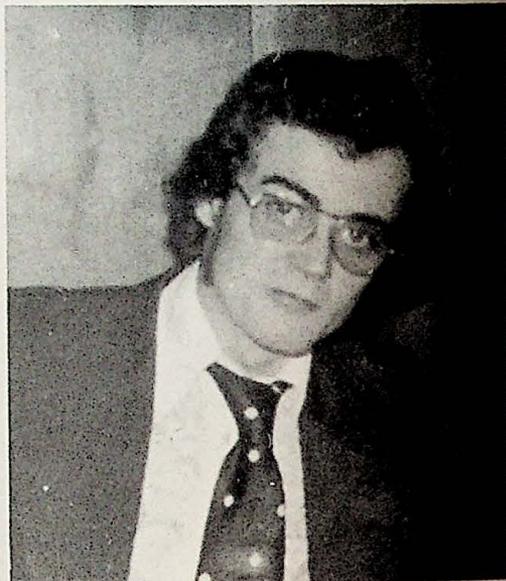
**JOHN DOYLE (1963-1973)** – Students of the 60's and early 70's were no doubt saddened at the news of the tragic death, in July, of John Doyle. Apart from a final year in Rockwell College, he did all his preparatory and secondary studies in St. Mary's. A popular and much liked student, he made friends easily and his winning and light-hearted manner were always at hand to dispel any gloom. A particular feature of his character was his deep sense of loyalty and gratitude to St. Mary's. This was especially evident on the occasion of his change to Rockwell. He made it his business to visit his "old school" and meet all the teachers to thank them for their interest and help over the years. Those he was unable to meet he later contacted by telephone.

On the completion of his Leaving Certificate, he qualified for the Bank where he worked for a year. He transferred later to Insurance and was happy and progressing very satisfactorily in the profession, when death, as a result of a car accident, cut short his young life which was so full of promise.

To his parents, brothers and sisters and large circle of friends we extend our deepest sympathy and prayers. May the radiance and joy and happiness which John so easily gave to others be now his in full measure. I lathair De agus na Maighdine Muire go raibh se fe shaol na saol.

**John Cunningham** (Died 20th November, 1975). News of the death of John Cunningham came as a shock to his former teachers and classmates in St. Mary's. We remember John as a friendly intelligent boy, keenly interested in rugby football and sports and popular with his teachers and his companions.

John accepted his illness with characteristic courage and faith, and when God in His Wisdom called him to Himself he was ready to go. May his gentle soul find eternal rest. To his parents and his brother, Peter, we extend our deepest sympathy.



John Doyle

**MICHAEL O'MAHONEY** taught for many years in the Junior School during the days of Fr. Terry O'Brien. He went to teach in the National School on Richmond Hill, just across the road from the College but he never lost his interest in St. Mary's. Then came a long-protracted illness with much suffering which he accepted as the Lord's Will. While in St. Mary's he was a shining example of Christian living and as he suffered in recent months, his acceptance of God's Will showed how much his faith was acted out in every day of his life. Our sincere sympathy to his family and may the Lord reward him for his work with children and his acceptance of God's Will.

Reginald (Reggie) Swan was the last surviving son of Publisher, W.P. Swan and Sarah Swan of Leinster Road. He was a brother of Doctors Andrew, Harold and William Swan, South Africa all of whom attended St. Mary's when it first opened.

Reggie lived a truly Christian life, was widely known in rugby circles and was also a member of Leinster C.C. His death at the age of 89 has left a vacuum in our links with the men who attended the College pre 1916. To his sons Dick and Eric our prayerful sympathy.

PAUL SWIFT (1970) who left the Junior School in 1970 for Rockwell and later Templeogue College was fondly remembered in St. Mary's. His death at an early age came as a shock to us all. To his parents and family we extend our sincere sympathy. May Paul's gentle soul be in happiness in Heaven.

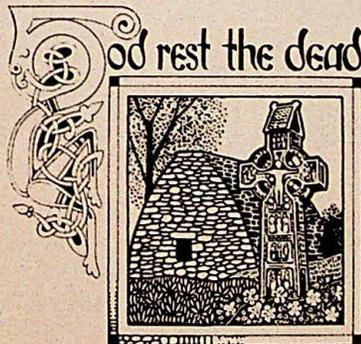


Reggie Swan



Peter Berry

Peter Berry (1954-61) the news of Peter's death was a shock to all who knew him. It was so sudden, so unexpected and humanly speaking, so untimely. Peter had so much to live for. In a sense life for him had just begun. Just over three years happily married and beginning to make a name for himself in the world of commerce, life seemed full of promise. But God's ways are not the ways of man. So He took Peter to himself. To his wife, Tricia, and to his parents and sisters we extend our deepest sympathy. May his gentle soul find rest in God.



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## SIXTH YEAR 1950

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**Harry Byers** on leaving school joined the Marketing Department of a cigarette company. He moved to Young Advertising and later Janus Advertising. He then spent five years as Marketing Manager in the Ryan Group and is presently a Director of Brian Cronin Associates. He married Charmaine Quinn and has three children. His son, David, is in the Junior School. Harry still enjoys a game of tennis.

**Sean Cantwell** joined the Farmers' Journal and then the Irish Independent as Assistant Chief Sub-Editor, and from there to R.T.E. — as Chief T.V. Sub-Editor. He went back to the Irish Independent in 1968 as Chief Leader Writer and Diplomatic Correspondent and is still there. He married Nuala Nally in 1956 and has 2 boys in St. Mary's and 3 girls. Hobbies — book reading, chess, tennis.

**Michael Corcoran** entered the Civil Service working in the Office of Public Works and since 1966 has worked in the Dept. of Labour. He married Norma Ryan in 1962 and has 2 boys and 2 girls. His hobbies are Chess and Staff Association Affairs of the Civil Service. He is Principal Officer in the Dept. of Labour and a member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators.

**John Corrigan** joined the Cadets and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1953. He was stationed in the West. He became a Captain in 1962 and was transferred to the Curragh. For a while he served with the United Nations in Cyprus. He was made Commadant in 1975 and is presently Training Officer, F.C.A. He married Philomena Gilligan and has one son and two daughters. He is still keenly interested in Rugby is a member of the Limerick Lions Club and also likes beagling.

**Ian Duff** qualified as an architect in U.C.D. in 1956 and is a member of the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland. Worked in a number of

Architectural practices in Dublin and Waterford before becoming Company Architect in the Irish Life Assurance Co. in 1971. Currently Managing Director of a Property Development Co., Inniskeld Holdings. Married Hilda Power in 1963 and has 3 daughters. His hobbies are Theatre and Golf. Played Cricket for Leinster for many years XX and won 3 Leinster Cup Medals in the 1960s.

**Michael Duffy** was ordained a Columban father in 1956. He went on to receive his M.A. in Social Sciences at St. Frances Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada in 1958. He taught in various Columban Seminaries before going to the Philippines in 1966. There he does regular Parish Work as well as being Director of a High School and Director of Social Action for the Prelature of IBA.

**Pierce Duffy** joined a firm of Builders Providers in Dublin and in 1952 went into a firm of Accountants. Four years later he moved to a Merchant Bank, and then spent a short time in London before returning to Dublin in 1964, when he spent 4 years in an Accountants Office. In 1968, he joined a Company in the Roadstone Group and is presently with a Civil Engineering Contracting Co., owned by his brother. He married in 1973 and lives in the Foxrock Area. He enjoys fishing, shooting and squash.

**Bernard Kelly** joined the Holy Ghost Fathers on leaving St. Mary's. He graduated with a B.A. from U.C.D. and went on to obtain his S.T.L. in Fribourg, Switzerland. He then joined the Staff on Neil McNeill High School in Canada. He is presently living in Torotno and trying to establish a Holy Ghost Senior Seminary for Canada.

**Patrick King** has proved elusive to find and it is believed that he went to England and is still there.



Alfred Lewis on leaving school joined Joyce and Brady, Motor Factors to begin Accountancy. He remained there until 1955 when he joined Lincoln Nolan Ltd., Motor Distributors as Assistant Office Manager. In 1967 he joined Fiat (Ireland) Ltd., as Chief Accountant. To get away from figures Fred plays Bridge and Tennis and has been acting as Treasurer on the Elm Park L.T.C. Committee.

Richard Lewis went on to U.C.D. where he obtained his B.A. in Philosophy 1953. Unfortunately his health broke down and has remained delicate for many years. He resides with Fred, his brother at 71, Anglesea Road, Dublin.

Conor McCarthy entered the Motor Trade on leaving the College before joining Ryans' Cae Hire in 1956. He was Managing Director from 1962 to 1972 when he formed his own Company, Pembroke Investment Ltd. He married Carol Leach and has five sons in the College. His hobby is golf.

John McLoughlin spent 2 years in the Office of Browne & Nolan and went as a representative with Urney becoming Brand Manager with H.B. Chocolates in 1969. In 1974 left for Shaklee Corporation as Production Manager. In 1976 he joined Leaf of Kilcock as a Representative. Married Anna McGovern and has 4 daughters. His hobbies are Music, Touring, Fishing and composing lyrics for popular songs.



**Sixth Year 1950**

Sean Cantwell, Ian Duff, Brian O'Rourke, Conor McCarthy,  
 Brian Maguire, Michael Corcoran, Michael O'Dwyer, Pierce Duffy, Michael Duffy,  
 John Corrigan, Dick Lewis, Paddy King,  
 Harry Byers, Ken Sparrow, John McLoughlin, Bernard Kelly, Fred Lewis, Des Traynor,  
 Eamonn Murphy.

**Brian Maguire** joined the Army and retired early with the rank of Captain. He then went into business and is presently General Manager of Tom Moloney Car Hire in Cork. Brian is married and lives in Bishopstown, Cork.

**Eamonn Murphy** qualified as an architect in 1958 and worked with Frank Gibney and Esso Petroleum Company before establishing his own private practice. He lives in Delgany, married Mary Brett and his three sons are in St. Michael's. When he has time, he plays golf.

**Noel O'Connor** is another member of the group we have not been able to trace.

**Michael O'Dwyer** joined L.S.E. Motor Co. in North Frederick Street and then in 1955 went to Smith Motor Co. Cavan, and has stayed with the Smith Company since then, and is now in Dublin as Network Parts Manager. Married Nuala Murphy, with 2 boys both in Templeogue and 1 girl. Golf, keen interest in Rugby. Presently Chairman of Templeogue Parents' Association.

**Brian O'Rourke** joined the Holy Ghost Fathers and obtained his B.A. in U.C.D. before going to Fribourg to obtain his S.T.L. He then went to Tanzania where he was Head of English in Morogoro. He spent two years in Zambia and is presently a Supervisor of trainee teachers and also cares for the seven young Tanzanian Holy Ghost Scholastics at Tabora.

**Ken Sparrow** qualified '54 as B. Eng. in U.C.D. Industrial Career in E.S.B., Bailey Gibson, Daniels Hamilton (U.K.) in Gloucestershire. Returned to O'Gowan Holdings and since 1973 is Production Director of Irish Ropes, Newbridge. Married Neassa Murray in 1962 and has 3 boys and a girl. Ken had the unique distinction of being selected on the Leinster and Munster Cricket XI and won 5 Senior Cup Medals with Leinster C.C. and was a member of the 1948 J.C.T. & S.C.T. Schools Leinster Cup Winners.

**Des Traynor** did Accountancy with Haughey Boland and Co. Qualified in 1956. Partner in the same Co. in 1960 and joined Guinness Mahon as joint Managing Director. Married in 1958 to Mary Josephine Byrne and has 5 sons and 1 daughter. Director of Cement Roadstone Holdings Ltd., and Chairman of Cement Ltd. Director of New Ireland Assurance and of various other companies and lives in Howth.

**Dermot Whelan** studied Architecture in Bolton St. and then joined an architect's office before jointing Dublin Corporation. He is presently in the E.S.B. Civil Works Dept. He married Marie Naughton, has a boy and a girl and lives in Blackrock. He still likes to swim and play a game of golf.



#### CLASS REUNION

Front Row, left to right:

Tom Bermingham, Ken Sparrow, Rev. Fr. P.J. Murray, Rev. Fr. W. Kennedy, Gerry Duffy, Des Traynor, Donal O'Dwyer.

Back Row, left to right:

Sam Dowling, Tom Nolan, John McGloughlin, Sean Cantwell, Conor McCarthy, Harry Byers, Piers Duffy, Eamonn Murphy, John Corrigan, Terry Gogan, Michael Corcoran, Michael O'Dwyer, Ian Duff.

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

## 1975-1976

### SEASON 1975/76

The highlight of the season was of course the opening of our new Club House in February last. We now have a Club House which ranks with the best in Ireland and which is a monument to the perseverance and foresight of a small group of people known at one time as the Alternative Grounds Committee. This comprised the Present Club President, Matt Gilsean, Benny Lynch and Bill Gray and they later got tremendous support and assistance from Brian Whelan, Paddy Bolger and the Chairmen of the Finance Sub Committees all of whom devoted an enormous amount of their time to getting the project off the ground.

Our thanks are due to all concerned and of course Tony Hickie the Architect for having the Clubhouse ready for occupation in February.

In the early part of the season we had the difficulty of coping with the disadvantage of not having a Club House for changing and we are grateful therefore to Templeogue College for putting their dressing rooms at our disposal for more than half the season. Without their generous and patient co-operation it would not have been possible to function as a Rugby Club.

To St. Marys College we are also grateful for they made rooms available to us for meetings at any time and sometimes at very short notice. This is the sort of help we have been receiving from the Community over the years and it is no surprise they came to the rescue again.

Because of the general upset of trying to cope with not having a home of our own it was perhaps inevitable that rugby in the club would suffer. All teams did reasonably well in competition but we have only one trophy on the sideboard and our congratulations are due to Frank O'Rourke who brought us the O'Connor Cup (Junior 5) for the 1st time.

At representative level Tom Grace was honoured with the Captaincy of Ireland and the

touring party which was so successful in New Zealand. He was joined on the tour by Tom Feighery who at last got the recognition he deserves.

At Branch level our members continue to play their part as Administrators Referees and Coaches and particularly noteworthy is that Denis Nagle and Paddy Farrell refereed Junior Interprovincial matches. Paddy also had charge of the Junior Schools Final.

A special word of congratulation is due to Joe Fanagan who this year completed his stint as Irish Selector having been Chairman in his last season. Joe has been a Leinster and Irish Selector since he became the Club Representative to the Leinster Branch in 19 and he brought a dedication and thoroughness to the job which enhanced the already considerable reputation he has in Rugby circles throughout Ireland.

On the Administrative side of the Club's affairs the work behind the scenes was carried out by the various sub committees with their usual efficiency. Special mention must be made of the Match Committees under the Chairmanship of Vincent McGovern and Tommy Browne. The task of fielding seven or eight teams each week is quite enormous and a total of 192 players got a game during the season.

One final word. We as a club have come a long way since our foundation 75 years ago and we have been on the crest of the wave for some years now. To stay on the crest calls for constant effort by all members both playing and non playing and it is essential we make this effort if we are to avoid the difficulties now being experienced by other clubs.

C.T. Maguire.

Hon. Secretary 1975/76



THE O'CONNOR CUP XV

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D. White (Coach), P. Kearney, C. Murray, D. Scanlon, D. Nevins, F. O'Dea,  
 S. O'Doherty, V. O'Gorman, K. Andreas, M. Gilsenan (President)  
 G. Carroll, W. Byrne, R. O'Donoghue, F. O'Rourke (Capt), S. Brennan,  
 B. Spring, P. Donnellv.

#### PICTORIAL RECORD OF CLUB OPENING

Matt Gilsenan President St. Mary's R.F.U. makes presentation to D. Higgins, President I.R.F.U.

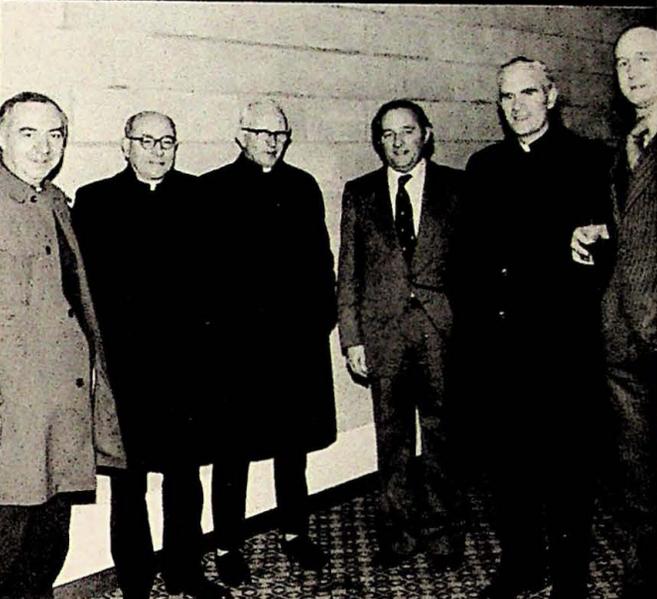
D. Higgins President I.R.F.U. declaring the Club open.

M. Gilsenan with former Irish Captain W.J. McBride and present one T. Grace.

Matt Gilsenan and Denis Hickey greet Fr. Kennedy, Fr. Barry, Fr. Murray and Fr. Little after the opening of the Club.

Fr. W. Kennedy chatting with Mr. & Mrs. C.M. Wilson, Trustees of the Club.

The Grounds Committee: B. Whelan, B. Lynch, M. Gilsenan, W. Gray, P. Bolger.





**THE PRESIDENT'S XV**

P. Farrell, J. West, P. Whelan, P. O'Calaghan, J. Brady, M. Keane,  
 W. Duggan, I. McIlrath, A. Ensor, P. Orr, T. Kearns  
 B. McGann, S. McKinney, S. Deering, D. Higgins, W.J. McBride, M. Gilsean,  
 J. Robbie, M. Gibson, M. Quinn



**ST. MARY'S COLLEGE XV**

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P. Farrell, J. West, A. Hickie, T. Grace, J.B. Sweeney, J. Donnellan,  
 T. McCormick, J. Maloney, C. Fitzgerald, E. Wigglesworth, T. Kearns  
 F. Kennedy, P. Andreucetti, S. Lynch, D. Higgins, M. Glynn, M. Gilsean,  
 R. O'Connor, F. Meehan, T. Feighery.

## ANOTHER GOLDEN JUBILEE

The first St. Mary's College Annual appeared in 1940 and that year was the Golden Jubilee of the opening of the College in 1890.

September the 6th, 1926 saw St. Mary's a College once more but before any account of those days in St. Mary's can be chronicled, the reason for the existence of St. Mary's in 1890 and its re-opening in 1926 must be established.

St. Mary's was founded in 1890 from Blackrock College because there "was a conviction, that to keep Catholic boys from attending non-Catholic Schools, a Catholic day college was needed on the south side of the city. Keenly alive to this need were Dr. Walshe, Archbishop of Dublin, and Canon Fricker P.P. Rathmines. In response to their earnest request, St. Mary's was founded in 1890."

Until 1890, St. Mary's had been known as Larkhill and had been the residence of the Walker family. The house as it then stood consisted of the rectangular block beside the present hall door and some outhouses at the back. The entrance drive was a winding one fetching a wide sweep southwards as it neared the house, towards the present Military Road.

In the year 1890-1891, the College was extended with the building of the classrooms now occupied by Juniors 2, 3, 3<sup>1</sup>, 4, 4<sup>1</sup> and also the Concert Hall, the present Staff Room, Cafeteria, Woodwork Room and Chair Store. Fr. Fogarty C.S.Sp. and his staff of Frs. De Waubert, Evans and Norris resided in No. 13 Leinster Square. They were shortly joined by Fr. T.A. Pembroke C.S.Sp. who organised a bazaar in 1898 that raised the necessary funds to straighten out the winding avenue and to square out and level the front playing field. Thus St. Mary's continued until the school closed in 1916.

St. Mary's became the abode of the Provincial Administration of the Irish Province, of the Propaganda Team and of Holy Ghost clerical students studying in U.C.D. In 1920 there was a disastrous fire in Rathmines Parish Church. Canon Hatton P.P. asked for the use of the Concert Hall as the Parish Chapel and for three years Rathmines parishioners attended Mass in the Concert Hall. In 1922 the Parish held the Restora Bazaar in St. Mary's to raise funds to rebuild the gutted Church. In acknowledgement of these services, the bazaar committee installed electric light all through the College.

Then came the effort to re-open St. Mary's. The opening in 1890 was because of the wish of

Archbishop Walshe and Canon Fricker P.P. Rathmines. Now Archbishop Byrne intervened along with the clergy of Rathmines, Rathgar, Dolphin's Barn, three other adjoining parishes and the three V.G.'s of the Dioceses. They were joined by the Governor General of Ireland, T.M. Healy, the President of the Executive Council, W.T. Cosgrave and a host of dignitaries in signing a petition to the Superior General, Mgr. Le Hunsec to re-open the College. And the reason was the same as in 1890. The attendance of numbers of Catholic children at Protestant schools on the south side of the city was a constant source of worry. A Catholic school was of vital importance. This is borne out by Archbishop Byrne's statement to Mgr. Le Hunsec that the re-opening of St. Mary's was the greatest achievement of his episcopate.

The petition was brought to the Holy Ghost Mother House in Paris by Canon Haydon P.P. and Michael Corrigan, Chief State Solicitor. When they arrived, a General Chapter of the Congregation was in progress and three Irish Missionary Bishops were there, Dr. Neville, Dr. O'Gorman and Dr. Shanahan. Their support for the re-opening of the College along with the petition made it "impossible for the authorities of the Congregation to ignore all these manifestations of the esteem of the scholastic training given by the Fathers", to quote the 1926 Journal of St. Mary's.

So on September 6th 1926, St. Mary's re-opened. There were 50 boys in the College that day but the numbers grew eventually to 69 during that year. Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. for the boys and when Canon Hatton P.P. called that day he found regular classes being organised. The College Staff consisted of Very Rev. M. Meagher, C.S.Sp., President, Dr. J. O'Neill C.S.Sp., Dean of Studies, Rev. D. Leen C.S.Sp., Bursar and Dean of Discipline, Rev. M. Sexton C.S.Sp. along with three Prefects, Mr. K. Devenish C.S.Sp., Mr. P. O'Carroll C.S.Sp., Mr. J. Giltenan C.S.Sp. and one lay teacher, Mr. John Gallagher.

The Religious and Academic formation of the boys was underway but it was not until October 13th 1926 that the first batch of football jerseys were distributed to the boys. The colour was royal blue with a white star on the left and as the 1926 Journal says "as of yore". The first rugby game was naturally played against 'Rock on November 1st with 'Rock winning 8-5 but Mary's reversed that on November 6th at home winning 14-0 and the referee was from 'Rock. Soon afterwards there were games against Mountjoy and Terenure.

St. Mary's was still the abode of the Provincial Administration and the Propaganda Team. The offices of the Missionary Annals had been moved to 23 Lr. Rathmines Road. A host of Holy Ghost missionaries visited the College, including Dr. Shanahan in October. Much work was also done preaching Retreats in the country. So the building housed three different works of the Irish Province — Provincialate, Propaganda and the College.

But there were financial difficulties in the College. There had been a successful bazaar in 1898 to straighten the avenue and one in 1922 for the Parish so another Fete was planned. The first committee meeting was on November 22nd 1926 and a whist drive was held in the College Hall on Friday, December 10th to raise funds for the Fete. Come Thursday, December 16th the name "Samacora" was designated for the Fete to be held in the College from June 4th — 12th, 1927, and was mentioned in the Irish Independent that day. "Samacora" is an abbreviation of SAINT MARY's COLLEGE RATHMINES. Tradition says that "Doc" O'Neill was the brain behind the name.

In the meantime there were very close links with both Blackrock and Rockwell. The exploits of Mr. K. Devenish, C.S.Sp. playing for 'Rock are continually mentioned in the College Journal. The 'Rock team trained on the Front Field on January 25th. When the Rockwell boys and Fathers came to Dublin on Saturday, February 26th 1927 to see Ireland defeat Scotland 6-0 they dined in St. Mary's after the game before returning on the evening train. There were frequent visits to the College by the Fathers in 'Rock and on Sunday, March 20th most of the St. Mary's Fathers and Prefects went to 'Rock to hear Mr. Hilaire Belloc speak.

The Missionary link still thrived. It is noted in the Journal that Fr. Provincial, Fr. Dowling and Fr. Evans went to Killeshandra on Thursday, February 24th 1927 for the First Professions at the Holy Rosary Sisters Convent. Bishop Shanahan founded the Congregation of the Holy Rosary and he had been one of the three Missionary Bishops at the General Chapter earlier in the decade who asked Mgr. Le Hunsec to re-open St. Mary's. That day was truly a missionary link for St. Mary's.

Meanwhile much preparation was in progress for the Samacora Fete. Whist Drives were a common feature with a Jumble Sale on Saturday, February 19th, a concert in the Theatre Royal and a dance in Clery's Ballroom. There was a Sweep on the Grand National won by Sprig and the Lincoln won by Priory Park.

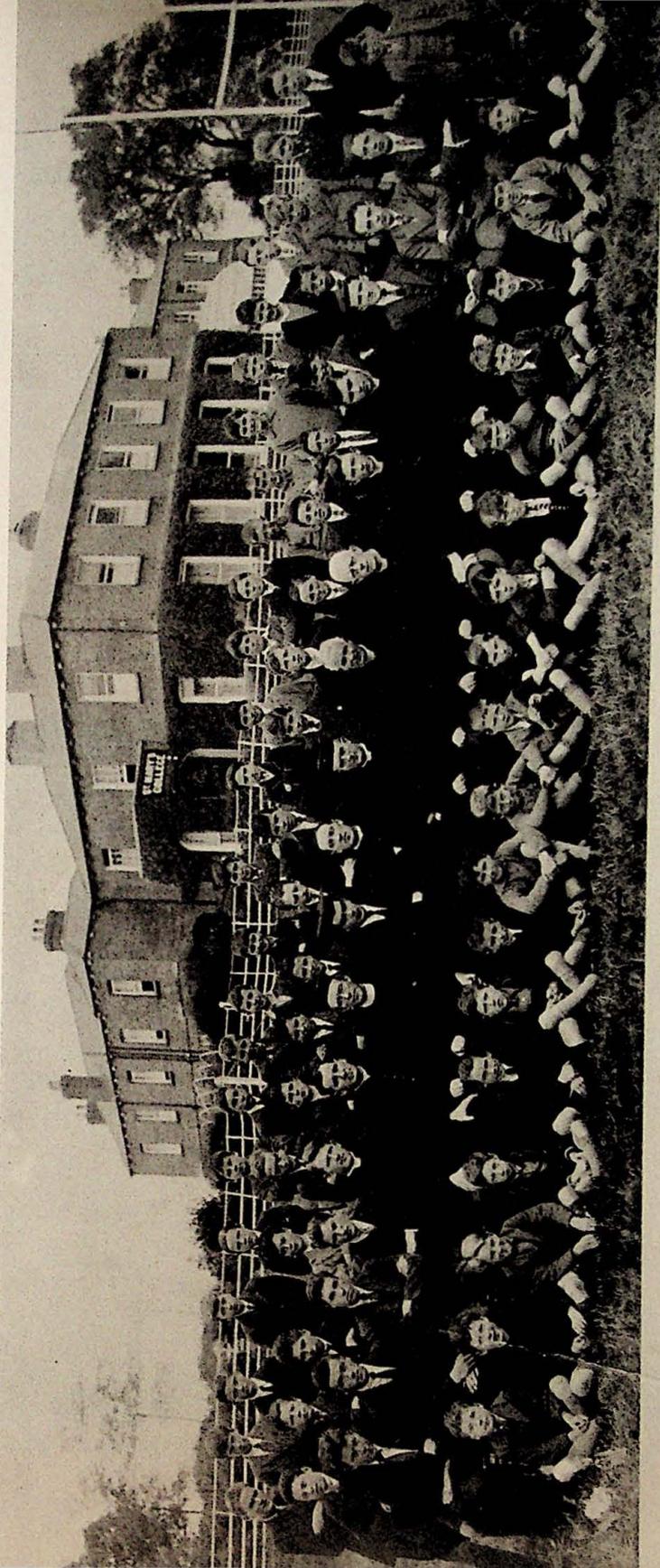
Total profit was £50. 'Rock was also helping and they had a concert in their College for the Fete on Sunday, March 27th 1927. St. Louis Convent also helped and they gave a concert in the College Hall on Wednesday, April 20th.

But there was still activity in the College itself and on Saturday, April 23rd the boys were playing cricket on the Front Field. Fr. Sexton C.S.Sp. had the roller mended and he treated the field. By May 7th the tennis courts were laid out and marked at the top of the field near the College. The College Play was held on Friday, May 13th "The Two Mr. Worthings". We are told that the piece was most amusing and the acting very excellent. So the Theatre and Drama tradition of pre-1916 was immediately revived.

But the Samacora fete now took centre stage. The Concert Hall was to be used for dances so to give more floor space the stage was dismantled by Fr. Sexton and Mr. O'Carroll. The hall itself was repainted and a hoarding surrounded the grounds. On Thursday, May 31st the tents went up, the amusements were being assembled on the Front Field and the seats were painted green by Fr. Dowling, Fr. Sexton and the three Prefects. Blackrock again helped with Fr. Moloney C.S.Sp., coming to the College to give a hand while Fr. Kingston C.S.Sp. motored up from Rockwell with materials for the 'Rockwell Stall'. Amidst feverish activity all was ready for the Samacora Fete.

Dr. Neville C.S.Sp. officially opened the Fete on Saturday, June 4th the eve of Pentecost. Further "missionary presence" was added by Dr. Shanahan C.S.Sp. and Mgr. Heery C.S.Sp. being at the opening ceremony. The newspapers gave full coverage and published a photograph of the Samacora Executive Council. Dr. Neville C.S.Sp. in his speech traced the history of St. Mary's. "The College was founded in 1890 with the encouragement of the late Archbishop Walshe and the clergy of all the churches in the neighbourhood and the support of the people in the township who sent their sons in numbers to be educated. It remained closed until last year when the people of Rathmines were clamouring for its re-opening. It re-opened under excellent auspices and had the substantial support of the Archbishop of Dublin. The Fete was to place St. Mary's on a firm financial basis".

The Samacora Fete was a tremendous success and when it closed on Sunday, June 19th, 1927, receipts were £3,500. During the Fete classes for Grammar I & II were held in a tent on the Front Field as their classrooms were used



St. Mary's College.      Rathmines, 1926.

as the Ceile Hall. The whole Fete was wrapped up on June 20th when there was a dance in the Concert Hall and refreshments in the tent for the Samacora Committee, Stewards and Helpers. The College closed on Thursday June 23rd and Fathers and Prefects enjoyed tennis on the Front Field.

During the holidays there were the usual links with the Missions, Blackrock and Rockwell. Fr. Frank Whitney called on August 5th and Bishop Heery stayed the night. Fathers from Blackrock came on Saturday evenings and stayed to do Ministry the following day in various Churches and Convents. The Rockwell Prefects came on Sunday, September 4th to attend the Cork v Dublin All Ireland Hurling Final.

The College re-opened the following day with 89 pupils. Slight changes were made in personnel as Very Rev. Harnett C.S.Sp., Provincial, became President of the College. The number of boys grew to 110 and they had their Annual Retreat on October 6th. They were also divided into three categories for recreation – Seniors, Juniors and Giants. Academic progress was maintained and rugby not neglected with Branagan and Nugent picked for the South v North Dublin Inter Pro.

Another familiar part of St. Mary's was born that term – the College Past Pupils Union. On Tuesday, December 6th 1927 a meeting of Past Students was held in the College to form the St. Mary's Union. A newspaper report on Thursday, December 8th, 1927 read as follows: "Mr. J. C. O'Brien was unanimously elected President and Rev. T. Farrell C.C. Vice President, Mr. A. O'Reilly Hon. Secretary and Mr. C. Spandaccini Hon Treasurer of the newly established at St. Mary's College (Rathmines) Union. The following were appointed to the Committee: Very Rev. R. Hartnett B.D. (Provincial of the Order); Messers. W.P. Blunder, P.J. Haydon, F. Purcell, G. Condell, Dr. J. B. Magennis, R.J. Molloy, E. Moore and P. Tierney". They forged a link with the College which still remains.

The Missionary link continued too with the College the abode of the Provincialate and Propaganda. On Monday, January 23rd 1928 not only did Bishop Heery C.S.Sp. call but also the five Sisters of the Holy Rosary who were to be the first to go to Africa. The following evening nearly all the Fathers from St. Mary's went to the North Wall to see off Bishop Heery and the five Holy Rosary Sisters.

There were also links with Rathmines Parish and the Parish Retreat was preached by Holy Ghost Fathers beginning on March 4th 1928

spearheaded by the Provincial, Very Rev. R. Hartnett C.S.Sp. Another link with the Parish is that boys from St. Mary's were Confirmed in the Parish Church on Wednesday, March 7th, 1928. This is the first mention of Confirmation in St. Mary's Journal starting in 1926. But the tradition of Confirmation in Rathmines Parish still continues.

The inaugural Dinner of the College Union was held in the Gresham Hotel on Thursday, April 19th 1928. Rev. Dr. P. O'Neill said at the dinner "If St. Mary's College was going well, that did not mean that there had not been uphill work. It had been uphill but it had been hopeful work, very largely due to the generous and loyal help and encouragement given to them by their old boys of Blackrock and Rockwell and to the old St. Mary's boys who sent their sons to the College. St. Mary's should be there to provide a place where the boys of their boys could learn to follow in their fathers' footsteps."

In the meantime sport was not neglected. The Journal states that "About half the garden is now laid out in grassland to become part of the recreation ground for the boys". The cricket and tennis pitches were laid out on Friday, April 27th and cricket was also played on the back field. The Gymnastic Team competed in the Town Hall on Thursday, May 31st and came second. The Group Photographs were taken on Saturday, June 16th and the Matriculation results were 100% success for St. Mary's as Peter Nugent and Denis Coveney were successful. So ended another year in the College.

September 5th saw the start of the new academic year. During the summer a pavilion and bicycle shed had been built. The old garden was to be entirely given over to recreation and the old railings dividing the garden and recreation taken down. The only change in personnel was that Fr. D. Leen C.S.Sp. was now in Blackrock. The boys' retreat was held from October 2nd to the 5th.

There was much activity on the back field. Fr. Sexton made a bonfire of the gooseberry and currant bushes on Thursday, November 15th and the new garden was dug. Very Rev. R. Hartnett, Provincial was preparing rose beds in the shrubbery and on Wednesday, December 5th, the trees at the end of the garden near the Barracks were mercilessly trimmed of their branches.

Then on Thursday, 14th tragedy struck. Fr. O'Brien C.S.Sp. who had kept the Journal of St. Mary's died. The remains were taken to Blackrock College, another interesting link with

Blackrock, and internment was in the Holy Ghost Fathers Plot which is still in Deans Grange Cemetery.

Life continued in the College with various rugby games even one against the Newbridge College team trained by Fr. Gerard Cussen O.P., a past pupil of St. Mary's. That year, 1928-29 saw St. Mary's reappear in the Leinster S.C.T. Competition. They won the first round against St. Columba's but were defeated in the next round.

Cricket continued and Fr. Joy C.S.Sp. of Sierra Leone presented a Cricket Cup, called the O'Gorman Cup for competition between St. Mary's and Blackrock. St. Mary's won the inaugural match. At the end of the year Mr. K. Devenish and Mr. P. O'Carroll were replaced as Prefects by Mr. Lynch and Mr. O'Rourke. Also in 1929 the Lodge tenants at the front gate were let go and the lodge was decorated to accommodate visitors.

The number of boys in the College had grown to 135 in 1929 and had reached 157 in 1931. Rev. Dr. R. Hartnett was still Provincial

and Rev. Fr. Sexton was Dean of Discipline and Rev. Fr. Dowling was Bursar. Also on the staff were Rev. Dr. Heelan, Mr. O'Meara, Mr. Doody, Mr. O'Dwyer and there were three lay professors, Messrs Barnett, Gallagher and Nagle. And Mr. O'Brien looked after Elocution.

Examination results show that G. Branigan and G. Cox obtained the Leaving Cert. while D. Hallissey, J. Regan, Clifton, Kavanagh, Leahy and Quigley obtained Intermediate Certificates.

The back field still figured prominently in activity with the laying of the foundation of the Drill Square which was also to be laid out as hard tennis courts. This area lay directly between the old Larkhill House and the present Military Road. On the back field both Fr. Provincial and Br. Killian began work to secure the garden from the incursions of the numerous denizens of the poultry yard.

Rugby was still played and November 1st was now the traditional day for the visit to play Rockwell. The first mention of an Ulder 11 team is on Saturday November 28th 1931 when St. Mary's beat Blackrock. While on March 19th



The old Oratory in the College which was over the present Form 41 Classroom.

Photo: James G. Maguire A.F.I.A.P.

1932 the Under 13's won the Provincial's Cup for the first time. That win augured well for rugby in the College and the first Leinster Schools' Cup was now looming on the horizon.

The arts were not neglected either and the College Play was presented on April 5th 1932. "Thompson is in Tir na Og" was the College production. Very interesting is that the Past Pupils were also presenting "Trilby" and had the Dress Rehearsal in the Abbey Theatre on April 6th.

While all these College activities were proceeding, St. Mary's was still the abode of the Provincialate. Very Rev. R. Hartnett C.S.Sp. was now looking for a suitable site for the Irish Province Novitiate. He tried to secure the Caragh Lake Hotel in the Diocese of Kerry. The Propoganda Team still resided in the College and many Retreats were still given in Dublin and the country.

Prizegiving Day in the College was on June 16th, 1932. Rev. E. Farrell C.C. presented the prizes and in his address to the boys had the following to say: "He owed a great debt to the Holy Ghost Fathers. The students were now having the same advantages he had had. It was a great privilege but profit from it. Always have a great regard and gratitude to the Holy Ghost Fathers". The Union Prize for all round excellence went to G. Hallissey.

But in 1932 a more important Catholic and National event had to be prepared for - The Eucharistic Congress. Preparations began on May 20th with the painting of the railings and windows. A new entrance was made into the College from the Military Road and a pathway went along the Military Road Wall by the side of the Priests' Garden leading to the back field. That is what more or less exists today but the Chapel had not been built nor the entire Senior School. The Priest's Garden extended from the present Chapel to the first steps down on to the front field after entering the College from the gate on the Military Road.

Amid all this preparation for the Congress, there was one very significant dinner in St. Mary's. It was for Past Pupils who were now priests in the Dublin Diocese. This feature is sometimes forgotten when the contribution of St. Mary's to the Holy Ghost Congregation is questioned. The contribution of St. Mary's boys to the Priesthood in the Dublin Diocese and to other Orders should open our minds to history. And it was both Archbishop Walshe and Archbishop Byrne who wanted St. Mary's in existence. It is also very interesting to read that at the dinner for Past Pupils, then priests in the Dublin Diocese, the Holy Ghost Fathers'

Missionary Bishops were present too. Bishops Heffernan, Heerey and Shanahan were present along with the Provincial and Frs. T. & E. Farrell, Fr. McGough, and Fr. Furlong. That day on June 6th 1932 is a very significant day in the history of St. Mary's.

Day to day events meant that the Eucharistic Congress was the order of the day. On June 30th 1932 the final preparations for the Congress were being completed. A line of tall flag poles ran from the Priests' Garden to the present curve in the avenue in front of the present Junior School Entrance. Bunting stretched almost to Rathmines Road along the Avenue. The main entrance was decorated and rows of electric bulbs were arranged along the windows of the old Larkhill House. There was much excitement and prayer in the Community of St. Mary's during those eventful days.

Come September 1932 more changes in Staff with Fr. D. Kennedy C.S.Sp., joining the Staff but more significantly as it turned out, the new Prefects were Mr. J. Whelan C.S.Sp., Mr. W. Doolin C.S.Sp. Mr. Whelan was later to captain the Club XV, re-opened that year captained by Paddy Brannigan, in the 1932/33 Season. That Paddy was the Elected Captain that year is stated in the St. Mary's College Journal of the year. The re-vitalised Club still has roots very firmly set in St. Mary's. Way back in 1932 the College owed allegiance to the Club and it is no different today. History shows that the College, the Union and Club are one.

Academic success was also in the College. James Ganter and John Ryan were successful in the Leaving Certificate and in the Intermediate, L. Dalton, D. Kennedy, D. Kelly, G. Gannon and B. Pidgeon were successful. So the 1932/33 Academic Year was underway. But so too was the Missionary Orientation of St. Mary's, Many missionaries called to the College on their return from or their departure to the Mission Fields. Many Retreats were also given and Rev. Fr. Meagher C.S.Sp. was still busy guiding Propaganda. The search for a Novitiate had now spread to Co. Donegal and later switched to Carberry in Co. Cork.

The Rugby Club made their exit from the Metropolitan Cup to Railway Union on January 31st, 1933. Three days later the St. Mary's J.C.T. lost to Belvedere in the Cup but glory was not too far away. Nor were the Academics of St. Mary's forgotten in that year as Dr. O'Neill's class won the French Government Prize for the best class in the Intermediate Cert.

The Past Pupils' Union was active holding a Whist Drive in the Gresham Hotel on April 20th making a profit of £200 and they gave £100 to Fr. Meagher C.S.Sp. of Propaganda for the Missions. Sportsday was on June 8th with Fr. E. Farrell C.C. distributing the prizes. Three days later St. Mary's once more won the O'Gorman Cricket Cup. There were four boys sitting the Leaving Cert. and thirteen for the Intermediate Cert. On June 19th the Past Pupil Priests of the Diocese were in the College for dinner.

Prizegiving Day was on June 21st, the day the College ended the academic year. Fr. E. Farrell C.C. presented the prizes. J. Walker won the Good Conduct Medal, Denis Kelly the Religious Knowledge prize. The Union presented medals for the best results in the Christmas and Easter examinations at senior and junior level. The senior medal was won by F. Ganter and the junior one by C. Kelly. College caps were presented to G. Kavanagh, J. Rogan and D. Smyth (Junior) while a special prize was presented to G. Kavanagh as he had won the College tennis championship three years in succession.

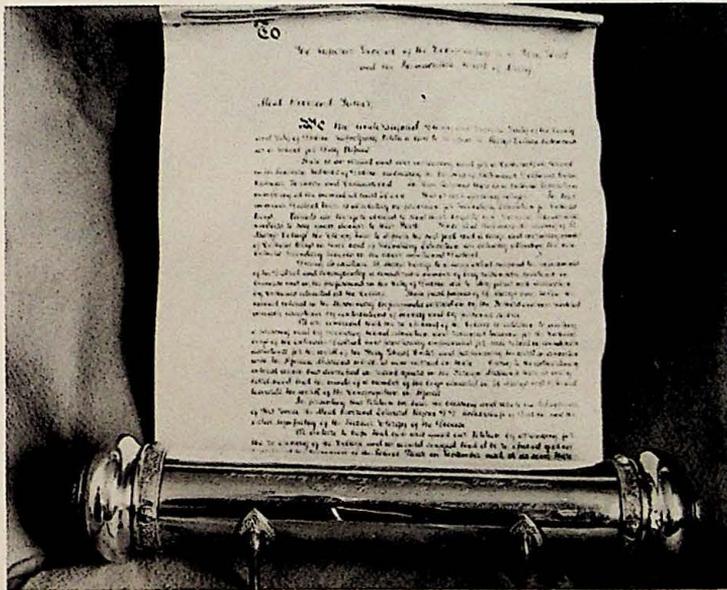
During the summer of 1933 further extensions were made to the College. The present Biology Laboratory was built and the Hall was extended. There was also a dressing room, new toilets and the garage was removed. Work began on July 17th.

September 4th saw the boys back in school again with the same staff except that Mr. Doolin C.S.Sp. was replaced by Mr. N. McAuley C.S.Sp. and Mr. M. O'Carroll C.S.Sp. There were now 130 students. On September 15th Fr. J. Gilmore C.S.Sp. joined the staff beginning an association with St. Mary's that lasted for decades. This released Fr. D. Kennedy C.S.Sp. from the staff and he became Bursar in the new Noviciate in Kilshane, Tipperary which was officially opened on November 6th. 1933.

By mid October the building extension was drawing to completion. Two new rooms had been added to the Fathers' Corridor over the present Biology Laboratory. On November 5th 1933 there was a re-union of Past Pupils for Mass celebrated by Fr. K. Devenish C.S.Sp. who had been a Prefect in 1926 and played with such distinction for Blackrock College R.F.C. The College Past Pupils Union once again held their dinner in the Gresham Hotel this time on November 21st.

Meanwhile in the College with the extension completed, Fr. Gilmore C.S.Sp. began to paint and decorate around the new stage. A platform was erected by the Fathers and Prefects and he began work on November 15th. The platform was very high apparently and the scribe of the time says "Fr. Gilmore did a lovely job".

Then came 1934 and the Schools' Rugby Competitions. During the Christmas term there



The silver container in which the signatures were brought to the Superior General.

Photo: G. Lord C.S.Sp.

is no special mention of the J.C.T. or any indication that there were hopes of victory. The S.C.T. survived the first round against C.U.S. and lost the second round to Newbridge. The J.C.T. began their winning trail in the Cup against C.U.S. on February 5th. Then came a win against St. Andrew's on February 13th and another against Glashule on February 20th. On February 26th the team drew with Castleknock but won the replay 3-0 on Friday, March 2nd. The scribe says "we have now hope of being in the final". Nothing more about the J.C.T. is recorded until March 27th.

"St. Mary's, for the first time, win the Junior Schools Cup. On an ideal football evening, brilliant sunshine, nippy air and perfect pitch, St. Mary's realised her efforts of a quarter of a century. She secured, amidst the enthusiastic delight of friends old and young, the coveted Junior Schools Cup. The occasion produced a re-union such as was not staged for a long time past. The active heroes 'the gallant

little team' deserved all the praise so generously bestowed on them. When it is recalled that our numbers are only 165 and that the number eligible for places are only two over the required 15, the victory is all the more creditable. A high degree of pluck, unflagging determination and a generous spirit were the silent ingredients which Fr. Sexton and Mr. Whelan instilled into a clever team of fighting gentlemen who have brought lustre on storied St. Mary's". So wrote the scribe.

After the College opened for the Summer term on April 12th, the Past Pupils brought the victorious J.C.T. on a picnic organised by Rev. E. Farrell C.C. The Annual Dinner for Past Pupil Priests in the Diocese was on June 6th. The College Sports were held on Saturday June 9th but the prizes were not distributed as they were held over for the first Union Day in the College on Sunday, June 17th. So ended another year in St. Mary's.



R. Becker. D.O'Cadlaig. E. D'Alton. L. Foley. D.McGuinn. A.Dudley. F. Walker. E. Nolan.  
P. Scott. G. Boyd. D. Smyth. M. Scott. I. Hooper.  
P. Ryan. N. Hooper.

1926

Four classes (years IV, III, II, I) were located in the old Junior school corridor, Fourth year used the room nearest the concert hall. The Fifth year class of 1927 and the Sixth year class of 1928 were housed in rooms to the left (facing stage) of the concert hall. Another class of notably gay spirits occupied a room on the other side of the concert hall.

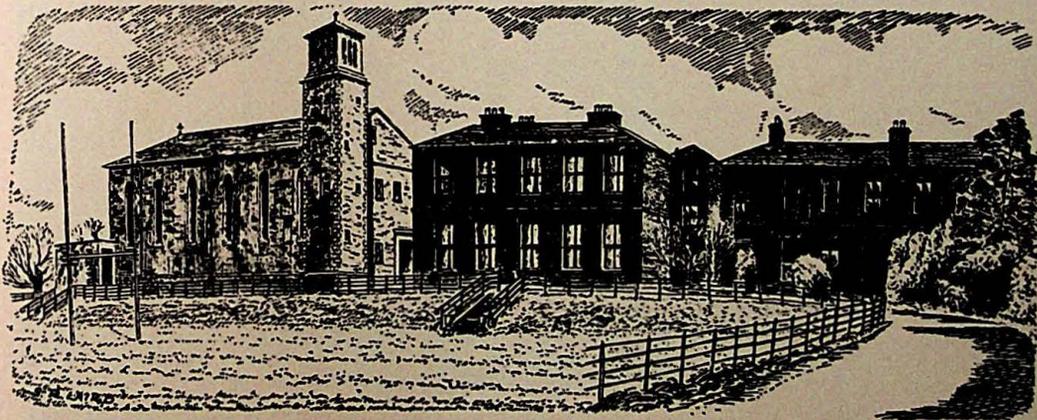
Father M.T. Meagher was President in 1926 and subsequently, Rev. Dr. Harnett. I believe these Presidents had work other than that associated with the school and they did not really come into contact with the boys.

The Rev. Dr. J. O'B. O'Neill who was styled Headmaster was, in so far as the boys were concerned, the real ruler of the school. Dr. O'Neill was something of a martinet and was perhaps more respected than loved. He taught Religion and English to the top classes and even to the boys his vast knowledge of his subjects was obvious.

Other members of the staff were Father M. Sexton, Father Dowling, Father Dan Leen, Brother Killian, Mr. John Gallagher and three prefects, Messrs J. Giltenan, Patrick O'Carroll and Kevin L. Devenish. After the first year Mr. Giltenan left Marys to continue his studies for the Priesthood. He was replaced by Mr. T. Clerkin. Mr. Pat O'Carroll in later years became Provincial of the Holy Ghost Congregation whilst Mr. Devenish was, during World War II, Apostolic Delegate in Ethiopia.

Fees in 1926 were £18 per annum. Fees of this order were charged in similar Dublin Secondary Schools for boys such as Belvedere and C.U.S.

A school blazer and cap were introduced in 1927. They were designed by Father Sexton and were regarded as setting a new standard in these articles. The cap was similar to that currently worn and the blazer was identical with the current Junior glazer save that it carried the blue and white braid. In the early years there was no other form of uniform.



A sketch drawing of St. Mary's in 1954.

It took a few years for Rugby to be segregated into the different categories, S.C.T., J.C.T., under 14's etc as there were not sufficient boys in any one category. Nevertheless a team, the 1st XV, ages ranging from 12 to 16 years, was fielded in 1926 and played a number of matches, the first being against C.U.S. S.C.T. at Rathmines. In the first two years the team was captained by P.O. Nugent. Peter had come from Blackrock and he led a team, none of whom had ever played schools Rugby before. Peter truly rendered trojan service. Many years later, Peter, than a Senior Counsel, was assisted by Kevin Lynch and briefed by Tony Dudley, to argue successfully in the Courts the case for the Marys R.F.C. acquiring a bar license for the clubhouse.

In 1926 and 1927 it was usual for the XV to be strengthened by the inclusion of a Prefect. In 1928, the S.C.T. was formed, a number of whose players would have been eligible for the J.C.T. In the first round of the Senior Cup this team defeated St. Columbas by 9 points to nil. In the second round a very good Clongowes team beat St. Mary's by 43 points to nil. Outclassed in skill, weight, strength and speed, Mary's defended with courage and Clongowes were at least made to earn their scores.

In view of the small number of boys in the school in 1926, 27, 28 it was remarkable that so many were interested in Cricket and retained that interest after leaving school, figuring

prominently in Leinster Cricket. In this category were Val Buggy, Cyril Russell, George Nash, Charlie Wilson, Willie Boyd, Charlie Clifton and Gerry Boyd. In those years a team was not entered for the Schools Cup but matches were played against Blackrock, Dundrum and the Past. Included in the Past XI was P.J. Murphy who had played for Ireland.

Father Sexton was very concerned that St. Mary's should do well in the competition for the Leinster Schools Shield organised by the Irish Amateur Gymnastic Association. Pre 1916 St. Mary's had acquired a reputation for their very high standard in the gymnastic field. The competition for the Leinster Schools Senior Shield which had lapsed was revived in 1927. St. Mary's entered two squads but did not succeed in winning the trophy. However in 1928 the Mary's 1st squad won the shield beating Masonic School and Belvedere. The competition lapsed once more and so the shield has remained in St. Mary's ever since.

In winter a lot of "tip and pass out" was played. In summer Cricket was usually played by the older boys. There was usually a net or two in the front field. It was the custom of Dr. O'Neill to bat in one of these. He was a very fine batsman who enjoyed playing fast bowling. He drove on either side of the wicket with great power. Other lunch time activities ceased while the Doctor was at the crease in order to enjoy fine batsmanship to the full.

P. Brannigan



Three little maids from Mary's

Deirdre McCulloch

## THE COLLEGE CHAPEL

When St. Mary's was founded in 1890, some rooms were taken over and with some adjustments in crosswalls, served what was considered sufficient for a temporary Oratory. After 1916, the College was closed for ten years and taken over by Spiritain Senior Scholastics who attended U.C.D. to obtain degrees in Philosophy and other subjects. These students left the College in 1924 and the College was re-opened for Secondary pupils in 1926. At first there were no Junior School pupils. The Oratory was sufficient for the numbers in the Senior School.

In 1933 a Junior School was established for pupils of seven to twelve years. They would continue in the College for nine or ten years,

increasing the inflow all the time. This resulted in a new wing being added in 1940. This served the Senior School with classrooms. The Junior School pupils occupied the old section of the College. A further extension was made in 1953 because of increasing numbers.

This extension included the Church. It would be large enough to receive five or six hundred boys and contain five altars and confessionals as well as a gallery for a choir of sixty or seventy boys.

The Architects, Messrs Robinson, Keefe and Devane decided to erect a plain building, faced with rustic brick and granite dressing. All was in keeping with the Rathmines environment. Even the 20 cwt weight bell in the copper covered belfry would not clash with the sonorous bells of the Parish Bell across the road.



The Pre-1971 Sanctuary and Apse

Entry is made by ascending two granite steps into the foyer which opens into the Church through a mahogany double door. Immediately inside the mahogany door is an inset of ornamental mosaic. It depicts the Sacrifice of Abel in which the rather youthful Abel offers one of the best of his lambs to God. He is on his knees. The lamb is being consumed by fire in front of him on an altar of logs. Another lamb is behind him. Above is the face of the Almighty with a serene countenance, in an atmosphere of gold, showing his pleasure in accepting the offering. It is clear from the start that you are entering a place of Sacrifice.

Half way along the passage to the Sanctuary the idea of sacrifice is again inserted. There is a pictorial mosaic of Abraham and Isaac. The father, a muscular figure with a serious countenance, has a short sword raised in his right hand ready to let it fall on the neck of his only son whom he has placed bound on a pyre of straight beams of wood. But an arm protrudes from a cloud and a finger conveys to the father that the boy's life is safe. The Almighty is satisfied again. This time by the obedience shown by Abraham.

Proceeding up the passage of a floral design of green, brown, yellow and blue mosaic, there is a third inset. It prefigures the Mass and is the most beautiful of the three insets. In the Book of Genesis we read in the 14th Chapter, "Melchisedeck brings bread and wine for he was priest of the Most High God". King Abraham returning from the successful victory over the four rebellious kings, accompanied by Lot, goes to meet the King of Peace, Melchisedeck. The three figures are nobly portrayed. Lot is just behind Abraham and the High Priest holds a loaf in his hands and beside him on a stand is a wine vessel.

The Main Altar was a block of Kilkenny marble resting on four Etruscan columns. This was changed in 1971 in accordance with Vatican II. But the main parts of the Altar and Tabernacle were retained. Also retained were the two steps of Portoro marble which still run across the Sanctuary and there was never a Communion Rail.

From the Sanctuary there is a closer look at the Apse with its ornamental dome. Here is seen an example of Byzantine Art. The walls are meant to be just means of holding mosaic decoration. Here there are no windows. The whole is gold, glass and enamel tubes of mosaic. The theme is based on the fourth and twenty first chapters of the Apocalypse.

In the centre of the Dome, Christ the King with His Blessed Mother, is seated on a cloud.

Both have golden haloes and crowns. Christ holds on His knees a large, open book with the two letters, Alpha and Omega marked on each page. They are the first and last of the letters in the Greek Alphabet. We read in the Apocalypse "A great voice came from Heaven saying write for these words are most faithful and true. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end."

Our Lady is seated at the left of her Divine Son and has a sceptre in her left hand and she holds a globe of the world in her right hand. She was solemnly declared queen of the Universe in 1958. From the arc which surrounds Our Lord and Our Lady like a rainbow, lightnings flash out in golden rays into a deep blue softly tinted sky, flecked with fleecy white clouds. It represents the New Jerusalem..

Underneath this arc and separated from it by an infinite chasm, appear on a green landscape an Archangel and three Saints. St. Peter stands on the right hand side of the Saviour with the Keys in his hand and clasping a book. Opposite is the colourful figure of St. Paul, with a sword hanging in front as he looks towards the centre. Nearer to the centre on the right is St. Michael the Archangel, clothed as a warrior in brilliant armour with golden tipped wings spread out from his back. His left hand is on the hilt of his sword with the blade facing to the ground. The right hand holds a large shield on which are written the words "Quis ut Deus" i.e. "Who is like to God". These were the words which Scripture says were said by Michael when he took God's side against the rebellious angels and conquered them. He is now the Guardian of the Church. He is a beautiful figure looking up with utter respect at Mary. He has a golden halo and on his forehead the Prophetic Angelic flame.

Balancing the Archangel on the other side near St. Paul is St. John the Baptist. In sober coloured garments, he is on one knee and holds in his two hands a long staff, at the top of which flutters a small white flag with a small cross. He appears to be wrapt in adoration across infinity at his cousin, the Lord.

On the Proscenium in the middle of the Archway, appears Jehovah – the Ancient of Days – with arms outstretched to encompass, as it were, the whole of Creation. In serenity and graciousness of countenance he looks the gentle, sweet Father of all. The features resemble those given to Him in the act of giving the spark of life to Adam as is seen in the Sistine Chapel in Rome. In this respect He is of a different age from Christ and Mary whose faces and eyes recall Eastern or Byzantine Art. Behind the Eternal Father is the Holy Spirit,



Saints Peter, Paul, John the Baptist and the Archangel Michael on the Apse.

in a semi-circle, as a Dove, descending on the general scene. As can be seen from all these figures, most of the former Confiteor said in the Latin Mass is recalled. In addition the Great Personages are mentioned in the other prayers at Mass.

On the sides of the Proscenium, or what we might here call the "Arch of Jehovah" in varied colours of ornamental mosaic, are depicted four beautiful and refined figures of angels, two at each side at different heights. With censers in their hands, in the midst of bunches of grapes or luscious vines, with gold topped sheaves of wheat below, they are the bearers of the prayers which ascend from the Mass to the Throne of God.

For special occasions the Sanctuary is fitted with a hand-knitted carpet, inspired by a page from the 6th. Century Book of Kells. It represents the four living creatures of the Apocalypse, "that never cease night or day from saying Holy, Holy, Holy, around the Throne of God (Chapt. 4). They are represented as a Man, a Lion, an Ox and an Eagle. These terms are also applied to the four Evangelists.

The rug used on these special occasions on the Procella is of Greek style and the idea was taken from a secular picture which portrays two peacocks picking at grapes in a basket. The Peacock is accepted as a symbol of immortality and the grapes signify the Eucharist. That is the reason for the grapes and peacocks and brings to mind the words in St. John's Gospel, Chapter 6, "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath everlasting life". This carpet is also a hand-knitted work by Donegal Carpets.

The Sanctuary is covered with ornamental marble in square or oblong patterns. There is to be seen Onyx, Brescia, Sienna, Portoro, Roma Antica and Kilkenny in all seventeen types. The Morocco Onyx is now formed into a handsome multifaced column on which the Tabernacle now rests. The variegated marble of St. Joseph's altar (lately removed) now appears in the two Ambones.

The Tabernacle itself is of the round cylindrical form. Gold leaf covers the door and solid gold is found in the ball over the dome. Within, attached in artistic form to the gold lining, can be seen many trinkets and jewels with gold chains and gold medals as well as an enormous necklace of amethysts. Many were donated by kind and generous benefactresses. Gracious thanks!

Thanks are also offered to the Donors of the Stations of the Cross. These are placed just

above the moulding on a mahogany panelling, eight feet high, which covers the lower part of the walls of the Church. The Stations are the work of Mr. Leo Early the distinguished Dublin artist. They are of Opal Glass with a black surround and in a burnished bronze frame. They are mostly two-figured with a background of gold leaf and enclosed in gold mosaic strips. The main floor is of polished teak blocks. The seating is solid, polished mahogany, sufficient to seat in comfort either the Senior or Junior pupils separately. The windows are 14 feet high and almost 2 feet wide in Roman style i.e. round at the top. They are glazed in Cathedral Glass in leaded oblong form. In each is included in special glass a copy of one of the crosses found on the stones at Clonmacnoise — the City of Crosses. The Architect, Mr. Keefe, carried out this work.

The narrow windows left large portions of the walls grey and bare. It was the intention to have these parts covered with mosaic somewhat in keeping with the Apse. The Confessionals are cleverly fitted at the back and do not break the line of the panelling. Likewise the absence of a Communion Rail means there is a continuous sweep from the back door to the Altar and the Apse.

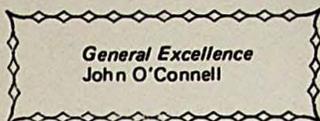
The ceiling is coffered in recessed panelling. Incidentally, although it is sufficiently high for the proportions of the whole Church, it does not allow enough room for a pipe organ. An electric organ is a good substitute and the present one is one of the best on the market.

Gracious thanks and appreciation should be expressed to the Architects, the Artists, the Builders and the many workers in the Building Fund Committee as well as to the Donors of the Altars and other perquisites.

Dr. M. Kennedy C.S.Sp.



## JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZEWINNERS



*Fr. Hourigan Religion Trophy*  
Hugh Stephenson

*Fr. Gilmore Art Trophy*  
Carl Morton

*Fr. Hurley Languages Trophy*  
Conan Budds

*Sportsman of the Year*  
Peter MacGiolla Riogh

*Attendance Record*  
Raymond Power

### FROM 6

John O'Connell  
Raymond Carroll  
Conan Budds

### FORM 6<sup>1</sup>

Robert Heron  
David Watts  
Louis Conlon

### FORM 5

James Furlong  
Colm Dunne  
Brendan Cassidy

### FROM 5<sup>1</sup>

Timothy Scanlon  
Stephen Gunning  
Michael MacDonnell

### FORM 4

John Thornton  
Paul Norris  
John Bagnall

### FORM 4<sup>1</sup>

Niall Budds  
Ian Ronayne  
Thomas Rice

### FORM 3

Edward Browne  
Peter Cross  
James Fitzgerald

### FORM 3<sup>1</sup>

William Crowe  
Conor Foley  
Niall Corish

### FORM 2

Alan Maguire  
Cormac Byrne  
James Scanlon

## EXCELLENT LIST

### FORM 6

John Blunden  
David Cantwell  
Michael Geraghty  
Brian Hanratty  
Raymond Power

### FORM 4<sup>1</sup>

Ian Bowden  
James Colfer  
James Coyne  
Colm Hanratty  
David Hughes  
Peter Mahoney  
John Muldoon  
Rory Murphy  
Paul Naughton  
Anthony O'Regan

### FORM 3<sup>1</sup>

Cormac Funge  
Conor Tee

### FORM 5

Laurence Lynch

### FORM 2

David Byers  
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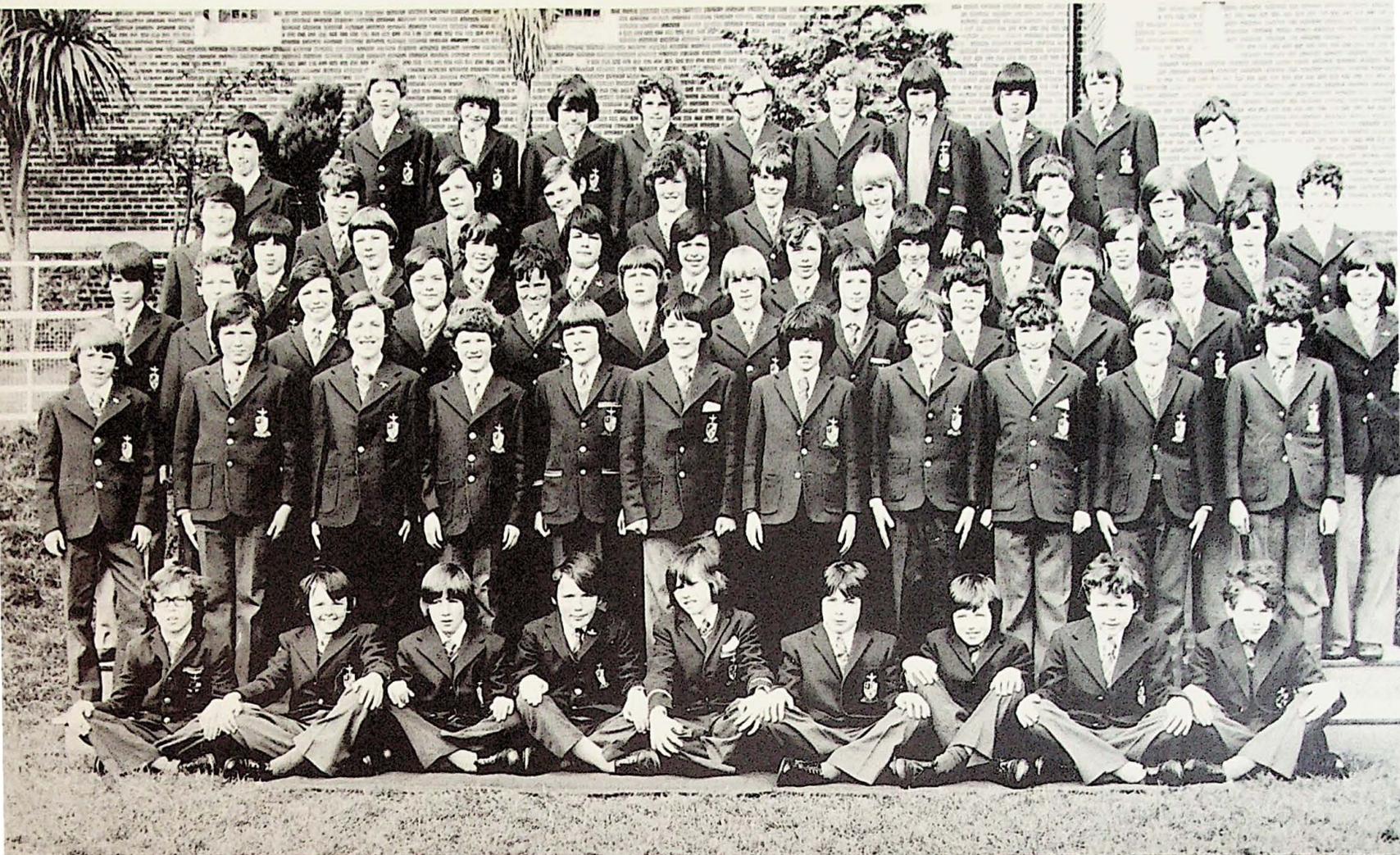
Seamus Yendole

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Derek Cullen  
David Doyle  
Ronan McNulty  
Garrett Quigley

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Thomas Coman  
John Loughrey  
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Colin Murphy  
Patrick Rennick  
Colm White



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## JUNIOR SCHOOL ROLL

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J. Blunden  
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A. Byrne  
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K. Regan  
P. Ronaldson  
B. Ward

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F. Brown  
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F. Sheerin  
H. Stephenson  
C. Tiernan  
D. Watts

### JUNIOR 5

B. Bardin  
W. Black  
I. Burgess  
P. Byrne  
B. Cassidy  
K. Conlon  
G. Cross  
C. Dunne  
J. Fanagan  
J. Fearon  
J. Furlong  
B. Gilsean  
J. Goldrick  
N. Harnett  
A. Lennon  
L. Lynch  
T. McTiernan  
G. Maher  
T. Millar  
D. Montague  
H. Mullen  
C. Murray  
R. O'Connor  
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D. O'Hora  
D. O'Sullivan  
G. Reilly  
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P. Wilson

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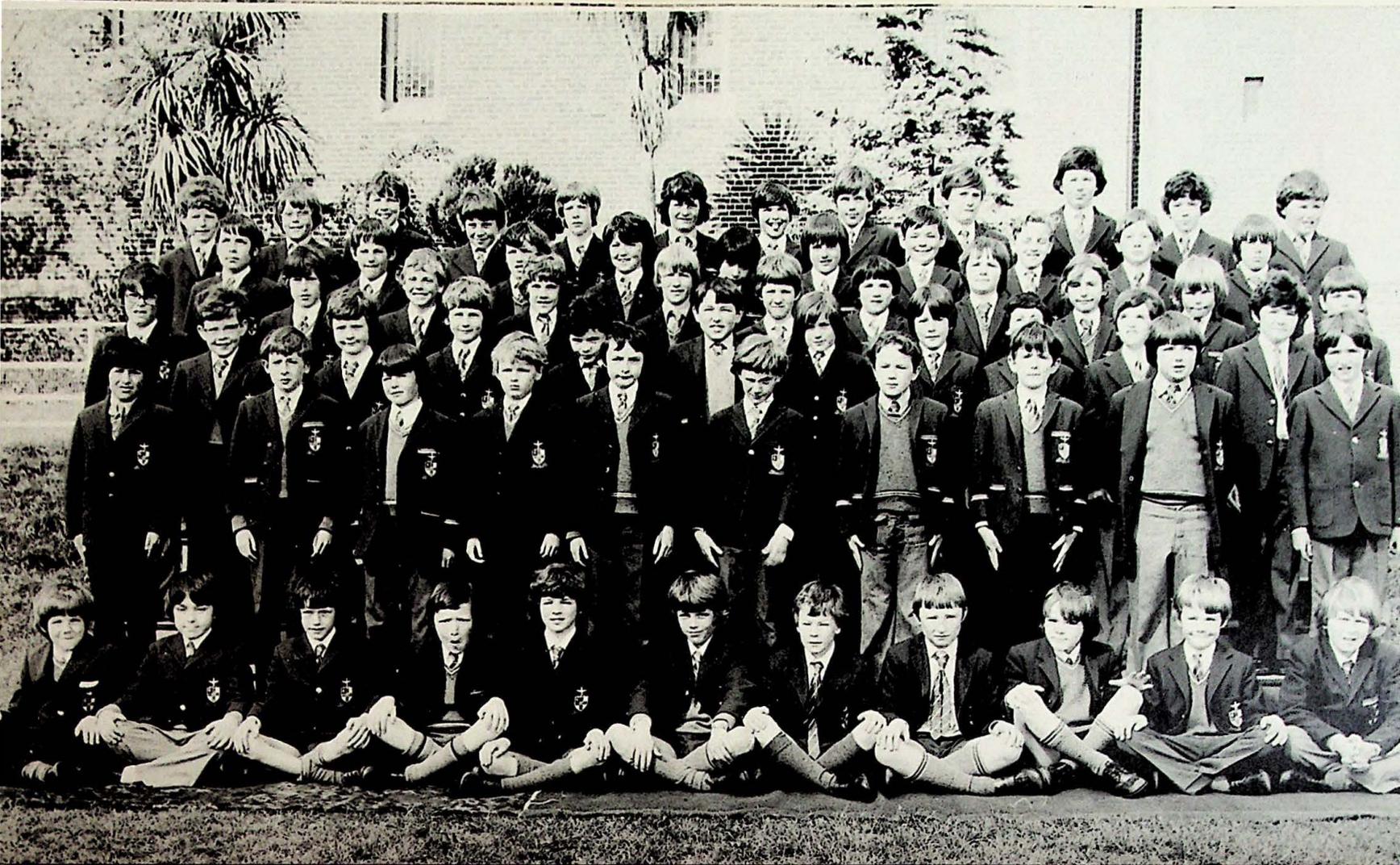
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G. Quigley  
D. Reilly  
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J. Ronaldson  
L. Shanahan  
M. Tynan



John O'Connell receives the General Excellence Gold Medal.



Sportsman of the Year, Peter Mac Giolla Riogh.



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 G. Dunne  
 M. Fearon  
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 B. O'Halloran  
 P. Rennick  
 J. Thornton  
 M. Turley  
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 P. Whelan  
 C. White  
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S. Brady  
 E. Browne  
 J. Condren  
 K. Conway  
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 D. Cullen  
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 P. Roantree  
 J. Ronaldson  
 L. Shanahan  
 M. Tynan

**JUNIOR 2**

D. Byers  
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 J. Cosgrave  
 J. Deasy  
 J. Donovan  
 P. Finn  
 A. Hoey  
 J. Kennedy  
 D. Kennedy  
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 W. O'Donoghue  
 B. O'Hora  
 C. O'Keefe  
 N. Peare  
 S. Purcell  
 D. Rennick  
 P. Roche  
 J. Scanlon  
 N. Tracey  
 J. Watts  
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 J. Wright



Conan Budds receives the Fr. Hurley Languages Trophy.

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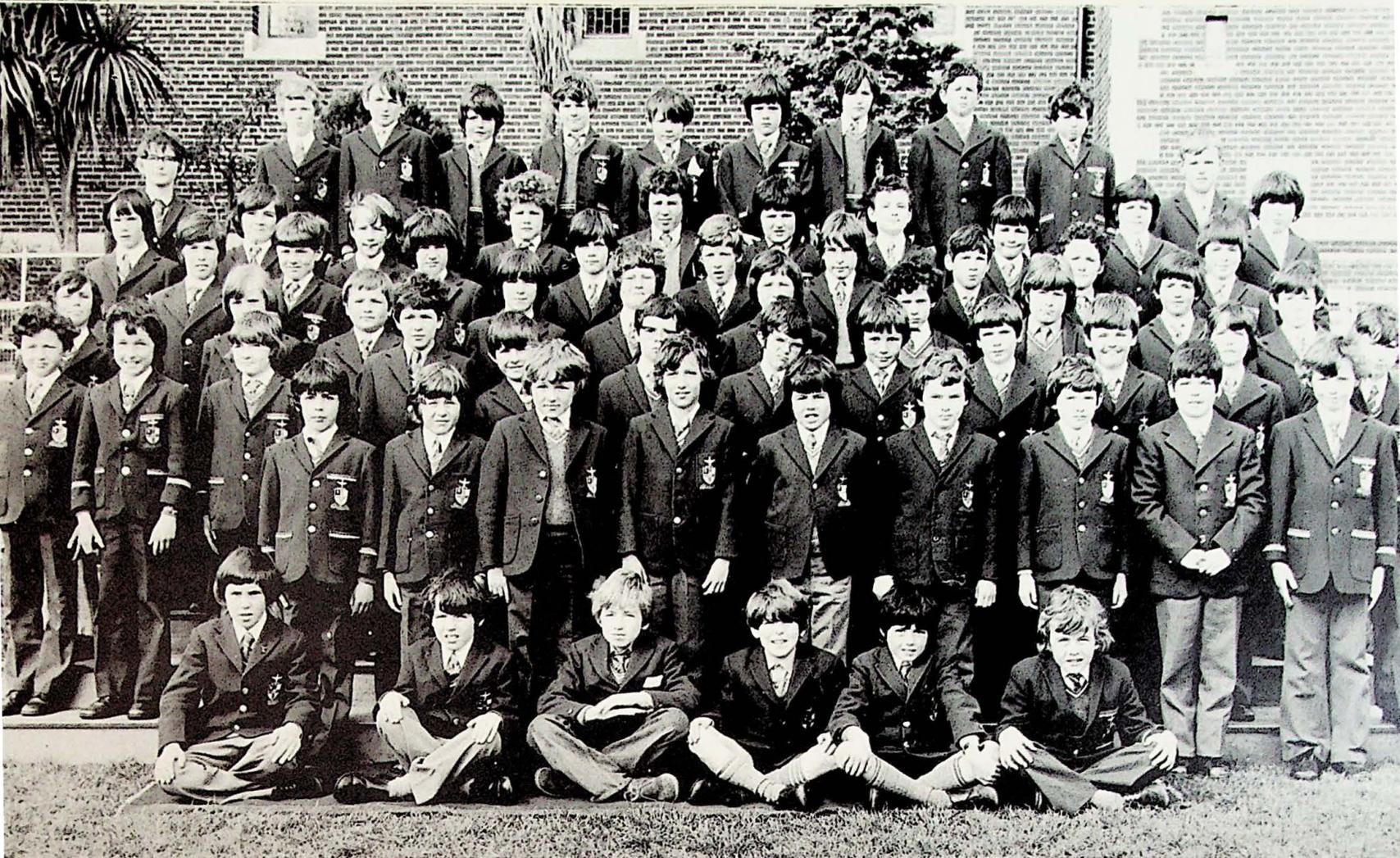
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 B. MacDevitt  
 P. McSharry  
 K. Naughton  
 J. O'Kelly  
 T. Pierce  
 P. Rahilly  
 M. Reid  
 B. Smith  
 M. Stapleton  
 N. Sweeney  
 C. Tee  
 R. Traynor  
 C. Ward  
 G. Winston



Fr. Hourigan Trophy for Religion presented to Hugh Stephenson.



JUNIOR 4 & 41

Photo G. Lord C.S.Sp.

From Top: P. Fleming, C. Hanratty, B. O'Neill, D. Naughton, J. Muldoon, J. Heron, C. Jones, O. White, N. Cremin, C. Gilligan, G. Dunne, R. Murphy, N. Budds, G. Callinan, P. Norris, R. Mockler, J. Gogan, J. Dunne, D. McSweeney, R. Davitt, P. Naughton, P. Rennick, J. Coyne, M. Fearon, S. McCambridge, J. Doyle, S. Cowley, W. Corrigan, I. Bowden, J. Thornton, C. McArdle, M. Turley, J. Bagnall, T. McCarthy, P. Whelan, D. McDonald, V. Merriman, E. Byrne, J. Loughrey, J. Byrne, A. Dean, M. Crosbie, P. Heslin, C. White, D. Crowe, C. Jones, T. Rice, I. Roynane, S. Cunnane, D. Evers, C. Burgess, G. Byrne, N. Briddock, P. Mahoney, J. Colfer, B. O'Halloran, M. Waldron, C. Murphy, L. Murray, D. Culleton, J. Mooney, D. Hughes, J. O'Connor, T. Coman, B. Kenny, B. Kerriga .

## JUNIOR SCHOOL RUGBY

Much attention was given to rugby in the Junior School this year and much was achieved. Much thought has also been given to this phase of rugby in England, Scotland and Wales and we await the findings of the I.R.F.U. as to whether we adopt a system of eight man rugby or ten man rugby or a full fifteen team. All the Rugby Unions appreciate that it is very important to instill the skills of rugby at an early age but not all of them agree about the best system to ensure the skills are learned and practised.

To add to the problem of the best coaching system was the fact that Fr. R. Lehane C.S.Sp., who had guided rugby in the Junior School for five years, returned to the Mission Field this time to Sierra Leone. He had previously spent many years in Nigeria. Sierra Leone's gain was certainly St. Mary's loss. During his recent years in St. Mary's Fr. Lehane had instilled the skills of rugby into the boys. He did not need any coaching plan. His knowledge of the game was almost inbred in him. Many Past Pupils claim he should have played as scrum half for Ireland when he was a Prefect in St. Mary's. But his

infectious love of the game was passed on to the boys.

But a new era dawned when he was not here. Who was to hand on the skills? The College turned to the Rugby Club for help and although it took time to organise, the College and the Rugby Club solved the problem.

The President of the Rugby Club, Matt Gilsenan, took a very personal interest in the Club Nursery. He organised meetings in the College to establish a team of coaches. Gradually the Rugby Club began to realise that amid all the flurry of activity about the new grounds in Templeville Road there was the problem of having players of top quality in Templeville Road and St. Mary's R.F.C. in 1981 not to mention 1986.

But we had coaches at last. And they worked very hard. Each Saturday morning saw them very much alive and very active. The Under 9's were looked after by John Cunningham, Christie Maguire and Don Purcell. The Under 11's were trained by Jack Bagnall, John Carville and Frank Montague and Michael McSweeney helped two members of staff, Michael Cotter and Jim Corbett, with the Under 10's. And add to that list Denis Hooper who turned out every Wednesday afternoon to train the boys. To each and every one of them we owe a special thanks. They have assured that the rugby skills are with the boys. Not only that but the boys enjoyed their rugby with them. That is very important.

Lurking behind the scenes were Ned Carmody and "Willo" Murray. They were the people who had the Leinster Branch Coaches here in St. Mary's to enlighten us about how to train each boy and teach them to play rugby as it should be played.

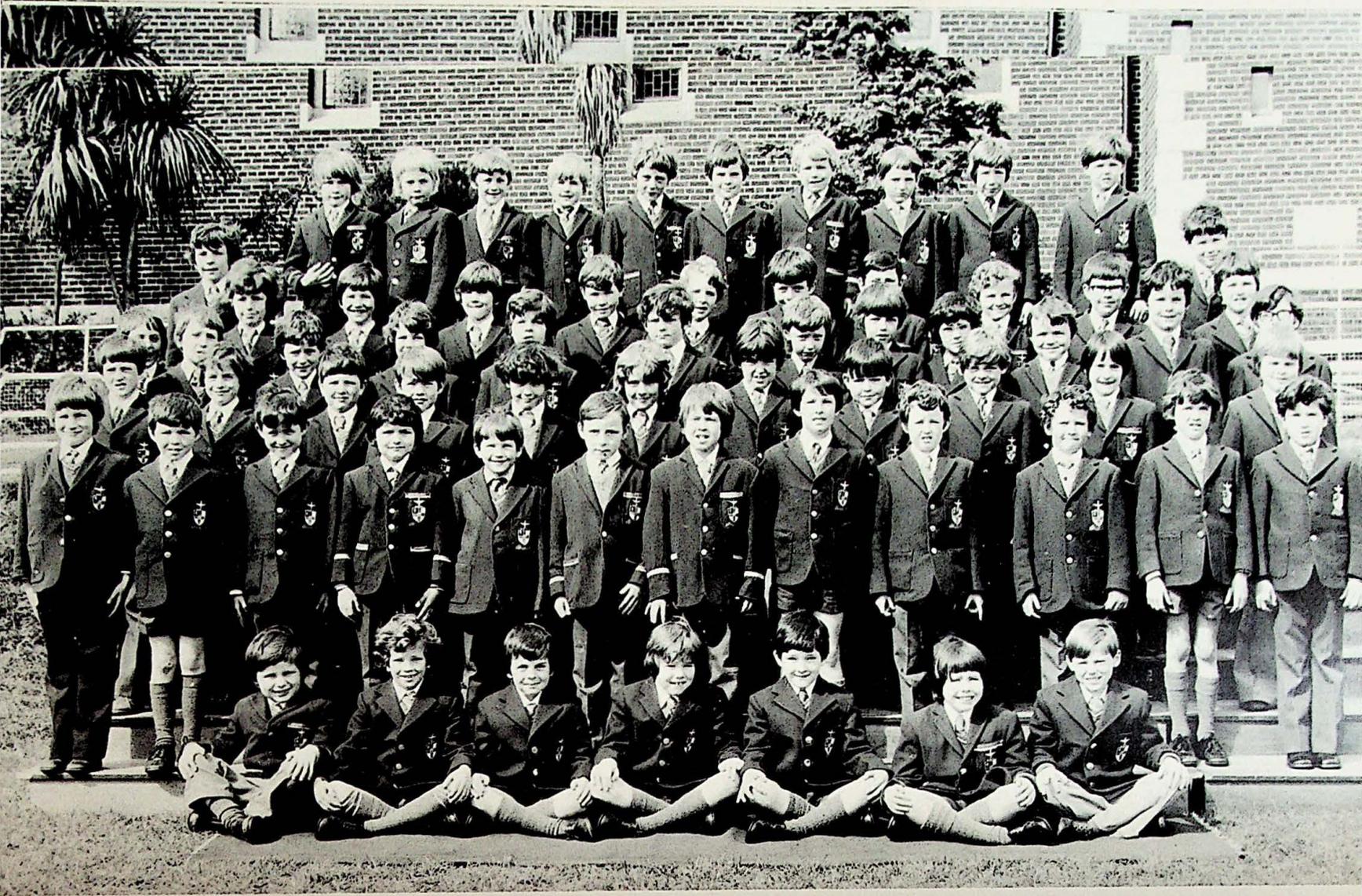
For the record, the Under 10's both A & B were undefeated during the year. For that much thanks is due to Mr. J. Corbett and Mr. M. Cotter along with Mr. M. McSweeney. The Under 9's had a good season and so did the Under 11's. The Under 12's are the immediate team to watch as they had only one game together as some are in the Senior School. But as Under 13's they should win the Provincial's Cup. And while the Under 11's could be great if they grow, there is always the undefeated Under 10's. There is lots of rugby talent in the Junior School.

Most of that talent will be recorded in the years to come. But there is no question that the ability is there. The College now have the Rugby Club and parents and Past Pupils to help them to forge as strong a St. Mary's Team, at Junior School or Club level as in 1975.



This standing stone of granite stands 23 feet high. In 1930 it fell and during the re-erection, a Bronze Age burial was discovered at its base in a small "cist" grave i.e. a grave composed of stone slabs forming a box like shape. The stone is located at Punchestown, Co. Kildare and is a very fine example of its kind.

W. Leo



JUNIOR 3 & 31

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- From Top: F. O'Connor, D. Kerrigan, D. Doyle, D. Reilly, C. Maher, D. Kilmartin, P. Cross, M. Tynan, O. Dunne, B. McDonald, C. Ward, C. Farrell, P. Roantree, D. O'Donovan, C. Foley, P. McSharry, M. Stapleton, B. Dunne, G. G. Winston, E. Browne, J. Fitzgerald, N. Corish, K. Murray, B. McGreen, E. Flood, W. Kearney, M. Bevan, G. Donnelly, B. Kennedy, K. Naughton, C. Funge, G. Quigley, G. Keogh, M. Reid, D. Cullon, V. Cunningham, P. Gilligan, T. Keane, C. Tee, N. Sweeney, M. Montague, D. Doyle, L. Shanahan, R. McNulty, J. Kennedy, J. Ronaldson, P. Kearney, P. Rahilly, P. Keogan, B. Smith, A. Kelly, W. Mulvihill, S. Brady, E. Murphy, T. Pierce, I. McCulloch



HOLY CHILDHOOD LEAGUE WINNERS

*Photo C. Lord C.S.Sp.*

C. Maher, S. Gunning, B. Ward, A. Byrne, K. Regan, R. O'Connor, L. Fletcher, C. Russell.  
I. Donnelly, J. Kennedy, P. Ronaldson, J. O'Connell (Capt.) R. Power, R. Geoghegan, J. O'Kane.



UNDER 11's

*Photo G. Lord C.S.Sp.*

C. Murray, T. Miller, T. Scanlon, P. Naughton, G. Cross, G. Hassett, B. Cassidy, W. Foley, J. O'Kane,  
R. Power, D. O'Hora, B. Gilsean.  
P. Briddock, H. Mullan, D. McCarthy, P. Mac Giolla Riogh (Capt) S. Farnan, G. McCambridge, B. Roantree.  
A. McEvoy, P. Donovan, J. Fanagan.



JUNIOR 2

From Top: D. Loughrey, C. O'Keefe, P. Finn, E. McSweeney, J. Scanlon, A. Maguire, J. Wright, N. Peare, J. Donovan, D. Laydon, B. McEnniff, N. Tracey, A. Hoey, J. Deasy, R. Morton, D. Conlon, P. Whelan, D. Rennick, B. O'Hora, S. Purcell, P. Murray, L. O'Donohue, N. Lucas, B. McCarthy, J. Cosgrove, J. Kennedy, D. Kennedy, D. Byers, J. Watts, C. Byrne, D. Lucas.

Photo G. Lord C.S.Sp.



UNDER 9's

*Photo G. Lord C.S.Sp.*

J. Fitzgerald, C. Farrell, D. Cullen, P. Roantree, G. Quigley, P. Cross.  
 K. Murray, V. Cunningham, N. Budds (Capt), J. Gogan, J. Byrne.  
 D. Doyle, D. Naughton



UNDER 10's

*Photo G. Lord C.S.Sp.*

G. Byrne, B. Kerrigan, P. Naughton, R. Mockler, T. Scanlon, J. Fearon.  
 S. Yendole, S. McCambridge, P. Norris, G. Cross (Capt) D. McSweeney, N. Budds, P. O'Mahoney.  
 P. Donovan, J. Muldoon

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS

The winter was mild, the spring was dry but May was both wet and cold. And it was with forebodings about the weather that we approached the Junior School Sports Day on Saturday, May 29th. The various heats had been run off during the week despite the showers and much thanks is due to the Junior School Staff for helping to establish who would compete on Sports Day. This was a major work as we also had Prizegiving and Concert in the same week.

Amid all that feverish activity, the boys and the Staff knew that the main award was to be the Victor Ludorum for the boys in Forms 6 and 6<sup>1</sup>. Both Staff and boys quickly installed Conor Murphy as the hot favourite and how right they were. Conor won each of the Championship Events to emerge as clear winner of the Victor Ludorum.

But Conor is an athlete of exceptional ability. He is a very blaenced runner, very fast and has the will to win. He deserved his honour and accepted it with a retiring graciousness that endeared him all the more. But Conor knows that he cannot rest on his laurels as Raymond Carroll, Paul O'Byrne and John Kennedy are very close on his heels. Gregory McCambridge also put in a challenge and it will be very interesting to see how they develop in the Senior School.

While Form 6 and 6<sup>1</sup> were disputing the Victor Ludorum, our eyes were on the future. There was a rare battle in Forms 5 and 5<sup>1</sup>. It will be interesting to see the struggle for the Victor Ludorum next year between Gerry Cross, Colm Dunne and Pat Naughton. In

Forms 4 and 4<sup>1</sup> John Byrne and Peter Mahoney dominated the scene. Derek Cullen, Vincent Cunningham and Paul McSharry stood out in Forms 3 and 3<sup>1</sup> while Eamonn McSweeney and Donal Loughrey were the stars in Form 2.

Many other events were held and provided great fun for the boys and their parents. The Egg & Spoon race provided the usual "disasters" with the potatoe falling off near the finishing line. The Three Legged Races saw many a harmless tumble and lots of bumping and boring on the track. There was many a laugh for the competitors and spectators in the Obstacle Races while the Musical Chairs did not lengthen the life of some bicycles.

When the sports ended at 5.15 p.m. the boys had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. But the sports would not have been such a success without the efficient work of the Starter, Mr. J. Corbett, the fair and impartial judging of Mr. M. Cotter and Mr. J. Crowley. The Recording was perfectly exact thanks to Miss E. Behan, Mrs. M. Kelly, Mrs. B. Roberts and Mrs. L. Southwell. The music and public address was in the very capable hands of Fr. G. Lord C.S.Sp. The announcers were Derry O'Donovan, Robert Murray and Ultan Stephenson. And to keep order and clear up at the end of the sports we were very grateful to the members of the College Scout Unit.

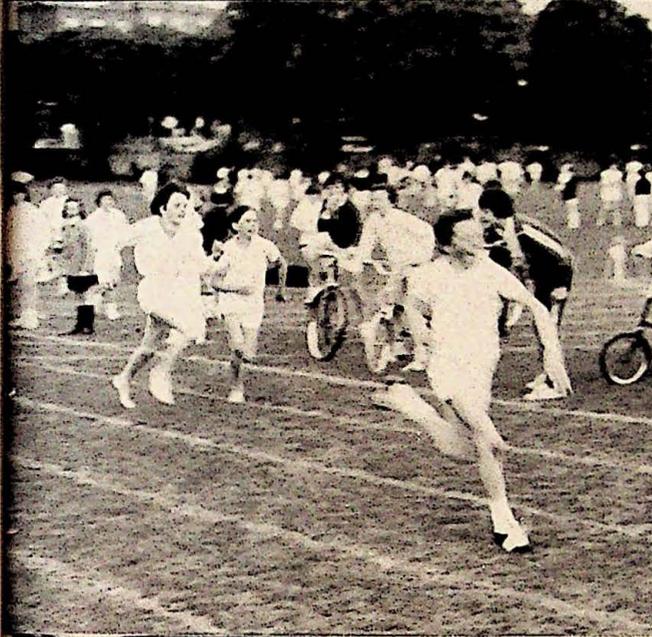
Mrs. Joan Hughes, wife of the President of the College Union graciously presented the prizes. She had a word for each boy and put each one at ease. Her husband, Mr. John Hughes and Very Rev. W. Nugent C.S.Sp. presided and kept a genial eye on a very successful Sports Day.

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### SPORTS PHOTOS

1. Mark McSweeney and Paul Norris win the 3 Legged Race.
2. Our Recorders – Miss E. Behan, Mrs. M. Kelly, Mrs. B. Roberts, Mrs. L. Southwell.
3. Conor Murphy wins the 150 Yards from Gregory McCambridge and Paul Hartigan.
4. John Thornton makes progress in the Form 4 Obstacle Race.
5. Form 2 endeavouring to burst their balloons.
6. Mrs. Joan Hughes presents the Victor Ludorum to Conor Murphy.

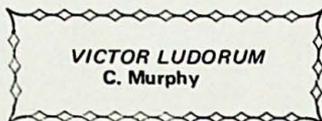
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## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS PRIZEWINNERS

### 100 Yards

Junior 2	1. E. McSweeney 2. D. Loughrey
Junior 3 & 3 <sup>1</sup>	1. P. McSharry 2. V. Cunningham
Junior 4 & 4 <sup>1</sup>	1. H. Byrne 2. P. Mahoney
Junior 5 & 5 <sup>1</sup>	1. G. Cross 2. P. Naughton
Junior 6 & 6 <sup>1</sup>	1. C. Murphy 2. P. O'Byrne



### 150 Yards

Junior 3 & 3 <sup>1</sup>	1. D. Cullen 2. V. Cunningham
Junior 4 & 4 <sup>1</sup>	1. P. Mahoney 1. J. Byrne
Junior 5 & 5 <sup>1</sup>	1. G. Cross 2. C. Dunne
Junior 6 & 6 <sup>1</sup>	1. C. Murphy 2. G. McCambridge

### THREE LEGGED RACE

Junior 2	1. S. Purcell, P. Lucas 2. P. Whelan, J. Kennedy
Junior 3	1. R. McNulty, J. Fitzgerald 2. G. Quigley, O. Dunne
Junior 3 <sup>1</sup>	1. N. Sweeney, N. Corish 2. R. Traynor, M. Bevan
Junior 4	1. P. Norris, D. McSweeney 2. D. Crowe, C. Jones
Junior 4 <sup>1</sup>	1. C. Hanratty, J. Colfer 2. I. Roynane, D. Naughton
Junior 5	1. G. Cross, D. O'Hara 2. C. Murray, R. O'Connor
Junior 5 <sup>1</sup>	1. I. Donnelly, C. Maher 2. L. Fletcher, C. Heslin
Junior 6	1. K. Regan, P. O'Byrne 2. M. McSweeney, D. Cantwell
Junior 6 <sup>1</sup>	1. S. Farnan, D. Byrne 2. J. Kildea, R. Murray

### EGG AND SPOON

Junior 2	1. J. Scanlon 2. J. Donovan
Junior 3	1. G. Donnelly 2. V. Cunningham
Junior 3 <sup>1</sup>	1. W. Crowe 2. C. Foley
Junior 4	1. B. Kenny 2. D. Crowe
Junior 4 <sup>1</sup>	1. P. Mahoney 2. N. Cremin
Junior 5	1. J. Goldrick 2. B. Cassidy
Junior 5 <sup>1</sup>	1. T. Scanlon 2. S. Yendole
Junior 6	1. D. O'Donovan 2. K. Regan
Junior 6 <sup>1</sup>	1. D. Byrne 2. B. Rowntree

### OBSTACLE RACE

Junior 2	1. S. Purcell 2. J. Scanlon
Junior 3	1. M. Tynan 2. D. Doyle
Junior 3 <sup>1</sup>	1. P. Keogan 2. D. Doyle
Junior 4	1. D. Doyle 2. P. Norris
Junior 4 <sup>1</sup>	1. P. Mahoney 2. N. Cremin

### MUSICAL CHAIRS

Junior 5	1. R. O'Connor 2. C. Dunne
Junior 5 <sup>1</sup>	1. L. Fletcher 2. C. Purcell
Junior 6	1. S. McCabe 2. K. Regan
Junior 6 <sup>1</sup>	1. R. Murray 2. J. Kildea

### RELAYS

Junior 5 & 5 <sup>1</sup>	1. G. Cross, C. Dunne, B. Gilsean, R. O'Connor	Junior 4 & 4 <sup>1</sup>	1. D. Crowe, P. Heslin, P. Norris, P. Whelan
	2. A. Behan, I. Donnelly, C. Heslin, C. Purcell		2. J. Byrne, P. Naughton, T. Rice, I. Roynane
Junior 6 & 6 <sup>1</sup>	1. P. Hartigan, G. McCambridge, M. McSweeney, P. O'Byrne	Junior 3 & 3 <sup>1</sup>	1. V. Cunningham, G. Donnelly, C. Maher, K. Murray
	2. R. Carroll, K. Cregan, J. Kennedy, C. Murphy.		2. D. Cullen, D. Doyle, O. Dunne, M. Tynan

## PRIZEGIVING CONCERT JUNIOR SCHOOL

### Form 2

Song & Dance Amhran Poems	Wedding of the Painted Doll An Spailpin Fanach The Year Old Zip Coon	Zacio Fr. Brown
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### Form 3<sup>1</sup>

Songs  Amhran Poems  Recorder	Inside the Basket Jig Jog Fuaires-so Curreadh George Mise Raifteiri Air on Three Notes The Humming Top	Richard Graves Paul Edmonds Carl Hardebeck Hilaire Belloc  Louis Spohr Colin Hand
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### Form 3

Songs  Amhran Poems Recorder	Brother Come and Dance With Me (From Hansel and Gretel) Trup, Trup a Chapailin Bad Sir Brian Botany Spring Song Sarie Marais	E. Humperdinck  A.A. Milne Colin Hand
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### Forms 4 and 4<sup>1</sup>

	The Pied Piper of Hamelin	Robert Browning
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### Form 4<sup>1</sup>

Songs  Amhran Band	I Love All Graceful Things Under the Old Linden Tree Oro Mo Bhaidin Toy Soldier's March	Eric H. Thiman Murgatroyd Farrar  Percy Fletcher
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### Form 4

Songs  Amhran Band	Santa Lucia William and Greta Ding Dong Dederero Waltz in E. Flat The Ash Grove	Percy Fletcher Gerald Cockshott  Beethoven
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### Form 5<sup>1</sup>

Songs  Amhran Band	The Statues of Dublin All in the April Evening The Ploughboy Oro, 'se Do Bheatha' Bhaile Hungarian Dance	Hugh S. Robertson William Shield  Brahms
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### Form 5

Songs  Amhran Band	Throw the T.V. Set Away J. is for Jazzman How Soft, Upon the Ev'ning Air The Blue Tail Fly Tuirne Mhaire Mazurka (From Coppelia)	Rold Dahl Eleanor Farjeon Thomas F. Dunhill Wilson and Ehret  Delibes
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### Form 6<sup>1</sup> & 6

	The Island People The Mikado (Miniature Version)	Seamus Heaney W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan
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Music	Miss Maureen Valentine	
Drama	Miss Maureen Valentine and Miss Maire Cranny	

# PAISTI LIR

## RANG 3

### COLAISTE MHUIRE RATH MAOINIS

#### PAISTI LIR

Fuireann (in ord a theacht ar an staitse)

AN SEANACHAI:  
NA PAISTI AG EISTEACHT  
LEIS AN SCEAL:

Peter Cross  
Garrett Quigley  
Paul Roantree  
Cathal Farrell  
Cormac Maher  
Bernard McDonnell

NA FIR CHOSANTA:

David O'Donovan  
Killian Murray  
Derek Cullen  
Mark Montague  
Gerard Donnelly  
Gerard Keogh

#### AN PALAS

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AODH )  
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John Condren  
Daivd Doyle  
Vincent Cunningham  
Kevin Conway  
John Kennedy  
James Fitzgerald

NA FAOILEAIN:

Ronan McNulty  
Desmond Kerrigan

NA MANAIGH:

Brendan McGreen  
Edward Brown

NA DAOINE AG TEACHT  
LE CHEILE:

Stuart Brady  
William Mulvihill  
David O'Reilly

AN CHEAD GIOLLA:  
AN DARA GIOLLA:

Jody Ronaldson  
Dara Kilmartin

#### AG AN LOCH

CAIRDE AN RI

Liam Shanahan  
Eoin Flood  
Mark Tynan  
Frank O'Connor  
Oliver Dunne  
Declan Fee

SOILSE:

Eamonn Ambrose ) Scoil  
Ultan Stephenson ) Sinnsearach  
Alan Wright )

STAITSE:

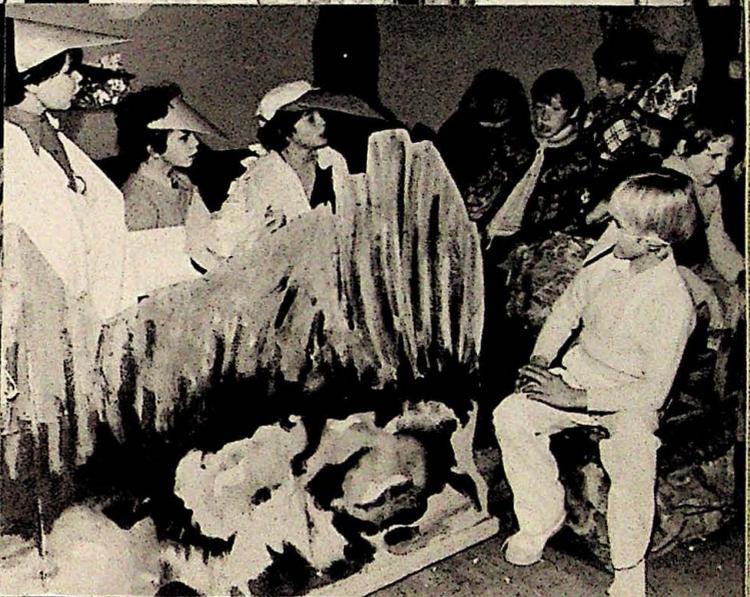
Rev. F. Barry, C.S.Sp.

LEIRITHEOIR:

Mrs. B. Roberts



- 1 Brendan McGreen as the Manach.
- 2 John Condren and David Doyle as the Ri and Banrion.
- 3 David Doyle as the Banrion.
- 4 Desmond Kerrigan as the Sorrowful Seagull speaks to the children James Fitzgerald, Kevin Conway and Vincent Cunningham.
- 5 Peter Cross as the Seanachai.
- 6 The King with his Fir Cosanta.



## S.C.T. RUGBY

Great things were expected of this year's seniors and there was even a hope that we might win the 1sts cup and 2nds league such was the panel from which to choose. Kevin Egan who had led the U.13s and J.C.T. to victory was fittingly chosen as captain with Willie Opperman his vice-captain. Even though we lost our first two friendlies to Belvedere and Castleknock no one was unduly worried and 'Rock, 'Nure and St. Paul's soon fell to us before De La Salle too beat us. Before Hallow E'en, Fr. Walter Kennedy decided to retire from training and this was a big upset to the team. Fr. Kennedy had been rather ill the previous spring and was now finding it difficult to keep up with the team. A great tribute must be paid to him for his trojan work with the seniors over a long number of years and few trainers can boast of winning three senior cups in fifteen years. Thank you, Fr. Walter and well done!

Fr. Darcy moved up from the juniors to try to fill the gap and during November the team hit its high peak with splendid victories over Douai, C.B.C., Newbridge, etc. The cup looked very much on but then injuries came our way and remained with us right up to the cup. Besides we got the bad news of a lopsided draw and we had drawn the favourites Castleknock! The team never really got going again. Only two weeks before the cup we were playing five reserves against Belvedere but did manage to raise our game that day to win 28-9. C.B.C. beat us in our last friendly but we knew we weren't quite ready yet. We needed a fine day against a tremendously powerful 'Knock pack so that we could use our superior backs. It's history that we got rain and wind instead and a below form pack got very little possession. A good penalty by D. Cowman negated a great Loughran drop and it was 3-3 at half time. Early in the second half a lucky bounce gave Loughran a try at the corner and this good player converted to send us out of the cup 9-3. We played a few more enjoyable friendlies after and finished with a great game against Rock in which the score was 10-10 with three minutes to go but two penalties gave the revenge victory to Rock.

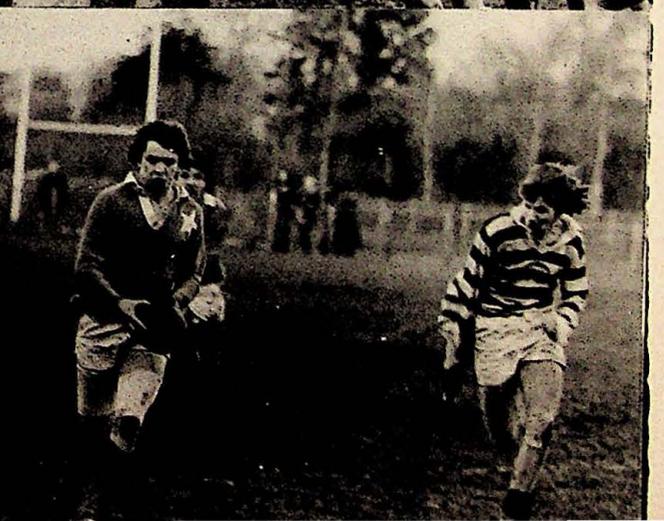
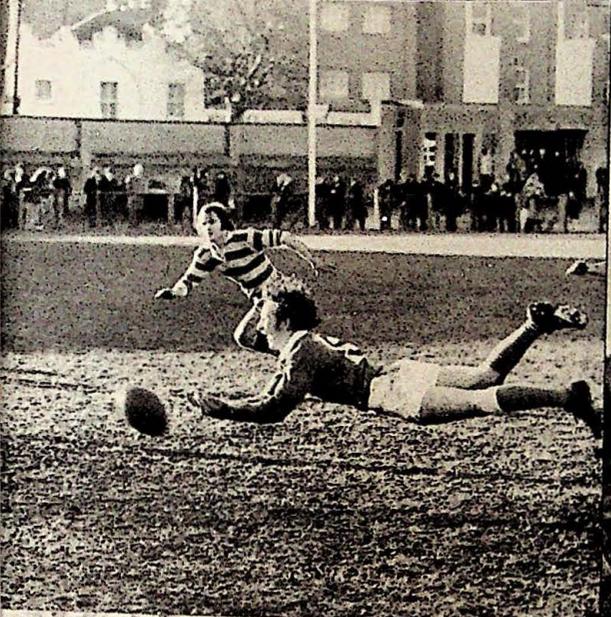
It was difficult to decide on the right combination from the start. S. Mulvey, reserve scrumhalf for Ireland the previous year, and destined to fill the same role this year, returned

late and shared the base of the scrum with captain Kevin. Stephen played in the centre in many games and did very well there. Full back too was difficult with D. Cowman in such great form that R. Sloan had to play usually in the centre. D. Muldoon was first choice centre but injury let M. Thornton in for many games. P. Barnwell was an Interpro winger and I. Long was equally effective on the other wing and it was a pity we couldn't get the ball for them in the cup. R. MacDonnell played some great games at out-half and his extra experience won him the place from the gifted P. Dean.

K. Holland and T. Kennedy were obvious props. In fact Tom was a reserve for Leinster. B. Foley was usually hooker though wing forward W. Opperman sometimes operated here. P. Gueret and C. McCarthy were first choice locks but M. Feehan and B. Kennedy were also seen to advantage. Michael played at wing forward in the cup using his speed to advantage as well as being our best lineout man. D. McCarthy was a very fine number 8 all through the season and he was one of the few who enhanced his reputation in the cup match. We were sorry to lose M. Fitzgerald, a really good wing forward, with an injury during the Christmas holidays while along with B. Kennedy, Joe Dargan was the unlucky forward who couldn't get a cup place. Our full friendly record was 14 wins, 2 draws, and 8 losses — not a bad score sheet at all — but having watched these boys play really delightful football when at their best, one has to conclude by admitting that this was a disappointing and unlucky year. Congratulations though to P. Barnwell and S. Mulvey our interpros and especially to Stephen who captained Leinster and of course it was nice to see a new name, C.B.C., on the cup.

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1. Loyal support at Donnybrook
  2. Declan Muldoon fights for possession backed up by Robert MacDonald, Paul Barnwell and Stephen Mulvey
  3. Flowing action by Kevin Egan
  4. Good possession by Michael Feehan with Conor McCarthy, Tom Kennedy, Kieran Holland and David McCarthy ready to support.
  5. The tackle by Derek Cowman and the pack closes in.
  6. Declan Muldoon running strongly

Photos: James G. Maguire A.F.I.A.P.





S.C.T. 1976

Photo C. Byrne C.S.Sp.

R. McDonnell, M. Thornton, B. Foley, D. McCarthy, M. Feehan, P. Gueret, T. Kennedy, I. Long, C. McCarthy.  
 J. Dargan, P. Barnwell, R. Sloan, W. Opperman, K. Egan (Capt), K. Holland, D. Cowman, D. Muldoon.



S. MULVEY & P. BARNWELL  
 Leinster Schools Interprovincials

## SECOND SENIOR XV

1976 will go into the annals for an achievement that will not be equaled. This year for the first time St. Mary's won the Second Senior League — we may win it again but we can never win it again for the first time!

How sweet this victory was and particularly when it was achieved against Blackrock. The 'Rock has dominated this competition since its inception some 12 years ago, being beaten only once, and having denied us victory in '75.

It was unfortunate that through a misunderstanding the account of the Second Seniors did

not appear in last year's Annual, for in my mind, these two years in Seconds Rugby have been ongoing — the lessons of last year were learnt but more important, a new spirit was so evident — the will and determination to win, and I have no doubt, but for the injuries sustained in the semi-final against 'Salle' which left us without our captain Eunan Tierney and our regular prop., it would have been a much different game against 'Rock in the final last year, for as it was we pressed them very close.

And it was this spirit of never giving up, this spirit of determination, that ensured victory this year. In the 'friendlies' (if there is such a thing



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P. Gately, C. Sharpe, E. Donnelly, P. Kearney, J. O'Connor, B. Kennedy, P. O'Rourke, R. Doyle, M. Healy, I. Delany, P. McDonnell, P. Maguire, R. Sloan, T. Coveney (Capt) K. O'Byrne, M. Thornton, J. Dargan, P. Dean.

in rugby) form was erratic. Sometimes we produced brilliant rugby, but we were quite capable of going to the other extreme too. Spirit was there when it really mattered. Terry Coveney, Captain, had played centre with the seconds last year, and had those qualities necessary to lead a team to victory. Terry produced a brilliant run or tackle that gave both inspiration and example. Mark Thornton, who partnered Terry in the centre was also from last year's team. Mark's dedication to the game is his great quality because he is not what one would describe as a natural player. Dedication and commitment to the game brought him close to the First Fifteen this year, because right up to the first Cup Match he was in contention for his place. Raymond Sloan was the regular full-back with the firsts last year and was only pipped for his place this year. Their loss was our gain, because his calm and unhurried approach belied that sudden burst of speed that would take him right into the three-quarters. Proof of this was that all important try in the final. Ken O'Byrne missed the League games last year through injury and at one time this year it seemed bad luck was going to hit again for he had to retire in the semi-final with a shoulder injury and his fitness remained in doubt for a few days. Eddie Donnelly had been called upon for last year's final due to Jim Lynch having to cry off. Eddie is big and strong and wherever there was a ruck or maul you never where there was a ruck or maul you never found Eddie on the edge of it. Joe Dargan was forward leader - he took over this job from Ken O'Byrne. A popular person, who is often at the receiving end of the joke but accepts it in good spirit. On the rugby pitch Joe is unbending, demanding and getting one hundred per cent, no nonsense, effort. Joe got this from his forwards because that is what he gave, and it is only fitting that the all important try in the final came from an unexpected break from Joe at a critical moment of the game. We were leading by a single point and 'Rock were pressing and pressing. Play was in our half and then Joe broke and reached their 22 metre line - a maul, good service to the three quarters, Raymond Sloan came into the line and we were over!

And then the babies - the under sixteens. These included John O'Connor. John has a number of nicknames - 'Rusty' because of his red hair, and 'Tiny' - that's because he is 6'3" tall, and built in proportion. Peter Kearney partnered John in the power house and many of our victories sprang from our dominance in the set scrums, due in no small way to the

strength of our second row. Paul Dean was out-half, and anyone who has played with Paul, or has seen him play, knows that if he continues to develop and display those abilities in the next five or six years, then it is certain there is no honour that this game has that is not within his grasp. Apart from his abilities to handle, run, and kick, his reading of the game is superb. Also from last years junior team was Philip McDonnell, a competent scrum half, but his value can be judged from his contribution in the final. After Raymond crossed the line to give us a lead of five points, it was up to Phillip to kick and place us in a position where 'Rock had to score twice. So there was pressure, and on top of that, the angle was bad, but straight between the posts sailed that ball - a marvellous sight. And five minutes later, he added a second conversion after Paul Maguire had crossed the line. Paul had started at full-back at the beginning of the season, and had held that position all through. In the course of the competition, injuries and sickness had forced many changes of personnel and positions, and though this can be very frustrating, it does afford the opportunity to see your strength in depth. Paul, in the game against Gerards, when moved to he wing, showed positive and opportune running and very important, from his full-back experience, good covering. So, when, as a result of a soccer game, the regular wing




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#### 2nd Seniors

- 1 Mr. N. Doyle is cheered off Donnybrook by jubilant team.
2. T. Coveney with Leinster Plaque.
3. Line out work by B. Kennedy, J. Dargan, P. Kearney, P. O'Rourke, J. O'Connor and E. Donnelly.
4. Good possession by P. Kearney.
5. R. Sloan in flight with P. Maguire backing up.
6. P. McDonnell clears while R. Sloan and T. Coveney look on.

*Photos: James G. Maguire A.F.I.A.P.*



John Gately was injured and forced out of the game for the remainder of the competition, Paul slotted in very well.

This was the second factor that was so important in our victory – our reserve strength. I can remember when to get fifteen could present problems, but when, in a final, your reserves are Joe Turley, Cormac Sharpe, and Ian Delaney, then you must feel a certain confidence, but, above all it means that places are at stake, and the further one goes in the competition, the keener everyone is to keep or get his place.

Bernard Kennedy was lock, and in previous outings, had had the opportunity to develop a sound understanding with Philip McDonnell, while his covering and support gave extra strength to the three quarters. Mark Healy played hooker. They say hookers are a special breed! Joe Turley replaced Mark for a few games in the early rounds, but in the end, though more active in the loose, those special skills needed carried the day and Mark made the final. Peter O'Rourke propped with Eddie Donnelly. Peter would be the first to admit that there were those more skillful than himself on the team, but there were none who had shown the same dedication or commitment to training throughout the entire season. Dick Doyle played on the wing, and the picture I will always have of Dickie was, when Blackrock intercepted and broke for the line, Dickie took off, and I doubt if he ever ran faster, but he managed to take the 'Rock player about ten yards from the line. Dickie passed close to where

I was, and as he passed, I could see the sense of purpose in his expression. Like all who contributed either in the final or the earlier rounds, that little extra was always found.

In the early rounds, we were grouped with St. Conleths, Wilsons, Templeogue, and St. Gerards – and though there were some testing games, the final outcome was never in doubt. Against De la Salle Skerries, again there were some moments when we had to withstand pressure, but the real test came in the Semi-final against Pres. Bray. This was a side that had beaten St. Michaels, and we knew Michaels were very strong. Sure enough, it was a cliff hanger – with 20 minutes to go, we lead by 3 points and Pres. were camped on our line for all but about five minutes of those twenty. It was quite an extraordinary game – in the first half we produced moments of vintage rugby, resulting in a 13–3 lead at half-time, but in the second half, the game slipped from us, and Pres. came back at us, and in the end, it was only that Mary's spirit that carried the day.

And then it was Donnybrook. In the course of this account I have made many references to this game – the contribution that a number of individuals made – yet no matter how one viewed this game, in the end it was a team victory. Each man did all and more than was asked of him, and to all who made this such a memorable year for me and St. Mary's, I say Thank You.

P.N.Doyle



This stone hut or clochan is situated on the Aran Island. It is bee shaped and measures 19 feet by 7 feet 6 inches and is 8 feet in height. It has two doors facing east and west and a small window in the south side. There is a "corbelled" roof in very good condition. It is generally believed to have been a domestic dwelling of pre Christian date.

W. Leo

### THIRD SENIOR XV

The season was notable for the number of boys who turned up to practice. We had a regular group of between 25-30 players all keen to earn their places on the team. This enthusiasm was reflected in the high standard of rugby played in all the games during the season. It is not surprising that the team won all of their games except two and ran out semi-finalists in the Senior 3rd's League.

During the first term we had good wins and there was experimenting with the team. By Christmas the team had taken shape under the Captaincy of John Redahan. Not only was he a popular captain but as pack leader, his determination and eagerness to get the ball was always an extra spur to his forwards. We were fortunate in having a strong front row of Nial Lynch, (Peter Mulvey), Michael Birmingham and Brendan Largey. Brendan was the outstanding forward of the season.

The second row of Pat Hartigan and Jerry Jones bound tightly and won valuable ball in the lines out. Backing them up were the back row of Barra O'Kane, John Whelan, Brian Byrne, (Declan Darby), who were quick in defence and proved an excellent combination in attacks on the fringe of the scrum.

Behind the scrum we were fortunate to have a very capable combination in Ian Delaney and Colm Stokes as half backs. Ian made many fine breaks while Colm's running and especially his kicking contributed to many a victory. Both Michael Graham and Mark Hughes in the centre tackled and ran strongly while Eoghan Corish and Tony Bennett played excellent games on

the wings. Sometimes Niel Geoghegan and John Murphy filled the wing positions and John played in the forwards in the League Games and proved to be an excellent line-out-player.

Behind them all, at full back, was Nial Power who was a rock of dependibility. His sense of position, decisive tackling, fielding and kicking saved many a tense situation and his willingness to join in attack resulted in many an opening being made for Eoghan Corish. With such a team we faced the League with hope rather than trepidation.

Eighteen teams were entered in the League and we found ourselves in the Section along with Belvedere, C.B.C. Monkstown, Clongowes and Templeogue. Having won our section undefeated, we found that St. Gerards and Terenure were winners of their Sections. We were drawn against St. Gerard's in the play off for the Final. We had no illusions about St. Gerard's as the report was that they were a fine, heavy side. Muddy and wet conditions suited them rather than the mobile lightness of our pack. Added to our misfortune was the loss of John Redahan through injury. But full marks to St. Gerard's on their victory and they won the trophy by beating Terenure in the Final.

It is difficult to single individuals for praise during the year as everyone gave of his best. It is enough to say that they enjoyed their rugby, trained hard, showed the "never-say-die" spirit of St. Mary's and what more can be said of any team. But a single word of thanks is due to our best supporter, Mrs. Valerie O'Kane, who turned up to nearly every game to cheer us on.

T. Newell



THIRD SENIOR XV

Photo C. Byrne C.S.Sp.

N. Lynch, D. Darby, B. Largey, G. Jones, R. Murphy, P. Mulvey, P. Hartigan, J. Whelan, M. Hughes.  
E. Corish, B. Byrne, I. Delany, J. Redahan (Capt) A. Bennett, N. Geoghegan, T. Mullen.

### JUNIOR CUP TEAM

Against Roscrea in the J.C.T. Cup the true value of the '75-'76 team was established. An Old Boy commented leaving Donnybrook, "Don't care what happens in the replay now! Every one of them is fit to wear the 'Marys' jersey".

A fair comment on the year's friendlies when we played 26, won 11, lost 15 with points for 288 and against 362. However physique may have put bounds to success in the field the lessons of the code and the values it fosters flourished. It was a successful season for all who played. They enjoyed their rugby and enhanced the game. 31 individuals had games on the "firsts", 6 played once, a further 7 less than ten games so that the squad never exceeded 18 players. To Pat McCarthy went the honour of not missing a game. David Bennett (Captain) Hugh Delaney (Vice Captain) and Stephen Muldoon had 24 games. Geoffrey Kinsella perhaps deserves the award for "great-

est improvement". Six who played go on the next year's J.C.T. squad. Among them David Ellison will stabilise the pack and Eunan Robins 23 games in the backs will stand to next year's team.

Mr. Liam Naughton took charge in mid October and forward play steadily gained from his coaching so that where weight and size were lacking, skill told.

The only drawn game of the season was the Cup Match. Giving Roscrea stones from full back to hooker, David Bennett rallied teammates to tireless defence and Stephen Muldoon stole a classic try. David Ellison broke his collar bone in the second half. The result was 4-4. A reshuffled pack in the replay gave everything they had and at full time there was no score. Extra time came and a single penalty goal beat us. Passing disappointment leaves dearer memories of fine moments and unfolding skills for years to come.

V. O'Grady C.S.Sp.

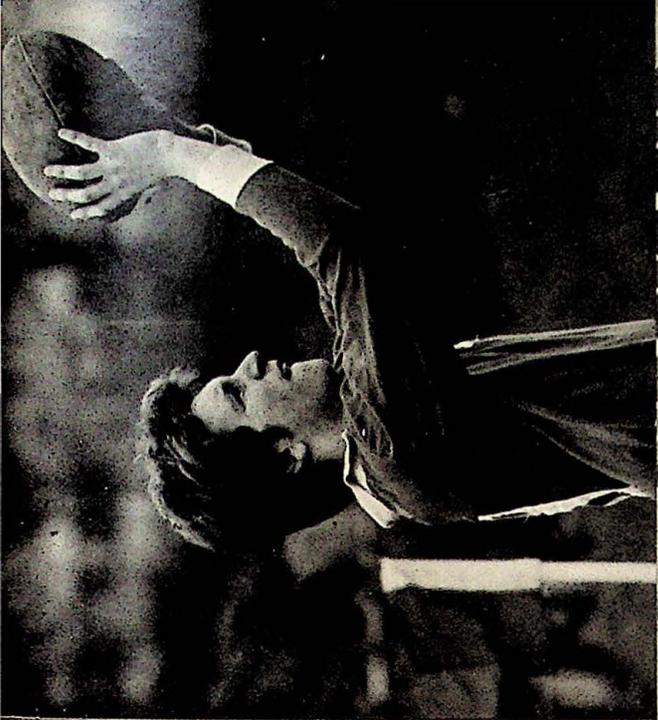


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#### J.C.T.

1. D. Bennett in possession backed by P. Davitt, P. McCarthy and D. Ellison.
  2. G. Kinsella poised at a line out.
  3. Advice from Mr. Naughton.
  4. S. Muldoon kicks to touch.
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## UNDER 14 XV

This year the composition of the A Team did not vary much. John Ambrose was a unanimous choice for captain as was Jim McShane for vice captain. John played consistently well at out half while Jim was always energetic as leader of the forwards and tight head prop. In the opening matches Shane Cooke played in the centre but then moved to full back. Here his service was steady and reliable. The wing three quarters were Fergus Conway and Tony McCormack with James Graham and John Gallagher forming an effective partnership in the centre. Michael Bowe played scrum half and his competitive spirit was always in evidence.

The forwards were not exactly big and tall but they developed into an efficient working unit as the year went on. Michael Power's hooking skill won him a permanent place on the team while Fintan McDonald was generally at loose head prop. For our shove in the second row we depended on John McDonald and Peter Opperman with Stephen McGrath and Patrick Fearon eventually becoming the regular wing forwards. The number eight spot was shared between Darragh Kelly and Kevin Hughes, the latter being injured for much of the season.

It was a very enjoyable season and a heartening one when the panel of available players was weakened by the fact that five of last year's Under 13's were on the J.C.T. panel. The team showed great resilience and the "never say die" spirit of St. Mary's. They were a team of character who showed a refreshing approach to the game of rugby. They enjoyed all their matches and were assiduous in their training.

To help in the training we had the B team who not only provided a very strong opposition for the A team but also had some very successful outings. Their most memorable matches were those against Castleknock and High School both of which they won after very exciting contests. Derek Sweeney was full back, M. Ronayne and I. Farnan on the wings, David Tallon and Paul Cassidy in the centre, Conor Cregan outhalf and captain, David Teevan and John Gilsean sharing scrum half and the forwards were J. Horne, D. Gilligan, P. Walshe, M. Farrell, P. Murray, B. Delany, M. McSharry, G. Redmond and M. Sheerin. Others to play during the year were O. O'Sullivan, J. Bennett, S. Donnelly and M. Crowe.

K. Lewis



This megalithic tomb (from the Greek *me-gas* great, and *lithos* stone) is situated at Parknabinnia, Co. Clare. These tombs are of prehistoric date. This particular one is of a type known as "wedge shaped gallery graves" because of the wedge shaped ground plan and sloping roof.

W. Leo



J.C.T. 1976

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P. McCarthy, D. Ellison, M. Thornton, P. Davitt, C. Keane, E. Morton, P. Bowe, D. Moylette, G. Kinsella, T. Lynch, M. Gannon, A. Farrell, S. Muldoon, N. Martin, D. Bennett (Capt) H. Delany, E. Robins, A. Whelan, M. Heffernan.



UNDER 14 XV

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D. Sweeney, F. McDonald, F. Conway, P. Opperman, J. McDonald, K. Hughes, A. McCormack, P. Cassidy, M. Farrell, S. McGrath, J. Gallagher, P. Fearon, J. McShane, J. Ambrose, J. Graham, S. Cooke, M. Bowe, D. Kelly, M. Power, J. Horne

## UNDER 13 RUGBY 1975 - 1976

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The season started off on a very high note with a fine win against Belvedere. It was obvious from this match that the "old hands", captain Andy Cowman, vice-captain Paul Bennett and Paul Barnes were going to play a vital role in the team's future. A lot of experimentation took place in the first two months in an effort to find the right blend and it wasn't until mid-November that the true shape of the pack emerged. Nevertheless this period saw the team achieve some very good successes notably against cup opponents Michael's.

After the Hollowe'en break we went through a rather lean patch, losing three consecutive games to Castleknock, Willow and Templeogue. However a little extra effort in training and more determination in matches soon put this right and we were back on the winning trail before the Christmas holidays.

The only unresolved position at this stage was at tight head prop where E. Ambrose and L. Flaherty were having a real fight for the position which eventually went to L. Flaherty. Paul Barnes' move to the second row and the inclusion of M. Lawlor at No. 8 improved our push and at the same time gave us a much greater share of the line out ball. Our wing forwards J. Shiel and J. Walsh did their job very effectively and J. Shiel's speed about the field was a big factor in destroying opposition possession. Our boilerroom pair of P. Barnes and D. Rafferty provided a good steady push and improved as the season progressed. Our front row of G. Fitzpatrick, A. Cowman and L. Flaherty was well knit and strong. Andy's hooking was one of the best features of our tight play while Gerry used his strength to great avail in gaining good possession from the mauls.

The half back combination of M. Drumm and Paul Bennett was adequate. Michael was very effective around the scrum and a very good spoiler. A tendency to take his eye off the ball before gathering it caused Michael some problems. Paul was at his best when running at the line from close in. Our regular centres B. Martin and K. Robins made an ideal and well balanced pair. Barry was devastating in the tackle while Kilian provided the flair and dash to find the gap. Our wings M. Redmond and D. Kirk provided us with our real scoring potential. Indeed Mark was by far our top scorer with over thirty tries to his credit. While he was over-shadowed in the scoring stakes David's

wing play proved very reliable. At full back Conor Cooke was a rock of solidity. His fielding and touch-kicking were of a very high order and his tackling was sure and strong. As the season progressed his sturdy right boot became a more and more potent weapon in our attacking armory. During the season P. Brooder, E. Quinn, E. Ambrose and S. Holland played quite a number of games on the A team. These players formed the back bone of the B. team who had quite a good season. The C team were a very enthusiastic group and seemed to derive the maximum excitement from every incident in a match.

The cup campaign proved to be a very enjoyable one. We got off to a very good start with an excellent win against Templeogue in Kenilworth. Our forwards provided the basis for this win with good possession from line out and maul. The backs did the rest, running in four very good tries. The second match was against St. Michael's in Ailesbury Road. This was without doubt the finest performance by the team during the whole season. Trailing by six points at half time against a side playing really well we stormed back in the second half to score two very good tries and win the match 8-6. Willow beat us 6-0 in the following match. This was a very good performance defensively, for Willow except for a short period in the first half, attacked our line incessantly and eventually breached our defense from a ruck near our line. The final match in the first round was a very easy victory against a 'Rock team greatly depleted by flu. We won 26-0.

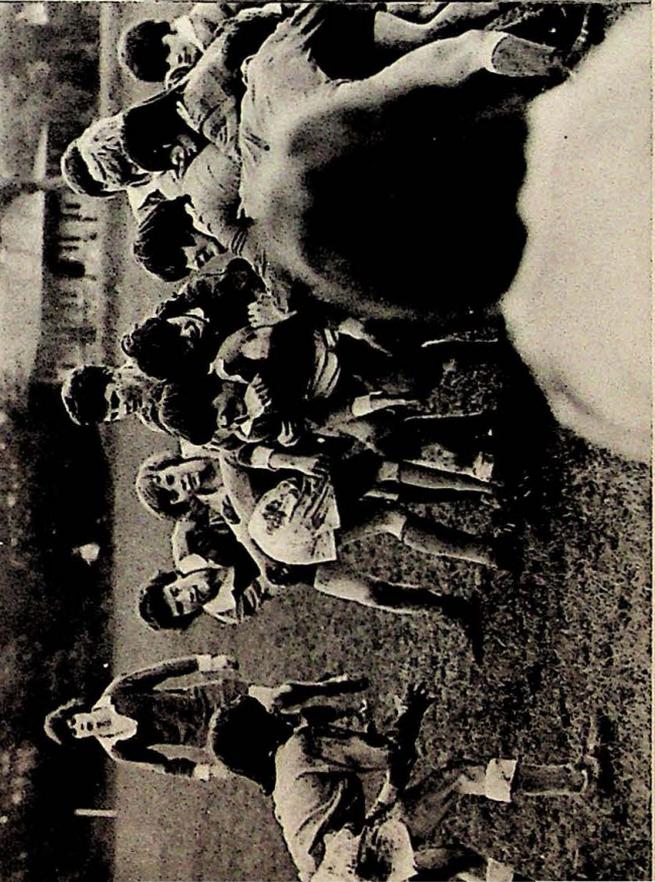
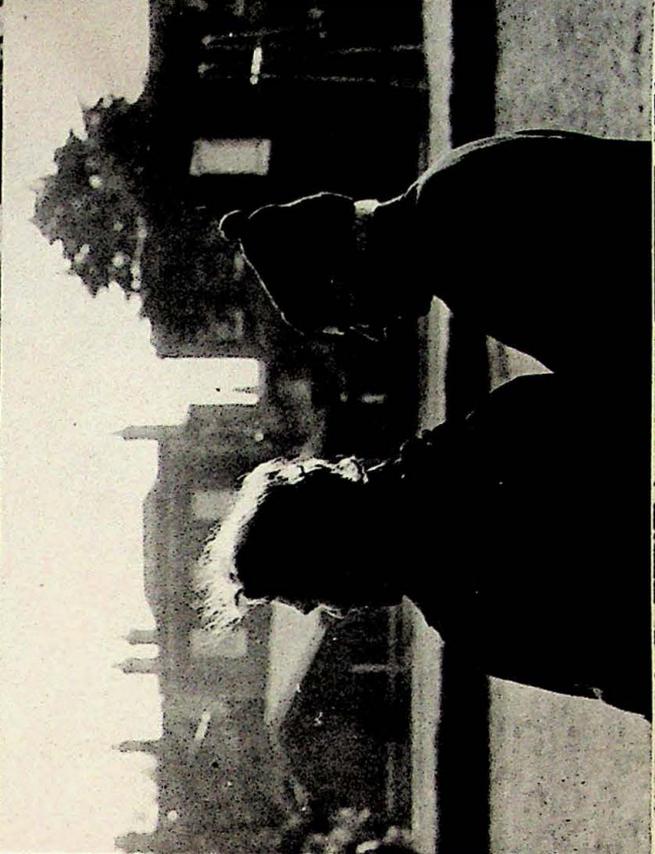
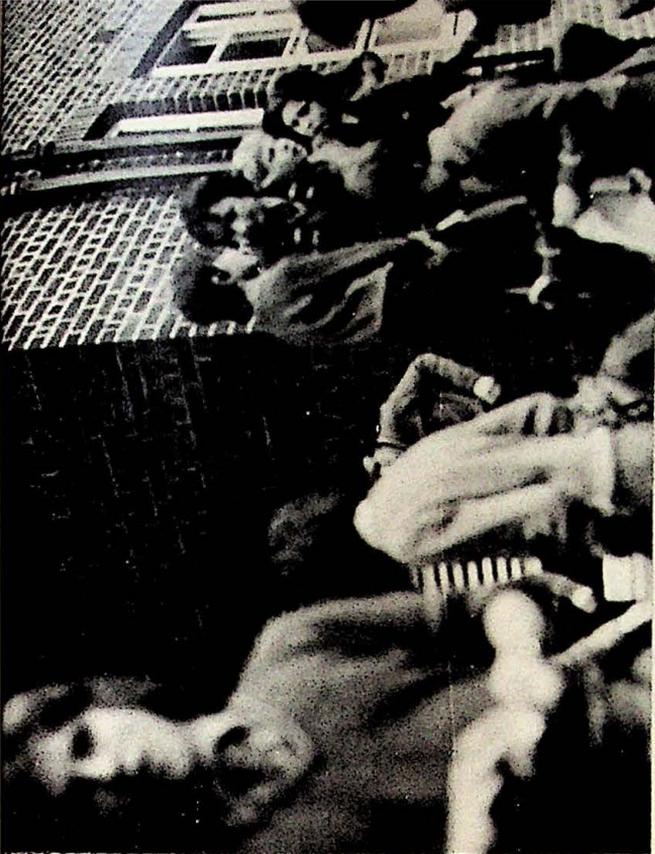
The semi-final match against Michael's in Kenilworth proved to be something of a disappointment. The team never really played to its potential and we lost the game 11-0. Despite this loss the cup campaign had been a very enjoyable and hopefully helpful experience for the team.

All in all a very good season. I hope all those playing this year will continue to play at whatever level A, B or C. and continue to improve their skills and knowledge of the game.

Michael T. Leonard.

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1. The Under 11's in training 
  2. Junior School "high jinks" outside the Furnace Room
  3. Good line out possession
  4. Fr. Barry and Mr. Leonard watch intently

Photos: V. O'Grady, C.S.Sp.





UNDER 13 XV

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R. Quigley, L. O'Flaherty, J. Sheil, P. Barnes, G. Fitzpatrick, E. Ambrose, M. Lawler, M. Redmond, E. Quinn, J. Walsh, C. Cooke, P. Bennett, A. Cowman, B. Martin, D. Kirk, K. Robins, S. Holland, M. Drumm.



Flowing action by Michael Drumm

*Photo: V. O'Grady C.S.Sp.*

## SENIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

A Senior 7-a-side league was organised again this year but with the success enjoyed by our seconds and thirds it wasn't easy to run off matches. After playing and winning three games each, A. Bennett and J. Redahan emerged as worthy finalists. Unfortunately John was injured before the final and Tony finally ran out a fairly easy winner. J. Gately, B. Largey and J. Whelan were outstanding for the winners while P. McDonnell and N. Power tried very hard for John. Mr. Doyle and Mr. Newell usually refereed the games.

## INTER RUGBY LEAGUE

The Inter League was a very good one this year and five out of the six teams were there with a chance after all the rounds were played. The positions were B. Leahy 6, P. Graham 2, D. O'Doherty 7, D. Byrne 6, J. Doyle 5, P. McShane 4. J. Doyle eliminated P. McShane in a quarter final and then surprisingly beat D. O'Doherty 25 - 22 in the semi. B. Leahy had an equally close semi-final beating D. Byrne 16-14. So. Doyle's Lansdowne met Leahy's Garryowen in the final. A beautiful Wednesday saw a thrilling final in Kenilworth. Captain Brian was in brilliant form and scored practically all the points himself. D. Darby and Brian really made the most of the good service provided by M. Cosgrove at the base of the scrum where M. Gannon, T. Lynch, M. Gowran and T. Cleary worked very hard to get a worth-while supply. Jimmy too played a captain's part and S; Maguire and K. Bermingham were elusive runners while C. O'Kane, C. Doyle and C. Cassidy were best of the forwards. It was level pegging all through the game and it was fitting that the final whistly brought a 20-20 draw. Extra time however brought two more tries for Brian and he just about deserved the narrow victory.

## JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

We only had the four teams of twelve but this was an absorbing league. At the end of the first round, S. Cooke's All Blacks, P. Opperman's Springboks and M. Bowe's Barbarians had four points while A. McCormack failed to register a win. All Blacks lost to Barbarians in the second round again and also to Tony while he again beat Springboks. Barbarians and Springboks finished with 8 and All Blacks with

6 so a semi-final was arranged between All Blacks and Barbarians. Surprisingly All Blacks turned the tables winning 28-20. However they weren't good enough the next time for Springboks. Playing down hill in the first half, Shane scored twice himself and also added the extra points but K. Hughes made a good break and half time came at 12-6. I. Farnan, D. Sweeney and captain Peter added tries in the second half and so Springboks were deserving 20-12 winners. E. Morton, P. Cassidy, J. Horne and M. Farrell as well as those mentioned starred for the winners while best for Shane were M. Power, D. Teevan and C. Cregan. We thank Mr. Lewis for taking charge of the final.

## MINOR LEAGUE RUGBY

P. O'Neill's Ireland looked very good early in this league. They finished the first round with 8 points while K. O'Flanagan's Japan had 6, V. Traynor's New Zealand 4, M. Bowe's Scotland 2 and E. Coveney's Wales 0. In the second round however, both Japan and New Zealand accounted for Ireland and semi-finals were necessary. New Zealand scraped through 14-12 against Japan and Ireland accounted for Scotland. Fr. Barry refereed the final as he did many of the other games and we are grateful to him. It was a very close game. New Zealand took a narrow interval lead with the advantage of the hill with V. Traynor scoring once and J. Fitzgerald twice and converting once and J. Woods and P. Lucas scored for Ireland. P. Brooder narrowed it to 14-12 early in the second half but just as it looked New Zealand was going to hold on, D. Kelly forced his way through at the corner and Ireland had won by two points, a very fitting win after its early promise. Everyone on the side played his part but none more than Pdraig himself and P. Brooder, D. Kelly and E. Byrne. Vincent played a captain's part for the losers and he got great help from N. McEniff and J. Fitzgerald.





SENIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

I. Delany, B. Largey, J. Gately, D. Darby  
F. Butler, A. Bennett (Capt) D. Larney



INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE WINNERS

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T. Lynch, D. Maher, M. Gowran, C. Lewis, T. Cleary, P. Mackey, C. Russell.  
O. O'Sullivan, M. Cosgrove, D. Darby (Capt) M. Gannon, A. Russell.



Mr. Bennett with Paul  
Mrs. O'Neill with Padhraig



Parents proudly presenting Trophies



Mrs. Leahy with Brian  
Mrs. Oppermann with Peter



## ATHLETICS

Tony McCormack was our sole Leinster winner this year. He proved himself the fastest boy in Leinster in the Minor or under 14 group and he looks to have a great future as a sprinter. Next best was our Inter relay team of M. Feehan, D. Cogley, P. Maguire or J. Gately and I. Dunn which took a very creditable fifth and K. Holland our only senior entrant who took sixth place in the long jump. In fact very few boys seem to be prepared to put in the long training stints that are absolutely essential for success in the athletic world.

There is still an amount of interest in athletics though as the entry of 260 in our own sports witness. There was quite keen competition in the senior section this year and it was quite late on Sports' Day before we knew who was going to be Victor Ludorum. A good victory in the 400m clinched it for Michael Feehan who had previously taken second place in the jumps and in the sprints he had shared the first places with Ian Long. W. Opperman

had a good double in the longer races. We thank D. Howard for captaining a recent past team to victory over the school in the annual relay.

Ian Dunn was certainly the athlete of the Intermediate group with victories in all four races. He was followed home in several events by D. Cogley who had the satisfaction of turning the tables in the long jump. Tony McCormack gave us two records in the sprints without being really pressed. A new event in this junior section was the 1500m. A. Whelan won this in 4min. 57.6 and also took the 800m while E. Morton made the double in the jumps. Despite giving handicaps to all in the juvenile section, Mark Redmond had five individual wins. Records came his way in the 100m and long jump where he jumped over 16 feet and he came home alone in the new 800m event. Mark has a great future in athletics if he has the time to concentrate even a little on them. A word of thanks to all who helped to make Sports Day a success including groundsman Michael Stephens and especially to Mrs. J. Hughes who kindly presented the prizes.

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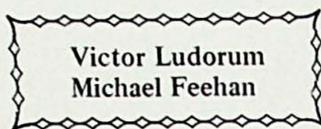
### SPORTS PHOTOS'

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1. Andy Whelan wins well
  2. Michael Feehan in a close finish
  3. Ian Dunn sprints home
  4. Eoin Corish pips Michael Feehan in the relay
  5. Colm Largey clears the bar
  6. Rory Quigley is pursued by Ruari McSharry
  7. Rodney O'Donnell winning the Past V Present Relay
  8. Mrs. Joan Hughes presents the Victor Ludorum to Michael Feehan

Photos: G. Lord C.S.Sp.



## SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS 1976



	<b>Senior</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Juvenile</b>
<b>100m</b>	1. I. Long 2. M. Feehan	I. Dunn D. Cogley	A. McCormack D. Kelly 12.4 record	M. Redmond P. Bennett 13 secs. record
<b>200m</b>	1. M. Feehan 2. I. Long	I. Dunn D. Cogley	A. McCormack 25.6 record	M. Redmond
<b>400m</b>	1. M. Feehan 2. W. Opperman	I. Dunn P. Maguire		<b>Sack Race</b> 1. N. McEniff 2. P. McDonald 3. R. Russell
<b>800m</b>	1. W. Opperman 2. P. Hughes 3. K. Holland	I. Dunn L. O'Byrne P. Maguire	A. Whelan D. Kelly D. Ellison	M. Redmond (2 min. 27.7) M. Lawler D. Kirk
<b>1500m</b>	1. W. Opperman 2. P. Hughes 3. M. Chester		A. Whelan M. Redmond P. Opperman	
<b>Long Jump</b>	1. K. Holland 2. M. Feehan	D. Cogley I. Dunn	E. Morton F. Conway	M. Redmond (16'2½ rec) D. Kirk
<b>High Jump</b>	1. C. Largey 2. M. Feehan	K. O'Reilly D. Cogley	E. Morton K. Hughes	M. Redmond D. Kirk
<b>Shot</b>	1. P. Gueret 2. A. Molloy	B. Largey D. Bennett	J. McDonald P. Murray	B. Martin D. Kelly
<b>Relay</b>	M. Feehan D. Cowman J. Whelan B. Dagge	D. Moylette P. McCarthy D. Byrne D. Keogan	A. McCormack P. Barnes P. Opperman G. Byrne	M. Redmond J. Fitzgerald D. McKey J. McGann
<b>Cycle</b>	1. B. Quigley 2. M. Chester	P. MacDonnell M. Heffernan	R. Quigley F. McDonald	<b>Slow Cycle</b> 1. R. Russell 2. R. McSharry 3. D. Fagan
<b>Relay</b>	<b>Past team</b> D. Howard D. Fanning P. McGovern R. O'Donnell	<b>Musical Chairs</b> 1. J. Ambrose 2. G. Byrne 3. M. Crowe	J. Fitzgerald J. Burke Moran G. Cremin	
			<b>Consolation</b> 1. D. Gallagher 2. J. Woods 3. F. Fletcher	

## SENIOR CRICKET XI

Capt: *Raymund Sloan* Vice-Capt: *Paul Walsh*

P	W	D	L
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The table of four wins and seven defeats in a short season of eleven matches might give a false impression of the 1976 team. On paper at least, it was a strong experienced team. All were members of the Leinster C.C. Four were on the team for the third year in succession. We ourselves are the first to admit that we were capable of doing better and even of winning the final of the Schools' League which we reached. The latter was, however, an achievement in itself.

We opened the season in the cold April days with matches against Leinster C.C. and College of Surgeons. We lost both. A score of 48 against Leinster was nothing to write home about. However, apart from the evident worth of R. Sloan, Robert and Philip McDonnell, Paul Walsh etc. it was gratifying to see Donal Lonergan emerging as a bowler and batsman in both matches. We fared better in a game against Phoenix when chasing a total of 106 for 7 (dec) we made 160 for 6; Paul Walsh getting over 60 n.o. These fixtures were good practice for our first league match against Masonic which we won comfortably, passing their score of 52 for the loss of only three wickets.

We lost the following friendly match played over thirty-five overs, to Belvedere. They were reckoned the strongest team in Leinster and favourites for the cup. Paul Walsh proved his ability as a slow bowler taking 4 wickets for twenty-nine runs. We scored 86 against their 114. High School were our opponents in the next league-match. We won this for five wickets in reply to their score of 81. But in the following match we could only make 75 against an indifferent St. Paul's team who declared at 120 for 6. This left us having to play off against Masonic to decide our section of the league. Once again we won comfortably, making 68 for 4 against their 66. We had reached the final but our varied fortunes made the real assessment of our team difficult.

In the other section St. Columba's had narrowly survived a strong Belvedere challenge, and had drawn a match with them. This enabled them to have a play-off against the same team. Having learnt their lesson they never looked back. Their batting and bowling went from strength to strength.

We played the final in glorious cricket weather at the Leinster C.C. grounds, on a

perfect wicket. We lost the toss and St. Columba's had the advantage of batting first (important in a two innings match) making 203 for 4 wickets in the stipulated 50 overs. (D. McCormick 95, and N. Taylor 39). Our fielding was excellent. Nothing was given away; but neither did any of their batsman give a single chance of dismissal in this fine total. Our reply in batting was simply not good even though we were up against a very consistent bowling attack. We made 98 and the fact that 45 of these came from singles shows both how cautious was our batting and how keen was the fielding of our opponents. Raymund Sloan made a fine steady stand of 30. In the second innings St. Columba's made 172, another fine total. Once again our fielding was superbly good. Just two missed catches, but chances lost that might have swung the whole match in our favour. We changed our batting order in our second innings, H. Delany opening with Michael Graham. The partnership was a happy one. They made over 60 runs. Things were going very well until the tea interval. We were 121 for 2 wickets. Then we lost 4 wickets in rapid succession on resumption of play and we found ourselves 132 for 8!! However Philip McDonnell stayed there with the ensuing batsmen and we finished up with a fine total of 171. It was a spirited reply but of course not good enough to win. St. Columba's proved worthy winners in one of the best finals for years — ideal conditions, two innings lasting three days, over 600 runs scored. They proved the better side all round except perhaps in fielding. Nevertheless they dropped no catches. We dropped two; in addition we presented them with two wickets by a run-out. Raymund Sloan proved a fine captain and held the side together in most matches, by good displays of batting.

If there is any lesson to be learned for future years, it is this: in a short season of four weeks, when studies must be concentrated on, if we are to put a cricket team on the field, and hope to win a match especially a final, our energies and concentration cannot be dissipated in a host of other "kill-time" activities — a little bit of soccer today, a little bit of tennis tomorrow, some athletics the following day, then basketball and somewhere in between a bit of hurried cricket practice. This about summed up the difference between St. Columba's and ourselves. They had evidently concentrated their practice on cricket; we hadn't.

Congratulations to Raymond Sloan who was capped for Leinster and Ireland and also H. Delany who as an Under 15 was picked on the winning South Leinster Under 19 team.

## THE 2nd SENIOR XI

Capt: *John Morris* Vice-Capt: *M. Hughes.*

The story of the 1976 season for our Second XI is briefly told. We had only four matches in all. We won one and lost three. We were disappointed that so many players who could have strengthened our bowling and batting considerably, had they not elected to fritter away their time on extra-school activities, did not join us. We had good matches nevertheless, played with all the enthusiasm that an innings of twenty overs calls for. N. Power, Paddy Hartigan and M. Burke, however, joined our ranks and gave quite creditable displays in bowling, fielding and batting. Our lowest score for the season was 64 – quite a good one for twenty overs. However, we were just not strong enough to get the 100 plus runs that are normally required in this quick-scoring competition. John Morris and Mark Hughes organised the practices with efficiency. Declan Sheeran did well with the bat while Peter O'Rourke won his way to the Senior team and batted well in the final.

## JUNIOR CRICKET XI

Capt: *H. Delany* Vice-Capt: *S. McDonald*

Due to the defection of some players this season we were in short supply of experienced personnel for our Junior XI. Nevertheless our team-spirit was excellent and as the table shows we won most of our matches, accounting for Belvedere, St. Columba's and High School in friendlies. We won our section of the Junior League beating King's Hospital and St. Paul's. In the former match Hugh Delany hit a fine 53 and took two wickets for 22 runs, while Brian Delany, bowling on this team for the first time, took 5 wickets for 15 runs. Most of the team got runs against St. Paul's; we won easily with a total of 104 against their 22. This time, Stephen McDonald and Pat McCarthy did most damage with the ball. Pat took 6 wickets for 9 runs while Stephen accounted for 3 wickets, also for 9 runs. We took the field against a strong High School side in the semi-final. Alas! it was not our day. Their two bowlers Henderson and Blair – both bowling for their senior XI, ran through our side for the meagre total of 27; seven of our players made only 4 runs between them! However we did not let them win easily; we dismissed three of their batsmen before they passed our total. High School went on to win the cup with a fine total of 160 against a Belvedere side that only made 39.

## UNDER-14 XI

Capt. *Brian Delany* Vice-Capt: *J. Bennett*

The Under-14 section this year was one of the most enthusiastic that has been in the College for years. The team was built around a good nucleus from last year – B. Delany, J. Bennett, S. Donnelly, F. McDonald, J. Gallagher, J. Horne, J. Woods and others who played one or two matches in the 1975 season. Newcomers such as A. Delany, M. Lawler, A. Russell, D. Raftery, M. Drumm, G. Byrne, J. Fitzgerald, P. Barnes, P. Lonergan, M. Redmond, E. Coveney, and M. Farrell attended the practices with enthusiasm. It was regrettable that with so few matches not all could be picked regularly. Brian Delany as captain aided by Jonathan Bennett as vice-captain organised the side very well and by the end of the season we reckoned that we had the best team in Leinster. We didn't win the cup but the standard of cricket played in two deciding matches – against King's Hospital and High School was very high. Unfortunately on these two occasions our good batsmen, Brian Delany, J. Bennett and F. McDonald were collectively out for a low score.

The season was notable for the excellent bowling of Brian Delany, Stephen Donnelly and Martin Crofts. Brian was called upon to bowl for the Junior XI as well. He was undoubtedly the best fast bowler in the Under-14 grade in Leinster. Stephen bowled very well also. In the match against High School he took 6 for 21. Martin Crofts did best in the match against King's Hospital with 6 for 14. Junius Horne after a shaky start to the season proved to be our best wicket-keeper; in the last two matches he kept wicket exceptionally well. Memorable catches were those taken by Mark Lawler and Finton McDonald but in general little was given away by any of our fielders.

Jonathan Bennett made the highest individual score of the season – 63 against St. Columba's; John Woods made over 50 against St. Andrew's; Brian Delany made 32 in one match; David Raftery made 25 in another and John Fitzgerald made 27 in his first representative match. Alan Delany was our most consistent batsman; he scored in every match, making 27 on two occasions. And who doesn't like to see a six hit? Mark Redmond hit one in Kenilworth. Stephen Donnelly hit a colossal one over the considerable boundary in King's Hospital.

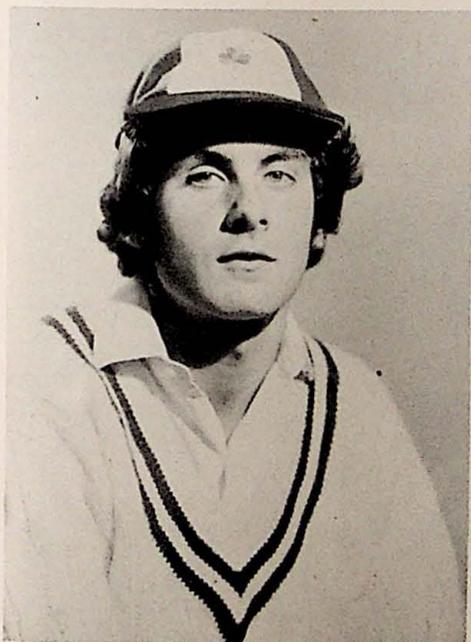
We should like to thank Mr. Ian Cox and Fr. Barry for their enthusiasm in coaching us. With just a little bit of cricket luck we would have won the cup. We hope they were not too disappointed.

## JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE 1976

A very successful league of six teams was run off despite the shortness of the term. There were two games alongside each other on the big rugby field almost every Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning and second and third year boys did the umpiring. G. Byrne's Ireland and M. McSharry's England set the early pace, both winning their first three matches but when Ireland was beaten by G. Redmond's India and P. O'Reilly's Pakistan beat England it was anybody's league. Only E. Morton's W. Indies remained pointless while A. Wright's Australia had one victory over Pakistan. The semi-finals were very exciting affairs. India and Pakistan batted first against Ireland and England respectively and neither side amassed a very large total. However their bowling was up to it and Pakistan carried the day by 16 runs. Ireland lost

three men in the first few overs and the writing was on the wall for them. However, Mark Lawler settled in and he hit a few glorious sixes and many fours and victory was in sight. Surprisingly though the last few runs wouldn't come and India scraped through by five runs.

The final was played on the good crease on an ideal afternoon and F. Murray and G. Byrne umpired. Pakistan batted first and while they batted with confidence they seemed to forget about the limit of twenty overs and only put up 53 for six in the allotted span. P. Opperman, J. Graham, J. Randles and D. Tallon gave Peter most assistance at the wicket. M. Crofts then tried very hard to dislodge India with his accurate bowling but D. Sweeney, C. Cregan, C. Cooke and J. Fitzgerald quickly put up the required runs for a comfortable victory losing only two wickets so Derek received the cup for his injured captain Gerard Redmond.



Raymond Sloan Irish Cricket Schoolboy International

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Cricket on the Front Field Deirdre McCulloch

## SWIMMING 1976

This wasn't the greatest year for swimming in the school but quite a large group went to the Eurosport Centre in George's Street from ten to eleven on Saturday mornings for a happy hour's swimming. The emphasis was certainly on enjoyment but several boys learned how to swim and others improved their technique. Even when there were rugby matches for many groups and the weather was cold and wet, a group of at least thirty nearly always turned up.

We thank Fr. John Byrne for coming down so often on the Saturday mornings to look after the swimming.

Instead of a major gala at the Iveagh baths, the last two swimming days were given over to racing and quite a large programme was carried out. David Teevan, a keen swimmer who trains quite a bit, was the outstanding performer. Along with Brendan McNally, David also entered the Leinster championships and both performed very creditably.

A promising swimmer in the Junior School is Vincent Cunningham of Junior 3. He won a bronze medal in the 50 metres freestyle event in the 1976 Irish Schools' Minor Championships and was pipped for a medal in the backstroke event, finishing fourth in the final.

The results of our mini-gala were:

	<b>Freestyle</b>	<b>Backstroke</b>	<b>Breaststroke</b>	<b>Butterfly</b>
Under 17	1. B. Lorgey 2. D. Larney	D. Cogley M. Chester	D. Larney B. Heeney	D. Larney D. Keogan
Under 15	1. R. Byrne 2. S. Fitzpatrick	P. Thornton S. Fitzpatrick	P. Thornton S. Fitzpatrick	P. Thornton S. Fitzpatrick
Under 14	1. D. Teevan 2. K. Hughes	D. Teevan K. Hughes	D. Teevan J. Gilsean	D. Teevan F. Conway
Under 13	1. B. Martin 2. A. Cowman	A. Cowman P. O'Reilly	G. Fitzpatrick R. Quigley	S. Daly A. Cowman
Senior Relay:	P. Mulvey, D. Murphy, J. Ward, C. Redahan			
Junior Relay:	F. Murray, P. O'Reilly, S. Daly, D. O'Brien, M. Gueret.			
Consolation: Senior	1. C. Russell 2. D. Byrne		Junior	1. D. Kelly 2. J. Randles

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## SENIOR SOCCER XI

D. Lonergan, N. Geoghegan, P. Delaney, P. Kearney, D. Dooley, I. Long, I. Fitzgerald, P. Dean.  
S. Rice, P. Gately, R. Sloan (Capt) J. Dargan, J. Hamill.

Photo C. Byrne C.S.Sp.

## SOCCER

With the growth of the Soccer Cup, first round matches are being played earlier and earlier and it is very hard to get a team together. We were happy therefore to beat St. John's in the opening round and only went out in the second round after a replay with a good team from Patrician College, Finglas. We also played some friendlies and entered the Belfield blitz. We thank Mr. S. McCarthy for looking after the team.

On the home front we had the usual leagues in the back field in the short summer term. The Seniors had ten teams this year and the two sections played their full quota of matches. The exciting game in Section A was the 3-3 draw between I. Fitzgerald and C. Stokes but Ian could only manage a draw with J. Hamill while Colm beat him 1-0, so Colm's Afghanistan was through to the final. D. Lonergan's W. Germany was certainly the team here winning all its matches while P. Delaney lost only to Donal. The latter was not able to lead his team in the final owing to injury but his replacement J. Gately left his mark on the game. John scored very early on and hit a second after a nice break by W. Opperman. He completed the hat-trick early in the second half and despite great efforts from C. Stokes, B. McDonnell, and D. Cowman they just couldn't make any impression on star keeper D. Dooley and defenders Opperman and K. Holland. It was Opperman who hit number four before Cowman got a consolation goal for Afghanistan.

The importance of a good keeper was demonstrated again in the Inter league where P.

McGrath played a big part in A.C. Milan's win. P. MacDonnell was winning captain and he too was quite outstanding though good support came from D. Moylette, S. McCarthy, P. Devlin, N. Neligan and A. Russell. They dropped only one point in the league when C. Russell's team held them to 3-3 while D. O'Doherty and P. Dean lost two games each. The other section was closer with C. Sloan, K. Bermingham and P. McCarthy finishing with six points but being edged out eventually by P. Kerrigan's Red Star who had drawn with Sloan and McCarthy. The exciting final left us once more with a 3-3 draw but in the second period of extra time Milan scraped through 5-4.

Two groups of five and one of four made up the junior league. One section winner got a bye to the final and J. Gilsenan's Leeds dropped only one point to Arsenal and duly qualified. A. Cowman's Celtic qualified rather easily from the smaller group but a play off was necessary in section A. Here J. Gallagher's Derby repeated its earlier victory over Man. Utd. but in the semi-final Celtic scraped a 2-1 win. Celtic looked like having an easy final victory when M. Redmond headed an early beauty and K. Robins bent a corner around the post. Before half-time however, J. Gilsenan took one back and in the dying seconds R. McDonnell put through a crowded goalmouth. In extra time it took a long time before captain Cowman scored the winning goal and M. Redmond made it doubly sure with a last minute one to leave Celtic 4-2 winners. In all the leagues, the boys are to be complimented by their punctuality, sportsmanship and willingness to take over the whistle even in the finals.



## BASKETBALL LEAGUES 1976

### Senior League

This was a league run by the Sixth years mainly for those not too involved in rugby as it took place in the rugby season. There were five teams and at the end of the first round the table read I. Fitzgerald 8, K. Farnan 6, J. Hamill 4, A. Molloy 2 and B. O'Brien 0. The second round brought no dramatic changes so a final was arranged between I. Fitzgerald's team and K. Farnan's. Fr. C. Byrne refereed this most exciting match which ended in a draw but after two periods of extra time, Ian's team of J. Cunningham, N. Power, C. Quinlan and B. Dagge emerged victorious. It also served as a training ground for a senior team which played several matches with St. Columba's College during the year and opposed the Past students on Union Day.

### Fifth Year League

The last term was very short and Sixth year decided that the winter league was enough for them and so thirty five Fifth years had their own league. Each team played four games leaving only T. Kennedy undefeated but with B. Kennedy and M. Feehan having six points, C. Quinlan and D. McCarthy 4 while K. Holland and J. Burke failed to register a win. A semifinal was called for between B. Kennedy and M. Feehan and the latter won 16-8. Fr. C. Byrne refereed the final but it was a bit disappointing as one of Michael's men had to be replaced and one didn't turn up at all. With J. Whelan and P. Conheady trying very hard, he managed to hold Tom's team to 8-8 at half-time but the effort was too much and with D. Cowman, E. Connelly, E. Browne and B. Dagge all giving Tom able assistance, he ran out a comfortable 18-8 winner.

### Fourth Year League

There were only six teams in the fourth year league but the standard was high and they produced the best league. All five rounds were completed and every side won at least one game while no one escaped defeat. The very first game was a draw between B. Coffey and K. O'Reilly and these were the teams which eventually met in the final. Both went on to beat J. O'Connor, J. Waldron and D. Moylette before going down to D. Cogley. O'Connor and Moylette beat Cogley so that the top of the table read Coffey and O'Reilly seven points and Cogley six. Coffey beat Cogley 35-12 in a free-scoring semi-final before beating O'Reilly 22-13 in the final. P. Dean was Coffey's key man, able to change defence into attack in a twinkle and with a good shot besides. Barry himself was top scorer and he got good support

from T. Lynch, P. Graham and B. McNally. K. O'Reilly was a worthy finalist and he had D. Byrne, C. O'Kane and S. Fitzpatrick while he was glad to be able to call on such a good reserve as K. Bermingham to replace cricketer P. MacDonnell in the final.

### Third Year Basketball

A Section of five teams and one of four comprised the third year league. In Section A, D. Bennett and S. Muldoon had victories over A. Whelan, G. Kinsella and E. Robins and were obvious finalists for the section. In the other half, N. Martin and C. Keane beat D. Darby and P. Davitt before playing off for their section. Bennett and Keane had narrow victories before going on to contest the final. Here Keane's better all round team of R. Byrne, M. Gowran, P. Lonergan and G. Lennon was that bit too good for the individual power of D. Bennett who was assisted by P. Blunden, S. Donnelly, and Ph. Walshe and a reserve for H. Delany who was playing cricket. Colin's final twelve points were shared pretty evenly by his side. We thank Mr. Lewis for refereeing this and the fourth year final and other games besides while we are also grateful to Mr. Leonard and the others who offered their services to take the whistle in a not-easy-to-ref game.

## VOLLEYBALL

The shortened lunch break has made it more difficult to get time for volleyball but we did manage to run off two very successful leagues. There were six senior teams composed mainly of those not too occupied with rugby teams. B. O'Brien's six looked likely winners early on as they won three matches in a row. However, Barry crashed to F. Roantree and P. Delaney in his last two games and these two had dropped only two points so a final was on between Frank and Pat. Pat's team of J. Cunningham, K. Farnan, C. Quinlan, P. Gannon and S. Raftery was slightly better all round than Frank's and a two nil win was no great surprise.

The Inter league was even closer with eight teams participating and each side got five or six matches. Best were P. Lynch and K. O'Reilly who finished with six points, P. MacDonnell and M. Hughes with eight and D. Bennett picked up ten points out of a possible twelve. Mark's team beat Philip's in a 2-1 semi-final where the standard of play was quite high. D. Bennett with E. Robins, A. Whelan, K. MacDonnell, F. Kerrigan and P. Gallagher to help beat Mark in the final in straight sets but the score of 15-12, 17-15 give some indication of the closeness of the struggle and it took quite a few minutes to knock up the last few winning scores.

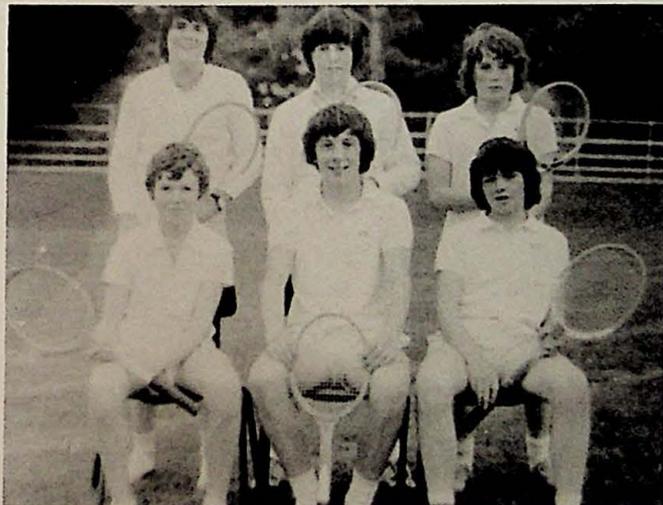
## TENNIS

This was quite a good year for tennis in the school for while the weather wasn't brilliant nor the courts in great condition, tennis was possible most days of the term. Our senior team could well have looked forward to a certain amount of success but we drew the cup certainties Clongowes and while we had an enjoyable match with them, there never was the slightest chance of upsetting them. It's possible we took nearly as many games as any other team as in doubles R. Sloan and B. Foley took seven games while P. Dean and M. Thornton took eight. M. Byrne and D. Sheeran didn't fare so well. We did manage to play and beat our past team on Union day and that was a change for the better.

Again our juniors were more successful. They had two very close matches, beating C.B.C. 4-2 and losing 4-1 to C.U.S. Our third doubles M. Cosgrove and S. Cooke won in both matches while J. Ambrose, P. Thornton and M. Bowe played very well in the singles and T. Lynch and C. O'Kane gave them good assistance. Finalists Castleknock beat us 4-0 though. Unfortunately all our matches had to be played on hard courts which is all against us. The U.13s too did quite well. They played long drawn out draws with Moate and Beneavin before going down heavily to Belvedere. J. Burke-Moran, C. Cooke and M. Gueret did very well in singles and they were joined in doubles by S. Holland, P. Brooder. B. Martin and A.

Cowman. Three of the juniors and three of the 13s are under age for next year and if they prepare properly there could be a break through in store for us.

Entries for house tournaments indicate tremendous interest. There were over forty even in the senior event and once again R. Sloan proved himself the champion. D. Sheeran in the quarter final proved sternest opposition as his old rival B. Foley withdrew from the semi-final on account of the long cricket final. Ray beat M. Byrne in the semi and then thrashed N. Power in the final. P. MacDonnell beat his last year's conqueror in this year's final 6-4, 6-3. In fact Philip played very well and beat P. Kerrigan and P. Thornton equally easily in earlier rounds while Paul lost a set to the younger J. Ambrose in the other semi. J. Burke-Moran proved easily the best in first year when he beat M. Lawler 6-0, 6-1 in the final, for Lawler had already accounted for C. Cooke and M. Gueret in the previous matches. P. Brooder probably gave John his hardest match in an earlier round while D. Gallagher was the other semi-finalist. Second year provided some great matches. There were many three setters notably where M. Power beat S. Cooke and K. Hughes beat P. Cassidy and D. Teevan. Eventually M. Bowe beat K. Hughes in the final after they had beaten D. Kelly and M. Power respectively in close semi-finals. Ladder winners were R. Sloan, N. Power, N. Geoghegan, P. MacDonnell, J. Ambrose, K. MacDonnell, D. Kelly, M. Bowe, C. Cooke and J. Burke-Moran.



JUNIOR TENNIS TEAM

T. Lynch, M. Cosgrove, M. Bowe  
J. Ambrose, P. Thornton, S. Cooke

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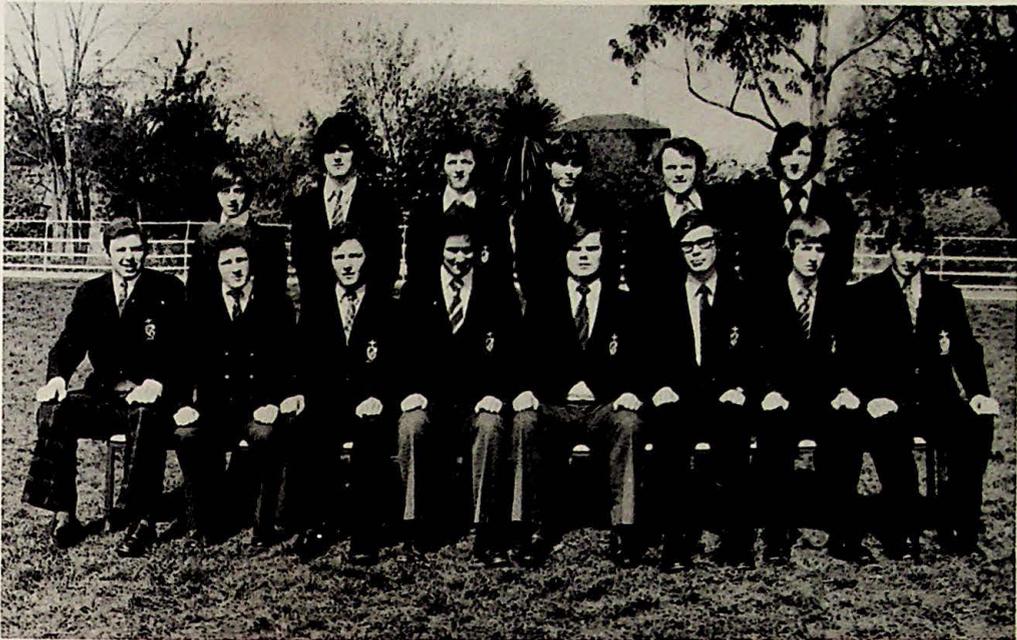
JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

G. Byrne, M. Farrell, J. McDonald, P. Cassidy, D. Sweeney,  
J. Horne, K. Hughes, P. Opperman (Capt) M. McSharry, I. Farnan.



MINOR RUGBY LEAGUE

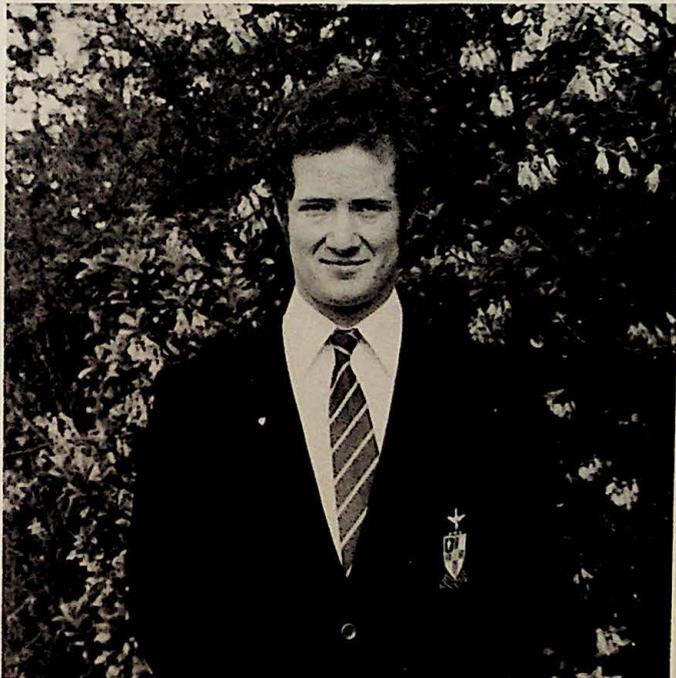
P. Cosgrove, D. O'Brien, D. Kelly, E. Byrne, S. Farrell, R. Burgess,  
P. Moylette, P. Lucas, P. O'Neill (Capt) J. Woods, S. Byrne.



SENIOR SCHOOL PREFECTS

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D. Larkin, G. Jones, F. McTiernan, C. Largey, B. Quigley, J. Fitzgerald.  
A. Molloy, I. Long, K. O'Byrne, P. Gueret, C. McCarthy, J. Cunningham, S. Burke, P. Hourican.



PAUL GUERET – SCHOOL CAPTAIN 1975-76

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