

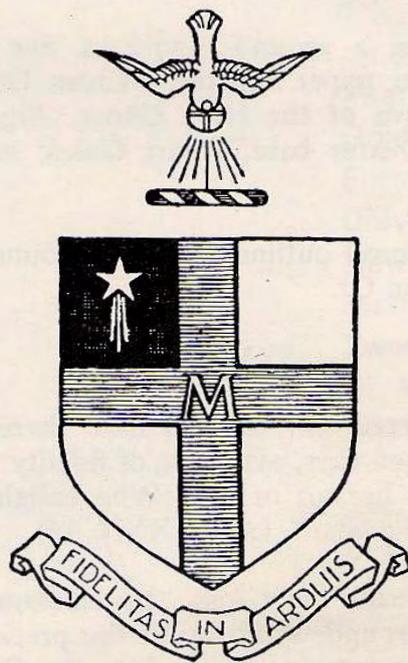


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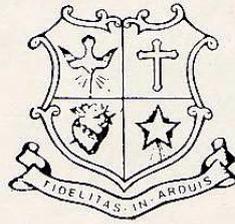
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# The Arms of the College

## HERALDIC DESCRIPTION

On the Sinister base, on a ground Azure, a five point star, Argent with emanating rays. Or. On the upper Sinister, a Cross, Or; on a ground Argent. On the Dexter chief, the Dove of the Holy Ghost, Argent; descending rays, Or; ground Azure. On the Dexter base, Heart Gules; sword Proper; wreath, Or; ground Argent.

Shield: Quarterings Or: Scroll outline Or, with ground Argent. Lettering Gules. Entire shield of Escutcheon Or.

## SYMBOLISM

The Escutcheon is quartered. On the left base there is the unchangeable five point silver star with golden rays, symbolic of fidelity to its purpose of shedding light and guidance in the pursuit of Him Who enlightens every man and Who is the "Bright and Morning Star". (Apoc XXII. 16).

The upper left quarter bears the Cross, the emblem of trials and difficulties. It is in gold on a silver ground, symbolic of the precious outcome of trials well borne. These two symbols combine to produce the College motto: "Fidelitas in Arduis".

On the upper right quarter there is the Dove in silver, symbolic of the Holy Ghost, from which descend seven golden rays, the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, essential in the practice of "Fidelitas in Arduis".

The right base bears a red heart transfixed with a sword and encircled with golden roses. This is symbolic of the Holy Heart of Mary, suffering — the supreme purely human type of "Fidelitas in Arduis". The golden roses symbolise the reward that comes from such fidelity.

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# Editorial

*Another College Annual and in it a chronicle of College life during the academic year 1976-77. Also included are the various activities of our past pupils including the Past Pupils Union and the Rugby Club. Last September we were very happy that Fr. Michael Moore C.S.Sp. and Brother Ignatius Curry C.S.Sp. joined the Community and we wish them many years of fruitful work.*

*Our congratulations to Fr. Cyril Byrne C.S.Sp. on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of his Ordination. We thank him for his excellent contribution to the Community and College and pray that God may continue to bless his work. We were saddened by the death of Dr. Michael Kennedy C.S.Sp. who had enriched St. Mary's with his work and example. We trust that the Lord Who is the Way the Truth and the Light has led him to his eternal reward.*

*Congratulations also to our Past Pupils on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee and there is an article about their activities over the past fifty years. There are two articles on Vocations to emphasise that St. Mary's has a missionary tradition and hopefully some vocations from the boys in the College will gladden our hearts.*

*Finally a word of thanks to all contributors of articles, the various people who took the photographs and our artists. Their work have made this eighteenth issue of the Annual possible. Mr. Paddy Funge and his staff in the Elo Press have been most co-operative, helpful and efficient.*

EDITOR.



THE COLLEGE STAFF 1976 - 1977

*From Top:*

Br. Ignatius, Mr. G. Delaney, Mr. S. McCarthy, Mr. J. Gillespie, Mr. M. Leonard, Fr. J. Byrne, Mr. P. Quinn.  
Fr. D. Darcy, Mr. K. Murphy, Mr. K. Moloney, Mr. O. Dunne, Fr. Hurley.  
Fr. M. Maiben, Mr. P. Henry, Mr. K. Lewis, Mr. C. Branigan, Mr. F. Conlon, Fr. S. Little, Mr. N. Doyle.  
Fr. F. Barry, P. Uas Mac Murchu, Mr. J. O'Connell, Mrs. O. O'Sullivan, Mr. L. Naughton, Mr. J. Crowley.  
Miss M. Lawler, Mr. M. Begley, Miss A. Foley, Miss G. O'Brien, Miss B. Ryan, Mrs. M. Reynolds, Miss F. McLoughlin.  
Mr. S. Moriarty, Miss D. Smyth, Mrs. U. Wall, Fr. W. Nugent, Mrs. M. Sealy, Miss U. McCallig, Mr. E. Drea.

# The College Staff

*President :*

Very Rev. W. Nugent, C.S.Sp.

*Vice-President :*

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

*Principal Senior School :*

Rev. J. Hurley, C.S.Sp.

*Vice-Principal Senior School :*

Pól Uas Mac Murchú

*Principal Junior School :*

Rev. S. Little, C.S.Sp.

*Bursar :*

Rev. M. Moore, C.S.Sp.

*Gamesmaster :*

Rev. D. Darcy, C.S.Sp.

Rev. F. C. Barry, C.S.Sp.  
Rev. E. Burke, C.S.Sp.  
Rev. C. Byrne, C.S.Sp.  
Rev. J. Byrne, C.S.Sp.  
Br. Ignatius Curry, C.S.Sp.  
Mr. M. Begley, C.S.Sp.

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Mr. B. Comerford  
Mr. F. Conlon  
Mr. J. Crowley  
Mr. G. Delany  
Mr. N. Doyle  
Mr. E. Drea  
Mr. J. Egan  
Miss A. Foley  
Mr. J. Gillespie  
Mr. P. Henry  
Miss M. Lawlor  
Mr. J. Lehane  
Mr. M. Leonard  
Miss E. McCallig

Rev. M. Kennedy, C.S.Sp.  
Rev. M. Maiben, C.S.Sp.  
Rev. P. J. Murray, C.S.Sp.  
Rev. V. O'Grady, C.S.Sp.  
Mr. M. Kilkenny, C.S.Sp.

Mr. S. McCarthy  
Mr. J. McConnell  
Mr. K. Murphy  
Mr. R. Moloney  
Mr. S. Moriarty  
Mr. L. Naughton  
Mr. T. Newell  
Miss G. O'Brien  
Mr. P. Quinn  
Miss B. Ryan  
Mrs. M. Reynolds  
Mrs. M. Sealy  
Miss D. Smyth  
Mr. J. Tracey  
Mrs. U. Wall

*Physical Education :*

Mr. O. Dunne, Mrs. O. O'Sullivan

*Drama and Elocution :*

Miss M. Cranny

*Music and Drama :*

Mrs. M. Valentine



#### SIXTH YEAR

*From Top:*

J. O'Neill, P. Rourke, J. Burke, C. Quinlan, N. Lynch, A. Redmond, R. Bulger, B. Kennedy.  
B. O'Kane, P. Hartigan, J. Whelan, E. Donnelly, T. Kennedy, P. Sullivan, N. Burgess, J. Redahan, D. McCarthy, P. Kearney.  
N. Power, D. Quinn, E. Brown, E. Corish, M. Birmingham, P. Gannon, K. Quigley, M. Graham, D. Larney.  
S. Perrot, K. Egan, M. Chester, P. Flanagan, T. Mullan, R. O'Neill, K. Morrin, D. Lonergan, M. Burke.  
A. Bennett, B. Culleton, S. Raftery, C. Stokes, C. Jolley, B. Byrne, N. Geoghegan, F. Butler, J. Turley, P. Conheady.  
D. Keogan, J. Tracey, P. Maguire, R. Doyle, K. Holland, M. Feehan, J. Morris, P. Redmond, D. O'Duffy.

# Senior School Prizewinners 1977

*Gold Medal for General Excellence*

*Gold Medal for General Excellence in Studies at Leaving Certificate. Presented by P.P.U.*

*Gold Medal for General Excellence in Studies at Inter Cert. Presented by the P.P.U.*

*Father Ernest Farrell Gold Medal for Religious Knowledge (6th Year)*

*Silver Medal for Best Speaker in English Debate (6th Year)  
(5th Year)*

*Silver Medal for Honours List (6th Year)*

*Silver Medal for full attendance (6 Years)*

*Award for full attendance (3 Final Years)*

*Honours List for three consecutive Years*

Kieran Holland

Stephen Raftery

Cornelius Mulvihill

Niall Burgess

David Larney

Brian O'Moore

Francis Butler

Kevin Quigley

Eamonn Browne

Michael McCann

## SIXTH YEAR

*Religious Knowledge*  
Eamonn Browne

### Gaeilge

John Tracey (6A)  
Thomas Mullen (6A<sup>1</sup>)  
John Whelan (6A<sup>2</sup>)

### General Average

6A Stephen Raftery  
John Tracey  
Francis Butler  
6A<sup>1</sup> Brian Byrne  
John Morris  
Raymond Bulger

### Honours List

Kieran Holland  
Dominic Keogan  
David Larney  
Stephen Raftery  
Paul Redmond

*Special Award for Art*  
Daniel O'Duffy

## FIFTH YEAR

*Religious Knowledge*  
Brian O'Moore (5A)  
Patrick Mackey (5A<sup>1</sup>)

### Gaeilge

Peter McShane (5A)  
Brian Leahy (5A<sup>1</sup>)  
Stephen Fanagan (5A<sup>2</sup>)

### General Average

5A Brian O'Moore  
Peter Sirr  
David Cogley  
5A<sup>1</sup> Kevin O'Reilly  
Phillip MacDonnell  
Kieran Bermingham



Kieran Holland receives the General Excellence Medal



FIFTH YEAR

*From Top:*

K. O'Reilly, I. Dunn, J. Waldron, G. Byrne, J. O'Connor, B. O'Moore, M. Crosbie, B. Sheehan.  
E. Armstrong, P. Mulvey, B. Largey, P. McShane, B. Byrne, B. Heaney, P. Graham, L. Connell, M. Healy.  
T. O'Connell, A. Kelly, T. O'Brien, K. Birmingham, D. Cogley, D. Butt, D. Moylette, P. Lynch, S. Fitzpatrick.  
B. McNally, G. Dunne, D. O'Doherty, P. McCarthy, D. Maher, A. Leahy, P. Kerrigan, P. Sirr, B. Leahy.  
D. Murphy, S. Fanagan, J. Hefferon, D. O'Neill, C. Russell, S. McCarthy, P. Corrigan, L. Tannam.  
S. McDonald, C. O'Kane, T. Lynch, P. Fitzgerald, M. Hughes, P. Mackey, P. Thornton, B. Coffey, B. O'Connor.

*Honours List*

Peter Black  
Gareth Byrne  
Brian Leahy  
Patrick Mackey  
Declan Maher  
Thomas O'Brien  
Brian O'Connor  
Brendan Largey  
Ian Dunn  
David Cogley

*FOURTH YEAR*

*Religious Knowledge*

Colm Doyle (4A)  
Andrew Whelan (4A<sup>1</sup>)

*Gaeilge*

Cornelius Mulvihill (4A)  
Parick Stephenson  
Charles O'Connor (4A<sup>1</sup>)  
Jonathan Bennett (4A<sup>1</sup>)  
Francis Murray (4A<sup>2</sup>)

*General Average*

4A<sup>1</sup> Cornelius Mulvihill  
Patrick Stephenson  
William Maguire  
4A Alan Farrell  
John Ambrose  
Derek Egan

*Honours List*

John Ambrose  
Alan Farrell  
Conal Cassidy  
John Larney  
Richard Leo  
Fergus Kerrigan  
Paul Gallagher  
William Maguire  
Shane Maguire  
Cormac Redahan  
Cornelius Mulvihill

*THIRD YEAR*

*Religious Knowledge*

Mark Heffernan (3A)  
Martin Leavy (3A<sup>1</sup>)

*Gaeilge*

William Leo (3A)  
James Graham (3A<sup>1</sup>)  
Andrew Cowman (3A<sup>2</sup>)

*General Average*

3A William Leo  
Ultan Stephenson  
Colman Corish  
3A<sup>1</sup> Darragh Kelly  
Peter Opperman  
Brian Delany

*Honours List*

Colman Corish  
Ultan Stephenson  
William Leo  
Martin Leavy  
Anthony McCormack  
Peter Opperman  
Fintan McDonald  
Paul O'Reilly  
Brian O'Neill  
Paul Bennett

*SECOND YEAR*

*Religious Knowledge*

John Fitzgerald (2A)  
Rudhairi McSharry  
Phillip Donnelly (2A<sup>1</sup>)

*Gaeilge*

Mark Redmond (2A)  
David O'Brien (2A<sup>1</sup>)

*General Average*

2A Mark Redmond  
John Fitzgerald  
David Kirk  
2A<sup>1</sup> Desmond Fagan  
Leslie Branagan  
Paul McDonald

*Honours List*

Aodhan Breathnach  
Shane Byrne  
John Fitzgerald  
Desmond Foley  
John Hasset  
Padraig Keenan  
David Kirk  
Mark Lawler  
Patrick Leahy  
John McGann  
David Raftery  
Mark Redmond  
Robert Russell  
Vincent Traynor

*FIRST YEAR*

*Religious Knowledge*

Raymond Carroll (1A)  
Leonard Lynch (1A<sup>1</sup>)

*Gaeilge*

Conan Budds (1A)  
Conor Murphy (1A<sup>1</sup>)

*General Average*

1A Conan Budds  
Brian Hanratty  
John Blunden  
1A<sup>1</sup> Brendan Ward  
Conor Murphy  
Raymond Power

*Honours List*

John Blunden  
Mark Byrne  
Conan Budds  
Denis Byrne  
John Dwan  
Mark Hanley  
Brian Hanratty  
Robert Heron  
Shane McCabe  
Gregory McCambridge  
Mark McSweeney  
Conor Murphy  
Aonghus Moloney  
John Nolan  
John O'Connell  
Brendan Ward  
David Watts  
Hugh Stephenson



#### FOURTH YEAR

*From Top:*

D. Darby, P. Davitt, C. Keane, C. Doyle, J. Larney.

C. Cassidy, M. Gowran, C. Redahan, D. Ellison, W. Maguire, P. Stephenson, P. Devlin, D. Fleming.

L. O'Byrne, T. Cleary, H. Delaney, M. Dooley, D. Egan, T. Gray, G. Kinsella, K. Gannon, R. Byrne.

B. Booth, C. Mulvihill, A. Whelan, F. Murray, R. Fearon, J. Clancy, J. Hartigan, P. Blunden, P. Gallagher, N. Winder.

G. Lennon, O. O'Sullivan, S. Muldoon, M. Cosgrove, J. Ward, K. Ryan, M. Dooley, N. Martin, P. Walshe.

E. Robbins, S. McGrath, K. McDonnell, D. Kerrigan, C. O'Connor, S. Maguire, N. Nelligan, A. Russell, S. Donnelly, N. Harington,

M. Crowe, J. Ambrose, M. Ronayne, D. Gilligan, D. Sheehan, J. Bennett, R. Leo, D. Figgis, P. Lonergan.



Gold Medal for General Excellence in Studies at Inter Cert presented by the P.P.U. is presented to Cornelius Mulvihill by the President of the P.P.U.



Michael McCann receives his award for three consecutive years Honours List.



Gold Medal for General Excellence in Studies at Leaving Certificate presented by the P.P.U. is presented to Stephen Raftery by the President of the P.P.U.



### THIRD YEAR

*From Top:*

G. Fitzpatrick, J. Leavy, J. Kearney, P. Murray, K. Hughes, P. Barnes, A. Wright, M. Leavy, P. Opperman,  
M. Heffernan, J. McShane, P. Clancy, J. Graham, E. Ambrose, M. Sheerin, J. Sheil, D. Kelly, B. Martin.  
G. Byrne, M. Farrell, P. Murray, S. Ryan, F. Conway, R. Quigley, J. Randles, P. O'Reilly, A. Cowman, G. Redmond.  
B. Delany, M. McSharry, D. Hammond, C. Corish, D. Tallon, W. Leo, J. Cunningham, I. Farnan, P. Cassidy.  
D. Sweeney, S. Cooke, J. Gilsenan, P. Shaffrey, S. Daly, P. Bennett, M. Bowe, J. Gallagher, S. Drumm, R. McDonnell,  
M. Hanna, P. O'Reilly, F. McDonald, J. Horne, A. McCormack, B. O'Neill, U. Stephenson, S. Holland, M. Drumm.

# Senior School Roll 1976-77

## SIX A

Bennett, Anthony  
Burgess, Niall  
Butler, Francis  
Conheady, Paul  
Corish, Eoghan  
Egan, Kevin  
Geoghegan, Niall  
Holland, Kieran  
Jolley, Charles

Kennedy, Bernard  
Keogan, Dominic  
Larney, David  
Lonergan, Donal  
Maguire, Paul  
Morrin, Kieran  
Mullen, Thomas  
O'Duffy, Daniel  
O'Neill, Joseph

O'Neill, Ronan  
O'Rourke, Peter  
Perot, Sean  
Power, Niall  
Quigley, Kevin  
Quinn, Derek  
Rafferty, Stephen  
Redahan, John  
Redmond, Alex

Redmond, Paul  
Stokes, Colm  
Sullivan, Paul  
Tracey, John  
Turley, Joseph  
Whelan, John

## SIX A<sup>1</sup>

Bermingham, Michael  
Browne, Eamonn  
Bulger, Raymond  
Burke, James  
Burke, Mark  
Byrne, Brian  
Chester, Michael

Culleton, Brian  
Dagge, Bernard  
Donnelly, Edward  
Doyle, Richard  
Feehan, Michael  
Flanagan, Paul  
Gannon, Peter

Graham, Michael  
Hartigan, Padraig  
Healy, David  
Kearney, Peter  
Kennedy, Thomas  
Lynch, Niall  
McCann, John

McCann, Michael  
McCarthy, David  
Morris, John  
O'Connor, James  
O'Kane, Barra  
Quinlan, Charles  
Roantree, Seamus

## FIVE A

Black, Peter  
Bowe, Paul  
Butt, David  
Byrne, Gareth  
Cogley, David  
Connell, Liam  
Curtis, Cathal  
Dunne, Geoffrey  
Fanagan, Stephen

Fitzgerald, Peter  
Fitzpatrick, Joseph  
Healy, Mark  
Heaney, Brian  
Hughes, Mark  
Kerrigan, Paul  
Leahy, Brian  
Levins, Colin  
Lynch, Timothy

Mackey, Patrick  
Maher, Declan  
Moylette, David  
McCarthy, Patrick  
McDonald, Stephen  
McNally, Brendan  
McShane, Peter  
O'Brien, Thomas  
O'Connell, Timothy

O'Connor, Brian  
O'Kane, Cian  
Q'Moore, Brian  
O'Neill, Damian  
Russell, Christopher  
Sheehan, Brian  
Sirr, Peter  
Thornton, Paul

## FIVE A<sup>1</sup>

Armstrong, Edmund  
Bermingham, Kieran  
Byrne, Brian  
Byrne, Diarmuid  
Coffey, Barry  
Corrigan, Peter  
Crosbie, Michael  
Dean, Paul

Doyle, James  
Dunn, Ian  
Graham, Peter  
Hefferon, John  
Horne, Frank  
Kelly, Aidan  
Largey, Brendan  
Leahy, Aidan

Lynch, Patrick  
Mulvey, Peter  
Murphy, David  
McCarthy, Stephen  
MacDonnell, Philip  
O'Connor, John  
O'Doherty, Donagh  
O'Reilly, Kevin

Quigley, Conor  
Redmond, Barry  
Sloan, Carl  
Tannam, Lorcan  
Waldron, John

## FOUR A

Ambrose, John  
Bennett, David  
Bennett, Jonathan  
Blunden, Patrick  
Booth, Brian  
Byrne, Richard  
Cassidy, Conal  
Clancy, John  
Cleary, Thomas

Cosgrove, Mark  
Crowe, Morgan  
Darby, Declan  
Davitt, Peter  
Delany, Hugh  
Devlin, Philip  
Donnelly, Stephen  
Dooley, Michael  
Doyle, Colm

Egan, Derek  
Ellison, David  
Farrell, Alan  
Fearon, Raymond  
Figgis, Daniel  
Fleming, David  
Gallagher, Paul  
Gannon, Kenneth  
Gannon, Michael

Gilligan, Donal  
Gowran, Martin  
Gray, Thomas  
Harrington, Niall  
Hartigan, John  
Keane, Colin  
Kerrigan, Fergus



## SECOND YEAR

*From Top:*

P. Lucas, I. Byrne, M. Lawler, M. Gueret, D. Foley.  
N. McEniff, L. O'Flaherty, L. Brannigan, D. Kelly, J. Woods, P. McDonald, D. O'Brien, P. Keenan.  
R. Meenan, D. Raftery, P. Moylette, N. Randles, N. Gileese, E. Byrne, J. McGann, E. Brophy.  
E. O'Doherty, C. Cooke, A. O'Flanagan, D. Gallagher, P. Kelly, K. Robbins, J. Walsh, S. Farrell, C. Rice, P. Donnelly.  
N. Cogley, E. Coveney, M. Lynch, A. Digby, A. Breathnach, P. Leahy, R. Burgess, J. Hassett, J. Fitzgerald.  
J. Nolan, P. Barry, P. Cosgrove, K. O'Flanagan, R. McSharry, A. Horne, M. Bowe, L. Byrne, M. Crofts, D. Fagan.  
R. Russell, J. Burke-Moran, P. O'Neill, P. Brooder, M. Redmond, D. Kirk, E. Quinn, M. Kearney, M. Murphy.

## FOUR A<sup>1</sup>

Kerrigan, David  
Kinsella, Geoffrey  
Larney, John  
Lennon, Gary  
Leo, Richard  
Lonergan, Patrick  
Maguire, Shane  
Maguire, William

Martin, Neil  
Muldoon, Steven  
Mulvihill, Conal  
Murray, Frank  
MacDonnell, Kenneth  
McGrath, Paul,  
McGrath, Stephen  
Neligan, Norman

O'Byrne, Lorcan  
O'Connor, Charles  
O'Sullivan, Owen  
Redahan, Cormac  
Robins, Eunan  
Ronayne, Mark  
Russell, Arthur  
Ryan, Kenneth

Sheehan, Declan  
Stephenson, Patrick  
Walshe, Philip  
Ward, John  
Whelan, Andrew  
Winder, Nuada

## THREE A

Ambrose, Eamonn  
Barnes, Paul  
Bowe, Michael  
Cassidy, Paul  
Cooke, Shane  
Corish, Colman  
Cregan, Conor  
Cunningham, Joseph  
Drumm, Michael

Drumm, Stephen  
Fitzpatrick, Gerard  
Gallagher, John  
Gilsenan, John  
Graham, James  
Hanna, Michael  
Heffernan, Mark  
Holland, Sean  
Horne, Junius

Hughes, Kevin  
Leo, William  
Long, Gary  
McDonald, Fintan  
McShane, James  
Martin, Barry  
Murray, Paul  
O'Reilly, Peter  
O'Reilly, Paul

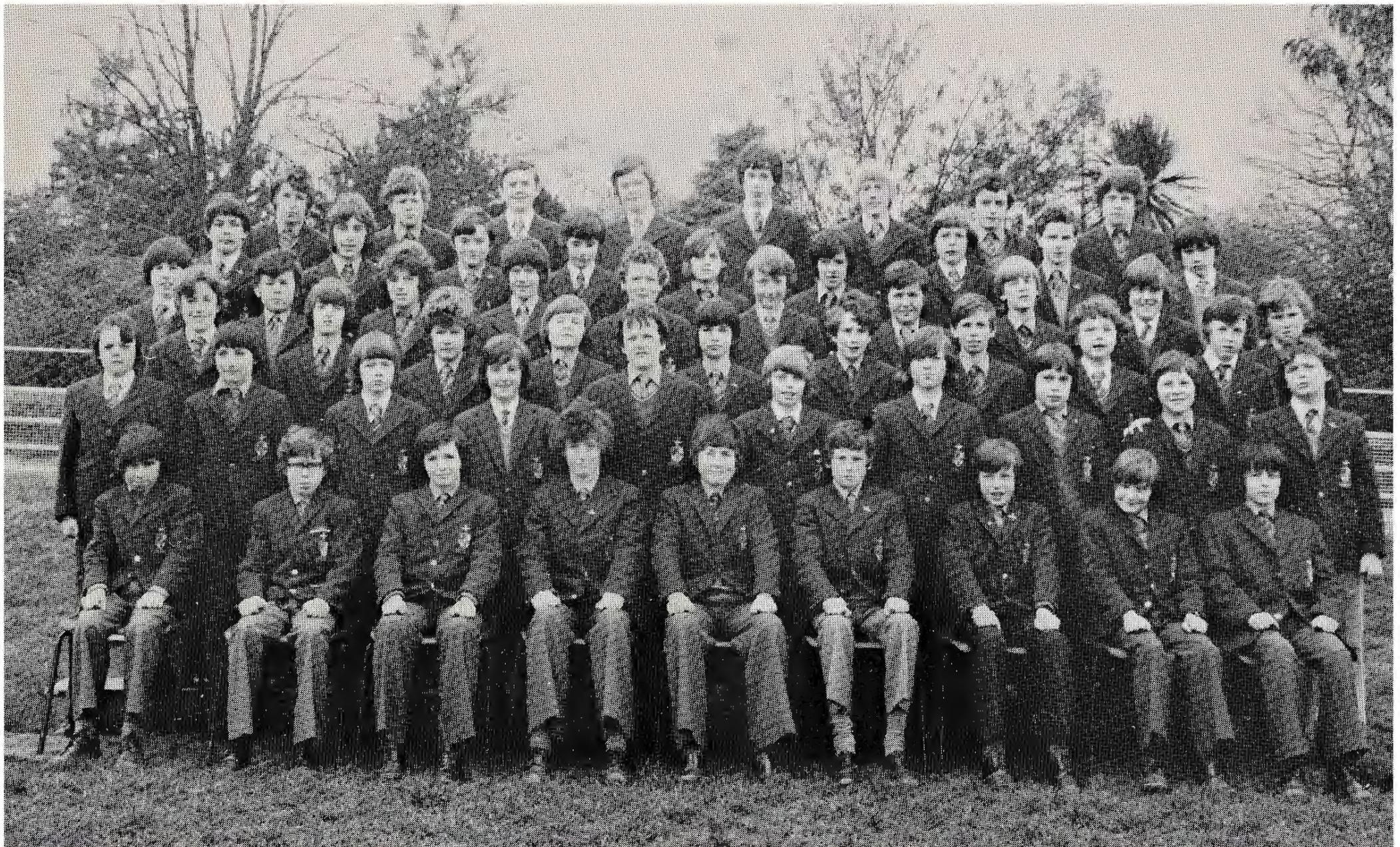
Power, Michael  
Redmond, Gerard  
Sheerin, Michael  
Sheil, John  
Stephenson, Ultan  
Sweeney, Derek  
Tallon, David  
Teevan, David  
Wright, Alan



David Larney receives the Silver Medal for Best Speaker in 6th year.



Francis Butler receives the Silver Medal for Honours List 6th year.



FIRST YEAR

*From Top:*

E. Flanagan, M. Quinlan, J. Keogh, R. Hughes, M. Geraghty, J. Killea, P. Hartigan, R. Carroll.  
M. McSweeney, F. Sheerin, D. Quigley, W. Foley, D. McCarthy, G. Clifford, J. Blunden, C. McSharry, M. McCarthy.  
S. Farnan, N. Donnelly, P. McCarthy, B. Roantree, B. Hanratty, J. Nolan, G. Graham, P. Dunne, P. O'Byrne, J. Dwan.  
C. Tiernan, A. Moloney, L. Conlon, A. Byrne, J. Russell, D. Delaney, G. McCambridge, P. Gray, D. Cantwell.  
D. Watts, R. Geoghegan, R. Heron, M. Byrne, K. Regan, F. Browne, J. Farrell, J. Kennedy, P. MacGiolla Riogh, B. Cousins.  
C. Delaney, D. O'Kane, M. Hanly, C. Budds, J. O'Connell, C. Murphy, R. Murray, B. Ward, A. Delaney.



Eamonn Browne receives his award for full attendance in his three final years.



Fr. Ernest Farrell Gold Medal for Religious Knowledge in 6th Year presented to Niall Burgess.



Kevin Quigley receives a special Silver Medal for full attendance in the Senior School.



Silver Medal for best Speaker in 6th Year presented to Brian O'Moore.

### THREE A<sup>1</sup>

Bennet, Paul  
Byrne, Gary  
Clancy, Paul  
Conway, Fergus  
Cowman, Andrew  
Daly, Shane  
Delany, Brian

Farnan, Ian  
Farrell, Malachy  
Hammond, Darragh  
Kearney, John  
Kelly, Darragh  
Leavy, John  
Leavy, Martin

McCormack, Anthony  
McDonald, John  
McDonnell, Rowan  
McSharry, Michael  
Murray, Philip  
O'Neill, Brian  
Opperman, Peter

Quigley, Rory  
Randles, John  
Ryan, Stephen  
Shaffrey, Philip

### TWO A

Bowe, Mark  
Breathnach, Aodhan  
Byrne, Edward  
Byrne, Shane  
Burgess, Ronan  
Byrne, Ian  
Byrne, Liam  
Cogley, Niall  
Cooke, Conor

Cosgrove, Peter  
Coveney, Eamonn  
Fitzgerald, John  
Foley, Desmond  
Gallagher, Dermot  
Gueret, Maurice  
Hassett, John  
Kearney, Mark  
Keenan, Pdraig

Kirk, David  
Lawler, Mark  
Leahy, Patrick  
Lucas, Paul  
McEniff, Niall  
McGann, John  
Nolan, John  
O'Doherty, Ewan  
O'Flaherty, Liam

O'Flanagan, Karl  
Raftery, David  
Redmond, Mark  
Robins, Killian  
Russell, Robert  
Walsh, James

### TWO A<sup>1</sup>

Barry, Patrick  
Branagan, Leslie  
Burke-Moran, John  
Brooder, Paul  
Brophy, Eamon  
Cremin, Gareth  
Crofts, Martin  
Digby, Anthony

Donnelly, Philip  
Fagan, Desmond  
Farrell, Shane  
Gilleese, Noel  
Gogan, Troy  
Horne, Andrew  
Kelly, David  
Kelly, Paul

Lynch, Michael  
McDonald, Paul  
McKey, Derek  
McSharry, Ruaidhri  
Meenan, Roy  
Moylette, Paul  
Murphy, Martin  
O'Brien, David

O'Flanagan, Aidan  
O'Neill, Pdraig  
Quinn, Eoin  
Randles, Nicholas  
Rice, Conan  
Traynor, Vincent  
Woods, John

### ONE A

Blunden, John  
Briddock, Paul  
Browne, Francis  
Budds, Conan  
Byrne, Alan  
Byrne, Denis  
Byrne, Mark  
Cantwell, David

Carroll, Raymond  
Clifford, Gerard  
Conlon, Louis  
Cousins, Brian  
Cregan, Killian  
Delaney, Conor  
Delaney, David  
Delany, Alan

Donnelly, Nollag  
Dunne, Paul  
Dwan, John  
Farnan, Simon  
Farrell, John, P.  
Flanagan, Eamonn  
Foley, William  
Geoghegan, Roderick

Geraghty, Michael  
Graham, Gary  
Gray, Peter  
Hanley, Mark  
Hanratty, Brian  
Hartigan, Paul  
Heron, Robert

### ONE A<sup>1</sup>

Hughes, Ronan  
Keogh, John  
Kildea, Joseph  
Lynch, Leonard  
McCabe, Shane  
McCambridge, Gregory  
McCarthy, Desmond  
McCarthy, Patrick

McCarthy, Michael  
MacGiolla Riogh, Peter  
McGovern, Mark  
McSharry, Ciaran  
McSweeney, Mark  
Moloney, Aonghus  
Murphy, Conor  
Murray, Robert

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

Roantree, Brian  
Ronaldson, Patrick  
Russell, John  
Sheerin, Fintan  
Stephenson, Hugh  
Tiernan, Cornelius  
Ward, Brendan  
Watts, David

## ENGLISH DEBATING SOCIETY

This year has been an extremely active one for the Debating Society. With a total of nineteen debates undertaken and also participation in the Junior Chamber of Commerce/E.B.S. Debating Competition and also the Road Safety Debating Competition made it one of the busiest years on record. Victory did not accompany every debate, but there was enough to rouse a new interest in debating in the College.

In September, Joseph O'Neill invited anyone interested in debating to a meeting and there was a satisfactory attendance. A debate was arranged with Mount Anville with Brian O'Moore, Peter Sirr, Tim O'Connell and Geoff Dunne proposing the motion "That there is a state of emergency in Ireland". The motion was carried by a large majority.

Our next debate was in the Junior Chamber of Commerce/E.B.S. Competition. The team of Joseph O'Neill, David Larney, Brian O'Moore and Peter Sirr successfully proposed the motion "That there is no place for the individual in modern society" against

the girls of Loreto, North Great Georges St. and it was a keenly contested debate. Brian O'Moore was named speaker of the evening. This was followed by a "friendly" debate against Our Lady's Templeogue when the motion we opposed was "That the American way of life is worth copying". Landslide victory for St. Mary's.

Then came the Trinity College Debating Competition. Joseph O'Neill and Brian O'Moore proposed the motion "That television is a benefit to civilisation". Complete success was not ours but Brian O'Moore qualified as an individual speaker. Then it was on to another "friendly" with Liam Connell, Peter Black and Bernard Dagge teaming up with St. Louis to face St. Benildus and Our Lady's Grove. The motion "That all is lost" was defeated and St. Mary's affirmed their faith in man's future.

**Regional Winners of Junior Chamber of Commerce Debate** T. O'Connell, B. O'Moore, P. Sirr, D. Larney



Come January, it was back to the Junior Chamber of Commerce/E.B.S. Competition and we successfully proposed the motion "That our censorship machine is antiquated". And semi-finals were in sight. In the Trinity College Individual Speaker Debate Brian O'Moore successfully opposed the motion "That Ireland's patriots died in vain" to reach the final. Back to the Junior Chamber of Commerce/ E.B.S. Debate we won our regional final defeating Gonzaga when we proposed the motion "That the internal combustion engine is an invention of the devil". This meant that the team was in the Dublin City Final.

Then it was on to the Safety First Debate when we successfully opposed the motion "The roads of Ireland lead to the grave" against Presentation, Warrenmount. The following week, on February 11th we opposed the motion "It would have been better if America had not been discovered", in the Dublin City Final with success once more ours and we were in the National Final.

That final was lost against St. Joseph's, Fairview on Monday February 21st when we opposed the motion that "Modern technology is detrimental to world environment". Then came another defeat in the Road Safety Competition when Niall Burgess, Tom O'Brien and Bernard Dagge failed to defend the motion "Any part the permissive society has in causing accidents" against Mount Temple Comprehensive.

After some informal debates both Brian O'Moore and Michael Chester represented St. Mary's in the U.C.D. Debating Contest. The team got through to the final but were again unsuccessful. Despite the fact that the last debate of the year ended in defeat it did not diminish the pleasure that everyone in the Debating Society felt in the year's achievements.

For all of that our thanks to Mr. S. McCarthy who helped us in every facet of debating. Our thanks too to Fr. S. Little, C.S.Sp., of the Junior School whose research helped greatly in the Road Safety Competition. Finally our thanks to Fr. J. Hurley, C.S.Sp., not only for his interest and encouragement but also for being present at most of the debates. Let's hope that the coming year will see such interest and success in debating as we had in St. Mary's this year.

Brian O'Moore

## Fifth Year Fast

Following the very successful venture by our students with the help of girls from neighbouring convent schools when they did a twenty four hour sponsored fast for the Marian Boys' Club in 1975, Fifth Year this year decided to help too. So on April 22nd 1977 the Fast began. The thought of repeating the effort of 1975 was suggested at a Venturer's Meeting in March.

We had willing volunteers from Beaufort and the site chosen was the top of Grafton St. We needed a caravan and this was very generously provided for us by Irish Shell Ltd. We also needed sponsorship and each person got his or her own sponsor. The boys in the College also contributed to the fund and a collection was also made during the Fast.

We were very pleased to have raised £600 for the Marian Boys' Club which was originally founded by a Past Pupils Praesidium of the Legion of Mary. To fast for twenty four hours is not easy but it was a challenge to us to show our Christian thought for others not as well off as ourselves.

Our thanks to the girls from Beaufort for fasting with us and thanks too to Irish Shell for the caravan. Thanks to our sponsors and a special thanks to Fr. Hurley and Bro. Ignatius for their support and we hope that future Fifth Years will also undertake projects to help the community.

Gareth Byrne

## Chess

With the shorter lunch break now, interest in chess is not quite what it was. Only one house tournament was started and even that second year one was not finished. M. Birmingham was the spark that kept our outside interest up and he looked after our senior side which did reasonably well when we could field our best side. We had several victories and as well as Michael, E. Browne, B. Dagge, J. Burke did very well. Our junior side fielded about fifteen different players. We finished our large programme of matches without a single match victory but A. Russell, P. Stephenson, J. Larney, B. Delany and P. Barnes had some individual wins. It will be interesting to see if there is sufficient interest in chess next year to warrant entry in outside competition.

# Arsenic and Old Lace

by

JOSEPH KESSERLING

ABBY BREWSTER	<i>Declan Sheehan</i>
THE REV. DR. HARPER	<i>Joseph O'Neill</i>
TEDDY BREWSTER	<i>Edmund Armstrong</i>
OFFICER BROPHY	<i>Kieran Morrin</i>
OFFICER KLEIN	<i>Thomas Mullan</i>
MARTHA BREWSTER	<i>Patrick Lonergan</i>
ELAINE HARPER	<i>Gary Byrne</i>
MORTIMER BREWSTER	<i>Michael Graham</i>
MR. GIBBS	<i>Brendan McNally</i>
JONATHAN BREWSTER	<i>Charles Jolley</i>
DR. EINSTEIN	<i>Patrick Mackey</i>
OFFICER O'HARA	<i>Timothy Lynch</i>
LIEUTENANT ROONEY	<i>Stephen Fanagan</i>
MR. WITHERSPOON	<i>Michael Crosbie</i>

"We laugh and laugh and laugh. This is the best play of its kind for many years," wrote Bernard Bruckham in the Daily Mirror when *Arsenic and Old Lace* came to the London stage in the early years of World War II. It was our choice of play for 1976, having paid tribute in 1975 to St. Oliver Plunket with "The Golden Priest".

Television has done a great service to the public in bringing to its sitting-rooms not only plays written specially for the TV medium but in introducing it also to the great plays of the stage. There must be few people who have not seen this play on TV at least. However, television is not the theatre and it will never spell the death-knell of the stage, especially of the amateur stage, as it has sounded the cinema's. For man can be surely described as an 'acting animal'. A little self-analysis will convince any of us that we are for ever 'putting on a pose', hiding our real self from all with whom we come in contact, making ourselves out to be what we know in our heart of hearts, we are certainly not. Carried into life, our ill-directed acting or posing can result in a lack of simplicity, of candour, of sincerity or in spiritual terms a lack of humility. So, every man is a born actor if not a great one. Anthropologists point to the hunting scenes painted on the walls of the pre-historic caves of Lascaux and elsewhere as evident proof of the cave-dweller's dramatic descriptions of his encounters with wild beasts set forth for

the entertainment of his children! The Greek philosophers went further and called man's love of theatrical representation a catharsis or a purging. Burdened with the stress and strains of daily life, one went to the theatre to see life's dramas being unfolded on the stage in an atmosphere of make-belief. At the end the actors came on, to the applause of the audience and one left the theatre with the feeling that despite the conflicts and tragedies all was well after all.

*Arsenic and Old Lace* fits in well with this theory. It was created at a very distressing time indeed for the world caught up in the throes of a war that spread death everywhere. Kesserling came up with the idea of getting people to laugh farcically at it and so find some little relief. He brings us to the restful atmosphere of a sedate old home full of victoriana, in Brooklyn, New York. There, two gentle old ladies (who unwittingly give the title to the play) spend their lives 'doing good'. The particular subjects of their attention are sad, lonely men, especially old men, whom they help out of the difficulties of this world by sending them gently and peacefully to the next, complete with burial service, after treating them to a glass of elderberry wine of their own making, well laced with a generous tilly of arsenic. They are of course genteely crazy. Declan Sheehan and John Lonergan as the tall Abby and the plump Martha respectively, grasped at once the humour (however macabre) of the situation

and gave an excellent rendering of these benevolent old dears who move through the action from beginning to end. Joseph O'Neill as Dr. Harper the kindly local vicar, gives added respectability to these his exemplary parishioners. Besides being the uncle to Elaine, that is clearly his role. It is the role also of the New York policemen played by Kieran Morrin, Tom Mullen and Tim Lynch. But there is something more. Kesslerling uses the theatre in the service of what the French call 'littérature engagée' — the most powerful medium according to Shaw, for getting a message across to the public. In this play, he inveighs against three things in particular, namely, the serious mis-direction, sentimental religion can take, the shallowness and hypocrisy of drama critics and the gullability of the custodians of public order (the police) despite their 'braggadocio', plus their obtuseness when confronted with the obvious. So the 'tough-guy' cops prove infants in swaddling clothes in trying to solve the mystery of the deaths all Brooklyn is talking about. And none is more infantile than their martinet lieutenant Rooney played so well by Stephen Fanagan.

Little was needed to add to the make-up of Gary Byrne as Elaine, niece of Dr. Harper, in love with Mortimer. His acting however, took time and patience but in the end he carried his part convincingly. The play revolves about the dangerously mad Jonathan, his gentle sisters and their young brother Mortimer (the only sane Brewster who vainly endeavours to unravel the complex situation). Charles Jolley took on the critical role of Jonathan. He had a sense of stage presence, and correct timing which kept him perfectly at his ease and gave a really polished performance. Patrick Mackey in contrast to

him, as the world-famous surgeon, self-effacing, nervous (we played him as a West Indian despite his name Dr. Einstein) saw the hard work he put into this part greatly rewarded. A difficult part for his first appearance on the stage. The play is often remembered for the "Charge"! of Teddy, as he leads the imaginary assault on San Juan Hill in the American Civil War — from the top of the staircase! Lovingly cared for by his dotting sisters, as Theodore Roosevelt he is happy to keep on digging the Panama Canal down in the cellar. Edmund Armstrong with a fine voice and generous girth plus an added moustache, had a striking resemblance to Roosevelt himself. His greatest crime in the eyes of the police and the Brooklyn dwellers is to keep blowing his trumpet in the middle of the night (another Kesslerling touch). For that alone he was to be committed to Happy Dale Asylum. Edmund's interpretation of this part was superb.

All the characters in this play are well drawn; each has a definite purpose. None is superfluous. Brendan McNally impersonated the lonely and sad Mr. Gibbs (introduced to tell us just what went on in the Brewster household). He is saved from the fateful glass of wine by the timely intervention of Mortimer and beats a hasty retreat from this bedlam of a house. A small part, but an important one, well done. The superintendent of Happy Dale complete with tall hat and frock-coat appears at the end of the play, at Mortimer's request, to put an end to the whole crazy state of affairs. Michael Crosbie played the part admirably. It was a pity that sickness kept him out of the last two performances. We have to thank Ronan O'Neill who gave such a fine performance as

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1. Elaine : Where are you off to, Teddy?      Teddy : Panama.
  2. Officer Klein (with toys) : This is fine. It'll make a lot of kids happy.
  3. Abbey : It's peaceful here, isn't it?      Dr. Harper : Yes, peaceful. The virtues of another day are all in this house.
  4. Officer O'Hare : Say — ain't I seen a photo of your brother before somewhere?  
Mortimer : I don't think so.
  5. Jonathan : Thank you Aunt Martha. We'll stay to dinner.
  6. Abbey : Won't you try a glass of our wine?      Gibbs : Never touch it.

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the judge in *The Golden Priest* in 1975, for taking on this part with only a day's preparation. By far the most difficult part however, is that of Mortimer, the only Brewster who is not crazy (in fact not a Brewster at all, as it falls out) upon whose shoulders fall all the troubles of the household, not to speak of the petulance of Elaine the girl he loves and the demands of his work as drama critic. He can cope easily enough with the latter — "I'll save time if I write my review on the way to the theatre" (Kesserling again!). But settling things in the household of lunatics is another affair. The part is difficult because, too well-known — the typical young American lead of the films and the stage. Michael Graham had to work hard to give polish to the nuances of voice and action that are so characteristic of this ubiquitous American. He did so and succeeded admirably.

The play calls for a convincing interior setting. Raymund Bulger undertook the elaborate carpentry and produced a particularly fine carpeted staircase which stood up to much traffic and looked the real thing. Kevin Quigley, Alan Wright, Ultan Stephenson, Eamonn Ambrose and Dan O'Duffy completed the stage-team for lighting, props and music without which the play could not go on. Mrs. Kidd-Duff, Mrs. Smyth, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Walsh and Mr. O'Shea with their expertise and the help of a little paint added the final touches to the convincing embodiment of the characters.

In retrospect, *Arsenic and Old Lace* is a long laugh. But it is something more. Death even at the hands of the crazy is no laughing matter.

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## Obituary

When Dr. Michael Kennedy, C.S.Sp. died on Ascension Thursday, May 19th, he left behind him a life of sanctity, a life of culture and education, a life of kindness and thought and a life which made him one of the most eminent members of the Irish Holy Ghost Fathers. His death was not only mourned in Ireland but throughout our Mission Fields.

Following a brilliant career in Blackrock College, University College, Dublin and his Doctorate in the Gregorian University, Rome, he was appointed Professor of Theology in the Senior Scholasticate in Kimmage Manor. During that time not only was he Professor but also Choir Master and Bursar. His superb culture ensured that the Kimmage Choir was eagerly listened to on radio.

A further result of his deep knowledge of Roman and Catholic culture is the present Oratory in Kimmage Manor. In years to come many people will go to Kimmage Manor just to see the simple beauty of the Oratory and the stained glass windows.

Then in 1942 he became President of Blackrock College. During that time he guided Blackrock and also had the vision to buy a house in Ailesbury Road now known as St. Michael's College. That was in 1944 but in 1945 he was elected Chairman of the Catholic Headmasters' Association and in 1950 he was a member of the National Council of Education and the Registration Council.

Then it was back to St. Mary's in 1950. Another tribute to him is not only the ex-

tension of the College but also another lasting tribute to prayerful culture: The College Oratory. Again in years ahead, people going to see Kimmage Manor Oratory may drop off to see the Oratory he built in St. Mary's. It was a fitting tribute that his remains were brought to St. Mary's and then brought to Kimmage.

He was President of St. Mary's in 1957 and the parents and boys of that era have everlasting memories not only of his efficiency but as always of his kindness. Likewise the College Union and Rugby Club know how much he contributed to their development.

Then came 1960 when he was appointed Assistant Provincial, a post he held until he retired to St. Mary's in 1970. Until Ascension Thursday when he went to his Eternal Reward he was not only deeply loved by the Community but also an example to us all of true Religious Life. Prayer was never far from him.

During his final years in St. Mary's, he was a well-known figure at the 10 a.m. Mass in Rathmines Church. He also loved the boys in the Junior School and really enjoyed their zest and vitality. But that is not uncharacteristic as most of his life was entwined between God, education and culture. A priest among priests he was. A gentleman, a brilliant scholar, a man with many monuments to his name but most of all a priest of prayer who gave wonderful example to us all and a person we miss very much in St. Mary's.

# SCOUTING

## *The 6th/7th/8th Dublin Unit*

Unit Leader : T. Dalton      Chaplain : Fr. D. Darcy, C.S.Sp.

### *6th Troop*

S/L : T. Shanahan Assistants : B. Sullivan, J. Crofts, M. Thornton, B. O'Brian

### *7th Troop*

S/L : S. Shehan Assistants : R. Murphy, T. Pacitti, G. Coughlan, J. Sheehan

### *8th Troop*

S/L : D. O'Higgins Assistants : W. Ryan, D. Rafter, J. Keogh, B. Quigley

### *Venturers*

V/L : G. McDonald Assistant : R. Sloan

### *Cub Pack*

C/L : P. Shaffrey Assistants : D. David, E. Redehan, I. De'any, S. Mulcahy

### *Unit Council Members*

Jim Kelly, Louis McMullen, Ross McMahon (Treasurer)

The Unit now consists of a Cub Pack, 3 Scout Troops and a Venturer section. With a total of 170 boys in the Unit we require a large number of able and committed leaders. Fortunately we have been able to call on the services of past scouts of the Unit. However, the Cub Pack now has a lady leader, Siobhain Mulcahy to whom we extend a warm welcome.

Jim Kelly to whom we owe a great deal was succeeded as Unit Leader by Tony Dalton. Jim has served the Unit as Cub Leader, Scout Leader and Unit Leader and was responsible for the formation of the Third Troop last year.

As the Association was celebrating its Golden Jubilee during 1977 the year promised to be an exciting one and so it was.

The Cub Pack was extended to 40 members. The Bronze, Silver and Golden Arrow Test system has been continued. The Link Badge was initiated whereby Cubs are introduced to Scouting activities and to their future Patrols while in their final year of Cubbing. The highlight of the year was the Family Picnic held in Glenmalure, Co. Wicklow. This was in addition to the numerous hikes and tours organised. Summer Camp

was held in mixed weather in the luxurious grounds of Clongowes Wood College and was enjoyed by boys and leaders alike.

The three troops also had an active year with increased participation in Regional and National events. For the first time in a number of years we were represented by the 6th and 7th in the finals of the Melvin Trophy in Larch Hill. Both teams were worthy representatives of the Unit and were complimented for their cheerfulness during the weekend. The 7th team of Mark Redmond and Paul Barnes won the National Orienteering Competition held in Cork.

Each Troop had a separate activity over Christmas. The 6th spent a weekend in Puchaun, Co. Tipperary, where the boys stayed in traditional Irish Cottages under the theme of "Home Management". Aughavanagh was the site for the 7th's "Survival" expedition while the 8th organised Patrol Hikes on various aspects of scouting. We also had boys from the Unit involved in various regional Camp Craft, Cooking and Camp Fire Competitions and the Patrol Leaders Training Weekend held at Kimmage Manor over Eáster.

As part of the Associations Golden Jubilee

celebrations C.B.S.I. organised an International Summer Camp named Jamborora. Scouts from both home and abroad were invited to attend and replies were received from Associations as far away as New Zealand and America. The 6th and 7th Troops were "twinned" with a Danish and German Troop respectively. This involved Camping alongside their twin for the duration of the camp but also home hospitality whereby members of the foreign troop lived with the families of our Scouts for a week or so. Our thanks must go to the parents of the boys of both Troops for making this operation a complete success.

At the beginning of the year the Unit received from the Jamaican Scout Association through the International Department of C.B.S.I. an invitation to attend an International Camp in Jamaica. The Unit Council discussed the feasibility of such a venture and pledged its coaching for the 8th's prepared trip. It was through the tireless efforts of the leaders of the 8th and a most enterprising and committed Parents Committee that the necessary funds were raised. Due to fragmented information received from the Camp Organisers it was decided mid-way through the planning stage to accept an alternative invitation to a similar camp near Stockholm in Sweden. Preparations were completed in mid-July.

Again our thanks go to all who supported the various fund raising events held during the year.

It was through these two International Camps that the boys were given a rare opportunity to see the world brotherhood of Scouting in action.

The Venturers section has a complement of 20 between the ages of 15 and 18. A Committee was formed from their ranks to work with their Leaders to plan their year's activities. These were numerous and varied. They included canoeing, hiking, hostelling, bowling and bicycle trips. They also undertook a 24 hour fast in aid of charity and sent members on a rota basis to help a Unit in the region which had a shortage of Leaders. They travelled to Killarney over Easter to the "Eurocamp" weekend with delegates from the Scouting Associations of Europe attending. Their Annual Camp was to Sussex and they spent two weeks camping, hostelling and hiking. The Camp concluded with a short stay in London.

The Unit also held three very successful fund raising events during the year. In

October we had the sponsored De-Scout-a-Lon followed by our Annual Wine & Cheese in December and finally Bob-a-Job in April. These enabled us to meet our ongoing expenses which include Leader Training and also to re-decorate our Scout Den in Kenilworth Square.

Early on in the year the Unit organised a Leader "get together" where the present and past Leaders of St. Mary's exchanged stories and photographs spanning our 35 year history. To the Leaders who were present we extend our thanks and good wishes.

Finally, both boys and Leaders must thank the priests and staff of the College for their continual support and in particular our Chaplain — Fr. Darcy for his enthusiasm and advice during what must have been one of the most active years in our history.

We give thanks for the safe and satisfying year which has passed and look forward with keen anticipation to the future.

T. Dalton.

## 6th Troop Camp

This year the Sixth Troop joined some 10,000 other scouts at Jamborora '77 — an international camp held in Co. Waterford to celebrate the golden jubilee of the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland. The venue chosen was the spacious grounds of the Cistercian monastery of Mount Melleray, near Cappaquinn.

During the five days immediately prior to the camp, a number of our boys took part in the home hospitality exercises. This meant that they took a foreign scout — in our case, a Dane — into their homes over this period. The foreign scouts who stayed with members of one troop were all members of the same troop, and the two troops were camped beside one another on the camp.

Eventually the big day arrived, and we assembled at the crack of dawn in Amiens St. Station to push, lever and squeeze ourselves onto one of the many 'Jamborora Specials' which were headed for Cahir on that day and the next. From Cahir we were taken by a fleet of buses to the campsite itself, and left in the arrivals and departures area. This, we found, was very convenient to the Post Office, very convenient to the Home Hospitality centre, but not quite so

convenient to our campsite, which was about a mile and a half away. However, we finally arrived, set up camp, built our gadgets, and settled down to enjoy the ten-day camp.

The following day, Tuesday July 26th, the camp was officially opened by the President, Dr. Hillery, and for the next few days we spent our time participating in the activities which were arranged. There were some ten main activities, ranging from pioneering to folklore and culture to handcrafts, and we took part in some of them at one stage or another. They were very well organised and supervised. These activities were interrupted now and again for main activities in which the whole camp took part. After the opening ceremony the first of these was the open day, on Sunday the 31st. This was the day on which visitors were especially welcomed and included a Jubilee Mass for the whole camp in the afternoon, at which Dr. Alibrandi, the Papal Nuncio was the chief celebrant. There was also a fireworks display in the evening. The following day, Monday, we held the Tara Festival. In the morning we had to sell whatever wares we could lay our hands on in order to make as many 'jambor-punts' (special currency issued for use on that day) as possible. In the afternoon we took part in some crazy sports, the Tara Games. And in the evening was a concert by the Chieftains. At other times in the camp we also saw sky-diving and helicopter displays, and concerts by such groups as Horslips and Spud.

On Tuesday, August 2nd, we went on our troop outing. A bus took us first to Cork City, where we had an hour and a half, during which we bought ourselves lunch, and then to Blarney Castle, where we all kissed the stone (one after another, of course).

The following day the P.L.s had their outing, this time to Tramore, and an enjoyable time was had by all. The rest of the troop had a treasure hunt, won by the Foxes and the Reindeers.

We had no inter-patrol soccer competition this year, although we did play (and beat) a Swedish troop, but the inter-patrol volleyball was won by the Falcons, led by Arthur Russell. The Patrol competition was won by the Reindeers, under Martin Gowran, who narrowly beat Pat Stephenson's Foxes.

On Friday, August 5th, we had to pack up and leave Mount Melleray by the same way we got there — buses and trains. We arrived back in Amiens St. at 8.10 that even-

ing, somewhat tired, somewhat grubby, but very happy.

Our thanks must go to . . . well, almost everyone. The Jamborora organisers, of course, and the host of volunteer workers who helped run the camp — everyone involved, in fact. And of course to our officers, especially Brian Sullivan, all of whom helped to make the camp more enjoyable.

Ultan Stephenson,  
*A.P.L. Cheetah Patrol.*

## 7th Troop Camp

This year we had little difficulty in deciding where to go on Camp for the great International Camp to mark the Golden Jubilee of the C.B.S.I. was to be held in Mount Melleray, Co. Waterford. This great event was called Jamborora (from the word Jamboree and the Irish word, Ora) and was attended by 10,500 scouts and leaders from 20 countries, some as far away as Australia and New Zealand. For the smooth running of a camp of such magnitude as Jamborora '77, the entire camp was divided into seven sub-camps and each one was named after an ancient kingdom of Ireland. Our troop camped on the site called Eamhainn Macha.

We left Connolly Station at 7.30 a.m. on Monday, July 25th on the "Jamborora Express" and arrived in Cahir at 10.45 a.m. From there we went to Mount Melleray by bus arriving there at noon. The allocation of sites was decided and we began setting up camp and continued to do so for the rest of the day.

We were blessed with good weather throughout camp except for one day when the heavens opened. On Tuesday, July 26th, the opening of Jamborora '77 took place in the great Concourse Field attended by all in the camp. The Opening Ceremony was performed by the President of Ireland, Dr. P. J. Hillery who arrived by Army helicopter. Later that evening we met our "twinned" troop from Nuremberg, West Germany to whom we were extending a week of home hospitality after camp. It is customary for scout troops of the host country at an International camp to invite foreign scouts to come and stay in the homes of its scouts.

For the next few days we were kept very busy by the wide and varied programme of

the camp which included activities such as Campcraft, Pioneering, Folklore, Nature, Physical Activities and a course of lectures, films and demonstrations to show what it is like to be mentally or physically handicapped. In the evening the time was your own to attend any of the Sub-Camp activities such as campfires, talent competitions and sports. On Thursday a concert was given by the rock group, Horslips, which was attended by an audience of 7,500.

On Saturday we went to visit Cork City and then on to Blarney Castle. We were accompanied by our German friends and many scouts took the opportunity of kissing the Blarney Stone. The following day, Sunday, saw a flood of visitors to the Jamborora on Open Day. From dawn to dusk, 89,000 visitors passed through the gates of Mount Melleray. In the afternoon there was a Concelebrated Mass presided over by the Papal Nuncio. An Taoiseach, Jack Lynch attended the ceremonies and gave a short speech before the Mass. In the evening there was a magnificent fireworks display which illuminated the Co. Waterford sky.

On Monday morning there was an activity called Tara Fair. This fair was an imitation of one held by the Celts at Tara, the last such fair being held in the third century A.D. All the scouts on the camp dressed in the attire of the ancient Celts and all troops opened stalls with goods from cakes to hand-crafts. Each troop was given a quota of "Jambor-punts" — paper money to be used for the fair. In the afternoon there was a wide game for the whole camp consisting of a hundred small tests of skill. That evening there was a concert given by the Irish traditional group, The Chieftains. The following evening there was a concert by the folk group, Spud.

Wednesday saw the troop setting off on a

hike called Fionn's Trail. This hike was a highlight of the camp and enjoyed by all. Some of the younger campers went on a 12 hour 12 miles hike across the Knockmeal-down Mountains. The older scouts went on a 24 hour hike of 14 miles over the same range of mountains. There was a night camp and they built bivouacs for the night. The following morning they walked 8 miles by road back to Mount Melleray.

In the afternoon we began to break camp and that Thursday evening the closing ceremony was held. A camp-fire had been intended but that day it rained. Next day we finished breaking camp leaving no trace we had been there. The Patrol Competition was won by the Buffaloes, led by David Kerrigan and the runners up were the Eagles.

We left Mount Melleray at 3.30 p.m. on August 4th arriving in Cahir at 4.30 p.m. and leaving at 5 p.m. on the "Jamborora Express" arriving in Connolly Station at 8.10 p.m. For us Camp was over but now we had to entertain the scouts from Nuremberg. We showed them the many sights of our fair city. When they flew home on Friday, August 12th, the Jamborora '77 was over but we all have fond memories of this great International Camp.

Camp was enjoyed by all but not without the dedicated work of the leaders. Stephen Sheehan was ably helped by Richard Murphy (Programme). Tony Pacitti (Quartermaster), Gerry McDonald (First Aid) and John Sheehan (Finance). Fr. D. Darcy carried out his duties as Chaplain before leaving us to go on Camp with the 8th Troop. A word of thanks is due to Jamborora '77 staff for making it such a success.

Declan Sheehan,  
*P/L Eagle Patrol.*

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1. The 6th before take-off at Dublin Airport.
  2. The Panther Patrol cooking at the Jamborora.
  3. Officers of the 6th with Camp Warden, Mrs. Ekke.
  4. Some of the 7th at the Opening Ceremony of Jamborora '77.
  5. Dinner time in camp.
  6. The 6th pictured with the Irish Ambassador to Sweden and Chief Scout of Sweden.



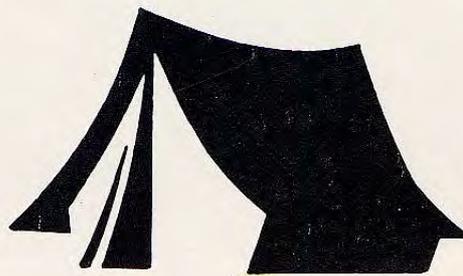
## 8th Troop Camp

Monday, August 1st saw the departure of twentyfive scouts and five leaders of the 8th Troop from Dublin Airport en route to a small jamboree, Delcamp '77, in Sweden. We took off at 10.35 a.m. and after stops in Manchester and Copenhagen arrived in Stockholm at 4.30 p.m. Prior to camp we had home hospitality for a week. We were split up into four groups with each group going to a different town in central Sweden. Most families had boats so we spent a lot of time on the water. We also visited churches, schools, factories and other places of interest in our particular town. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and learned a lot about the Swedish way of life and culture.

On Sunday the 7th we all met at the campsite which was set in a large forest beside a lake. There were about 2000 scouts attending, mainly from Scandinavia but also from many other countries. We spent the first day settling in and adjusting to our unfamiliar surroundings. On Monday organised activities began and the camp was opened with an impressive ceremony.

Activities were varied and interesting including pioneering, nature trails, canoeing, swimming and folk dancing. There was also a volleyball competition with the 8th Troop performing well with the Wolves Patrol being runners-up. We received numerous invitations to campsites so we attended one almost every night. There was also a disco for older scouts.

The highlight of the camp was an overnight hike in which we were all divided into

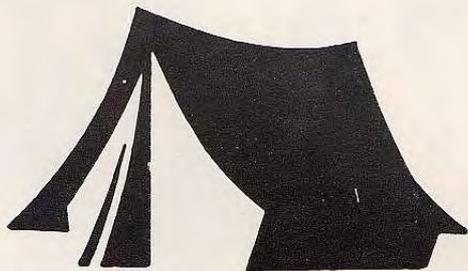


different patrols with scouts from different countries. We hiked in the extensive forests surrounding the camp site and slept in a leanto which is a small open shelter. It was very successful despite the unkind weather. Meanwhile everyone was keeping an eye on the patrol competition which was really hotting up. The lead had changed several times but final inspection secured victory for the Badger Patrol led by Derek Egan.

On the last day of camp a country fair was organised and each troop arranged something. There were pillow fights on a log, throwing coins into pots, panc selling, rope climbing. Our own efforts were commended by all, the best being fortune telling by Paddy Kelly. On Saturday morning the closing ceremony was held and almost everyone began to pack. On Sunday we broke camp and went to Stockholm by coach. We stayed two nights in a scout den kindly given to us by a troop from Delacey. The next day was spent in Stockholm shopping and sight-seeing.

The next day we wearily made our way to Arlanda Airport by tube and bus. We arrived in Dublin at 6 p.m. via Copenhagen and Manchester. We all agreed that this was the best camp ever for the scouts present and the leaders too. The success of the camp was due in no small measure to our officers, Willie Ryan, John Keogh, Pat Shaffrey and Peter Kelly with Fr. Darcy excelling in his duties both as chaplain and officer. We thank them all sincerely for a marvellous camp.

John Gilenan,  
*P/L Tigers.*



## Silver Jubilee, Fr. Cyril Byrne, C.S.Sp.

When Cyril Byrne first entered the gates of St. Mary's in September, 1935, there was as yet no indication of the magnificent work he was to do for the Holy Ghost Fathers on the Missions and at home, the number of religious and lay people he was to guide and his academic contribution to education both in Africa and Ireland.

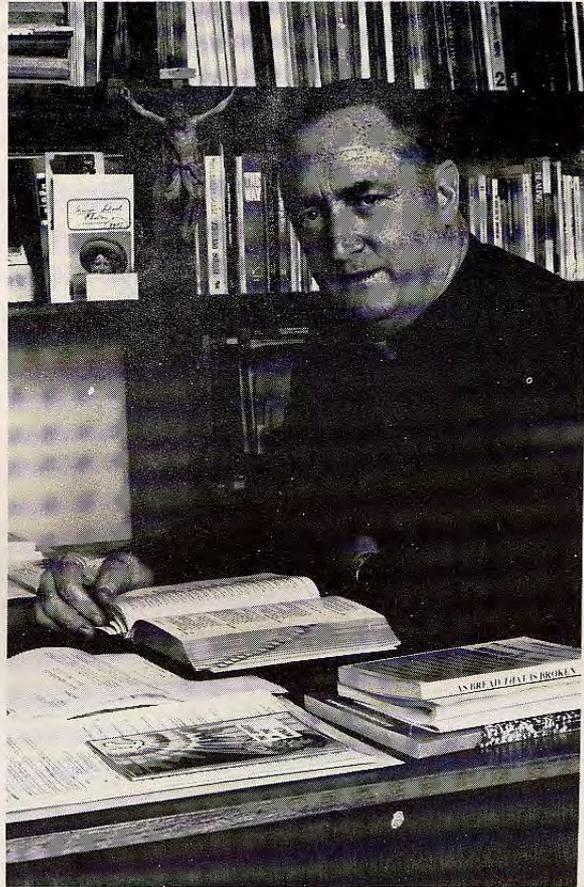
There were early signs that Fr. Cyril was going to be an academic but he was also an outstanding sportsman, playing rugby with the Under 13's, J.C.T. and S.C.T. He also represented the College in Tennis, Cricket and Table Tennis and was Captain of the School in his final year.

Having already established himself as an academic and sportsman in St. Mary's, he joined the Holy Ghost Fathers and did his Novitiate in Kilshane, Co. Tipperary. There he revealed two very characteristic attitudes which have remained — his love of prayer and his love of helping other people.

The following year he came to the Senior Scholasticate in Kimmage where he pursued his studies at U.C.D. These completed, for the moment, he came as a Prefect to St. Mary's and his days as Prefect are fondly remembered not only by his pupils but also the present Members of the Community who were then in St. Mary's.

He then went to the University of Fribourg, Switzerland to study Theology and many, many people are still thankful for his work there as he can interpret Theology with a clarity and simplicity which marks a man of prayer and erudition. He was ordained 25 years ago, in 1952 and since then has established a reputation for clarity not only in the academic field but also added to it his insight and understanding in guidance and his prayerful but very busy routine.

Having spent some years teaching in the Holy Ghost and African Bishops' of South Central Africa College to train African elite in Pugu, Tanzania, Fr. Cyril returned to St. Mary's and since his return has not only endeared himself to the Members of the Community, the Past Pupils, the Rugby Club but also the many young students who not only learn Science from him but trust his advice.



During the early 1970's Fr. Cyril graduated in Computer Science in Trinity College and has since been a lecturer in the subject in Trinity. He also has become very involved in Retreats and Lectures to Priests and Religious and spends most of his vacation time at that work.

So the seed that first appeared in St. Mary's and later in Kilshane has borne fruit. A priest of prayer, of care for other people and an academic with time to chat with his confreres Father Cyril has also a wonderful sense of humour.

But it is as a priest that we will always remember him and there are thousands who would join with us, in St. Mary's, saying "thank you" and *Ad Multos Annos*.

# St. Mary's College Past Pupils' Union

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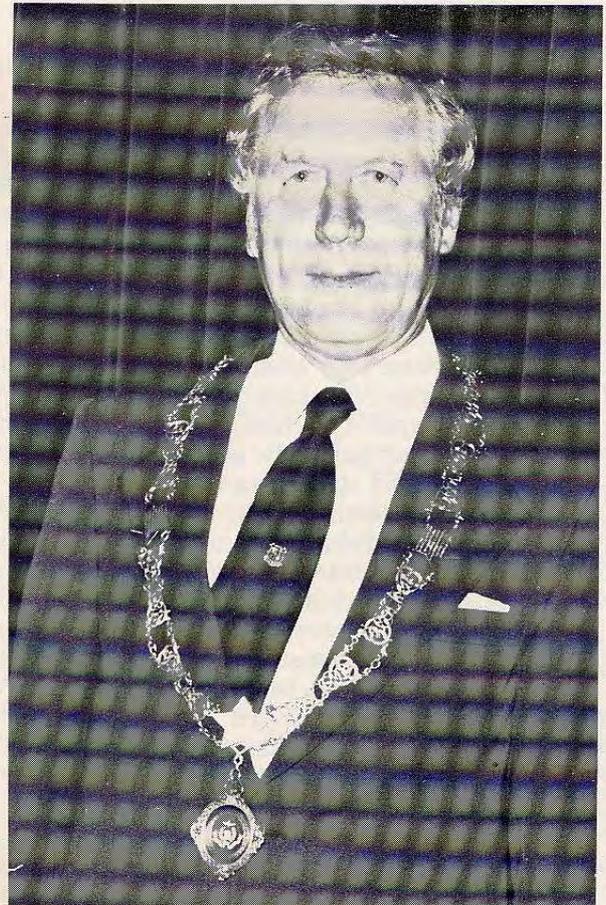
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*All Past President of the Union are ex-officio members of the Committee.*

When *Paddy Fearon* (1942) was elected President of the Past Pupils' Union, it came as no surprise as Paddy has devoted many years not only with the Union but also with the Rugby Club for which he played after leaving the College. He qualified as an architect from U.C.D. and then married Brenda Travers who was and is still very active in the social activities of the Union and the Rugby Club. Their son, Pat, is in Rockwell and Jimmy is in the Junior School while their daughter, Jill, is an ardent St. Mary's fan. It is significant that Paddy is President of the Union in the Golden Jubilee Year as the Fearon family has long associations with St. Mary's and Paddy has always been a past pupil with a deep interest in the College, Union and Rugby Club. Our congratulations to Paddy and we know that the Union is in devoted, safe and competent hands.



## Hon. Secretary's Report, 1976-77

Annual Mass for deceased Past Pupils and Professors of the College was held on Sunday, November 7th in the College Chapel. The attendance, which included many families, was the greatest of recent years.

Union Dinner was held in the College on Friday, November 19th. One hundred and forty members and guests attended the function. This appeared to be a most successful evening.

Dinner Dance was held once again in the Killiney Court Hotel. There was a record attendance of 218 people. A successful Tombola was organised in aid of the Marian Boys Club. An effort was made this year to involve the parents of present pupils and it is hoped that a greater number will attend next year. A special word of thanks to Joan Hughes and her Ladies' Committee for organising the Tombola.

Sports Day, an annual event, took place on May 9th in Kenilworth Square and continued the successful trend of recent years. 250 teas were served by John Bowden and family to whom the Union is again indebted. It was suggested that a nominal charge of 10p for tea be made next year and that paper cups be provided. A special word of thanks is also due to Fr. Barry and Fr. Darcy.

Golf Society had another successful year. The first outing was held in Milltown Golf Club on May 20th for the President's Prize and the Union Cup. 66 people played for the honour of winning the silver dish presented by the President. Winner was Brian O'Meara (10 handicap) with 36 points and the runners-up were D. Dergan, B. Whelan while Brian O'Meara also won the Union Cup. The second outing was held on August 19th at the Grange Golf Club. 53 played and 61 sat down to



TEA ON SPORTSDAY

Very Rev. W. Nugent C.S.Sp., Mrs. P. Fearon, Mr. J. Hughes, Mr. P. Fearon.

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

dinner. The Captain's prize, a TV chair presented by Joe Kilmurray, was won by Frank Murphy (16 Handicap) with 36 points, second was J. Horan and third John Hughes .

College Scout Unit saw the beginning of a new Troup. The 6th was added to the existing 7th/8th Troops. The Unit now comprises one Cubs Section, three Scout Sections and one Venturer Section with a total membership, including officers, of approximately 200. Summer camp was again the main activity. The Cubs went to Courtown, the Venturers to Italy and the 6th/7th/8th to France, Oxford and Aberdeen respectively. The 6th/7th qualified for the Melvin Camping Competition, the first time in 20 years St. Mary's were represented in the Competition. The 7th also won the National Orienteering Competition in Cork. This year a new Unit Leader was elected with Tony Dalton taking over from Jim Kelly. This coming August it is hoped the 8th will represent the country at a Jamboree to be held in Sweden.

Lawn Tennis Club had a quiet season. The men's team won four out of their five matches in the Winter League and just missed winning their section. On the social front we had yet another very good year and are replacing many of our older retiring members with new members. The Annual Barbeque, Theatre Evenings, Socials and Outings to Brittas Bay were organised. The Club's financial position has improved due to the good work of the Treasurer and Committee. There was a levy of £10 on each member so that necessary repairs could be carried out. As a result of an advertisement in the Irish Times over 50 enquiries were received. The spirit in the Club is excellent, informality and friendliness are the most noticeable features of the members and despite the small numbers of Past Pupils the spirit of St. Mary's is alive and well at Belmont Avenue.

Career Guidance continued in the College. Eleven sessions were held between September 5th and December 9th and another eleven between January 13th and March 31st. A variety of subjects was covered. The majority of talks was organised by Mr. Kevin Lewis and the Sub-Committee of the Union under the Chairmanship of Mr. John Hughes. The boys' wishes were noted and requests for specific talks were complied with. A new innovation was the provision of interviews for all the pupils in 6th Year. These were carried out in January and 56 pupils availed of the opportunity for a professional inter-

view. To the personnel involved the gratitude of the Union must be extended.

Marian Boys' Club continues to operate from 23 Upper Gardiner Street under the leadership of Adrian Lee. In all there are 10 leaders of whom 8 are Past Pupils. The main activities, apart from regular Club nights, are week-end visits to hostels in provincial areas. Last year the Club was in use 4 nights a week. However, it is presently used 2 nights a week catering for up to 30 boys. The continuing decline in numbers is due to the large number of Youth Clubs in the Gardiner Street area. The Management Committee are seriously concerned at this development and are presently considering alternative uses for the club. The Committee are indebted to the College and the Union for their continued support. A particular debt is due to Fr. Hurley who has acted as Chaplain for the past seven years. Unfortunately, because of new commitments, Fr. Hurley has had to resign and the Committee are very pleased to welcome Fr. Nugent as the new Chaplain. A special word of thanks to the St. Mary's boys who recently organised a Fast and raised over £600 for the Club.

Rugby Club had another milestone in its history. The new grounds at Templeville Road had been bought and the new pavilion built and officially opened by Dudley Higgins, President of the I.R.F.U. in September. The opening was followed by the 1st XV playing the President's XV which was all but in name a Lions' side. The first victory of the season was when the Under 21 side captained by Derek Early won the Des Merry Trophy. The conditions were atrocious and worse was to follow as the weather enforced untold havoc with the fixture list throughout the season and brought to the attention of the Committee the immediate attention of draining the pitches. A Fund Raising Campaign was started after an extraordinary General Meeting and happily it is reported that work on the drainage has commenced. The 1st XV reached the Semi-Final of the Leinster League being ousted by Wanderers and were defeated by Skerries in the first round of the Cup. Tom Grace again captained the Irish XV while Tom Feighery was capped against Wales and England. Frank Kennedy, Mick Glynn and Kieran Fitzgerald received Senior Interprovincial honours. Junior Interprovincial honours were received by Rodney O'Donnell and Declan Howard. The Junior Sides provided

the best season at this level in the history of the Club. Junior 1 (Capt. Dave O'Brien) were narrowly defeated in the final of the Junior League. Junior 2 (Capt. Tommy McGovern) were defeated by Seapoint in the semi-final of the League and by Bective in the quarter-final of the Cup. Junior 4 (Capt. Frank O'Rourke) reached the final of the League and were winners, 16-3 against Palmerston. Junior 5 (Capt. Brendan Spring) beat Blackrock to retain the O'Connor Cup. Junior 6 (Capt. Paul McNerney) won the Fox Cup. Junior 7 (Capt. John Boyle) were beaten in the final of the Greenlea Cup. Junior 8 (Capt. Paul Dixon) were beaten in the final of the Seapoint Cup. The Junior Sevens again won

the North Kildare Seven-A-Side. The success augers well for the future of the Club.

Finally I would like to thank Fr. Nugent, President of the College and the Community, in particular Father W. Kennedy and Father J. Hurley for their help during the year. Also a very sincere thanks to out-going President of the Union, John Hughes. The attendances at this year's functions speak volumes for the work John did as President. Thanks also to Treasurer, Dan Coveney and all members of the Union Committee.

Eamonn Fitzgerald,  
Hon. Secretary.



Chris Maguire, Sean Cantwell, Brendan Deasy, Nuala Cantwell, Frances and Douglas Thornton at the Senior School Sports.

## Golden Jubilee of The College Union

On Tuesday, December 6th 1927 a meeting was held in the College to form the St. Mary's College Past Pupils Union. The first President was Mr. J. C. O'Brien, Vice-President, Fr. T. Farrell, C.C., Secretary, Mr. A. O'Reilly, Treasurer, Mr. C. Spadaccini and the Committee Members were Fr. R. Harnett, C.S.Sp. (Provincial), Messrs W. P. Blunden, P. J. Haydon, F. Purcell, G. Condell, Dr. J. B. Magennis, R. J. Molloy, E. Moore and P. Tierney.

Now fifty years later the early days of the Union are clouded in mystery as the records of the various Union activities only date back to the mid 1930s. This article does not in any way give a complete history of the Union but points out various links between the Union and the College and also tries to give an account of the many activities of the Union.

The Annual Dinner Dance was first held in the Gresham Hotel on Thursday, April 19th, 1928. When the dinner became separated from the dance is not quite clear but immediate links were established with the Blackrock and Rockwell Unions with the respective presidents being invited. During the Second World War the function became an "Informal Supper". The last "pre-war" dinner was held in the Gresham Hotel on Thursday 24th, October 1940 and the cost was 10/6 for senior members. The secretaries that year were Fr. Joseph Whelan, C.S.Sp., (now Bishop Whelan) and James J. Ganter.

The following year the secretaries were Fr. P. J. Murray, C.S.Sp. and Dermot P. Smyth and Dermot was joined in 1943 by Fr. W. Kennedy, C.S.Sp. who is still joint secretary. By 1945 the Annual Dinner was re-established and Michael McCormack was secretary. The function was held in the Central Hotel on Tuesday, October 8th, 1945. The cost of the dinner that evening was 12/6, a half-crown increase on the price in 1940. Links were still maintained with Blackrock, Rockwell and Kimmage Manor.

In 1948 Tommy Kearns was secretary and the dinner was of special interest as at the function in the Central Hotel on Tuesday, October 19th, the Union made a presentation of a Pectoral Cross to the newly consecrated Bishop Joe Whelan, C.S.Sp., who had been joint secretary of the Union in 1940. The

cost of the dinner was still 12/6. Again the C.S.Sp. link was maintained with not only the presentation to Bishop Whelan but also invitations to Blackrock, Kimmage Manor and Rockwell.

The pattern of the Annual Dinner continued right through until 1952, the Silver Jubilee of the Union. Robert N. Pidgeon was president and Tommy Kearns and Fr. W. Kennedy, C.S.Sp. the secretaries when it was decided to hold the Annual Dinner for the first time in the College. J. E. Mills Ltd., did the catering and the cost of dinner had risen to £1.00. The dinner was also held in the College in 1953 and Bishop Brosnihan of Sierra Leone was guest of honour. Another link with C.S.Sp.

On Wednesday, 21st April 1954 the dinner was held in the Central Hotel and the venue was changed to the Ormond Hotel in 1956. The total cost of the evening was £86-12-1 for 112 people. The usual links with other C.S.Sp. Houses were maintained and members of the Press Media were still invited.

Quite a feature of the 1940s and 1950s was that presidents of St. Mary's, Blackrock College and Rockwell College made major statements about education at the Annual Dinner of the respective colleges. These statements were covered by the media and in 1947 the late Fr. T. Maguire, C.S.Sp. was highlighted "Church Needs Idealists". "Place of Science in Education" for Fr. M. Kennedy, C.S.Sp. And very much to the point "TV an Obstacle to Studies" from Fr. J. Gilmore, C.S.Sp. in 1956.

Then in 1975 the Union decided to hold the dinner once more in the College and at the last one on Friday, November 19th, 1976, there were 150 members and guests in the College where the Union was founded 49 years ago. Bridging the years was president, Thomas Lynch and John D. Byrne was secretary along with Fr. W. Kennedy, C.S.Sp. A pattern of the Union had re-appeared.

Another important pattern is the concern of the Union for the deceased members of the Union and past professors of the College. The first Sunday in November is a traditional Sunday morning when members of the Union come to pray in the College Oratory for the boys and professors with whom they lived in former years. It is a very genuine, Christian attitude which has always been part and parcel of the Union.

Another aspect is the interest the Union takes in past professors of the College.



Mention has already been made of the presentation of the Pectoral Cross to Bishop Whelan in 1948. Further ground was broken when in 1962 the Union made special presentations to retiring professors, Mr. Arthur Barrett and Mr. Michael Nagle. Raymond Joyce was secretary that year and Reggie Redmond was chairman of the special committee for the function. A repeat performance happened in 1974 when "An Maistir", Mr. Phil McCabe retired and Reggie Redmond was president of the Union at the presentation. Thus did the Union keep its links with the College.

Other connections had been established as the Union President now presents the prizes at prizegiving in both Senior and Junior schools and his wife presents the prizes at both sportsdays. The Union also presents two gold medals each year for general excellence at both Leaving and Intermediate Certificate level. It is also interesting that in 1956 the Union presented prizes to best Senior footballer, best Junior footballer, best batsman and best bowler. By 1962 the Dean of discipline, Fr. F. C. Barry, C.S.Sp. was acknowledging a cheque for five guineas.

There was also the Turkey Drive, which apparently ended in 1963, but was held in December and it cost 3 shillings on Sunday, December 16th to compete for a "top score" Turkey and Ham and £5. Desmond M. White was secretary then and there is a very nostalgic note with an uncashed cheque for one guinea from the Elo Press, dated December 5th 1963.

Earlier the Union had been called to join "Men's Federation of Catholic Schools Union of Ireland". They were invited to a meeting in Jury's Hotel, on Friday, March 16th 1960. There was much discussion about the venture and talk with both the Blackrock and Rockwell Unions and it seems that the Union stayed away. Along with apparently, Blackrock and Rockwell.

There was also an Annual Retreat which was held usually on Palm Sunday weekend at St. Joseph's Retreat House, Tallaght. In 1969 the number attending the retreat had dropped to six and a one day retreat in the College was being suggested. The retreat was held in the College on Good Friday, March 27th 1970, with an attendance of 30 Past Pupils. The last retreat, in 1971, began with Mass on Holy Thursday, the lectures were given by Fr. M. O'Carroll, C.S.Sp., Blackrock College, and 25 Past Pupils attended.

The Literary and Debating Society ceased to function in 1957 after many successful

debates and productions. There was "Lord Richard in the Pantry" produced by F. A. Purcell in September 1942 while Paddy Funge produced "Red Rainbow" in 1951 and "Life With Father" on the 24th., 26th and 27th October, 1954. The first mention of the Society is the production of "Trilby" in the old Abbey Theatre with a dress rehearsal on April 6th, 1932. Debates were held in the College or in a hotel. We read that the motion "The effects good and bad, of football on the character" was debated in the Moira Hotel on January 28th, 1942.

There was also a Praesidium of the Legion of Mary called Stella Maris and it was from this praesidium that the Marian Boys Club was founded in 1958. The club was originally in Harcourt St. and is presently in Gardiner Street. In 1962 there was a proposal to build new premises in Thomas Street. The club is still of concern to the Union. It is in the records that in 1955 there were three Praesidia of the Legion of Mary for Past Pupils and the President of Stella Maris that year was C. T. Maguire who lived then in 39 Rathmines Park.

The Union has recently been very active in helping the Sixth Year Students with Career Guidance. A small sub-committee of Union Members, chaired by Professor Tom Lynch, came in each week, starting in 1975 and they cover a wide range of careers ranging from religious vocations, the professions, the skilled trades, business management and journalism to public services and banking. Once more the Union not only keeps links with the College but is anxious to help the present students.

The Union too has shown much interest in the College Scout Unit. Many Past Pupils have their sons in the Unit but the Union as a whole look on the Unit as a College activity that they not only support but also encourage. The interest may be partly due to the fact that the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland was founded by two Past Pupils, Fr. E. Farrell and his brother, Fr. T. Farrell.

There is also much interest and concern for the Affiliated Clubs. The fluctuating fortunes of the Rugby Club, the Tennis Club and the Golfing Society are followed with much enthusiasm. At one time these clubs paid an annual affiliation subscription of £1.00 but this seems to have been discontinued in the 1950s. Each affiliated Club had a representative on the Committee of the P.P.U. There was also a Union member on the Committee of the respective Clubs.

Many of the Union members were and are members of the Rugby Club. The success of the Club at various levels has always been a joy to members and also the move from Kimmage Grove to Fortfield and then to Templeville Road. The Tennis Club closed for a while but was revived in 1951. The Golf Society was also languishing in the 1950's but its existence was ensured through the efforts of Tim Brooder and Benny Lynch in 1958.

There is now an Annual Union Day, the first one being held on the front field here in St. Mary's on Sunday, June 17th 1934. Six tennis courts were available for games between Past and Present. There was a miniature golf course and a drill and gymnastic display by the students. By 1939 the Union Day was being held in Cherryfield with a tennis tournament, clock golf, a cricket match and a dance afterwards. The circular that year had a P.S. "Cherryfield is situated on the Templeogue, Old Bawn Road, about half a mile from Templeogue on the right hand side. The Bohernabreena bus passes the gate". Nowadays the Union Day is held in Kenilworth Square with cricket, tennis, basketball and soccer.

The crest of the Union was changed in 1940 to the present format. It was in the late 1950's that a Union tie came into existence and Lauri Plunkett had much to do with that. The main delay was that members did not wish the tie to clash with the Rugby Club one. Finally it must be remembered that the Union has been helped over the years by various Ladies' Committees.

Come December 6th 1977, the Union will be 50 years in existence. Much has been achieved during those years and there has been a long and lasting link with the College. Let us hope that during the coming years the Union will be as active and as loyal to the College as it has always been in the past.

## President's Chain of Office

The Chain of Office worn by the President of the Past Pupils' Union has five stars on the back of which are engraved the names of Presidents of the Union since its foundation. The chain was presented to the Union by the late Rev. E. Farrell, P.P. The original star is edged in blue. There is also a large medallion which hangs from the first star and it bears the crest of the Holy Ghost Fathers.

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 Gerald Kenny Boyd  
 P. G. Condon  
 Sean B. O'Byrne  
 John J. Fanagan  
 Conor McCarthy  
 Tim Brooder  
 Reggie Redmond  
 Tom Lynch  
 John Hughes

# UNIVERSITY REPORT

## TRINITY COLLEGE

### Medicine

P. Salmon, 4th Medicine  
W. Ryan, 4th Medicine  
S. Sheehan, 3rd Medicine  
K. Bolger, 1st Medicine  
E. Tiernan, 1st Medicine  
P. Gueret, Pre Medicine  
D. O'Neill, Pre Medicine

### Business Studies

J. Duddy, 4th Year  
M. Moylette, 1st Year

### Social Studies

P. Kelly, 4th Year

### Engineering

J. Sheehan, 3rd Year  
P. O'Reilly, 2nd Year

### Natural Sciences

G. Godfrey, 4th Year  
E. Rothery, 3rd Year  
F. Sweeney, 2nd Year

### Law

A. Schuster, 3rd Year  
P. Charlton, 1st Year

### Computer Science

G. Conheady, 3rd Year

### General Studies

P. Cooney, 1st Year

### Commerce

G. Delany, B.Comm.  
K. Arigo, B. Comm.  
P. Gormley, B.Comm.  
H. O'Neill, B.Comm.



## BOLTON STREET

### Motor Management

T. Shanahan, 3rd Year  
D. Shannon, 2nd Year

### Building Construction

D. Hooper, 3rd Year  
C. Redmond, 2nd Year

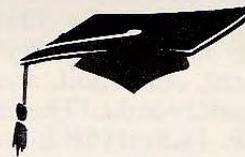
### Architectural Technology

J. Rafter, 1st Year

## RATHMINES COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

### Business Studies

M. McDonnell, Diploma  
S. Bowe, 2nd Year  
B. McGoldrick, 2nd Year  
L. O'Toole, 2nd Year  
M. Rice, 2nd Year  
J. Crofts, 1st Year  
C. Davis, 1st Year



## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

### Architecture

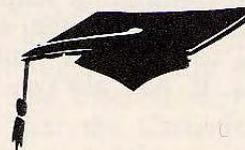
E. O'Cofaigh, 3rd Year  
D. O. Connor, 3rd Year  
P. Shaffrey, 3rd Year  
J. Keogan, 1st Year

### Town Planning

J. Keogh, Diploma

### Engineering

P. Leahy, B.E.



## ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

B. Molloy, L.R.C.P. and S.I.  
K. Satyapal, L.R.C.P. and S.I.  
J. O'Neill, Final Medicine  
C. Geoghegan, 1st Medicine  
R. O'Connor, 1st Medicine  
O. Pomeroy, 1st Medicine

# News of the Past

*Brian Molloy* having graduated with honours from the Royal College of Surgeons joined the Staff of Jervis Street Hospital and won the Corrigan prize in medicine adding to the Bronze Medal and second prize in surgery which he won at the Royal College of Surgeons.

*Gerard Brady* followed in his father's footsteps and was elected for the first time to Dail Eireann. Previously he had been elected as a City Councillor in 1974. He is chairman of the Dublin City Health Committee and serves as a member of the Cultural, Finance, Youth and Community Committees of Dublin Corporation and is a member of the Board of St. Ultan's Children's Hospital.

*Hugh Byrne* was once again re-elected to Dail Eireann and still has an extensive practice in the Ballymun area.

*John Corrigan* who is Cmdt., C. Coy., 114 Batt. F.C.A. Nenagh was presented with the prize for the best shot in the Curragh.

*Tom Garvey* until recently Chief Executive of Coras Trachtala has been appointed E.E.C. delegate to Nigeria, the equivalent of Ambassador from the Nine. The Lagos post is the most prestigious on offer under the terms of the Rome Convention between the Community and thirty two Third World countries and makes Tom one of Ireland's highest ranking Eurocrats. One of his principal functions will be the co-ordination and supervision of the programme of development co-operation agreed for Nigeria under the Rome Convention. Tom graduated in economics from U.C.D. and after a year in market research, he joined the staff of C.T.T. in 1959 and within ten years was Chief Executive. In 1966 he was appointed to the C.T.T. Board by the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

*Billie Byrne* was called to the Bar in the Supreme Court this year. His son, Norman, is in Junior Two.



Billy Byrne with his wife, Freda and Norman, Stephen and Emma. Billy (1961) was called to the Bar this year and is now a Barrister. He won a medal with the O'Connell Cup Club Team in 1976 and still plays for the Club. His son, Norman, is in Form 2.



Brian Molloy

*Niall Reddy* was appointed secretary of Bord Failte after two years as regional co-ordination manager. He graduated as an architect in U.C.D. and joined Bord Failte in 1966 as a development officer. He contributed a great deal to the Major Resort Development Scheme and to Bord Failte's environmental programme.

*John Byrne* was conferred with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the National University of Ireland. John worked in manufacturing industry, the E.S.B. and the I.D.A. before joining the staff of U.C.D. in 1970 where he lectures in finance. His doctoral research was carried out on Industrial Development Finance. He is a regular contributor of articles on the business page of *The Irish Times*. His son, John, is in Junior Five.

*David O'Sullivan* graduated from Trinity College with a degree in Economics and Social Studies and then spent a year of post graduate study at the College d'Europe in Bruges, Belgium on a scholarship from the Department of Education and graduated with a Diplome de Hautes Etudes Europeenes. That was in 1976 and David is presently working in the E.E.C./International Trade Division of the Department of Agriculture. While in Trinity, David was awarded the Gold Medal in oratory by the College Historical Society in 1974 and was Auditor of the Society the following year. He was also a member of the Trinity debating team which won the Irish Times/U.S.I. Debating Competition in 1974.



Tom Garvey





Dermot Smyth, President and Tommy Kearns, Secretary, entertain well-known Holy Ghost Fathers, at a Union Dinner.

THE IRISH PRESS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1937.

B. O'Farrell, T. Kearns, P. Fearon and C. Cullen receive prizes in 1937 from Mr. J. Gogan, President P.P.U. watched by Very Rev. P. J. Walsh, President of the College.



St. Mary's College (C.S.Sp.), Rathmines, Annual Distribution of Prizes—Mr. John Gogan, President, St. Mary's College Past Pupils' Union, presenting the prizes. On right of picture is Very Rev. P. J. Walsh, C.S.Sp., President, St. Mary's College. (I.P. Photo (L.))

## Star Of "Informers"

WALLY" FORD SEES  
FUTURE FOR IRISH  
PICTURES

ONE of the stars of "The Informers," the film-drama of the Irish Independence, Mr. Wally Ford, popularly known as "Wally Ford," visited Dublin.

Mr. Ford, a vigorous man, who has appeared in several pictures, played in "The Informers" the part of the tragic young man, McPhillips.

He told an IRISH PRESS reporter he thought "The Informers" picture and added that he hoped for films with an Irish theme.

"Every picture with an Irish background," he said, "is shown everywhere. There is a great scope in future for this kind."

Mr. Ford will shortly return to America after a prolonged tour in Europe. He has just come from where he made a film "Jerry Paul Robeson and Henry W. Wood" with the Gaiety Theatre Company, which, he said, he liked very much.

Accompanied by Mr. McNally, Mr. Ford yesterday visited the Capitol Theatre.

He has also been to Glendalough and says that Ireland has a great scenery for the films.

"A CRUSADE"

# Sixth Year 1951

*Kevin Batt* joined the Bank of Ireland in 1952 and is presently Manager of the Camden Street Branch. Previously he had been in Head Office. He married Stephanie Kenna, lives in Dalkey, has five children and in his spare time likes to sail and tend to the garden.

*Bill Brosnan* entered the B & I Line before joining the Insurance Corporation of Ireland and qualified as a Ph.D. in economics. Then studied Marketing in Harvard and afterwards obtained I.A.O.S. with the central organisation of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society. He is presently with the I.D.A. as Manager of Service Industries. He married Maire Curry, has two children and hobbies are sailing and reading.

*Eddie French* qualified as an accountant in 1958 and joined Henry Denny before moving to Navan Carpets and then the Trinity Bank. He branched out on his own and is presently Group Financial Controller of Grassland Fertiliser Ltd. and Director of the Bacon Company of Ireland Ltd. He married Joan Bennett and his two sons attend St. Michael's College and apart from tennis his main hobby is training St. Michael's rugby teams to conquer St. Mary's. But in a very friendly way.

*Brendan Gallagher* qualified as a B.E. from U.C.D. in 1955 and worked with the E.S.B. before emigrating to the United States in 1958. He now lives in New Jersey having obtained a Master's Degree and is now in the Academic Field among other things. He married a girl called Mary, has four daughters and his hobby is tennis.

*Tim Harrington* entered the Cadet School in the Curragh and was commissioned two years later and served in Cork and also with the United Nations Forces in Zaire and Cyprus. He left the army in 1969 with the rank of Captain to join the Construction Industry Federation and was appointed Director in 1974. Tim married a Cork girl, Marion Power, has three daughters and his son, Niall, is in our Senior School. Hobbies are golf and keeping fit.

*Desmond Moore* qualified as a B.E. from U.C.D. in 1955 and entered the telecommunications area before emigrating to New York to work with the Bell Telephone system and was awarded an M.Sc. Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1959 and joined the faculty of Pennsylvania State University where he obtained a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering in 1963. He then became very interested in surface and tyre texture and worked in Holland, Switzerland and returned in 1967 to West Virginia University as Professor of Mechanical Engineering. With over 50 independent papers to his name and various International Fellowships, he returned to Ireland and is presently Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering in U.C.D., a director of International Mechanical Consultants and P.C.B. Controls Ltd. He married Miriam Brosnan and has two girls, one of whom is presently Miss Ireland and his son is in C.U.S. Hobbies are writing, walking and development of ideas.

*Douglas Thornton* joined Imperial Chemical Industries and later Dorene's where he became a Director. Since 1970 he has been a Management Consultant when he founded his own firm. He was President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1964 and World Congress Director in 1970. He is founder Director of the Irish Fashion Institute and a former President of the Irish Footwear Manufacturers and currently a member of the Council of the Confederation of Irish Industry. He married Frances O'Hickey and has one daughter and his three sons are presently or formerly in St. Mary's. Both Paul and John are in St. Mary's, while Mark has escaped out the gates to work with A.I.B.

*Des Joyce* joined the Bank of Ireland and has never left them. He is presently in the Registration and Security Dept. in College Green, Dublin. He married Kathleen Delaney and lives in Killiney and his hobbies are golf and reading.

*Ray Joyce* joined American Express in Dublin and was a very energetic Secretary of the Past Pupils' Union. His name will be

associated with the great Secretaries along with Fr. W. Kennedy C.S.Sp. in recent years. He then went to work with the Shannon Development in 1962 and is presently in charge of Tourism and Aviation. He married Magda Hickey in 1960 and has one son and four daughters. He lives in Limerick and golf and music are his hobbies.

*Jack Maguire* — his work was in Architecture for after qualifying in U.C.D. he worked in Local Government before joining Ashlin and Coleman and then in 1961 he joined the Office of Public Works. During that time he restored Dublin Castle and was then promoted as Senior Architect in the Dept. of Education. He married Nora Moore, has one daughter and his hobbies are very literary and is a member of the Royal Society

of Antiquaries of Ireland for which he has written articles.

*Manus Durcan* spent five years with an Insurance company in Dublin before spending two years in the U.S.A. "adventuring". He came back in 1957 and spent two years in England with The Guardian Exchange Assurance Group returning to Ireland in 1958 and last September went to Cork as Sales Manager. He married Treasa Andrews and has three daughters. His hobby is Trade Unionism for "white collar workers".

*Leo Gibney* joined the A.C.C. before moving to the E.S.B. He then moved to Arthur Guinness in 1955 and is presently in Senior Management in the Sales Company. He married Kathleen Kiernan in 1958, lives in



SIXTH YEAR 1951

- J. Keenan, J. Simpson, M. Ahearne, D. Moore, T. Gogan, R. Joyce.  
 D. Thornton, P. Loughrey, C. Fagan, C. Murray, T. O'Connell, B. Brosnan, K. Batt,  
 M. Byrne, M. O'Gallagher, J. O'Grady.  
 A. Healy, B. Gallagher, T. Harrington, B. Gogan, L. Gibney, P. Murray,  
 B. Whelan, J. Maguire, D. Joyce.

Churchtown has one son and two daughters and his hobbies are gardening and music.

*Justin Keenan* qualified as a M.D. from U.C.D. and went to the U.S.A. where he worked in the Cleveland Clinic, Ohio. He then went on to do internal medicine and specialised in neurology before going to the South Bend Clinic in Indiana, U.S.A. He married an American girl called Kathleen and his hobbies are tennis and gardening. He has a cottage in Co. Leitrim.

*Malachy O'Gallagher* joined the Irish Navy but trained with the British Navy and resigned after fourteen years service when he had reached the rank of Lieutenant. He is now General Manager of Maersk Ireland Ltd. He married Evelyn Ward and has four boys and two girls. He lives in Templeogue

and his main hobby is sailing as he is presently Chairman of the Irish Yachtmasters' Certificate Committee.

*Pat Loughrey* studied at U.C.D. where he collected the degrees of B.A., B.Comm., M.A. and Ph.D. He was a founder member of Dublin Junior Chamber of Commerce and became President in 1959. He married Reynagh Murray the same year and they now have four children, two of whom, John and Donal, are in the junior school.

Pat is Managing Director of Batchelors. He swims two or three times a week, plays a bit of squash and is addicted to chess.

*Brian Whelan* took first place in the B.Comm. in 1954 and qualified as a chartered accountant in 1958 also taking first place. Then he became Joint General Manager in



SIXTH YEAR RE-UNION 1976

M. Durcan, B. Brosnan, P. Loughrey, R. Joyce, Fr. W. Kennedy, D. Moore.  
B. Whelan, M. O'Gallagher, L. Gibney, M. Doherty, Fr. P. J. Murray.  
J. Maguire, G. Seymore, D. Thornton, E. French, J. Simpson.

the Irish Industrial Bank Ltd. and later Deputy Director of the Irish Management Institute. He took a year off in the U.S.A. to become a graduate of the University of California Executive programme. Then it was to Brussels as Director General of the European Foundation for Management. He returned to Ireland in 1973 and is now Chief Consultant with Allied Irish Banks Ltd. with responsibility for organisation and planning. He is also a member of the Council of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland. He married Ethna O'Connor, has five children and his son, Paul, is in the Junior School. Brian likes to golf, play tennis and squash and takes a very keen interest in the Rugby Club.

*Joe Simpson* did his B.Comm. in U.C.D. and entered the family footwear business. He then branched out on his own and founded the Carlow Shoe Company of which he is now Managing Director. He married Tadders Maguire and has five children, some attending Blackrock College. He likes to play golf, go to the theatre and does a lot of travelling.

*Brian Gogan* entered the Holy Ghost Novitiate and then did an M.A. in history in U.C.D. He prefecting in Blackrock and then obtained his S.T.L. in the Gregorian University, Rome. After spending two years in Nigeria, he returned to obtain a Degree in Liturgy. He then joined the teaching faculty in our Senior Seminary, Kimmage Manor. He is presently Editor of Intercom, the Bulletin of the Catholic Communications Institute of Ireland.

*Tom Gogan* ended up in Melbourne, Australia where he obtained a degree in Business Studies. He then joined a carpet firm and became Director before branching out on his own and setting up his own mills, known as Rathgar Mills.

*Maurice Ahearne* has vanished and it is believed that he is in Australia. It has been suggested that he did originally join the Irish Navy Service.

*Jim Byrne* did a B.Sc. in U.C.D. and later an M.Sc. and is now lecturing in the U.K. There is a doubt as to the exact location but two have been mentioned, Edinburgh or the New University in Brighton and Sussex. It is also said that he married a Norwegian girl called, Astrid Major, in the early sixties.

*Cyril Fagan* obtained a degree in Trinity probably in science and is now thought to be in Toronto, Canada.

*Tom O'Connell* qualified as B. Eng., in U.C.D. and is a director of Johnson & Johnson.

He married Mairead Heavey in 1960, has three sons and two daughters, and lives at the Curragh, Co. Kildare.

*John N. O'Grady* (1941-1951) joined the clerical staff of Dublin Corporation on leaving school. In leisure time painted, and has had his work shown by the Royal Hibernian as well as in group exhibitions in Ireland and in the U.S.A.

Enjoyed the sport of fencing, was an international and eventually captained the Irish team. Fenced for the Irish Universities at the 1959 World University Games, and had charge of the Irish fencing squad at the Rome Olympics.

Graduated from U.C.D. in 1960. Won the U.C.D./Arts Council scholarship in Art History in 1969, which allowed a year's research in Florence. This led to M.A., and in 1970 joined the staff of the U.C.D. Art History department. Has since proceeded to Doctorate and is now a College Lecturer.

In 1971 came the happiest event of his life when Win Kirley consented to marry him! They have two children, Paul and Jenifer, and live in Ballinteer.

*Austin Healy* entered the Holy Ghost Novitiate and a year later started in Kimmage Manor from where he did his B.A. in French and English. He did his prefecting in Blackrock College. It was then back to Kimmage for Theology and after his ordination, he went to our Mission Fields in Sierra Leone. During a year of absence from mission work he studied in the U.S.A. and Chile. He then returned to Sierra Leone where his main work has been the founding and running of secondary schools.

*Colm Murray* entered the Holy Ghost Novitiate and after the customary year there, he went to Kimmage Manor. He did his prefecting in Rockwell College. After his ordination he went to Nigeria and spent many years there before the expulsion of the Holy Ghost Fathers. Colm then went to Malawi where he is still ministering to the People of God.

*Patrick Murray*, twin brother of Colm, started in Hotel Management and then did medicine. After qualifying, he studied psychiatry and is presently practising in Canada.

## Twentyone Years Association

Although there are several families with a long association with St. Mary's, the Conheady family of twenty one years of unbroken association is most unusual. Way back in 1956 both Jim and Fergus came to the school. Jim left in 1966 did a B.Soc.Sc. and is presently Personnel Manager, G.E.C. London. Fergus left in 1967, did a B.Sc and is now Chief Accountant with Marathon Oil in London. In the meanwhile Brian had started in 1960, leaving in 1970 doing a B.Comm., M.B.A. McGill University and is now a Lecturer in the New Brunswick University, Canada. Stuart had come in 1962 and

left in 1972 and is in his Final Year Insurance Fellowship. Then there was Gerald who came in 1964 and when he left in 1974 he became a Junior Executive Officer, Civil Service and is also in 3rd Year Computer Science in Trinity College. Finally came Paul who entered St. Mary's in 1966 and when he did his Leaving Certificate this year, the twenty one year continuous association ended. Interesting too that their sister, Marguerite married a Past Pupil, Bernard Somers. It has been a pleasure to deal with all the Conheady family and they may well have set a record for continuous association.



*Left to Right:*

Gerald, Stuart, Brian, Jim, Marguerite, Mrs. Conheady, Mr. Conheady, Fergus and Paul  
Gerald has now passed his 3rd year Computer Science.  
Stuart has now got his Insurance Fellowship (F.C.I.I.)

# St. Mary's College R.F.C.

## 1976-77

We have come to the end of our first full year of occupation in our new Pavilion at Templeville Road. It is my privilege to present in this report a summary of the events of the very full and active Rugby Season just finished.

The summer months were spent by your Committee preparing the way for the new Season. A S.G.M. was held in August and a new set of Club Rules was adopted. Senior and Junior 5 teams embarked on a short tour of Devon in September and all matches were won. On 19th September an Irish XV, Captained by W. J. McBride, was challenged by our Senior Team on the occasion of the Official Opening of the Clubhouse by Mr. Dudley Higgins, President of the I.R.F.U. The day was unique in the history of the Club. Approximately 5,000 spectators came to witness the event and the total stewarding and organisation for the day involved in excess of 160 Members, Boy Scouts and Ladies Committee. A target for that day was set by the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Mr. Colm Bevan. Amidst some scepticism he claimed that the day could be run at a profit and from the proceeds the grounds should be enhanced. The railings you see around the Senior Pitch today were built from the proceeds of that match and are a tribute to the organising ability of Colm Bevan and to those members who worked with him on that day.

Thus the season started on a promising note and the early months were flushed with some success. An Under 21 team, captained by Derek Early won the inaugural Des Merry Cup for teams of that age-group. The competition was played over four weeks in wretched ground conditions and our team displayed the competitive spirit which we like to think is the true spirit of St. Mary's.

At Under 19 level, our team, captained by Frank O'Dea, played exceptionally well before

going down to a very good U.C.D. team in the semi-final of the McCorry Cup. That the team was a good one was acknowledged by the Leinster selectors later in the season when Charlie Barry, Jody Greene, Donal Coughlan and Eugene Kavanagh were all selected to play for the Leinster Under 19 team. At Junior One, Rodney O'Donnell and Declan Howard were selected for the Leinster Junior Team.

In the Senior Interprovincial Championship, Michael Glynn won his first Connaught Cap, Ciaran Fitzgerald retained his Connaught place, Frank Kennedy won his first Leinster Cap and Tom Feighery switched over to tight lead prop in the Leinster Team which was captained by Tom Grace. Later in the Season, Tom Feighery was to retain his place on the 'B' International Team, before going on to win two full International Caps.

Tom Grace led Ireland in their successful off-season tour of New Zealand and returned to captain the Irish XV for the full season in the Home Internationals. Though the Irish XV has not had a successful season, I am pleased to report that Tom Grace's Captaincy both on and off the field has been widely commended for its inspiration and leadership. Once again Tom Grace has been a great ambassador for our Club.

Old friends were with us and the link between St. Mary's College and the Club was once again in evidence when on the first Sunday of the New Year Bishop Joseph Whelan, a former Captain of the Club, celebrated Mass in the new Clubhouse and blessed the grounds and Pavilion. The ceremonies were attended by many members and their families. That bond of friendship that exists was further exemplified by the magnificent turnout of Schoolboys for the Charity Walk organised by D. McArdle and J. Moloney and the colourful assistance given by the Boy Scouts on various occasions through

the year. For all of this I should like to express your thanks.

While speaking of the College I must on your behalf, offer congratulations to Fr. Jim Hurley who has just been appointed to a senior administrative position within the Holy Ghost Order. Fr. Hurley was patron of this Club during the halcyon years of 1970-75, and proved to be a great friend. In conveying our best wishes to him I sincerely hope he will still find time to spend the odd evening with us in the Clubhouse he helped so much to build.

Once again the College has reasserted itself as a leading nursery of Rugby Football. The Senior Cup Team gave tremendous enjoyment to those who were lucky enough to see them through the year, and showed what Rugby skill is all about when only going down narrowly to Blackrock College in extra

time in the Schools Final. In congratulating Fr. Darcy and Liam Naughton on the display of their team, I should like them to be aware of the extreme pride felt in the Club on the selection of Philip McDonnell and Paul Dean for the Irish Schoolboy Team.

But if the New Year brought Bishop Whelan back from Nigeria, it also brought many problems to our pitches. Excessive rainfall in the months of January and February resulted in twenty six out of thirty two matches being cancelled due to the waterlogged state of the pitches. At a Special General Meeting held in March it was decided that remedial work should be commenced at the end of the Season and as you can see, this is already under way. In this regard the excellent work done by Bill Gray, John Carvill and Dermot Duffy is to be complimented.

It is with some regret that I must report



JUNIOR 5 O'CONNOR CUP WINNERS 1976:77

D. White (Manager), D. Gough, S. Doherty, J. Fearon, P. Kearney, J. Curran,  
K. Conboy, D. O'Sullivan, D. Hooper (Coach).

H. Bolger, D. Coughlan, B. Spring (Captain), M. Gilsenan (President), D. Mooney,  
P. Barnwell, P. Donnelly.

*Insets:* D. Quinlan, B. Swift, V. O'Gorman.

that J. P. Fanagan is unable to represent us at Leinster Branch level for the coming season. Eight years ago Joe Fanagan was sent to the Leinster Branch with a simple brief: to win friends and influence selection committees. It is widely accepted, though probably not enough so in this Club, that Joe Fanagan was a great St. Mary's, Leinster and Irish Selector and as Chairman of the Irish Selection Committee, he was largely responsible for the success of last summer's tour of New Zealand. Indeed, those who tried to improve on that selected combination have since seen the folly of their ways and it is indeed with some satisfaction we can say that the Irish team which this year looked most likely to succeed was the team selected against France, the team which most resembled the last one to be selected by Joe Fanagan. In thanking him for the work done on your behalf, I should hope that he might

now find time to immerse himself in some other aspect of the Club administration.

At other levels of the Leinster Branch, G. K. Boyd continued as Hon. Treasurer, while T. B. Kearns, P. J. Farrell, D. Nagle, M. Johnson and Fr. Noel O'Meara played an active part in the Referees Association. Paddy Farrell continued on the Junior Inter-provincial Panel and refereed the Connaught v. Ulster game while Tommy Kearns again refereed the plum fixture, the Leinster Senior Cup Final.

At a coaching level, George Hook continued as Coach to the Leinster Under 19 Team, a team which was successful in all its games.

On the administrative side of affairs, your Committee met on twenty occasions with attendance records of almost 57% for the Team Captains and of 83% for other elected Members.



UNDER 21 DES MERRY CUP WINNERS 1976:77

M. Gilsenan (President), F. O'Dea, R. O'Donoghue, D. Gardiner, C. Barry, P. Dorgan,  
G. Delaney, D. Mooney, L. McMullan (Coach).

S. Dunne, B. McDonagh, L. Healion, D. Early (Capt), R. O'Donnell, D. Fanning, D. Howard.  
S. Brennan, D. O'Connor.

The Management Committee met monthly alternately with the Executive Committee and had an almost full attendance record. As will be shown later at this meeting, the Bar Committee, run by Tony Murray, Frank Montague and Henry Roche, has contributed greatly to the Club Finances. On your behalf I would like to thank them and their Bar Captains and Helpers, without whom this Club simply could not exist.

The work of Bill Gray on the grounds has been referred to earlier in this report but nobody, I feel, other than those on the Management Committee, is aware of the immense amount of work undertaken by Bill Gray in ensuring the smooth running of the Clubhouse to everybody's satisfaction.

J. B. Sweeney and his Social Committee has many diverse activities under his Chairmanship. The big money spinner is, of course, Gerry Ebbs and his Dancing sub-committee

who run an excellent and trouble-free Disco every weekend.

The Ladies Committee, as well as providing teas and meals for visiting teams, have run many social events including Race Nites, a Treasure Auction, a Cheese and Wine Party, a Dinner Dance, a Tramps Ball, Childrens Christmas Party and a Jumble Sale. The Ladies have contributed immensely to the Club both by their cooking on special occasions and by their fund raising for Drainage and other projects. Bill Fagan acted as Chairman of the Management Committee and I must echo past Secretaries of this Club in saying once again, how lucky we are to have such a Member.

At Match Committee level we have had a year of varied fortune. The Committee once again met at joint meetings rather than as Senior and Junior Committees as has been the practice over the past few years. The



JUNIOR 6 TOM FOX CUP WINNERS 1976:77

P. Jennings (Manager), J. Gallagher, C. Sexton, J. Curran, D. Gough, G. McDonald, G. Moloney, R. O'Donoghue, B. O'Sullivan, J. Kinahan (Coach).

C. O'Donnell, D. Brown, J. Norton, P. McInerney, M. Gilsenan (President), J. Fair, A. Levins, K. Kinahan.

Managerial approach to individual teams, introduced successfully by this Club some years ago, was extended to include an individual coach to each team. Teams were probably better catered for as individual units, the 'us and them' syndrome between Senior and Junior Teams which was becoming evident over the last few years, has thankfully been erased. But there is one glaring deficiency in our system and that is the absence of floating or independent selectors who can attend matches as Selectors in the proper sense of the word, unencumbered with team Management or Coaching affiliations. In this report I have only one request to make. I would urge most strongly that a commitment be given at this meeting, by the immediate past players, to get involved in the Match Committee next season and to ensure that our present Junior Football strength is maintained and streamlined into future Senior Teams in order to keep

our name in the forefront of Leinster Football.

Coaching over the past season took place on a rather grand scale. Willo Murray as co-ordinator managed to obtain coaches for the full season for all but one of our teams. The evidence is significant. Every team in this club which had the benefit of coaching over the full season was in contention to at least the semi-final stage of some competition in their grade. The spin-off was also characteristic. Both the Junior 7 and Junior 8 teams reached the finals of their respective unofficial competitions.

In the five League Competitions four teams, the Seniors, Junior 1, 2, and 4, all won section honours. The Junior 3 team lost one league match by 10 points to 9, to Seapoint, the eventual winners of that competition.

The Senior Team had a very mixed season. An unbeaten run of eleven matches to the end of November brought them League



WINNERS OF COLMAN FLYNN TROPHY : KEATING CUP

D. Howard, D. O'Brien, D. Fanning, D. Jennings, P. Flood.

L. Healion, D. Early (Captain), M. Gilsenan (President), R. O'Connor, R. O'Donnell.

Section Honours. In December three out of four matches including the League Semi-Final were lost. In January and February four out of five matches were lost and signs were ominous for the Leinster Senior Cup. Many different combinations were tested during this period but the drive and flair of our Senior teams of the recent past just did not return. We were beaten by Skerries in the first round of the Senior Cup, a happening to which we were neither accustomed nor for which we were prepared. While the disappointment was great I think it is only fair to say that our team which reached its peak in Limerick two years ago has since been on somewhat of a downward slide and the time has now come in which we must take stock and rebuild.

The future for such a rebuilding programme looks reasonably good. The Junior One team, excellently captained by Dave O'Brien, reached the Junior League Final for the first time since 1948. We were beaten in extra time by a Blackrock Team which subsequently achieved the Junior One Double of League and Cup. In the Metropolitan Cup we were beaten in the third round by a strong Clontarf team.

The Junior 2 team was successful in its Section of the Minor League before being beaten in extra time in the semi-final by Seapoint, the eventual winners. In the Minor Cup Tommy McGovern's team was beaten, again in extra time, in the quarter-finals by Bective Rangers.

The Junior 3 XV captained by Paul O'Regan is statistically phenomenal. It has been the least successful team in the club and yet it has the best playing record of the season. They played 22 matches, won 19, drew 1 and lost 2, scoring 477 points and conceding 144. The first match lost has already been referred to. The second match lost was a cup replay against Old Wesley in which the team was unlucky enough to lose a player through injury. The implications of this team's performance are immense. One must ask whether the team received sufficient basic coaching and the question also begs itself as to whether or not our more Junior players are being picked to play at a level below their true ability. Again I must repeat my earlier request for more selectors if for nothing else but to ensure that St. Mary's do not get tarnished with the stigma of fielding alleged "frozen" teams.

The Junior 4 team was beaten in the quarter-final of the Winters Cup by a rather

rugged Ashbourne Team. Though somewhat decimated in that match they showed great character four days later when winning their section of the Junior 4 League after trailing by twelve points at half time. This team which was captained by Frank O'Rourke was excellently coached by George Hook and went on to win the Junior 4 League in its inaugural year, carrying on a St. Mary's tradition.

Paul McInerney's team, the Junior 6, looked comfortable while winning their matches through the year. They lost only one friendly match, to Palmerston, the team they beat in the final to take the Tom Fox Cup. Again this was the first time we have won this Cup and I would like to congratulate all concerned, particularly Paddy Jennings, who, as the Major said in his victory speeches "fought very hard to keep the team together".

The Junior 7 team captained by John Boyle and coached by Louis McMullan had a successful season, winning ten of their fifteen matches, before going down narrowly to Blackrock in the final of the Greenlea Cup.

The Junior Eight XV, organised by Paul Dixon and Gary Rafter arranged twelve friendly fixtures over the season. They entered the Guilfoyle Cup, an unofficial competition, and were eventually beaten by six points to three in the final.

Pride of place, however, must go to the Junior 5 XV who retained the O'Connor Cup which was won for the first time last season. The team played some excellent football and beat the old enemies Blackrock and Terenure in winning this competition. Congratulations to Brendan Spring and particular congratulations to Diarmuid White, the coach, who recorded a singular achievement in retaining this trophy with only four of the team who played in last year's competition.

Congratulations are also due to Rory O'Connor's band of 'Sevens' experts who won again the North Kildare Cup and the Skerries competition. On a domestic note, our thanks are again due to Louis McMullan and Diarmuid White for running our own Sevens and referees who through the year officiated at Junior Friendly Games.

While this evening marks the end of our first full year in our new Clubhouse, it also marks the end of an era. Matt Gilsenan, our President, who masterminded the move to Templeville, now comes to the end of his term of office. It has been a difficult term. In his first year he had pitches but no pavilion and in the second he had a pavilion

1. Bishop Whelan greets Lorcan Gogan, watched by Very Rev. Fr. Nugent, M. Glynn, J. Finucane, M. Gilsean and B. Lynch.
2. Bishop Whelan blesses the Clubhouse, assisted by Fr. W. Kennedy, M. Gilsean, B. Lynch, M. Glynn and J. Finucane in attendance.



but no pitches. The tremendous energy of the man has resulted again in his involving the members to rally round and remedy the situation and we can now see the beginnings of the drainage work which should ensure that the original dream of Templeville, to provide three good playing pitches for our members will be attained. In thanking Matt for his assistance through the year, I can only hope that he regards as compensation for his efforts, the silverware which you see displayed here tonight.

On a personal note, I would also like to thank Benny Lynch the Hon. Treasurer and particularly C. T. Maguire, the immediate past Secretary, without whose advice and assistance my job could not have been done. I should also like to refer to the contribution made to Club Administration by Mr. Frank Reddy, and also to the ever-willing help of our groundsman.

(Gentlemen) the season is over and we must now look to the future. The administration of the Club is a heavy workload and the Committee could do with more support. The Bar shows a profit but many members fail abjectly to honour their turn of duty. The Dances are doing well, but Gerry Ebbs'

Committee Members do not always receive respect or support from our more Junior Members. The Social Committee runs many excellent functions but J. B. Sweeney still sells all the tickets and then has to do door duty on his own. Paddy Bolger maintained his original Planned Giving Returns but there are many members of the Club enjoying all its facilities who are not contributing one penny to its development or upkeep. Our teams did well in competition but before Christmas we repeatedly failed to field full teams. We have played games hard and fair yet four of our members were sent from the field of play by referees during the season. All of this must be improved upon.

The basics are there for improvement. A spirit exists among the Junior Teams, a spirit which has been absent for the past twelve or thirteen years. If this is cultivated and encouraged, if the number of selectors is increased, if the talent of our Junior Players is correctly channeled and directed, if the workload is wider spread and everybody plays his part, if we recognise our mistakes and eliminate them, then gentlemen, I think in some future year we may look back and say that 1976/77 was a successful season.



JUNIOR 4 LEAGUE WINNERS 1976:77

M. Gilsenan (President), B. McPhilips, D. Deering, M. Fitzgerald, F. O'Dea,  
C. Barry, P. Mc Artain, P. Elliot, M. Hogan (Coach).

S. Dunne, R. Sloan, A. Pacitti, F. O'Rourke (Captain), E. Mullan, R. Bailey, M. McLoughlan.

J. Gately, P. Delaney.

# Bayeux... Omaha... and All That...

Bayeux in northern Normandy on a lovely Sunday morning just as people were coming out from Mass in the beautiful Gothic cathedral, about 11.45 a.m. We were making for the museum opposite the church, that houses the magnificent Bayeux Tapestry. Soon we were in the long room where that famous work of art is on display. It stretches out in a glass case round the room, seventy-five yards long and about 25 inches in width. It is an embroidered linen band rather than a tapestry, attributed to Queen Matilda, wife of William the Conqueror. Seventy-two scenes show the historical Norman conquest of England, 1066. The story begins with Harold's visit to Bosham and ends with the flight of the English from Hastings. An electronic hearing device gives you a running commentary on each scene, in the language of your choice — English, French, German etc. Then, in a series of fascinating, delicately embroidered pictures, you are taken through the long preparation — the felling of trees, the building of boats, the making of bows, arrows and armoury. There follow the launching of the ships, with their cargoes of men, horses, cows, weapons of all kinds; the landing on the English beaches, the line up of battle, the death of Harold and the final victory of William. You marvel at the detail of the incidents, and at the patience of Matilda and her ladies as they recorded for the glory of William, the greatest campaign of his career and as you move from scene to scene you seem to hear the chronicler in the background checking on the accuracy of the narrative (always in favour of William of course). It is one of the greatest historical documents of the world, corresponding perhaps to a tape or film recording of a military campaign that changed the whole course of English and Irish history. But so astonished were we at the sheer technical skill that gave to the world for all time, such a remarkable document and work of art, that we had no time to reflect on the romanticising of war, of man's cruelty to man as we got into the car and moved on to the sea-shore a few miles further on.

If you go to Omaha in Nebraska, you won't paddle down at the beach! You will find yourself surrounded by endless miles of rolling prairie. Yet here we were on that Sunday

in August 1974, at a spot in northern France now known as Omaha Beach. We sat there on the sea wall and had our picnic. Less than eighty yards away the calm sea stole quietly in and out along the even sand. Away to our left stretched the Cotentin peninsula while the crescent of the shore curved as far as Le Havre on our right. We had the shore to ourselves. Not a soul was in sight. It was a lovely summer's day, calm sea, golden sands, cloudless blue sky, brilliant sunshine. A German gun in its reinforced concrete emplacement just beside us, and a half-submerged concrete caisson at the water's edge were all that remained to remind us of the greatest and bloodiest invasion that the world has ever seen — the Allied Normandy landing of June 6th, 1944. It was here at Omaha Beach at the very spot where we were having lunch, that the carnage was the greatest. The chronicler takes up: . . . "Here at Omaha, hell was let loose; it is the only description of the time from 0300 hours onward. The first twenty-one of the amphibious tanks floundered, floundered in the watery wilderness before dawn. The wind force of 10-20 knots caused waves six feet high while breakers on the beach measured 3-4 feet. Despite all the scientific aids concerning winds and current conditions, panoramic photography and actual visual beachmarks, the entire navigation of the armada assault became gradually more chaotic. Men jumped, crumpled and flopped into the sea. But as they hit the water, their heavy equipment dragged them down and soon they were floundering to keep afloat. Some were hit in the water and wounded. Some drowned there and then. Within ten minutes of the ramp of the leading craft being lowered, A-Company became inert, leaderless and almost incapable of action. Every officer and sergeant had been killed or wounded . . . it had become a struggle for survival and rescue" . . . So the statistical-laden narrative goes on and on and on . . . it was *The Longest Day* . . . We packed our picnic-case and moved a few miles along the beaches to Arromanches, scene of the comparatively quiet British landing. There, we milled with the tourists in the tiny museum and saw the reconstruction of the colossal invasion, in models, maps, diagrams, films and endless statistics. Bayeux



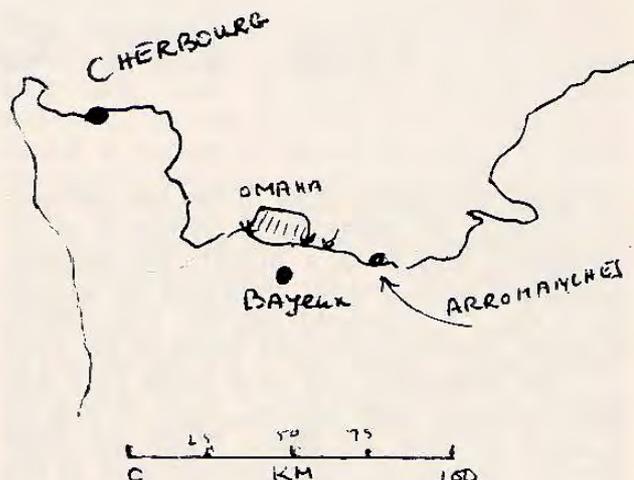
Omaha Beach, Normandy. The battle rages "1944 will be the year that will allow France to breathe again" (Roosevelt) D-Day in American Omaha sector.

Bayeux "The horses are landed" from the Bayeux Tapestry.



all over again but on a far vaster scale and not at all artistic. Most of the inlookers here were young; they had been born since the war. Many of them were children. They passed the exhibits as detachedly as we ourselves had passed before the tapestry, more preoccupied with their ice-creams and potato crisps, oblivious of the fact that they were the inheritors of a world that had been radically changed by the cataclysm that had burst upon the very ground they were standing on, a few years before.

We left Arromanches and returned to Omaha, but this time to the vast cemetery that lies just behind the beach. There an enormous area of wasteland and sand dunes has been levelled out and transformed into a dead-level emerald green lawn. Light and shade patterns the closely cut grass diagonally. The Stars and Stripes floats in majestic silence in the centre and a magnificent memorial of polished granite and marble registers the names of all the Americans that fell on that fatal day and the ensuing days. We moved along the velvet-green carpet, among the serried ranks of white marble crosses interspersed here and there by a Star of David — thousands of them. They lie in their last resting place, longshoremen from the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, tough cowboys from Texas and Arizona, lumberjacks from Montana, farmers from Iowa and Illinois, truck-drivers from Florida and California, officers and men all in their early twenties, the flower of a nation's manhood drafted thousands of miles across the ocean, mouldering now in their silent graves, far from the folks at home, mown down as they stepped ashore on the Europe of their ancestors, a few yards away. You don't find milling tourists in graveyards. We were alone with the dead in this open-air astrodome built to commemorate June 1944 and all that . . . .



"Jamais plus la guerre!" cried out Pope Paul to the United Nations in 1968. "Jamais plus la guerre!" The reply of the world has been to devote, in every nation, the greatest part of the national budget to armaments and armies. We have romanticised war. We have romanticised violence. We have romanticised killing. Our world is collectively guilty. And Ireland is part of the collectivity. Our T.V. advertisement for the army drives the point home with the explosion of a bazooka. The only good bazooka is the one that does the maximum damage to things and men. Not that we can do without armies and armaments. The career is an honourable one. St. John the Baptist told the Roman soldiery occupying his country, to do no harm to any man and to be content with their pay. All the same Bayeux and Omaha have a salutary message for us all . . .

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

Omaha Beach 1944  
Kent 1066



# That Boy Could Be You

I never tire of the story of the boy Samuel. I re-read it for pleasure; I preach it as an example; I use it as a prayer. His mother, Anna, had been without child and she prayed for a son. "She poured out her soul before Yahweh, speaking from the depth of her grief ... She conceived and gave birth to a son and she called him Samuel, since (she said) I asked Yahweh for him". When the baby grew to be a child, Anna brought him to the Temple. She said to the High Priest: "this is the child I prayed for and Yahweh granted me what I asked him; now I make him over to Yahweh for the whole of his life". So the boy stayed in the Temple as a permanent altar-boy, serving in the Temple and learning to become a priest.

Samuel grew up in the presence of God; and as he grew in stature, he grew in favour with God and man. He still had to hear the word of God; he did not know that God would call him to be a prophet, to speak God's messages to the people. He had a room in the Temple, near the High Priest, Eli. One night God called him saying: Samuel, Samuel. Samuel rose and went to the High Priest and said to him, here I am for you called me. Eli replied, go back and lie down for I did not call you. This happened a second and a third time. The third time Eli realised that it was the Lord who was calling the boy; so he said to Samuel, go back and lie down and if you hear the voice again say, speak Lord for your servant is listening.

Twenty-nine boys from St. Marys heard the Lord call. They listened. And the Lord said to them. Go and preach my word to the gentiles afar. And they went. He called others to serve him in the Church at home. Others he called to serve him in the lay state. Every boy should listen like Samuel; he should be prepared to serve God faithfully in whatever way of life he chooses; he will fulfil himself in using the charism that is given to him for the benefit of the Community. Our routes differ; we are all destined to the same end, the possession of God.

Each one has a charism or gift; it is in exercising this gift that he perfects himself and benefits the community. The most important of the gifts is the priesthood, for it is through the exercise of this gift that man

is lifted up to God and that salvation is handed down to men. Again this gift of priesthood is the concern of all and of each one; everyone needs the ministry of the priest. Consequently every person must look into his soul and see how he can help to build up the ministerial priesthood: by becoming a priest? by contributing spiritually through prayer and advice? by contributing materially? Over to you.

## A CHALLENGE

When Bishop Heerey was founding the first Congregation of native brothers in Nigeria, he explained that the religious must give up wealth and practise poverty, he must give up marriage and live a celibate life, he must profess obedience. After the sermon an African came to him and said: 'a life with no money, no woman and no freedom is death to a black man'. He was putting St. Paul in topical words, "You cannot belong to Christ unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires"; all men are bound by this obligation; the priest and the religious are bound to total dedication.

The priesthood is not for weaklings. The freedom given by the Council purged the Church of many such; would that the others would go and not be a scandal in the Church. The Church would be the better for having fewer but more dedicated priests.

Do you want to read on? The priest and the religious must be detached from money; and we live in an affluent society. Boys of my time often had not two pennies to rattle in their pockets; there was no school-holiday work; we were detached in fact, not in spirit. The priest today must be detached in the midst of plenty. Another side to this challenge is that social injustice is rife, especially in mission countries; to preach justice one must practise it and at the same time, risk persecution.

The second aspect of the challenge is celibacy. We live in a permissive age. We were shielded by many conventions; now a boy has to stand up and be counted. To add to the difficulty we have preachers who tell youth that sex, like bread and butter, is necessary for a healthy person. Others preach against the celibacy of the clergy; they argue that



Fr. R. Lehane, C.S.Sp. says Mass in Sumbuya, Sierra Leone.

celibacy is a charism; the priesthood is a charism; and one does not necessarily entail the other; hence the priest should be free to marry. On the other hand, some protestant ministers praise the Catholic Church for her stand on celibacy; Africans have seen in the celibate priest an argument for the divinity of the Church. Complete dedication to the work of the priesthood demands it.

Submission is the third part of the challenge. We are right to demand freedom. Free deliberate choice is a constituent of personality. But what is personal freedom? We wanted to be free to drink, and we have produced a nation of alcoholics; maybe that's too severe, but as a nation, we consume more than our share of liquor. We want to be free of authority and we rebel against all institutions, in church and state; we protest against everything that is irksome. Pride is deep-rooted and subtle; Scripture speaks of it as causing the fall of the angels; Adam sinned through pride. It is only the Truth that makes us free. Jesus was free. He sent the Holy Spirit into our souls, making us free. But we are warned: 'do not let your freedom be an excuse for self-indulgence; the fruit of self-indulgence is sin, the fruit of the Spirit is peace in self-control'.

Christ throws down the gauntlet; who will pick it up? But be humble. The call to the priesthood is a grace from God. "No one can come to me unless the Father draws him". Perseverance in this vocation is also a grace: "it is God who works in you both to will and to do".

Joseph B. Whelan C.S.Sp.  
former Bishop of Owerri.



Rory Murphy posed for  
Past Pupil Brendan Carroll.

# Priests Are People Too

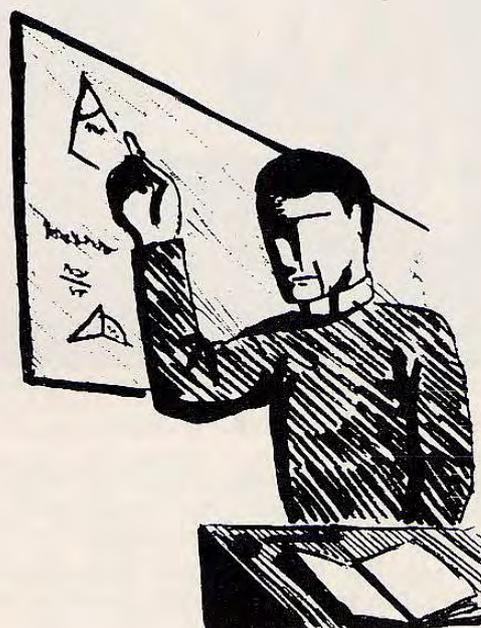
It came. An innocuous blue envelope in once-familiar handwriting. And it was my first introduction to Vocations.

The flame of that particular romance had flickered out quite a few years before. Only a warm memory remained of a very remarkable person who had touched my life and enhanced it — then moved on.

It was a lengthy letter. In it, he told with dignity and honesty of his searchings, his longing to find perfect loving; and the eventual realisation that love between people was but a shadowy reflection of Divine love. His commitment was total and he planned to enter a seminary . . .

Priests are human — a fact often overlooked by the Irish laity prior to the explosion of thinking ignited by Vatican II.

The roles they fill today read like a Thesaurus of Career possibilities. You'll find them at construction and agricultural work; as psychologists, medicos and education-  
alists; leading a contemplative life of silence or that of loquacious social activists in countries where power and wealth thrive on injustice and deprivation. But one thing they



share. A dedication to the cause of spreading Christ's message of Hope to those who might never hear it, or hearing it, have forgotten.

As all people do, they vary in their approach, their compassion and understanding. But theirs is the unique quality of Idealism. Others may generously give much of their time and of their lives to helping the confused, the underprivileged and the neglected — the Priest gives Everything. His is the gift of Himself; of his life in service, motivated by his love of God in man.

Religious community life is not always utopian. Sharing a roof and the rules of an Order is no guarantee of affinity. Personality quirks can prove irritating where any group of people are over-exposed daily to each others' company.

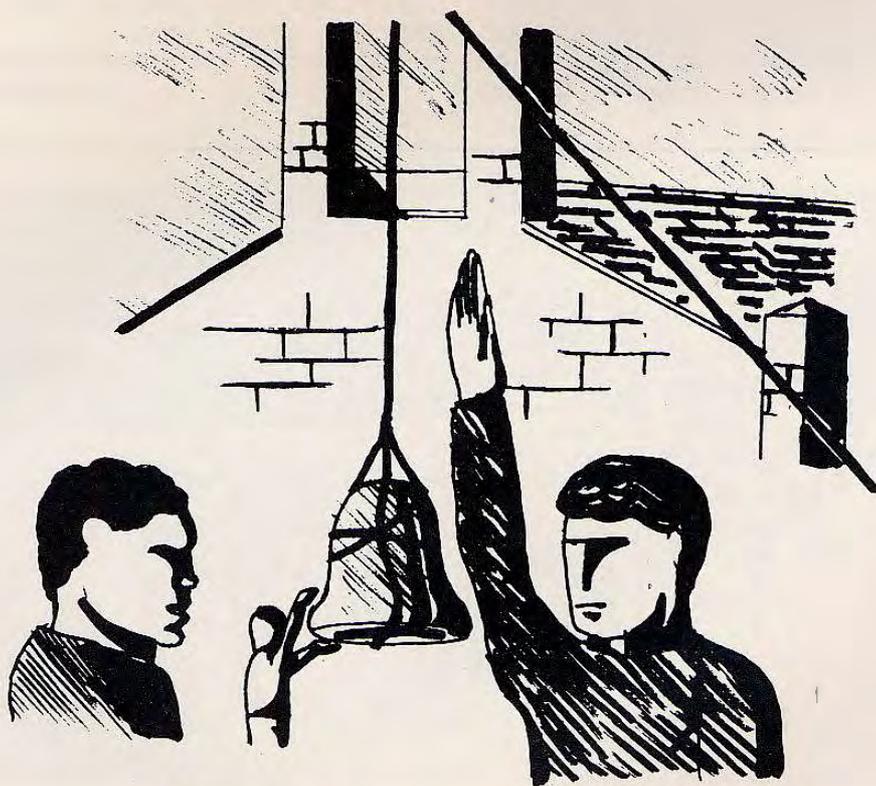
The pastoral priest is an easy target for criticism in his personal life style. He is bound to offend some of the people some of the time; and while he is part of the community, his position in it is coloured by changing conventions and attitudes. As an administrator, he must balance the parish budget (and his own!); manage schools

and — apart from routine parochial duties — he is expected to be always available to give sympathy and guidance to those who knock at the Presbytery door. He cannot instal an 'Answer-phone' to protect himself from problems which erupt as he is enjoying his favourite author or T.V. programme. He is the fulcrum of the parish; and yet, by the isolation of his position, he may well be more alone and lonelier than any man in his own congregation.

The call to such a life's vocation follows no predictable pattern. Rarely is it a Solar-light-of-Saul on the Road-to-Damascus. C. S. Lewis was an atheist. Of his conversion, described in 'Surprised by Joy', he writes "...in 1929, I gave in and admitted God was God... perhaps the most reluctant convert in England".

For most, it's a slow evolution. An awareness that grows with the years — and finally comes to fruition when the decision to give the Religious Life a trial run takes a man across the threshold of a seminary.

Today's priests are tested and tried by both Church and public when their personal integrity or beliefs conflict with those expected of them. Some, like the Berrigan





Brothers and Charles Davis have their esoteric struggles exploited by media sensationalism in a painful straffing of cross judgments. Others quietly compromise between their private doubts and their commitment to Christ's calling — and find their answer in compromise. A few reluctantly capitulate and start the rough road to laicisation. Yet all are men of extraordinary quality and calibre. They give much — and they have much to give.

Film epics of Christ's story have not usually been distinguished for their sensitivity or taste. However, at Easter this year, Zefferelli's "Life of Jesus" was screened on television and — in its instalments — became

compulsive viewing for many. The characterisation brought us closer perhaps to an understanding of the magnetism of Christ the Man. It clued us in to the gentle but dynamic appeal of his Philosophy of Loving which captivated the shrewd Matthew, the tortured Iscariot, and the Volatile ebullient Simon the fisherman.

That charisma has fired imagination through the centuries — from John Donne, who wrote prolifically and ecstatically to his loves and mistresses until his ordination in 1615 when he began to emerge as a Metaphysical poet, and later Dean of St. Paul's, London. On and on through wars and persecutions to such as Gerald Manley Hopkins and Pierre Teilhard de Chardin of our own day. Most priests do not live such dramatic lives nor chisel their niche in history or literature.

Two decades have passed since that first blue envelope arrived. Occasionally now, an airmail letter bridges the gap in time and events, of our separate lives.

After ordination, he went to Africa; was evicted as the convoluted continent travailed through her birth pains. And now he has returned to missionary work in education there. One man. Just 1 of the 409,037 Catholic priests, that make up our World Population figure of 3,873,733,000 (1975).

But one man playing life's game above par.

*"... of such is the Kingdom of Heaven".*



# Junior School Prizewinners 1977

*General Excellence*  
Timothy Scanlon

*Fr. Hourigan Religion Trophy*  
Charles Russell

*Fr. Hurley Languages Trophy*  
Michael McDonnell

*Fr. Gilmore Art Trophy*  
John Carvill

*Sportsman of the Year*  
Patrick Naughton

Timothy Scanlon receives the  
General Excellence Award.



FORM 6  
Timothy Scanlon  
Ian Burgess  
Colm Dunne

FORM 6<sup>1</sup>  
Gerald Hassett  
Seamus Yendole  
David Murray

FORM 5  
John Doyle  
John Thornton  
John Bagnall

FORM 5<sup>1</sup>  
Ian Roynane  
Niall Budds  
James Colfer

FORM 4  
Garrett Quigley  
Peter Cross  
Edward Browne

FORM 4<sup>1</sup>  
Conor Foley  
Paul Rahilly  
William Crowe

FORM 3  
Alan Maguire  
James Scanlon  
Noel Peare

FORM 3<sup>1</sup>  
Neil McDonnell  
Paul Ruane  
Thomas Stuart

FORM 2  
Norman Byrne  
John Higgins  
Ronald Keogh

## EXCELLENT LIST

FORM 6  
Gerard Cross  
James Furlong

FORM 6<sup>1</sup>  
Andrew Behan  
Kevin Cahalane

FORM 5  
Colin Murphy  
Patrick Rennick

FORM 5<sup>1</sup>  
James Coyne  
Paul Naughton  
Anthony O'Regan  
Thomas Rice

FORM 4  
Vincent Cunningham  
Declan Fee  
James Fitzgerald  
Ronan McNulty

FORM 4<sup>1</sup>  
Mark Bevan  
Niall Corish  
Cormac Funge  
Michael Reid

FORM 3  
David Byers  
Cormac Byrne  
John Cosgrave  
John Deasey  
Jonathan Donovan  
Andrew Hoey  
Donal Loughrey  
Brian McEniff  
Eamonn McSweeney  
Declan Rennick  
Niall Tracey

FORM 3<sup>1</sup>  
Raymond McDonnell

FORM 2  
Ronan Smyth



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P. Donovan, L. Avramidis, T. McTiernan, M. Watts, I. Burgess, N. Harnett, M. McDonnell, G. Maher, P. Byrne, J. Fanagan.  
 S. Byrne, D. O'Donovan, G. Cross, C. Heslin, I. Donnelly, T. Millar, C. Dunne, D. Murray, J. Goldrick, W. Black, R. Teevan, B. Cassidy.  
 M. Wigglesworth, G. Hassett, M. O'Neill, C. Murray, D. O'Hora, J. Furlong, H. Dennis, C. Maher, A. Lennon, J. OKane, P. Naughton, P. McGarr.  
 H. Mullan, B. Gilsean, A. McEvoy, B. Booth, S. Gunning, T. Scanlon, J. Fearon, B. O'Connor, S. Tee, D. Montague, K. Cahalané, A. Behan.  
 B. Bardin, G. Trand, L. Fletcher, Mr. S. Moriarty, Mrs. M. Sealy, Mr. J. Crowley, L. Lynch, D. Tynan, D. O'Sullivan.  
 F. Tomany, G. Purcell, S. Yendolé, C. Russell, A. McCulloch, R. Crofts, P. Jennings, M. Hession, G. Cosgrave.

# Junior School Roll

## JUNIOR 6

Bardin, B.  
Black, W.  
Burgess, I.  
Byrne, P.  
Cassidy, B.  
Conlon, K.  
Cross, G.  
Dunne, C.  
Fanagan, J.

Fearon, J.  
Furlong, J.  
Gilsenan, B.  
Goldrick, J.  
Gunning, S.  
Hartnett, N.  
Lennon, A.  
Lynch, L.  
McDonnell, M.

McTiernan, T.  
Maher, G.  
Millar, T.  
Montague, D.  
Mullen, H.  
Murray, C.  
O'Connor, R.  
O'Donovan, D.  
O'Hora, D.

O'Sullivan, D.  
Reilly, G.  
Roe, M.  
Scanlon, T.  
Tee, S.  
Teevan, R.  
Tomany, F.  
Trant, G.  
Tynan, D.

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Avramidis, L.  
Behan, A.  
Booth, B.  
Byrne, S.  
Cahalane, K.  
Carvill, J.  
Cosgrave, G.  
Crofts, R.

Dennis, H.  
Donnelly, I.  
Donovan, P.  
Fletcher, L.  
Hassett, G.  
Heslin, C.  
Hession, M.  
Jennings, P.

Maher, C.  
Moran, R.  
Morris, G.  
Murray, D.  
McCulloch, A.  
McEvoy, A.  
McGann, P.  
Naughton, P.

Nolan, K.  
O'Kane, J.  
O'Neill, M.  
Purcell, C.  
Russell, C.  
Watts, M.  
Wigglesworth, M.  
Yendole, S.



Sportsman of the Year, Pat Naughton.



Fr. Hourigan Religion Trophy presented to Charles Russell.



JUNIOR 5 AND 51

*From Top:*

T. Coman, C. White, C. Murphy, W. Corrigan, B. Kenny, B. Kerrigan, D. McSweeney, G. Byrne, B. O'Halloran, D. White.  
S. McCambridge, J. Gogan, T. McCarthy, G. Dunne, J. Doyle, P. Heslin, S. Cowley, P. Naughton, S. Cunnane, J. Coyne, V. Merriman, C. Jones.  
R. Murphy, P. Rennick, J. Thornton, P. Whelan, P. Norris, E. Byrne, J. Bagnall, G. Dunne, G. Callinan, J. Coifer, I. Ronayne, C. Burgess, T. Rice.  
M. Fearon, J. O'Connor, D. Crowe, D. McDonald, D. Culleton, D. Evers, R. Davitt, I. Bowden, M. Turley, D. Hughes, J. Loughrey, B. O'Neill, R. Mockler.  
Ch. Jones, C. Hanratty, J. Glynn, Miss G. O'Brien, Mr. E. Drea, N. Briddock, M. Waldron, C. Gilligan, L. Murray.  
D. Naughton, J. Heron, C. McArdle, A. Deán, N. Crémin, J. Byrne, J. Mooney, M. Crosbie, J. Muldoon.

## JUNIOR 5

Bagnall, J.  
 Briddock, N.  
 Byrne, E.  
 Byrne, G.  
 Coman, T.  
 Corrigan, W.  
 Cowley, S.  
 Crowe, D.  
 Davitt, R.

Doyle, J.  
 Dunne, G.  
 Fearon, M.  
 Fleming, P.  
 Heslin, P.  
 Jones, Ch.  
 Jones, C.  
 Kenny, B.  
 Kerrigan, B.

Loughrey, J.  
 Merriman, V.  
 Murphy, C.  
 McCambridge, S.  
 McCarthy, T.  
 McDonald, D.  
 McSweeney, D.  
 Norris, P.  
 O'Halloran, B.

Rennick, P.  
 Thornton, J.  
 Turley, M.  
 Waldron, M.  
 Whelan, P.  
 White, C.  
 White, O.

## JUNIOR 5<sup>1</sup>

Bowden, I.  
 Budds, N.  
 Burgess, C.  
 Byrne, J.  
 Callinan, G.  
 Colfer, J.  
 Coyne, J.  
 Cremin, N.  
 Crosbie, M.

Culleton, D.  
 Cunnane, S.  
 Dean, A.  
 Dunne, J.  
 Evers, D.  
 Gilligan, C.  
 Glynn, J.  
 Gogan, J.  
 Hanratty, C.

Heron, J.  
 Hughes, D.  
 McArdle, C.  
 Mahony, P.  
 Mockler, R.  
 Mooney, J.  
 Muldoon, J.  
 Murphy, R.  
 Murray, L.

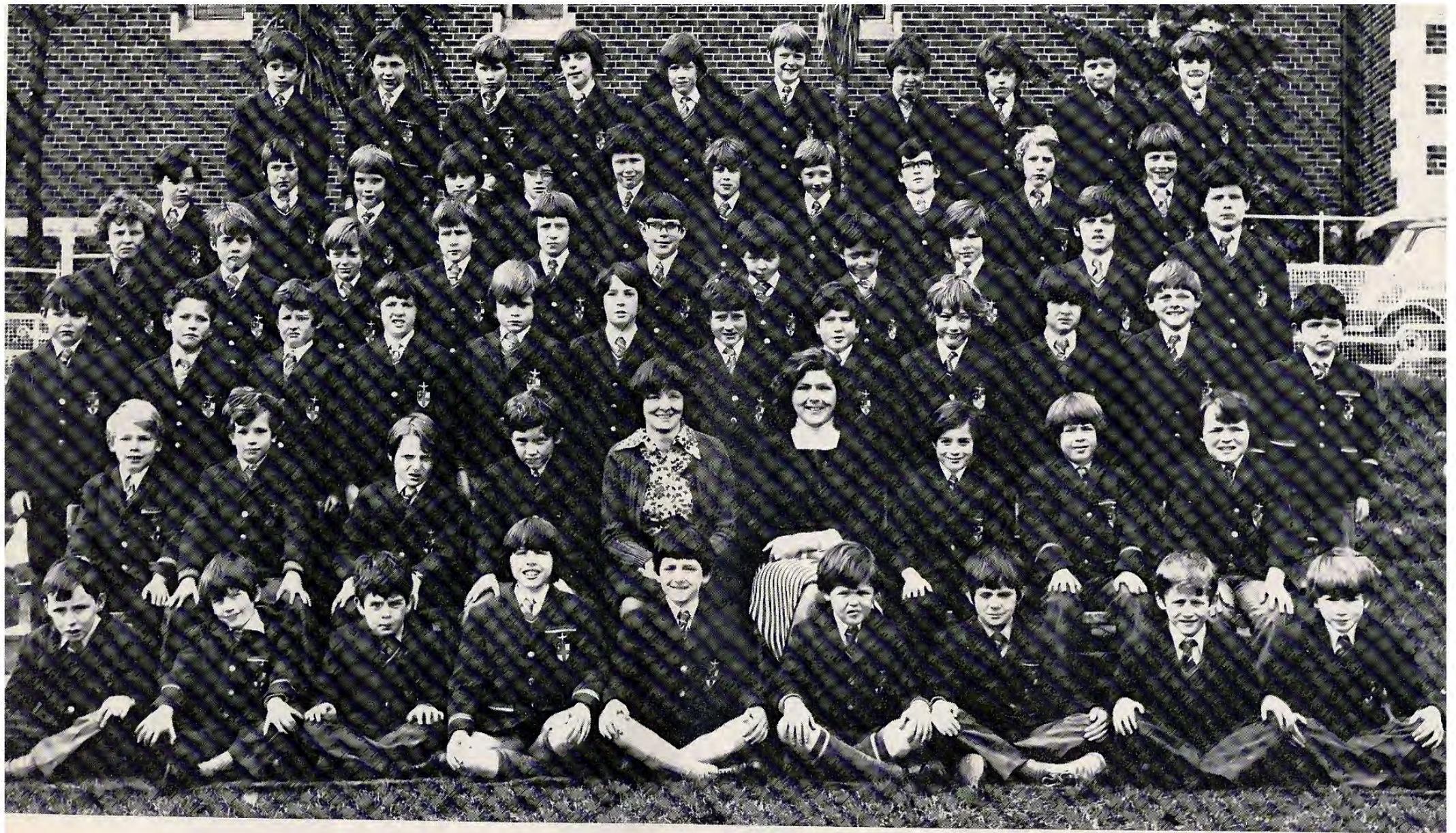
Naughton, D.  
 Naughton, P.  
 O'Connor, J.  
 O'Neill, B.  
 O'Regan, A.  
 Rice, T.  
 Ronayne, I.



Fr. Gilmore Art Trophy presented to John Carvill.



Michael McDonnell receiving the Fr. Hurley Languages Cup.



JUNIOR 4 AND 41

*From Top:*

M. Stapleton, B. Dunne, C. Foley, C. Ward, P. Roantree, J. Condren, M. Montague, C. Farrell, G. Donnolly, D. O'Donovan,  
C. Tee, K. Murray, N. Sweeney, N. Corish, C. Funge, J. Fitzgerald, W. Kearney, B. Kennedy, M. Reid, P. McSharry, K. Naughton,  
G. Winston, T. Keane, B. McDevitt, J. Ronaldson, B. McGreen, E. Browne, P. Kearney, P. Rahilly, J. O'Kelly, M. Bevan, G. Keogh,  
D. Doyle, T. Pierce, C. Murphy, I. McCulloch, J. Kennedy, S. Brady, O. Flood, D. Fee, C. Maher, P. Gilligan, L. Shanahan, P. Keogan,  
P. Cross, K. Conway, M. Tynan, P. Gannon, Mrs. U. Wall, Miss M. Lawlor, V. Cunningham, W. Mulvihill, G. Quigley,  
A. Kelly, B. Smith, R. Traynor, P. J. Harty, W. Crowe, B. McDonald, D. Kil martin, D. Doyle, F. O'Connor.

## JUNIOR 4

Brady, S.  
Browne, E.  
Condren, J.  
Conway, K.  
Cross, P.  
Cullen, D.  
Cunningham, V.  
Donnelly, G.  
Doyle, D.

Dunne, O.  
Farrell, C.  
Fee, D.  
Fitzgerald, J.  
Flood, D.  
Gannon, P.  
Kennedy, J.  
Keogh, G.  
Kerrigan, D.

Kilmartin, D.  
McDonald, B.  
McGreen, B.  
McNulty, R.  
Maher, C.  
Montague, M.  
Mulvihill, W.  
Murray, K.  
O'Connor, F.

O'Donovan, D.  
Quigley, G.  
Reilly, D.  
Roantree, P.  
Ronaldson, J.  
Shanahan, L.  
Tynan, M.

## JUNIOR 4<sup>c</sup>

Bevan, M.  
Corish, N.  
Crowe, W.  
Donnelly, E.  
Doyle, D.  
Dunne, B.  
Foley, C.  
Funge, C.

Gilligan, P.  
Harty, P. J.  
Keane, T.  
Kearney, P.  
Kearney, W.  
Kelly, A.  
Kennedy, B.  
Keogan, P.

Murphy, E.  
McCulloch, I.  
McDevitt, B.  
McSharry, P.  
Naughton, K.  
O'Kelly, J.  
Pierce, T.  
Rahilly, P.

Reid, M.  
Smith, B.  
Stapleton, M.  
Sweeney, N.  
Tee, C.  
Traynor, R.  
Ward, C.  
Winston, G.

## JUNIOR 3

Byers, D.  
Byrne, C.  
Conlon, D.  
Cosgrave, J.  
Deasy, J.  
Donovan, J.  
Finn, P.  
Fitzsimon, D.

Hoey, A.  
Kennedy, J.  
Kennedy, D.  
Loughrey, D.  
Lucas, D.  
Lucas, N.  
Maguire, A.  
Morton, R.

Murray, P.  
McCarthy, B.  
McEniff, B.  
McSweeney, E.  
O'Donoghue, L.  
O'Hara, B.  
O'Keefe, C.  
Peare, N.

Purcess, S.  
Rennick, D.  
Roche, P.  
Scanlon, J.  
Tracey, N.  
Watts, J.  
Whelan, P.  
Wright, J.

## JUNIOR 3<sup>i</sup>

Byrne, S.  
Flynn, J.  
Gannon, D.  
Gogan, A.  
Hickey, K.  
Higgins, M.  
Kelleher, D. A.  
Kelleher, D. P.  
Kelly, B.

Kennedy, R.  
Kilmurray, P.  
Lowrey, M.  
McDonnell, N.  
McDonnell, R.  
McGann, G.  
McGovern, A.  
Montague, A.  
O'Brien, B.

O'Brien, J.  
O'Donoghue, R.  
O'Neill, F.  
Persse, R.  
Raymond, G.  
Reeves, P.  
Rice, D.  
Ruane, P.  
Russell, J.

Ryan, D.  
Ryan, E.  
Stuart, T.  
Sweeney, A.  
Tracey, S.  
Turley, N.

## JUNIOR 2

Beirne, J.  
Boland, J.  
Budds, C.  
Byrne, N.  
Byrne, D.  
Carvill, K.  
Crowe, P.  
Daly, R.

Dowling, J.  
Dromey, J.  
Dwan, M.  
Flood, D.  
Fogarty, D.  
Fox, N.  
Funge, N.  
Herriott, B.

Higgins, J.  
Keenan, M.  
Keogh, R.  
Kissane, C.  
Murphy, R.  
McDermott, C.  
McKenna, D.  
McNulty, F.

O'Cofaigh, C.  
Purcell, C.  
Rice, C.  
Roantree, F.  
Rossi, S.  
Ryan, G.  
Smyth, R.  
Wall, D.



JUNIOR 3 AND 31

*From Top:*

R. O'Donohue, J. Deasy, B. O'Brien, T. Stuart, J. Flynn, D. A. Kelleher, M. Lowry, N. Tracey, J. Russell, D. Lucas,  
D. Gannon, J. O'Brien, K. Hickey, N. Lucas, A. Montague, G. McGann, B. McEniff, M. Higgins, L. McDonnell, A. Gogan, S. Byrne, J. Cosgrave, A. McGovern,  
D. Byers, P. Ruane, C. O'Keefe, P. Roche, S. Purcell, P. Kilmurray, J. Watts, R. McDonnell, R. Reeves, G. Raymond, A. Sweeney, E. Ryan, S. Tracey, F. O'Neill, D. Rice,  
P. Murray, B. Kelly, N. Turley, D. Rennick, L. O'Donohue, R. Perrisse, D. P. Kelleher, R. Kennedy, D. Ryan, D. Fitzimons, J. Donovan, R. Morton, D. Loughrey, J. Kennedy, J. Wright,  
B. McCarthy, A. Hoey, E. McSweeney, A. Maguire, D. Kennedy, N. Peare, Miss B. Ryan, Miss E. McCallig, J. Scanlon, P. Whelan, C. Byrne, D. Conlon, P. Finn, B. O'Hora.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL RUGBY

Another successful year in rugby. The coaching system begun last year began to pay off. The same team was again with us with Chris Maguire and Don Purcell looking after the Under 9s, Michael McSweeney, John Cunningham and Jim Byrne looking after the Under 10s and John Carvill, Jack Bagnall and Frank Montague had the daunting task of training both the Under 11s and 12s. They did a magnificent job of work on Saturday mornings which is a tribute to their interest in the boys. Helping out too was Dr. Brendan Deasey who was faithfully on duty every Wednesday to coach and look after the Holy Childhood League and was also in the College on Saturday mornings and all injuries were looked after and ministered to.

An unusual development this year is that the group of fathers, most of whom are Past Pupils or members of the Rugby Club decided that no boy should play out of his own age group. This meant that an Under 9 played only with the Under 9s and was not considered for the Under 10s and so on through the age groups. This meant that more boys wore the College jersey and proud they were to do so.

Friendlies were played with the Rugby Colleges and new ground was broken when the Under 11s played the John Fisher School from London and did they enjoy the meal not to speak of the game. This was later followed by a trip to Kilkenny to have the Under 11s and 12s pit their strength against the local Rugby Club. It was a most enjoyable trip.

The Holy Childhood Cup was won by Gerry Cross's team who won against Timothy Scanlon's team in the final. Gerry was also captain of the Under 11s as was Arthur McEvoy of the Under 12s. But all the teams really enjoyed their rugby and made great progress from the day they first came on to the front field and got their first 'professional' training in rugby.

For that our thanks are due not only to the boys themselves but also to the aforementioned parents who were willing to devote their time to Rugby in the College on Wednesday afternoons or Saturday mornings. Our thanks also to Matt Gilsenan and the Ladies' Committee of the Rugby Club for feeding the boys from Kilkenny in the Club on the occasion of their visit. It just goes to show the link that still exists between the College and the Club.



HOLY CHILDHOOD LEAGUE WINNERS

P. Mahony, A. Lennon, B. Cassidy, J. Coyne, T. Rice, C. Burgess  
L. Maher, J. Fanagan, G. Cross (Capt), N. Harnett, C. McArdle.



JUNIOR 2

*From Top:*

D. Byrne, C. Budds, R. Keogh, F. Roantree.  
C. O'CoFaigh, S. Rossi, D. Flood, R. Murphy, J. Dowling, C. Purcell.  
J. Dromey, D. Wall, R. Smyth, M. Keenan, C. Kissané, N. Fox, F. McNulty.  
C. Rice, G. Ryan, D. McKenna, C. McDermott, B. Herriott, N. Fungé, R. Daly.  
J. Higgins, J. Boland, D. Fogarty, M. Dwan, Miss D. Smyth, N. Byrne, P. Crowe, J. Beirne.



UNDER 12's

A. Lennon, T. McTiernan, G. Cross, B. Cassidy, B. Gilsenan, C. Murray,  
 J. Goldrick, M. Wigglesworth, C. Purcell, A. McEvoy (Capt) P. Naughton,  
 R. O'Connor, J. Fanagan.



UNDER 11's

B. Kerrigan, P. Mahony, C. Jones, M. Fearon, S. Byrne, J. Thornton, N. Harnett,  
 P. Donovan, T. Scanlon.  
 P. Norris, P. Naughton, P. Whelan, G. Cross (Capt) S. Yendole, P. Rennick, J. Bagnall.



UNDER 10's

B. McDevitt, K. Murray, G. Donnelly, G. Keogh, V. Cunningham, P. McSharry, J. Byrne.  
 C. Hanratty, B. Kenny, G. Byrne (Capt), B. O'Connor, P. Cross, C. Maher.



UNDER 9's

E. McSweeney, J. Donovan, R. Morton, P. Roche, D. Ryan, J. Deasey, P. Rahilly,  
 S. Tracey, D. Doyle, A. Maguire.  
 J. Flynn, P. McSharry, P. Whelan, P. Cross (Capt) S. Purcell, D. Rennick, B. O'Brien.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS

Spring had been an unusually wet one and so had early May but the sun eventually broke through in the latter part of the month. The Junior School Sports on Saturday May 28th began at 3 p.m. in overcast but warm weather. As the first race, the 100 yards came thundering up the Front Field there was the big question about who was to be Victor Ludorum this year. The favourite was Gerry Cross but there was quiet speculation about Conor Purcell, Jimmy Fearon and Tom Millar with Pat Naughton a possibility.

We had a "blanket finish" in the 100 and 150 and in each of these Conor Purcell just edged out Gerry Cross and Tom Millar. Both were excellent races. Inches only stood between the winner and runner-up. Were they in the Curragh, there would have been a photo finish. So all rested on the result of the 220 yards. At this stage Conor had 6 points and both Gerry and Tom had 3. Conor had to come in the first three to clinch it but if he was unplaced then either Gerry or Tom would be the winner. Gerry won the race, Tom was second and Conor came third to gain that valuable point which left him with 7 points, Gerry with 6 and Tom with 5.

Full marks to Conor for winning but he knows himself that it was by a whisker and full marks to Gerry and Tom for making it such an exciting afternoon. In my six years in the Junior School, it was the most closely fought and well earned victory in the Victor Ludorum. All three will go far in athletics if they continue to compete as they did this year and congratulations to Conor and hard luck on Gerry and Tom.

But there will be the same contest next year and could we hope for a better competition than this year's with Peter Mahoney, Darrell Crowe, Paul Whelan, David McSweeney, John Byrne and Ian Ronayne all in contention.

The stars in Forms 4 and 4<sup>1</sup> were Peter Cross, Paul McSharry and Brendan McGreen. Take note too of the winners in Forms 3 and 3<sup>1</sup>. They were Eamonn McSweeney, Sean Purcell, David Gannon and James Flynn. While in Form 2 the names to be watched are David Wall, Ciaran Budds, Ronan Smyth,

Fergal McNulty, Dara Flood and John Dromey.

But all the events were not serious and we had very enjoyable contests in the three legged race, the obstacle race, the egg and spoon race and the musical chairs not to mention the relays.

An unusual feature of the day was that the teas and minerals were organised by a group of mums under the leadership of Frances Thornton who were trying to help the Venturers and they were very efficient in their organisation and all that wished were well refreshed during the interval. To Frances and her team our thanks for work well done and we believe in help to the Venturers.

The sports could never have got off the ground without the help of the teachers. Fr. Burke, as is his wont, was judge of the heats for Forms 6 and 6<sup>1</sup>. And the other teachers helped out in the other Forms. We thank Mr. E. Drea and Mr. M. Begley for being efficient starters, Mr. J. Crowley and Mr. S. Moriarity as impartial judges, Mrs. M. Seely and Mrs. U. Wall as recorders and Miss M. Lawlor, Miss U. McCalliog and Miss D. Smyth as invigilators.

In the absence of Fr. Lord, C.S.Sp. both Ultan Stephenson and Alan Wright kept the public address system in operation and to them our sincere thanks. The President of the College, Very Rev. Fr. Nugent, C.S.Sp. and the President of the College Union, Paddy Fearon looked on with a benign eye on the proceedings and a special word of thanks to Mrs. Brenda Fearon for being present and presenting the prizes. She had a word for each boy and made them relax in what for them is a very important day.

Finally that important day would never have been possible without the background effort of the real man behind the scenes, Derek McKeever. With painstaking effort he marked the field and when all the glories of 1977 were being celebrated, he was still on the field at 7 p.m. picking up the debris. Our thanks too to the College Troup for their help but there will be lasting memories of Conor Purcell winning the Victor Ludorum and Dick faithful to the end.

# Junior School Sports Prizewinners

## VICTOR LUDORUM

C. Purcell

## 100 YARDS

### JUNIOR 2

1 D. Wall  
2 C. Budds

### JUNIOR 3 AND 3<sup>1</sup>

1 E. McSweeney  
2 S. Purcell

### JUNIOR 4 AND 4<sup>1</sup>

1 P. Cross  
2 P. McSharry

### JUNIOR 5 AND 5<sup>1</sup>

1 P. Mahoney  
2 D. Crowe

### JUNIOR 6 AND 6<sup>1</sup>

1 C. Purcell  
2 G. Cross

## THREE LEGGED RACE

### JUNIOR 2

1 P. Crowe, F. McNulty  
2 J. Boland, C. Purcell

### JUNIOR 3

1 D. Byers, N. Tracey  
2 D. Loughrey, S. Purcell

### JUNIOR 3<sup>1</sup>

1 N. McDonnell, S. Tracey  
2 J. Flynn, N. Turley

### JUNIOR 4

1 P. Cross, D. Doyle  
2 K. Conway, M. Tynan

### JUNIOR 4<sup>1</sup>

1 W. Kearney, N. Sweeney  
2 M. Bevan, M. Reid

### JUNIOR 5

1 D. Crowe, P. Norris  
2 J. Loughrey, P. Rennick

### JUNIOR 5<sup>1</sup>

1 J. Coyne, A. O'Regan  
2 A. Dean, P. Mahony

### JUNIOR 6

1 C. Murray, R. O'Connor  
2 J. Fanagan, B. Gilsenan

### JUNIOR 6<sup>1</sup>

1 A. Behan, C. Purcell  
2 J. Carvill, C. Maher

## EGG AND SPOON

### JUNIOR 2

1 C. Purcell  
2 P. Crowe

### JUNIOR 3

1 R. Morton  
2 J. Donovan

### JUNIOR 3<sup>1</sup>

1 D. Gannon  
2 D. Ryan

### JUNIOR 4

1 K. Conway  
2 C. Maher

### JUNIOR 4<sup>1</sup>

1 P. McSharry  
2 C. Funge

### JUNIOR 5

1 D. Crowe  
2 M. Turley



Mrs. Fearon presents medal to her son, Jimmy.

1. P. Cross leads V. Cunningham.
2. D. Crowe leads D. McSweeney as T. Rice and R. Murphy challenge.
3. J. Thornton and O. White safe in the musical chairs.
4. A. Dean and J. Colfer ready for the egg and spoon race.
5. Conor Purcell receives the Victor Ludorum.
6. D. Byers, N. Tracey, D. Loughrey, S. Purcell, D. and N. Lucas, J. Deasey, A. Hoey are partners.
7. J. Deasey, S. Purcell and E. McSweeney in the Obstacle Race.
8. T. Stuart, P. Reeves, D. Ryan, N. Turley and J. Flynn in flight





L. Fletcher, P. McGann, J. Carvill, M. Hession  
prepare for Slow Bicycle Race.

#### OBSTACLE RACE

##### JUNIOR 2

- 1 P. Crowe
- 2 R. Keogh

##### JUNIOR 3

- 1 L. O'Donoghue
- 2 S. Purcell

##### JUNIOR 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 A. Gogan
- 2 D. Ryan

##### JUNIOR 4

- 1 B. McGreen
- 2 D. Doyle

##### JUNIOR 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 C. Foley
- 2 D. Doyle

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#### 150 YARDS

##### JUNIOR 3 AND 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 S. Purcell
- 2 E. McSweeney

##### JUNIOR 4 AND 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Cross
- 2 B. McGreen

##### JUNIOR 5 AND 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Mahony
- 2 D. Crowe

##### JUNIOR 6 AND 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 C. Purcell
- 2 T. Millar

#### 220 YARDS

##### JUNIOR 5 AND 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Whelan
- 2 P. Mahony

##### JUNIOR 6 AND 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 G. Cross
- 2 T. Millar

#### MUSICAL CHAIRS

##### JUNIOR 5

- 1 O. White
- 2 J. Thornton

##### JUNIOR 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Mahony
- 2 D. Naughton

##### JUNIOR 6

- 1 J. Fearon
- 2 D. Tynan

##### JUNIOR 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Naughton
- 2 C. Heslin

#### RELAYS

##### JUNIOR 3 AND 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 S. Purcell, D. Loughrey, P. Whelan, D. Lucas
- 2 E. McSweeney, J. Donovan, R. Morton, D. Rennick

##### JUNIOR 4 AND 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Cross, K. Murray, B. McGreen, M. Tynan
- 2 V. Cunningham, C. Maher, D. Doyle, P. Roantree

##### JUNIOR 5 AND 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 D. Crowe, S. McCambridge, P. Heslin, D. McSweeney
- 2 P. Mahoney, I. Ronayne, D. Naughton, D. Culleton

##### JUNIOR 6 AND 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 C. Purcell, C. Heslin, A. Behan, A. McEvoy
- 2 J. Fearon, T. Millar, T. Scanlon, R. O'Connor

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## THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Many parents and many boys presently in the College or recently left have very fond memories of Fr. Dick Lehane, C.S.Sp. As a Prefect here in St. Mary's he not only trained the rugby teams but also played with much distinction for the Rugby Club. Fr. Dick then went on to Nigeria and after the large number of Holy Ghost Fathers were excluded from Nigeria, he returned to St. Mary's. With the greatest dedication he trained the rugby teams in the Junior Schools and did a superb job.

So when we got a letter from him in October 1976 asking us to help his Mission in Sierra Leone, there was little option for us but to help. Both Miss Cranny and Mrs. Valentine decided to produce a Christmas Pageant on Monday and Tuesday, December 13th and 14th. And every boy in the Junior School was involved.

But the venture seemed due for dismal failure as first Miss Cranny fell victim of the 'flu and just when she was recovered, it was Mrs. Valentine's turn to be the victim of the bug. Yet rehearsals took place and it was incredible that it was only the morning of December 13th that we were able to have Miss Cranny and Mrs. Valentine together to "marry" the music and dialogue.

That evening and the following one saw a packed Concert Hall. The production was superb with the Principal Actors, Narrators, Band and Choir giving a performance that made those present wish it would go on longer.

For many a Past Pupil there were memories of operettas produced by Fr. Gilmore, C.S.Sp. Full marks also to the parents for supplying the costumes and also providing so many prizes for the raffle. Both Miss Cranny and Mrs. Valentine were amazed at the generosity of the parents but both knew that it was a tribute to Fr. Lehane, C.S.Sp. And there has always been a strong missionary link in St. Mary's.

Even when we had to look for a pianist we got help. On Monday evening Mrs. Eileen O'Neill was there and the following evening Mrs. Ita Sloan. Both played superbly, as

usual, but what the audience and the boys on both nights did not know was that both Eileen and Ita only saw the music a half an hour before the production began.

A few days later Mrs. Freida Lynch and a group of parents organised a Cake Sale in Freida's home which was very successful and between the Cake Sale and the Pageant we were able to send £500.00 to Sierra Leone and it was a fitting tribute to Fr. Dick Lehane, C.S.Sp.



# S.C.T. Rugby

The 1976/77 schools rugby season kicked off for Mary's not against Belvedere as arranged, but our North City friends, Castleknock College. The reason behind this rearrangement of fixtures was the fabulous summer weather we were still experiencing in mid-September last year. However the remarkable summer had left the grounds in a dangerously firm condition for the opening of the season.

The Castleknock match ended in a draw 10 points each but we lost through injury Michael Feehan, our rangy backrow player, who was unable to resume playing until early November. Fortunately, we were well endowed with forwards. Seldom can St. Mary's supporters have seen such a large pack wear the blue jersey. Many of the boys were over six feet tall with John O'Connor standing supreme over everybody else. John O'Connor proved conspicuous not only for his height and his red hair, which has affectionately earned him the name of "Rusty", throughout the College, but for his great lineout work, especially in the Cup campaign.

The early part of the season produced some magnificent displays of rugby against teams of the calibre of Terenure and De La Salle. In late October we made our annual trip to Rockwell College in Co. Tipperary. The team had been building towards this fixture and they knew that they would be well tested by this great Munster College. The match proved to be an exciting encounter with our pack well mobilised by Tom Kennedy at tighthead prop. The result of this memorable match was a 13-10 victory for St. Mary's.

During October we entertained the English touring team, Reading, and recorded a good win in Kenilworth scoring 15 points to 3 points for Reading. Our next match was against Newbridge College and in this high scoring game our outside half, Paul Dean,

twisted his ankle. This injury forced him out of rugby for several weeks. We were fortunate that we had at our disposal the services of Niall Power. Niall filled the out-half's position with distinction and rendered invaluable service to the side in a number of positions including wing threequarter and full-back.

Many boys played games for the 1st XV this season including O. Corish, M. Hughes, J. Turley, J. Whelan, B. Largey, C. Sloan, and M. Graham. The side was also served on several occasions by the commitments of T. Bennett, H. Delany and S. Roantree. These three footballers were always very much part of the squad and their worth to the team was proved on many outings.

In November the side achieved five consecutive victories. The match against C.B.C. Monkstown saw us in particularly good form with both forwards and backs supporting each other to the maximum. After the Christmas break we played four more fixtures prior to the commencement of the Cup campaign. Kieran Holland (Captain) had moved out into the threequarter line, first to the centre and finally to the wing. David McCarthy (V. Captain) had moved from number 8 out to the centre. Both of these players showed through their willingness to alter their normal playing positions that the best interests of the team was their motivating force. Kieran Holland played a captain's part throughout the season in leading his side with great dedication and enthusiasm.

The commitment of the team was well emphasised by the manner in which backs P. Maguire, K. Egan, R. Doyle, and forwards M. Healy, E. Donnelly, B. Kennedy, D. Bennett and P. Kearney prepared for the rigours of the cup. The latter was often toggled out a full half-hour before the start of any Saturday training session.

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1. Paul Maguire's try against Terenure.
  2. Dickie Doyle in flight supported by D. McCarthy and K. Holland.
  3. Paul Dean's try in the final.
  4. Good ball by J. O'Connor watched by B. Kennedy, M. Feehan and No. 3, T. Kennedy.
  5. Philip McDonnell in action in the final.
  6. J. O'Connor, E. Donnelly, M. Feehan support Mark Healy with ball in the mud bath at Jones Road.

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





Our friendly season finished on a winning note and the statistics show the following record. Played 24; Drew 1; Lost 8; Won 15. Points for 293; points against 233.

In the pouring rain on the 14th February we opened our Cup season against St. Paul's at Jones's Road. The quality of the opposition was such that we were well pleased to see Dick Doyle cross the line and to watch Philip McDonnell kick a penalty goal in order to secure victory by 7 points to 3 points.

Against Wesley College we played a very good first half and then appeared to relax and let this fine side take the initiative. However, we showed what we were capable of by stretching our lead having been under pressure, to go ahead and win by 15 points to 10 points. The win against Wesley earned for us a semi-final berth against our neighbours, Terenure College.

Terenure had defeated us in the 'friendly' during the first term and had accounted for Castleknock, Clongowes and De La Salle en route to the semi-final. The match proved to be an exciting experience for all of the St. Mary's supporters. We took command from an early stage and proceeded to launch a series of attacks at the Terenure goal line. All of the St. Mary's side played magnificently but the halves, Philip MacDonnell and Paul Dean stamped their authority on the proceedings in a most definite manner. The incursions of D. Doyle into the line, the touch down by P. Maguire and above all the bone shattering tackling of K. Egan are all fond memories of this match.

In the pack the front trio of E. Donnelly, M. Healy and T. Kennedy did sterling work, while the locks P. Kearney and J. O'Connor were contributing to every phase. The back-



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A. Bennett, P. Kearney, M. Feehan, J. O'Connor, B. Kennedy, M. Healy, J. Whelan.  
P. Maguire, K. Egan, D. McCarthy, K. Holland (Capt.) R. Doyle, J. Turley, N. Power.  
D. Bennett, P. Dean, T. Kennedy, P. McDonnell.



1. PAUL DEAN  
Irish International Schoolboy  
Out-Half.  
2. PHILIP MacDONNELL,  
Irish International Schoolboy  
Scrum-Half.  
3. DAVID BENNETT  
Irish International Under 16.  
4. T. KENNEDY  
Leinster Interprovincial.

row of M. Feehan, B. Kennedy and D. Bennett were on to each loose situation. D. Bennett the youngest members of the side showed a mature sense of rugby football. The result of this great rugby game was a 12 points to 3 points victory for St. Mary's and a participating role in the final.

The final can best be described by some extracts from the press coverage of the match.

"Blackrock College brought the Leinster Schools' Senior Cup back to Williamstown for the 54th time by defeating St. Mary's at Lansdowne Road in what must have been one of the finest finals of this 90-year-old competition.

The 20,000 crowd were held spellbound by tremendous performances by two fine teams who finished level 12-12 at the end of normal time. Then the attendance had the added bonus of extra time which saw Blackrock take command and tag on 12 further points for victory.

It was a match which had everything. The sides were level 3-3 at the interval. Blackrock went 12-3 ahead early into the second half but St. Mary's hit back to level and press for the winning score late in the game. We saw three superb tries, one for each side in normal time with the final one from Blackrock's Patrick Hinkson clinching the match in extra time.

The final scoreline, however, does a tremendous injustice to St. Mary's.

St. Mary's big pack gave Blackrock a lot of problems and they had in Philip MacDonnell and Paul Dean, the best pair of half-backs seen in the competition. Scrum-half MacDonnell, strangely ignored by the Leinster and Irish Schools' selectors, had a marvellous match, feeding Dean a series of beautiful passes. Dean gave an equally polished performance at out-half and scored a classical try from one of MacDonnell's long passes. He chipped ahead, gathered the ball and then went around two tackles to cross under the posts."

*Irish Independent*

Finally all of us in St. Mary's would like to congratulate the boys who achieved representative honours during the season. Tom Kennedy was honoured by the Leinster selectors while Paul Dean and Philip MacDonnell achieved the highest distinction in being selected by the Irish selectors for the Schools' Internationals. David Bennett was included in the Irish Schools Under 16 7-a-side selection against England.

L.J.N.



Support at Lansdowne Road.

## Second Seniors

Two games from the past season will linger for long in my memory. They were against Terenure and we lost both. But it was the manner in which they were lost that I will remember.

Glory lies with the victor and naturally we all like to win. We registered a fair number of wins in the course of this year, 13 wins out of 20 games. But what of defeat? I never thought much about it — you win some, you lose some. That was my attitude and philosophy. But when you lose 40-0 and you see the heart go out of the boys as the opposition ruu in score after score then you think again. Granted we were not at full strength. Behind the scrum only two of the regular team were playing, it was an away game and the first after the Christmas vacation — the boys were unfit; but still it was a heart breaking defeat. The gallant attempt to stem the flow faded.

The second occasion was in the quarter final of the Second's league. It was hard to make any forecast about our chances in the league Cup. I was sure of one thing only — it was going to take a good team to beat us.

We came out of our section with good wins against Sandford, St. Michael's and Wesley and faced Terenure in the quarter final. How different this game was! We were beaten but our honour was restored, for until the final whistle we fought and fought and

fought. Though the final score was 16-0 giving Terenure a good win it was that type of game that just one break could have changed the pattern and possibly the outcome.

Michael Gannon, Peter Mulvey, Patrick McCarthy, Hugh Delaney, Paul Thornton and Mark Hughes will all have another bite of the cherry as they are with us again this year. But for Joe Turley (Captain) Niall Power, Niall Geoghegan, Tony Bennett, Colm Stokes, Barra O'Kane, John Whelan, John Redehan, Niall Lynch and Eoin Corish this was their final year in school and so for them school rugby — a distinct code in itself — is past. They have no medals but they go with the realisation that defeat can have its own merit. To know that you did your best — to know that the opposition would retain a healthy respect for these qualities that have marked Mary's teams in past seasons — a determination that if victory was not ours then the opposition would earn it, every point of it. It was unfortunate that we were denied the services of two particularly strong players, Brendan Largey and Seamus Roantree, through injury.

To the regular squad and to those called upon as a result of injuries and illness I would like to say 'thank you' for maintaining that spirit of competitiveness but always within the framework of good sportsmanship that gives that certain spirit that is Mary's.

Thank you,  
P. N. D.



SECOND SENIOR XV

P. McShane, N. Lynch, P. McGrath, I. Dunn, B. Largey, P. Mulvey, M. Hughes.

M. Gannon, N. Geoghan, J. Redahan, J. Turley (Capt.), J. Whelan, N. Power.

A. Bennett, E. Corish.

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## Third Seniors

The Third Seniors began the season with a very good win against Blackrock. This was followed by victories over Belvedere, Wesley, Castleknock, High School and Templeogue. The most hard fought game was against Terenure which we lost by 19 points to 16. This defeat as well as one against Kings Hospital were the only ones we suffered in our friendly fixtures.

We had a well balanced team this year. The forwards led by Neil Martin and including Peter Mulvey, Peter Davitt, Geoff Kinsella, Joe Fitzpatrick, Colin Keane and Brian Byrne turned in solid performances in each game. We were lucky at the beginning of the season to have forwards of the calibre of Pat McCarthy and Michael Gannon but unfortunately for the Thirds, they got their places on the Seconds.

At half back we had a highly competent combination in Mark Cosgrove and Mark Heffernan while Paul Bowe and Peter McShane gave good performances in strong running and solid tackling in the centre. On the wings we had the talents of Carl Sloan, Ian Dunn and Paul McGrath. Declan Darby was as solid as a rock at full back.

The Thirds League began immediately after the Christmas holidays. This year the League was run under the auspices of the Leinster Branch of the I.R.F.U. with nineteen colleges competing. In our section were Terenure, Templeogue, Wesley and Castleknock. We had two good wins over Templeogue and Wesley and were narrowly defeated by Terenure and Castleknock.

I wish to thank all the players who turned up to the practices and worked hard to make the season a success and in particular to Neil Martin who took over captaincy of the team and proved a highly competent and popular leader.

T. Newell



THIRD SENIOR XV

M. Heffernan, P. McShane, E. Browne, D. Darby, I. Dunn, P. Mulvey, S. Fitzpatrick, E. Armstrong.  
J. Morris, C. Sloan, P. Corrigan, N. Martin (Capt.), G. Kinsella, M. Cosgrove, P. McGrath.  
J. Tracey, D. O'Duffy.

# J.C.T. Rugby

The final match tally for this year's juniors was 12 wins and 16 losses with the scoring of 380 points quite impressive were it not that about 540 points were registered against. There was quite an amount of talent in the team and this could be brought to fruition at senior level. We suffered a few very heavy defeats in early matches and it was very difficult to instil sufficient confidence in the team which was on the light side. When the opposition was not too big, we played some beautiful football with both backs and forwards running and handling well. Our best performances were against Roscrea when we scored five fine tries, our 6-4 defeat of Pres. Bray at Kenilworth after they had trounced us at Bray and our 24-4 win against Castleknock in our last match before the cup.

Three of last year's team were available and Andy Whelan and David Ellison were almost unanimous choices as captain and vice-captain. After a few games as centre, Andy went to full back and was an outstanding success both as full and as captain. All aspects of his game were good but his speed on the burst was particularly important to us in securing tries. M. Redmond and A. McCormack with their great speed were obvious wingers and they scored 24 tries between them. E. Robins was first choice centre and P. Bennett soon joined him there making use of his crushing tackle and good change of direction. Unfortunately Paul had a fairly serious accident before the cup and his absence greatly weakened the team, for M. Redmond had to take his place from the wing position which in turn was filled by the plucky F. Conway. The halves rarely varied for M. Bowe and J. Ambrose were fine footballers though on the light side. Besides, John kicked over sixty points including quite a few from dropped goals. Others to get several games in the backs were B. Martin who actually came on as a reserve in the cup, S. Cooke, J. Gallagher and D. Tallon.

The forwards were a little more difficult to sort out. D. Ellison led the pack at first from the number eight position and was

certainly our dominant figure in ruck and lineout while his fine individual runs yielded 12 tries. J. McShane finished leading the forwards as hooker. Though on the small side, Jim is a very wholehearted forward who does everything right on the field. M. Farrell propped the whole season and was rarely bested but the other side caused problems with J. Hartigan eventually getting the place. J. McDonald was a good lineout man and did well with P. Opperman in the second row. K. Hughes and D. Kelly eventually took the flankers' positions from S. McGrath, P. Murray and P. Barnes all of whom played many matches as injury forced us to play practically all our games at well under full strength. Both Kevin and Darragh used their superior speed around the field in attack and defence. Several others got a match including D. Gilligan who rarely missed a practice while M. Power gave his all at hooker before he broke his wrist.

All and all, it was not our luckiest season. There were constant small injuries upsetting the rhythm of the team. Neither did the draw for the first round favour us. We recognised De La Salle as one of the strongest sides and knew we could only beat them if things went well. It is history that they didn't. First P. Bennett's injury was a cruel blow but worse was to come. Salle scored first but immediately we got back in the game. Just when we were settled, our captain Andy got a cut over the eye which forced him off the field. Everyone felt it as the knock-out punch it proved to be. In the second half Salle went on to score two more tries and a penalty to win 17-0 and in fact they reached the semi-final stage. However, our side battled on with great heart and lost little in defeat. M. Bowe at the base of the scrum and forwards J. McDonald and D. Kelly deserved special mention while most will remember Tony McCormack's brilliant diagonal run and tackle to prevent a certain try. We completed the season with nice friendly wins over Gonzaga and High School.



J.C.T. 1977

M. Power, S. McGrath, P. Opperman, P. Barnes, J. McDonald, K. Hughes,  
 P. Murray, A. McCormack, D. Kelly, D. Gilligan.  
 M. Farrell, F. Conway, E. Robbins, D. Ellison, A. Whelan (Capt), R. Martin,  
 P. Bennett, M. Redmond, J. McShane.  
 J. Ambrose, M. Bowe.



UNDER 14 XV

S. Holland, L. O'Flaherty, J. Sheil, E. Ambrose, N. McEniff, P. Barnes G. Fitzpatrick,  
 M. Lawler, M. Redmond.  
 M. Drumm, R. Quigley, B. Martin, J. Walsh (Captain), D. Gallagher, D. Raftery, J. Fitzgerald.



1. D. Ellison on the burst supported by K. Hughes and F. Conway.  
2. M. Redmond and J. Ambrose watch M. Bowe passing back to his full back.  
3. Good line-out work by D. Ellison supported by P. Opperman.  
4. D. Ellison protects M. Bowe as P. Opperman, D. Kelly and K. Hughes run to help him.

## Under 14's

Though not Cup teams, there was keen competition this year for places on both the A and B teams. This was an indication of the interest of the students of this age group in rugby. Our A team only won three matches but nevertheless all the games were enjoyed. There was a noticeable improvement in performance of several of the players as the year progressed.

As usual, it was after the Halloween break before we settled down as a team and from then to Christmas we had our best period. It was particularly satisfying to defeat Belvedere handsomely in the last match of the first term as they had already beaten us at the beginning of the year.

Our thanks for a job well done go to the captain of the A team, J. Walsh and the captain of the B team, P. Kelly. Finally I would like to congratulate all the players on the A and B teams for the excellent spirit they showed during the year and wish them every success in their future rugby careers.

K. L.

## Under 13's

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24	9	2	13	270	301

Under thirteens can be a very interesting group. So many factors over which the boys themselves have no control come into play — rate of physical growth and development, not just of themselves but also of their opponents, confidence, skill, ability, etc. Lack of avoirdupois we are told can be compensated for by an extra share of skill and determination and to a certain extent I would agree. However there is no doubt in my mind that the "Good Big 'Un" is better than the "Good Small 'Un".

And so to last year's Thirteens. They came up to the Senior School with an unbeaten record! All through Junior School they had been impressive as much for their skill and determination as for their unbeaten record. Alas! One thing was missing if they were to continue on their winning way — size! I don't think any of the boys would be unduly offended if I were to say they were very small as a group and this factor played an enormous part in their matches throughout the season. Possession is nine parts of

the law and on that reckoning we played most of the season as outlaws.

The formation of the pack caused a great many problems. Any boy who vaguely resembled normal size was roped in and tried out. The first two months saw all kinds of combinations and permutations with varying degrees of success. The boys themselves were willing but the size and physical strength were just not there. However this period did see a few notable successes against Monkstown who had beaten us early in the season, and Belvedere. The same period saw us go under to all our cup opponents except Templeogue whom we did not play.

By mid-term the pack began to take on a definite shape. The front row of Gary Cremin, Raymond Power and Mark McSweeney worked very hard in the tight. Raymond Power was very prominent for the quality of his hooking and tackling. The second row of Eddie Byrne and Joseph Kildea took some time to settle. It was through Joseph Kildea that we gained most of our line out ball. The back row of Eoin Quinn, John O'Connell and Killian Robins was the strongest part of the pack and their tigerish tackling around the field saved our line on many an occasion. The half back pairing of Paul Brooder and Peter Mac Giolla Riogh gradually built up a useful understanding. The centres David Kirk and Killian Cregan were a quite effective if somewhat small centre pairing. Our real scoring strength lay on the wings where Raymond Carroll and Conor Murphy were strong and determined runners with the ball. At fullback, the captain Conor Cooke, in his second year with the under thirteens, provided rock solid defence with a nice penchant for counter attack. In speaking of the A team a number of the boys who were regular substitutes for the team in games during the season deserve mention. Donal O'Kane was our substitute fullback and though diminutive in size and weight more than compensated by his coolness and courage under the high ball. John Kennedy, equally small showed quite a flair in attack while Gregory McCambridge was the regular scrum half replacement. Our forward substitutes were Eamonn Flanagan and John Keogh.

The cup campaign got off to a surprising but very well merited success against Willow. Killian Robins scored two very good opportunist tries both converted with excellent kicks by Conor Cooke. The tackling and cover of the team in this game were really

superb. Our match against Blackrock was a very hard one. After a very even first half Rock led by 12-6. Ten minutes into the second half we pulled back three points through a Conor Cooke penalty but from there on in the strength and skill of the Rock pack took over and they eventually ran out very good winners by 32-9. The match against Michael's was a fairly dour war of attrition with the stronger Michael's pack eventually getting the upper hand and winning 14-0. The final game of the first round was a nail biting affair against Templeogue. At half time we led by 7-0, having played with a very strong wind. In the second half Templeogue attacked from start to finish but only managed to cross our line once near the end. A penalty scored early in the second half gave them a well merited draw. Our semi-final game against Rock was a repeat of our earlier game. We held them to 3 points at half time but in the second half were forced to give way to the superior

strength and skill of the Rock pack. The final score was 27-0.

The B team had a most successful season and won most of their matches. A mark of the enthusiasm of this group was the number of subs available for every game.

The C team while not as successful as the B's had a very enjoyable season. Here again there was no shortage of subs for matches so that on days when all three teams were in action as many as 55-60 boys actually played providing plenty of minor headaches in trying to fit them all in.

This season saw the arrival of Bro. Ignatius as assistant coach. My thanks are due to him for all his help and encouragement during the past season. I'm sure his help in future seasons will make the job of under thirteen coach both easier and more enjoyable.

All in all an enjoyable season even if the results were a little disappointing at times.

Michael T. Leonard



UNDER 13 XV

P. MacGiolla Riogh, C. Murphy, J. O'Connell, J. Keogh, E. Byrne, R. Carroll,  
P. O'Byrne, D. Kirk.  
G. Cremin, R. Power, K. Robbins, C. Cooke (Captain), E. Quinn, J. Kildea, D. Ougley,  
D. O'Kane, J. Kennedy, K. Cregan.

## Senior Rugby League

The Senior seven-a-side league was a brief affair this year and took place in the last few weeks of the second term. All first and second players were excluded and B. Dagge, D. O'Doherty, M. Bermingham, P. Graham and C. Sloan picked the five teams. The full league games were played leaving an obvious final between O'Doherty and Bermingham. Mr. G. Delaney refereed the final as he did many of the games on a fine Wednesday afternoon in Kenilworth. It was a good game, easily the best of the tournament and Michael was a deserving winner 20-13. He played very well himself and all his team pulled their weight. Donagh never gave up trying though he was behind all the way through.

## Second Year Rugby League

The second year league was an interesting one. Played on one of the small pitches in Kenilworth, the scoring was always high and

there was plenty of enthusiasm. All the four teams won at least once during the complete two rounds that were played. D. Raftery's Springboks were well clear at the end and awaited the outcome of a semi-final between N. McEniff and J. Walsh with L. Branagan's side eliminated. Walsh's All Blacks beat McEniff 40-28 in a very enjoyable semi-final but entered the final as rank outsiders. Mr. Lewis refereed the final on the front pitch and it was a very close game. T. Gogan barged his way over for the opening try for the All Blacks but J. Fitzgerald quickly equalised. A try by Walsh converted by N. Cogley had an instant reply in G. Hassett's try so All Blacks led 10-8 at half time. A fine run by J. Fitzgerald put Springboks in front but the All Blacks had the final say. First N. Cogley went over for a try and very fittingly U-14 captain J. Walsh finished the scoring with another try. While on the day there is no doubt that the honours went where they were deserved, one felt sorry for D. Raftery who made all the running in the league.



SENIOR RUGBY LEAGUE WINNERS

J. Morris, D. O'Duffy, A. Redmond, P. Corrigan.  
D. Keogan, M. Birmingham (Capt), J. Tracey.

## Inter Rugby League

The Inter league was again a very successful one. Fortunately most of the league was played before Christmas because there was a long period in the second term when league matches were out of the question because of the bad state of the ground. All six teams registered at least one victory, with L. O'Byrne and O. O'Sullivan winning just once, D. Egan and M. Gannon twice which left D. Gilligan's Cardiff and M. Cosgrove's St. Mary's unbeaten towards the end of the league. So their league game became the obvious final. Played on the big pitch in Kenilworth on a good day, it produced a very high standard of rugby with St. Mary's finally coming out on top 22-17. S. Donnelly opened the scoring with a penalty for Cardiff but J. Gilsenan slipped in for a fine try for St.

Mary's and P. McGrath went on one of his long runs for a second try and with captain Mark converting both he led 12-3 at half time. It looked all over when P. McGrath turned defence into attack by outpacing the Cardiff team and making the score 16-3. Only then did we get the expected fireworks from S. Muldoon. He used his experience and skill to weave in for two splendid tries and converted one himself to leave the score 16-13. An extra spurt by Mary's yielded a try from a quick lineout by D. Darby and M. Cosgrove made it 22. In the few minutes remaining, M. Gowran took his try well but the score still stood at 22-17 at full time. As well as those mentioned, N. Martin, C. Doyle, P. Barnes and F. Conway were outstanding for the winners while M. Heffernan, B. Martin and C. Cassidy deserve special mention for gallant Cardiff.



### INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE WINNERS

P. O'Reilly, S. Daly, F. Murray, P. Barnes, J. Shiel, F. Kerrigan, D. Gilligan.  
M. Crowe, F. Conway, R. Quigley, M. Cosgrove (Capt), J. Bennett, S. Holland, N. Martin.

## Minor Rugby League

Despite the fact that P. Hartigan's Scotland and J. Kennedy's Ireland were a bit too strong for R. Power's New Zealand and M. Hanley's Wales this year's league was quite successful. Many of the matches were played on Friday's in the front field and fortunately most of them were played before Christmas before pitches became unplayable. Certainly the two best games were those between the first two named teams. On the front field in October Paul looked as if he had to win. He held John against the hill in the first half and went into the lead just before the end. However in the dying seconds John got the ball and with fantastic determination forced his way over

the line to win 20-18. Both sides beat Wales and New Zealand twice and so all was set for the return match. It was played in Kenilworth and Paul had to win to keep his hopes alight. With great play by M. McSweeney, D. O'Kane, D. McCarthy and C. Budds as well as by himself, John soon went in front with a good converted try. D. Quigley, G. McCambridge, M. Quinlan and D. Cantwell were assisting Paul but all they had to show at half time was a penalty goal. Early in the second half Ireland added another goal. Amidst great Scottish pressure, McCambridge went over for a good try but Kennedy's defence was good enough to hold out and he took the cup 12-7. Victory was richly deserved but a word of congratulations to Paul and his team too on going so close.



MINOR LEAGUE WINNERS

L. Lynch, D. Byrne, C. Budds, C. McSharry, F. Sheerin, P. Dunne.  
D. O'Kane, F. McTiernan, J. Kennedy (Capt), H. Stephenson, N. Donnelly.



JUNIOR LEAGUE WINNERS

D. Quigley, G. Cremin, E. Brophy, R. McSharry, A. Digby, M. Crofts,  
N. Randles, L. O'Flaherty, J. Walsh (Capt), J. Nolan, P. Moylette.



Michael and Judith McSweeney give advice to their son Eamonn  
at the Junior School Sports.



## ATHLETICS

Again this year the main athletic interest was in the college sports. It was difficult to train for the Leinster competitions and although we had quite a few entries in our zone, only Mark Redmond in the junior 800m, Tony McCormack in the Inter 200m and our junior relay of M. Redmond, P. Bennett, D. Kirk and C. Murphy reached the Leinster finals. Tony was a very creditable fifth and Mark got the only medal in finishing third in a very fast race.

Indeed Tony and Mark were very outstanding performers in our own sports held in Kenilworth on a beautiful sunny day. Tony completed a hat-trick of wins in the 100, 200 and 400m at the inter level. Mark went better still for he was undefeated in the junior events in which he competed and carried off six plaques setting new figures in the 100 and 800m. In the Under 13 group, C. Murphy won the 100m 150yds and the 800m. P. Hartigan was runner up in all three

and turned the tables on CONOR in the 1500m. K. Robins had a double in the High Jump and Shot.

P. Maguire set the only record in the Senior events winning the 800m. K. Holland took the 100m and Long jump, I. Dunn the 200 and 400m while M. Feehan the holder of the Victor Ludorum had three seconds. It all added up to a very exciting competition for this year's Victor and when all the minor placings were added up we discovered that captain of the school Kieran Holland had just edged in front of Ian and Michael and was a very worthy winner of the nice cup for the best senior athlete. In the good weather, this year's sports was a very enjoyable affair and we are all grateful to those who helped in any capacity and especially to our marvellous starter Maurice Hogan who always makes himself available and to Mrs. P. Fearon who presented the prizes.

1. M. Feehan, K. Holland, A. Bennett and P. Maguire in a close finish.
2. Donal O'Kane and Robert Murray lead.
3. Maurice Hogan keeps an eye as Joseph Kildea and Paul Briddock come clear in the Obstacle Race.
4. Mark Redmond wins.
5. D. Moylette wins from P. McGrath.
6. O. Dunne, F. O'Connor and D. Doyle enjoying the Senior School Sports.
7. Mr. O. Dunne, Fr. C. Byrne, Fr. W. Kennedy, Mr. K. Murphy check result and time.

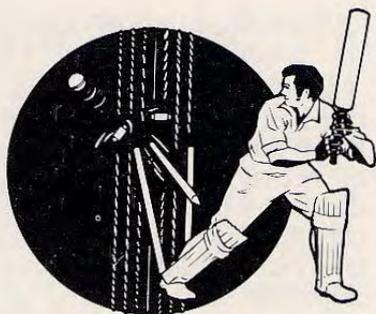
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# Senior School Sports Winners 1977

**Victor Ludorum — Kieran Holland**

Senior	Intermediate	Junior	Juvenile
<b>100m</b> 1 K. Holland 2 I. Dunn	A. McCormack P. Blunden	M. Redmond (12.3sec record) P. Bennett	C. Murphy P. Hartigan
<b>200m</b> 1 I. Dunn 2 M. Feehan	A. McCormack D. Moylette	M. Redmond P. Bennett	<b>150 Yards</b> 1 C. Murphy 2 P. Hartigan
<b>400m</b> 1 I. Dunn 2 K. Holland	A. McCormack L. O'Byrne		<b>Sack Race</b> 1 D. Quigley 2 P. O'Neill 3 B. Hanratty
<b>800m</b> 1 P. Maguire (2min 11.9 record) 2 K. Holland 3 M. Chester	P. McGrah A. Whelan L. O'Byrne	M. Redmond (2min 12.3 record) M. Lawler D. Kelly	C. Murphy P. Hartigan G. McCambridge
<b>1500m</b> 1 M. Chester 2 P. Maguire 3 L. O'Byrne		M. Redmond M. Lawler D. Kelly	P. Hartigan C. Murphy G. Clifford
<b>Long Jump</b> 1 K. Holland 2 D. Cogley	K. Bermingham P. Thornton	M. Redmond P. Bennett	D. Kirk J. O'Connell
<b>High Jump</b> 1 P. Kearney 2 M. Feehan	P. Thornton J. Larney	M. Redmond R. Quigley	K. Robins P. McDonald
<b>Shot</b> 1 E. Donnelly 2 M. Feehan	C. Doyle C. Keane	D. Kelly P. Barnes	K. Robins P. McDonald
<b>Relay</b> I. Dunn A. Bennett N. Geoghegan P. Black	D. Moylette P. Blunden C. Redahan F. Murray	P. Bennett D. Kelly E. Brophy E. Coveney	C. Murphy W. Foley G. Clifford G. Graham
<b>Cycle</b> 1 D. O'Duffy 2 P. MacDonnell	C. Quigley K. MacDonnell	J. Fitzgerald P. Barnes	<b>Slow Cycle</b> 1 J. Kennedy 2 P. MacGiolla Riogh 3 K. Cregan
<b>Relay Past Team</b> F. Kennedy D. Fanning C. Sweeney T. Kennedy		<b>Musical Chairs</b> 1 J. Fitzgerald 2 P. Lucas 3 R. McSharry	D. Byrne B. Hanratty K. Regan
			<b>Consolation</b> 1 C. McSharry 2 P. Ronaldson 3 D. O'Kane



# Cricket

## Senior XI

Captain : Donal Lonergan  
 Vice-Captain : Michael Graham

P	W	D	L
11	7	0	4

Five players from the cup-final team of last year were available this year to form a good nucleus of a formidable eleven, namely: D. Lonergan, P. McDonnell, P. McCarthy, M. Graham and H. Delany. These were reinforced by M. Hughes, C. Sloan, S. McDonald, J. Morris, C. Curtis, J. Bennett and M. Cosgrove, all experienced cricketers who had played with the Leinster club, during the summer. And we had the one essential of any team — good spirit and enthusiasm. It brought us to the final and nearly carried off the trophy. Our batting looked strong enough. In the various matches played runs were recorded not only by experienced bats like M. Graham, D. Lonergan and P. McDonnell but when the need arose to rescue a situation after an early fall of wickets, M. Hughes, C. Sloan and S. McDonald stood in the breach with useful totals. And in the final, Hugh Delany and Pat McCarthy made a good stand of over 50.

We got off to an early start in April with matches against Leinster C.C. and Phoenix C.C. both of which we lost. These were followed by three wins against High School, St. Paul's and Belvedere. This brought us right into the league competition. We won all our matches in our section accounting for Wesley College, King's Hospital, St. Andrew's and Sandford Park. In all these matches the weather was cold, the pitches heavy and slow. However we scored over 100 runs in each except that against King's Hospital when we could only register 73. Our attack was ex-

cellent. D. Lonergan and P. McDonnell were usually able to dismiss a side without change. In the match against K.H., P. McDonnell held five catches helping D. Lonergan to his fine analysis of 6 wickets for 15 runs. They only made 41.

In the other section of the league all teams were struggling, with low scores being recorded. Belvedere finally scraped through to the final when they replied to the St. Columba's total of 48 with 49 for 9 wickets.

The final was played in glorious sunshine in a two-day match on the Pembroke C.C. ground. Belvedere won the toss and batted first. We got a wicket in the first ball of the game from P. McDonnell. However their next two batsmen A. Martin and J. Prior stayed, to put on the useful partnership of over 50. It proved to be a batsman's day. It was the first time our bowling strength was really tested on a fast dry wicket. With four medium pace bowlers, we had really no variety to disturb well-set batsmen. They made 136; our two last overs were particularly costly, in giving away over 20 runs. Bowling was the one department in which Belvedere were consistently strong. Still we made a spirited reply and were going well at 70 for 4 when a few wickets fell to cause anxiety. Stephen McDonald contributed a useful 17 but he got little support and we finished up with 112. On the resumption of play in the second innings we aimed at getting three wickets before stumps were drawn. We got them. Belvedere were 16 for 3. We resumed play on another day of brilliant sunshine. We quickly captured another wicket — 18 for 4. Then that bane of cricket mishaps intervened — we dropped two vital catches and the two batsmen batted on to over 90 runs before being separated. A few more dropped catches and our bowlers toiled without effect until the last man was bowled and the fine total of 183 reached. We were

*one hundred and three*

set two hours and a half to get 208 runs for victory — a well-nigh impossible task against good bowling and having spent several hours in the field under a broiling sun. Nevertheless Michael Graham and Jonathan Bennett set to work from the start and soon runs were coming freely. Always a risk of course, but where was the point in stone-walling at this stage? It did not take long for wickets to fall. The rest of the innings was a foregone conclusion except for the fine stand of Hugh Delany and P. McCarthy which yielded 52. We made 90. But it was good cricket all the way even though we had let the cup slip from our grasp. Belvedere were deserving winners if only for their steady batting at a moment when defeat seemed the only issue. Still we had a great season — a fine team well captained by Donal Lonergan. Let us seek refuge in a cliché. 'Just one of those things' sounds too commonplace. 'That's what cricket is all about', sounds better!



BRINGING OUT THE ROLLERS

Front: J. Kennedy, M. Murphy.

Back: J. Kildea, S. Farnan, F. Sheering, P. Gray.  
Behind them: Michael Stephens, Groundsman, keeps a watchful eye.

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

one hundred and four

## Second Senior XI

Could hesitating players realise the enjoyment in Second Senior Cricket, there would be a queue to join the ranks. In a match of twenty overs one has hardly time to pat down the crease while even niceties like taking guard or looking round the field can be freely dispensed with. Even the batting order is indifferent to the 2nd XI devotee once the accepted code is duly observed — go for the runs. You will hear no words of sympathy like 'hard luck' or 'the ball that bowled you was a good one'. Your value is assessed by how much you can contribute to the total or how you can bowl. If you fail on either of these heads, only one thing remains for you to do — apply to join the ranks of the last three on the First XI!

We began the short season under the captaincy of Peter Corrigan and lost our first and only friendly to High School. Then we had a rare struggle against Stratford College. We made over 85 and dismissed them for 77. This school however was to win the play-off of our section against Sandford College and reach the final, only to be beaten by Belvedere when they had amassed the fine total of 122. We seemed to have the match in hand against Sandford when with a total of 90, we ran them to the last over. They made it however. We could only make 75 against St. Columba's — a good enough total for twenty overs but not enough for victory. Yet strange as it may seem, each of these matches could have been won comfortably had our bowlers not persisted in bowling down the leg side to players whose winter pastime is hockey. They revelled in such invitations to hit. No fielding could cope with it. Frank Murray made the highest individual score of the season with 37 against Sandford Park. Taken all round, the standard was good. Respectable scores were recorded in each match. The fielding was very good but above all the matches were enjoyable.

## Junior XI

Captain: J. Bennett  
Vice-Captain: B. Delany

P	W	D	L
8	6	0	2

We were confident that we had a league-winning team this season. A good batting

side with J. Bennett, B. Delany, S. Donnelly, F. McDonald helped out by A. Delany, J. Woods, D. Raftery and M. Lawler from the Under-14 team; adequate bowling strength spearheaded by B. Delany and S. Donnelly and an excellent fielding side. As the table shows we won six of our matches out of eight. The highlight of the season was surely our fine total of 95 on the enormous Belvedere ground thanks to a great batting stand of B. Delany and F. McDonald against the accurate bowling of our opponents. We had Belvedere out for the low total of 17 and we looked well on the way to reaching the final when in the next match against King's Hospital we could only muster up 80 runs which they passed for the loss of only a few wickets. K.H. were in turn beaten by High School who, having won our section, went on to beat St. Andrew's. Their second junior cup in two years. High scores were recorded in the season — 136 for 6 against High School and 151 for 3 against Terenure College. Our outstanding batsmen were J. Bennett who had the distinction of opening the batting for the senior team, B. Delany, S. Donnelly and

J. Woods. However, others too made good scores when the need arose — Fintan McDonald with 29 n.o. against Belvedere; J. Horne and J. Gallagher with 20 and 16 against Sandford Park to give us the victory; a fine 19 by Mark Lawler to win an early match against Belvedere; a steady 16 by David Raftery in our cup-match against King's Hospital. An excellent team, well worthy of ultimate success — the cup.

## Under 14 XI

Captain: J. Woods  
 Vice-Captain: M. Lawler

P	W	D	L
12	4	1	7

We had over twenty newcomers to the Under-14 ranks this season. All got some coaching and all visibly improved once the basic skills had been acquired. However, as



S.C.T. CRICKET FINALISTS

Back: P. McDonnell, P. McCarthy, C. Curtis, M. Hughes, S. McDonald, H. Delany, J. Morriss.

Front: J. Bennett, M. Graham, D. Lonergan, C. Sloan, M. Cosgrove

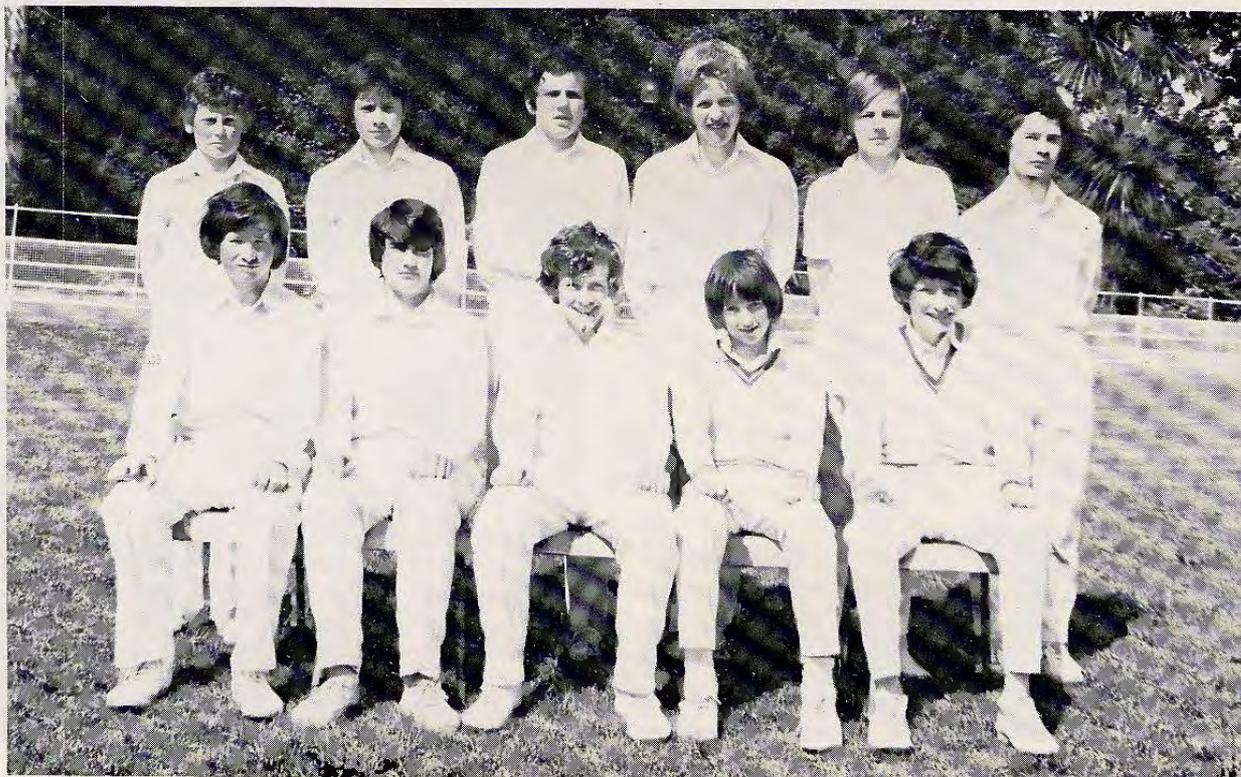
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the season got under way, it was found impossible to include all the potential players in a very limited fixture programme. Instead we had two Under-13 matches in which most of the newcomers participated. We won both of these — a good start.

The final tally of the season does not look impressive. Four wins out of twelve. Nevertheless our team was a good one. We had strong batting in John Woods, Mark Lawler, David Raftery, Alan Delaney, Leslie Brangan and others. Our bowling was the same as last year — Michael Drumm leading the attack. In addition John Woods was an excellent captain. He had a short fielding practice each day with the team and that more than anything else makes for team spirit.

We had several friendlies before our first league match against St. Gerards. Our lowest score was registered against Belvedere — 25 against their 81. We could only make 40 in reply to a St. Columba's total of 142 for 2; while Sandford Park made over 100 for no wicket against our total of 56. In each case our bowling was clearly off target. But we

were not unduly worried. We won the first league match against St. Gerard's making 91 and then putting them out for 21. Our next matches against High School and Sandford were noteworthy for their high scores. We made 104 against High School but they replied with a win, making that total for the loss of only three wickets. Sandford batted first and set the formidable total of 120 to pass. We nearly did, making over 100 runs before the stipulated overs ran out. Despite our early defeat at the hands of Belvedere our league match against them was our best performance of the season. We made 108 runs, enough for victory with reasonable supporting bowling. But once again our bowlers were not equal to the task. Belvedere made it for seven wickets. And that ended our season. It was a good one. We played good cricket. Our fielding was excellent. Fine catches were taken by David Raftery, Mark Lawler, Michael Drumm and many others. There were good individual scores and with just a little luck, we might have reached the final and won the cup. But to play the game well is surely the important thing.



J.C.T. CRICKET XI

C. Murphy, M. Redmond, D. Raftery, M. Lawler, G. Byrne, J. Fitzgerald.  
S. Donnelly, F. McDonald, J. Bennett, B. Delany, J. Woods.



Under 14 CRICKET XI

P. Cosgrove, E. Coveney, D. Raftery, L. Brannigan, M. Lawler, M. Redmond, M. Crofts.  
 J. Fitzgerald, M. Kearney, J. Woods, P. Ronaldson, M. Drumm.  
 C. McTiernan, C. Murphy.

## Junior Cricket League

Though the term was short and the weather cold early on, the five teams in the voluntary league got through their full programme of matches. Despite the efforts of S. Byrne and D. Kirk, their teams were left propping up the table. D. Fagan's New Zealand was undefeated while M. Murphy's India and A. Breathnach's West Indies lost just one game each. A semi-final was then arranged between the latter two. West Indies made 105 with P. Briddock contributing 45 runs but despite great efforts by P. MacGiolla Riogh, N. McEniff and D. O'Kane, India could make only 70 runs.

The final was played in brilliant conditions on the U.14 wicket and the fast ground made it difficult for the batsmen. No one on either side managed double figures. New Zealand

batted first and met an unexpected first over reverse when P. Brooder was clean bowled. D. Fagan, A. Horne, J. Kennedy, B. Roantree kept going for a while and with nearly everyone contributing a few runs they put 45 on the board. It looked a small total especially when P. Briddock, J. Hassett, E. Quinn and G. Clifford pushed up 30 for three wickets in reply. However, P. Brooder was making up his batting lapse by keeping the ball steadily on the wicket and he clean bowled one after another of the West Indies side. With good help from B. Roantree, he dismissed the opposition for 37 runs. Congratulations to D. Fagan on the way he marshalled his side, each and everyone of which played his part. Many thanks too to Fr. O'Grady who umpired the final and to the several third year boys who volunteered to look after the earlier matches.

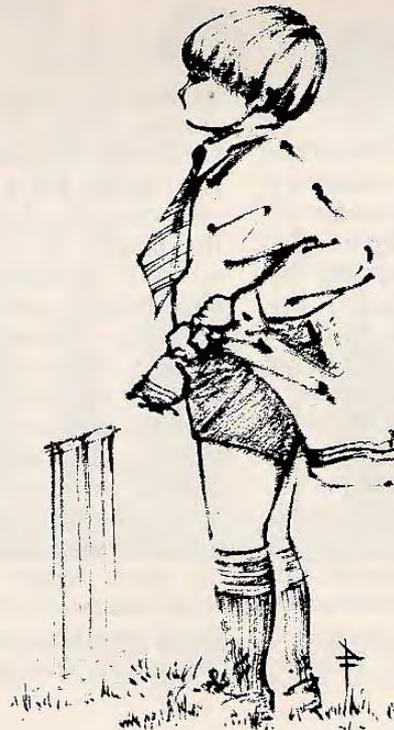


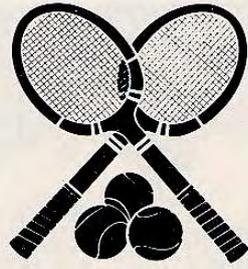
CRICKET LEAGUE WINNERS

*Back:* P. Barry, P. Brooder, J. Kildea, M. Lynch, F. Sheerin, M. McGovern.

*Front:* B. Roantree, J. Kennedy, D. Fagan, J. Russell, A. Horne

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





## Tennis

With a new competition introduced at both senior and junior level to give weaker tennis schools a chance of victory we started the season with plenty of hope of our first trophy. As it turned out however, a seconds team won both as Clongowes won both senior trophies while Castleknock did likewise in the junior. Our season was greatly delayed in Kenilworth as the weather didn't allow us go on grass till the second week in May. By then our seniors had been narrowly eliminated by Moate down in Moate. P. MacDonnell won the number one singles but P. Dean, P. Gannon and N. Power lost narrowly. T. O'Connell and P. Thornton kept hopes alive by winning the third doubles, but with tie-breakers necessary in both the other doubles, we lost the second match and the third set wasn't necessary in the first singles as we had lost 4-2. We did have a very successful match with the recent past on Union Day in Kenilworth.

With three of last year's juniors available we had great hopes especially after we had beaten Wesley 6-0 in our opening game. However, we went down in Kenilworth 4-2 to both Moate and St. Gerard's and when we consider that St. Gerard's lost 4-3 to St. Conleth's who in turn lost 4-3 to Castleknock in the final we realise that we were not far off victory. J. Ambrose and M. Bowe as one and two won against Wesley and Beneavin in both singles and doubles while John also beat the St. Gerard's one 6-0, 6-1 and we took first doubles against the latter also in straight sets. S. Cooke as three had two wins and along with D. Kelly also won two doubles. Our third doubles of D. Teevan and J. McShane (replaced by S. Holland and P. Cassidy for one game) only won against Wesley.

The U.13s did even better against very strong opposition. 4-1 victories over St. Michael's and Belvedere were very sweet indeed and while we had no chance of beating St. Fintan's we had the satisfaction of winning the second doubles. Our last match with Mullingar who are always highly rated at

this level was a very prolonged exciting one with the three singles going to three sets before Mullingar took a 2-1 lead by taking the first singles 9-7 in the third set. The second and third doubles went to Mullingar in close two setters. Congratulations to the six who represented us. J. Burke-Moran our number one won only once but played extremely well against very strong opponents, C. Cooke and P. Brooder won twice each. P. Brooder with D. Foley also won twice, while R. Carroll and K. Robins also had two wins.

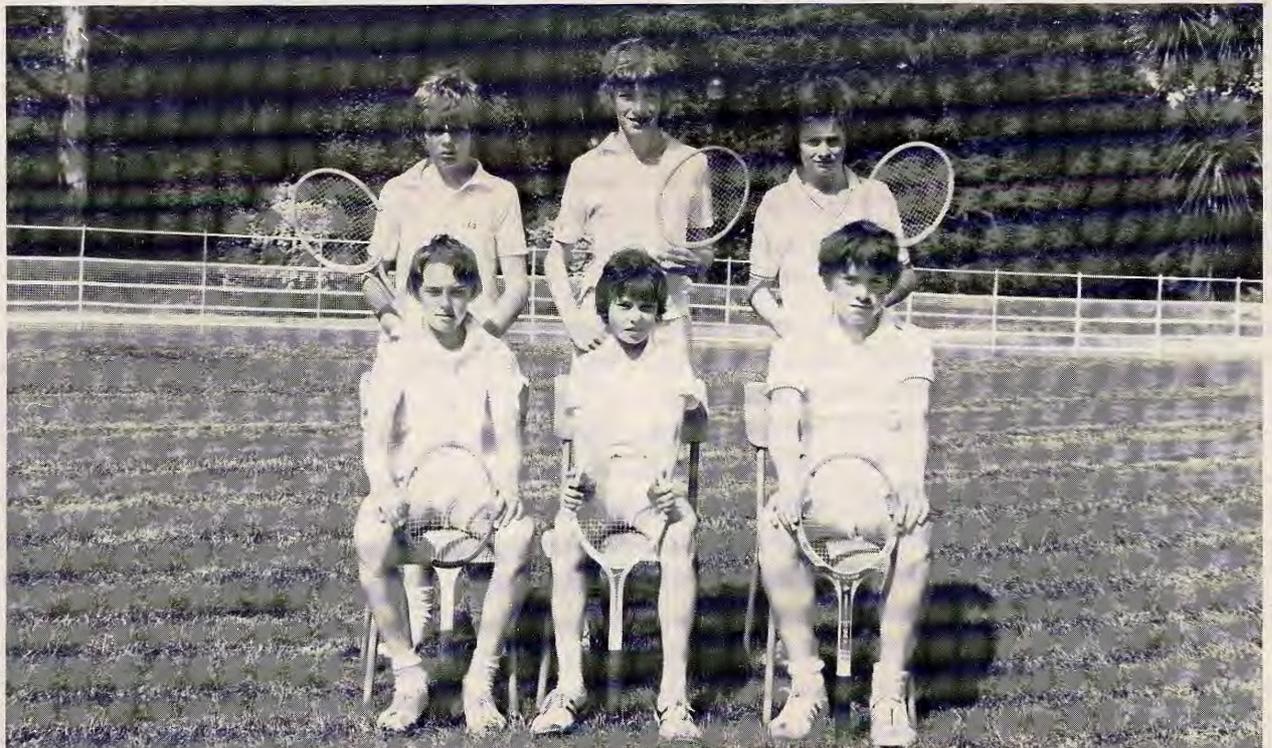
There were over two hundred entries in our ladders and tournaments and while the short season necessitated many walkovers, there were many closely fought three setters in all age groups. It was good to see N. Power winning a tennis cup at last when he took the senior cup from the number five seed position. He surprised P. Dean at an early stage of the competition and went on to beat T. Lynch and T. O'Connell to reach the final. His opponent here was B. Coffey who had some outstanding matches in beating K. Birmingham, P. Thornton and then surprisingly P. MacDonnell 5-7, 8-6, 6-4 in the semi. The final went all Power's way early on but as usual Barry battled on and actually led by four games in the last set before Niall threw all caution to the wind and took the last set 7-5. Niall also won the sixth year ladder while other winners were P. MacDonnell, J. Ambrose, M. Bowe, S. Cooke, J. Burke-Moran, D. Foley, R. Carroll and C. Murphy.

The second year tournament was obviously dominated by the U-13s but M. Lawler wore down D. Foley in the quarter final and took more games from J. B. Moran than anyone else. The other semi-final was a real thriller with P. Brooder beating C. Cooke 8-6, 3-6, 12-10. However, Paul was no match for John in the final. The Inter tournament went as expected with our best juniors reaching the final and John Ambrose duly beat Michael Bowe 6-4, 6-4 in the decider. Ray Carroll likewise justified favouritism in first year for he beat John O'Connell in the final.



J.C.T. TENNIS

S. Holland, J. McShane, D. Kelly.  
M. Bowe, J. Ambrose, D. Teevan.



UNDER 13 TENNIS

C. Cooke, B. Foley, K. Robbins.  
P. Brooder, J. Burke Moran, R. Carroll

# Gaelic Football

This year there was no "blitz" organised but more regular leagues were played in the first few weeks of the last term. It was not a very suitable time to get our best players together but we managed to fulfil our programmes of matches. The senior side put up very good performances against Terenure and Templeogue with R. Doyle, C. Stokes, M. Feehan and D. McCarthy outstanding. The juniors tried hard but usually had to take the field with many Under 13's included.

So they suffered from physical disability and also lacked the experience to steady themselves before shooting at goal. They were heavily beaten by Terenure, Templeogue, De La Salle and Pres. Bray but notable performances were registered by A. Whelan, E. Robins and D. Ellison while J. Ambrose and C. Cooke were our main marksmen. Even in defeat, the boys enjoyed the experience of taking part in their national game. A word of thanks is due to Mr. Newell and Mr. Lewis for looking after the teams.



SENIOR GAELIC FOOTBALL TEAM

E. Armstrong, D. Darby, T. Kennedy, M. Feehan, P. Kearney, B. Kennedy,  
N. Lynch, P. Mulvey.

P. McGrath, K. Egan, J. Redahan, R. Doyle (Captain), P. Dean, N. Power, J. Whelan,  
N. Geoghan, N. Martin, P. Corrigan, P. McDonnell.



JUNIOR GAELIC FOOTBALL TEAM

R. McSharry, D. Gallagher, E. Robbins, N. McEniff, P. Barnes, K. Hughes, G. Fitzpatrick,  
L. O'Flaherty, D. Gilligan.

E. Ambrose, M. Crowe, K. Robbins, D. Ellison, J. Ambrose, E. Byrne, C. Cooke.  
D. Kelly, G. Long, J. McShane.



## Basketball

### Senior League

Quite a few of the sixth years joined in the summer league this year and there were two sections of four. The first group became a straight duel between E. Armstrong and C. Quigley after both had beaten S. Fitzpatrick and C. Russell. Eddie came through with a 14-10 win. The other section was more complicated. T. O'Brien beat G. Byrne narrowly but was then beaten by T. O'Connell and

held to a draw by B. Sheehan. When Byrne beat O'Connell, a play off was necessary between both sides. In the absence of L. Connell for Tim, Gareth's team turned the tables. Fr. C. Byrne refereed a good final. Eddie's team went into an early lead with P. Dean and D. O'Doherty outstanding. Gradually the better all-round skill of Gareth, M. Healy, D. Keogan, D. Moylette and P. Graham wore them down and early in the second half Gareth took the lead and never relinquished it. In fact the final score was 16-8.

## Fourth Year League

Surprisingly enough a play off was necessary too in the fourth year league of eight teams. T. Cleary and K. Gannon met in the first match of the league and the rather rough encounter resulted in a 2-2 draw. Both then went on to rather easy victories over G. Kinsella and P. Blunden. The play off was a fine game with Gannon leading early on. D. Darby and E. Robins gave Gannon great assistance and it was well into the second half when Cleary got the upper hand. Good shooting in the last few minutes gave him a 16-9 victory. J. Larney easily disposed of M. Gowran and R. Byrne in the other section before meeting stubborn resistance from N. Martin. The final was seldom in doubt. C. Keane, D. Fleming, R. Fearon and G. Lennon gave T. Cleary great support and Fearon

shot them into an early lead and though J. Larney, P. McGrath and D. Egan tried very hard, a 14-6 win for Cleary was about right.

## Third Year League

There were only seven teams in the third year league. After three rounds, four teams had four points so it was suitable to finish off with two semi-finals and a final. The semis were extremely close with tight marking the order of the day. J. Gilsenan beat K. Hughes 10-8 in a sudden death play off after extra time had already been played. A 4-2 victory for J. McShane over B. Martin tells its own story as both sides had scored freely in earlier rounds. The final too was low scoring. There was little between the sides but J. Gilsenan and A. Cowman managed two



SENIOR BASKETBALL

P. Graham, G. Byrne.  
D. Keegan, D. Moylette, D. Larney.

baskets apiece while McShane's lone scorer was P. Barnes. F. McDonald, R. Quigley and E. Ambrose gave Gilsenan and Cowman the necessary backing. Mr. Lewis refereed this and the fourth year final and also several other matches in the various leagues.

## Senior Winter Basketball

Like last year, a winter league was organised to cater mainly for those not busily engaged with rugby. Bad weather limited the number of games played but teams captained

by Ronan O'Neill and Eamonn Browne made their way to the top of the table. The final was played on Holy Thursday. It started in glorious sunshine but finished in a blizzard of hailstones. N. Geoghegan, J. Tracey, J. O'Neill and E. Armstrong gave Eamonn great backing and they led 10-8 at half time. Ronan had only three other players, N. Power, D. Cogley and S. Fitzpatrick and the effort was too much for them towards the end for Eamonn netted several times to win 18-14. Congratulations are in order not merely to the finalists but also to those who organised fixtures and kept the league running in difficult circumstances.



FOURTH YEAR BASKETBALL

C. Keane, D. Fleming.

G. Lennon, T. Cleary, R. Fearon.



#### THIRD YEAR BASKETBALL

E. Ambrose, A. Cowman.  
R. Quigley, J. Gilsenan, F. McDonald

## Volleyball

### Senior

Seven teams contested the league this year and all played at least four matches. At this stage, all had lost at least one game and six sides were still in the running. J. Tracey beat F. Butler and R. Bulger beat B. Byrne in quarter finals. Ray went on to beat D. Keogan in a semi final but P. Conheady beat Treacy in a thriller. With good help from N. Geoghegan, P. Mulvey, S. McDonald, K. Bermingham and D. Murphy Ray went on to win the final 15-10, 15-13 despite the efforts of all Conheady's team. Unfortunately most of our players are playing as individuals and we see little of the brilliant rallies that we were accustomed to see on television from the Olympics.

### Inter

Two sections were necessary in the inter competition. A. Whelan's side was undefeated in one section and he got most trouble from M. Dooley and E. Robins. D. Ellison looked like winning the other section but he was beaten in his last game by D. Fleming who had already lost to C. Keane. Fleming again beat Ellison in the playoff and so qualified to meet Whelan in the final. Here Fleming with his side of C. Doyle, S. Donnelly, R. Byrne, N. Harrington and F. Conway was much too strong for Whelan and was a deserving winner of a good competition.



## Soccer

As usual we entered a team in the Senior Cup but it began at exactly the same time as the rugby and this fact, combined with postponements due to the bad weather, forced us to withdraw from our league section after one match. Later in the year we entered the Belfield blitz and won one of our three games. Mr. S. McCarthy again managed the team.

Though the last term was a short one, the usual house leagues were completed in the back field by getting the teams picked before Easter. There were nine teams in the senior division, a five and a four. T. Kennedy won his first matches easily and was installed as favourite but he was held to a draw by R. Doyle and then beaten 2-0 by N. Power. With P. McCarthy, P. Kerrigan and C. Sloan giving Niall great support, he ran out unbeaten winner of section A. D. Lonergan looked like winning the other section but D. McCarthy having drawn 4-4 with P. Gannon surprised everyone by trouncing Lonergan 7-0 and not only won the section but went on to beat N. Power 1-0 in the final. Captain McCarthy unfortunately could not play in the final but D. Lonergan his replacement didn't let him down. Others to shine were E. Corish, J. Redahan and B. O'Kane.

The three sections of five teams in the junior league remained open as usual to the very end. No team emerged with full points but D. Gallagher's Sunderland and C. Cooke's Chelsea dropped only one point and these two fittingly got to the final. K. Robins' Liverpool won section A though A. Horne's Spurs beat him 3-0 for the latter only drew with J. Fitzgerald and was beaten by N. McEniff. M. Redmond won two and lost two games. In the second section, Sunderland beat D. Kirk 2-0 in the vital match for David won his other games while Sunderland could only manage a draw with C. Rice's bottom of the table Coventry. P. Brooder won one game while M. Kearney finished in the middle of the table. Sunderland won the semi-final rather easily, beating Liverpool 4-1. C. Cooke missed the final but M. Lawler his replace-

ment played a major role in Chelsea's 3-0 victory. He headed the opening goal from a well taken free by J. O'Connell. Early in the second half he made it 2-0 with a fierce drive to the corner. Late in the game his last pick F. Browne shot at goal and when the ball was only deflected out, was at hand to finish it to the net. All the team played well and besides those mentioned we saw quite a lot of J. Kennedy, D. O'Kane, R. Power and J. Keogh. D. Gallagher and P. MacGiolla Riogh were outstanding for Sunderland.

D. Ellison's Anderlecht won all its five games in section A of the Inter league scoring at least three goals on each occasion. S. Maguire was his nearest rival for he lost only to David, while S. Muldoon finished with 6 points, A. Whelan and J. Ambrose with four while M. Dooley propped up the league. Draws were the order of the day in the other group. Every team recorded at least one while D. Gilligan managed it on four occasions. D. Bennett showed in front early on but after drawing with Gilligan he lost to E. Robins' St. Etienne. The latter had avoided defeat for after drawing too with Gilligan, he played a splendid draw with D. Darby with a score of 5-5. M. Crowe finished in the middle of the table while J. Bennett managed only two draws. The final produced some very good football and the 4-1 scoreline in favour of Eunan does scant justice to the efforts of D. Ellison, J. Gallagher, P. Devlin and B. Delaney for Anderlecht. A defensive slip let P. Cassidy in for goal number one. Early in the second half a free by O. O'Sullivan was headed on by Robins and when the keeper failed to hold it, B. Martin hit it home. A minute later, a long through ball to Robins gave him an easy third goal. Ellison got one back when Devlin's through ball was flicked to the net by David himself. In the last minute, B. Martin took a long ball and picked his spot to leave the final score 4-1. The early matches were refereed by the boys themselves but we were lucky to have Brother Ignatius at hand to referee all the finals.



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