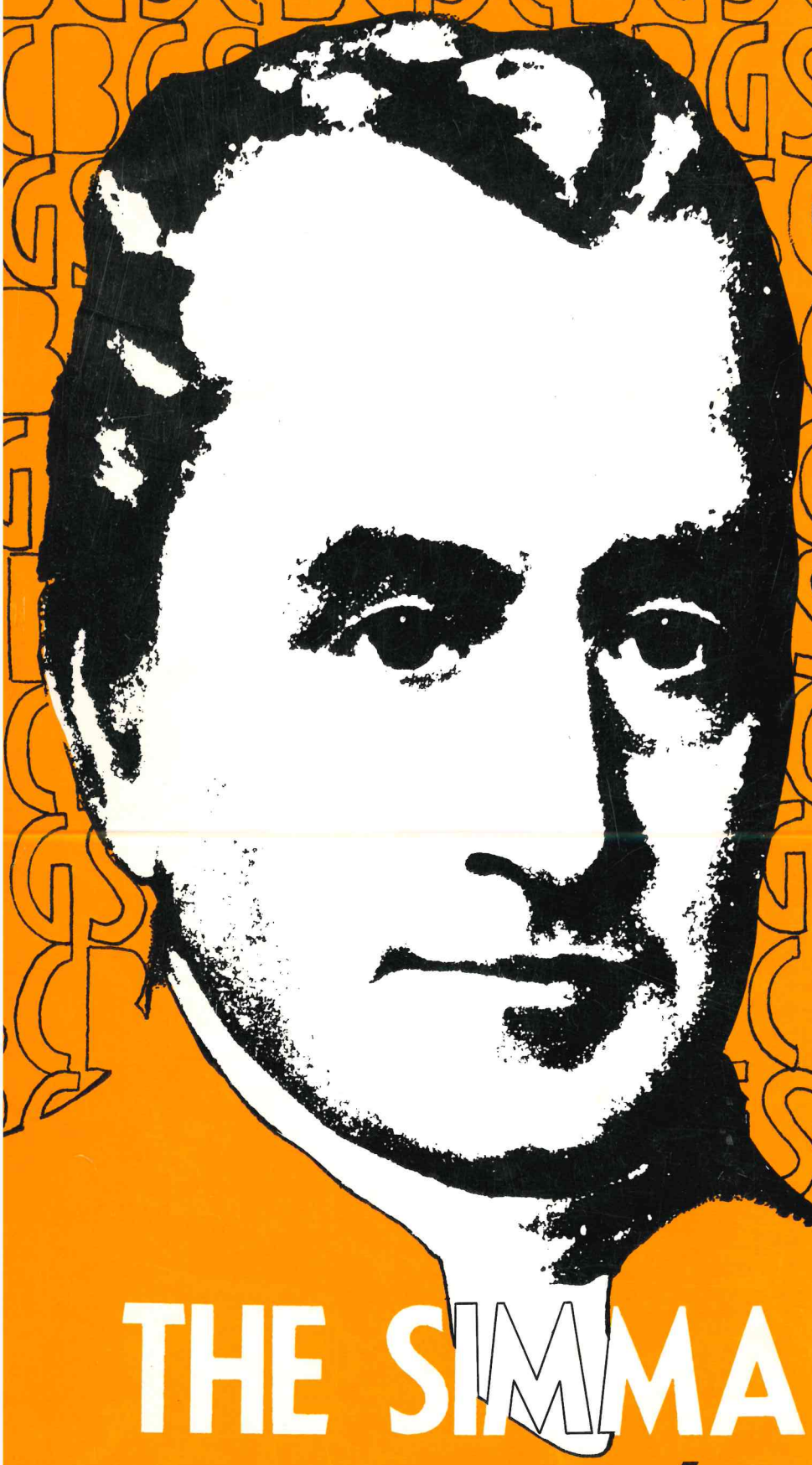


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# EDITORIAL

Since its revival in December 1981, one of the aims of The Simmarian has been to give the reader, not just the student population, but more particularly the parents, a glimpse of life in St. Mary's. It is hoped that this issue will prove as "enlightening" as those which have preceded it. Once again this writer has found himself happily inundated with literary contributions of varying lengths and regrettably the guillotine has had to be applied with the verve and expertise (or otherwise) of a Thatcherite Tory!

Essentially a school magazine, much of the Simmarian is taken up with reporting school oriented topics and activities, however, student perceptions of life cannot and ought not be ignored. Consequently, the reader hopefully will find some thought-provoking comments within these pages.

The Editor, while liking to delude himself that he is 'independent', graciously recognises his almost total dependence upon the student population for having something to edit! Sincere gratitude to all those who submitted articles for publication; any literary masterpiece not included in this issue might well find inclusion in the next one.

Thanks are also due to our many sponsors and advertisers without whose continued support The Simmarian could not be published.

A special word of thanks goes to Miss Deirdre McCrory (office) who spent many a long weary day decoding and typing all the articles for the magazine. Her assistance was greatly appreciated.

# Retirements

The retirements of Mr. George Cashell, Rev. Bro. Minogue and Miss Shelia O'Donoghue were marked by two functions organised by St. Mary's Staff Association in the Greenan Lodge Hotel.

Last December Mr. Cashell and his wife were guests of honour at our annual Christmas Dinner. A full complement of staff was present along with invited guests to witness the presentation of a suitable gift to a man who has given 32 years unstinting service to the school.

In June Bro. Minogue, who has just recently celebrated his Golden Jubilee, was our honoured guest. He has given many valuable years to St. Mary's and has dedicated his whole life to the Brotherhood. Unfortunately Miss O'Donoghue was unable to attend but was there with us in spirit and we wish her as well as Bro. Minogue and George Cashell many long years to enjoy their retirement.

# Past Pupils

*Four past pupils of St. Mary's now studying for the Christian Brotherhood: D. Barr, J. McDonald, M. Barr, T. Bartlett.*





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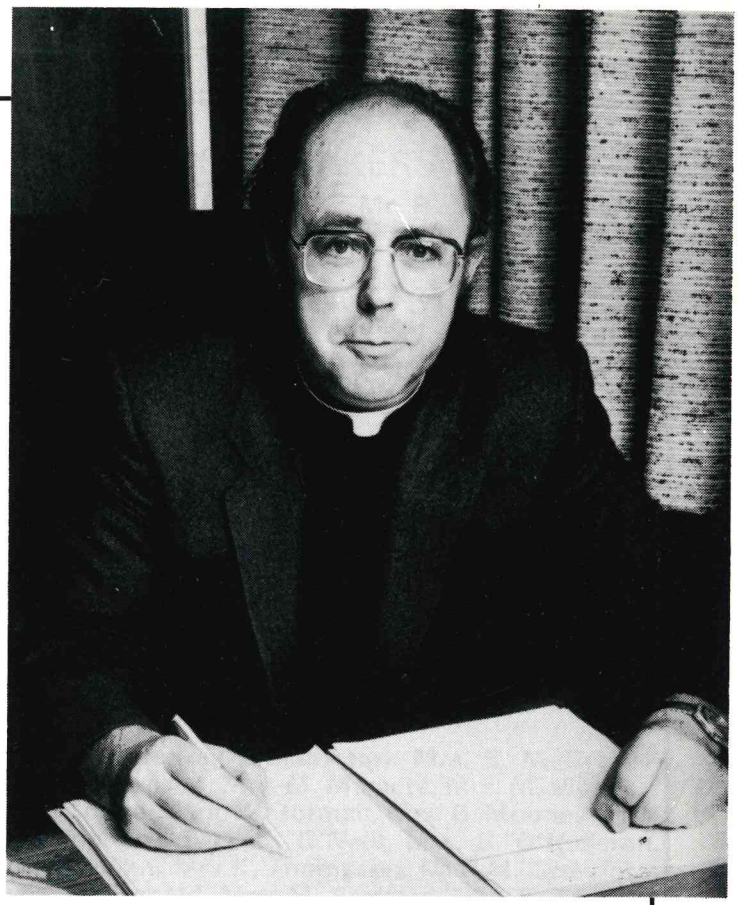
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I am pleased that *The Simmarian* has again become a regular feature of school life in St. Mary's — welcomed I hope equally by present and past pupils. That it should serve to keep the latter in touch with their alma mater is one of the chief purposes of its publication. I am very grateful to Mr. Oliver McCann for undertaking the general organisation and management of the magazine and I am confident that this issue will come up to the standard of previous issues.

It is a platitude that bears repetition that the greatest tribute a pupil can pay to his parents and his school is not his achievement in the academic, athletic, or material sphere but the example of a life lived in accordance with true Christian principles. If the staff in St. Mary's fail to imbue our pupils with the spirit of the Gospel, then we are failing as educators. In this area it was pleasing to note the large numbers of charities that benefited from the generosity of our parents and students. The Christian Brothers Mission in Zambia, the Irish Children's Handicapped Trust, Cura, the Diocesan Orphan's Fund, The Legion of Mary and the St. Vincent de Paul Society were the recipients of donations totalling over, £8,000. Clear evidence of the thoughfulness of our parents and students. To Bro. C. Gallagher and his many helpers I offer my sincere congratulations.

September 22nd was a very important day for St. Mary's as Ciaran Barr and Tim Bartlett were received into the Order. Ciaran and Tim are doing their novitiate year in Dublin and God willing will be professed during the coming summer. With four young men from St. Mary's now in training I hope many more of our students will be inspired to follow their example.

The past year has been one of tremendous academic achievements. Results in the public examinations were of the highest order. The number securing entrance to third level institutions has been in keeping with the high level attained over the years. Brilliant degrees were gained by those completing their courses at Queen's University. To Hugh Delargy, Francis Kernan, Adrian Mallon, Paul McCullagh, Arthur McDonnell and Francis Thompson, I offer my sincere congratulations on obtaining their Ph.D's. To the many Masters, Medical Doctors, Lawyers, Architects, Accountants, Teachers who qualified I offer my sincere congratulations.

I would like to thank all the members of staff who prepared classes for public examinations and to congratulate them on the excellent results they attained. We are indeed fortunate in St. Mary's to have staff that are deeply interested in the progress and welfare of every student. My words cannot do justice to their wonderful work.

To all the students who represented St. Mary's at various sporting and cultural events, I offer a sincere word of thanks. Pride of place this year must go to debaters Ciaran Rogan and Ken Bartley who not only won the All Ireland Title, but defeated the Observer Mace Champions Solihull College in the first clash of the Irish and English Champions. A word of praise to the St. Mary's Ski Team who represented Northern Ireland at both the Edinburgh and Aviemore Championships.

I would like to thank in a very special way those staff members who remain in the evenings to organise games and other extra-curricular activities for the students. It is something which is much appreciated but which can so easily be taken for granted. It is something which contributes in no small way to the excellent relations which exist and have always existed between staff and students. It is something which contributes in no small way to the excellent spirit which prevades the school.

Staff, students and Parents rejoiced during the year when Canon Patrick Walsh, President of St. Malachy's College and a past-pupil of St. Mary's was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of Down and Connor. We wish him every success in his onerous task. We also offer our congratulations to Fr. Noel Conway, another old boy of St. Mary's, who succeeded Bishop Walsh as President of St. Malachy's College.

The sincere gratitude of parents and students of St. Mary's is due to two staff members who departed from our ranks this summer. To both Rev. Bro. Minogue and Miss Shelia O'Donaghue we wish many happy years of retirement.

May the blessing of God be on this issue of the Simmarian.

**Rev. Bro. L. S. Kelly**
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**One very effective way of helping less fortunate members in our community is through the LEGION OF MARY. Our students visit the old folk in Beechmount Hospital on Saturday or Sunday, or do the 'Tea-duty' on Tuesday or Saturday evening in the Morning Star Hostel, Dover Street. Here they help the adult-in-charge by buttering bread, giving out soup or tea, etc., and tidying up afterwards. Sometimes small items for the men have to be got from the local shop; in all, the tea-duty lasts from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. We could do with your help. Come to our weekly meetings on Wednesday in Q11 at 3.30 p.m. Our active members at present are: G. Robinson, S. Barr, J. McCallum, H. Maher, A. Muldoon, S. Reel, C. O'Neill, A. Mooney, P. Gorman, C. McCormick.**

# OBITUARY

## Mr. Sean Duggan (Aged 35)

B.A., P.G.C.E.



It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of our esteemed colleague and teacher Mr. Sean Duggan. He bore his painful and protracted illness with great patience and resignation.

He qualified from Queen's University in 1974 and immediately joined the Maths. Department in St. Mary's spending most of his time in the Barrack Street section of the School.

He died in his uncle's home in Dundrum Co. Down on Saturday the 12-11-1983. His remains were removed to the local Parish Church on Sunday 15-11-1983 and the funeral to Castlewellan occurred after Requiem Mass celebrated by his Uncle Frank.

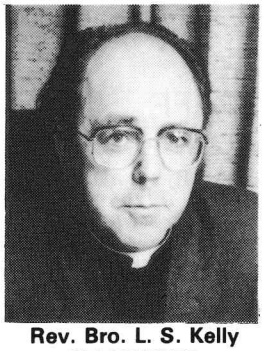
A Requiem Mass for him was held in the Church of the Holy Spirit on 16-11-1983 attended by his colleagues and pupils of both sections of the School.

Our deepest sympathy is extented to his family and relatives.

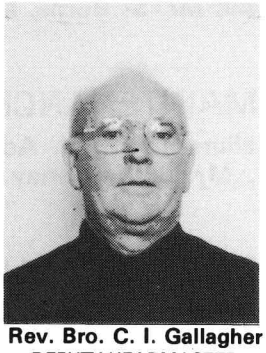
May he rest in Peace.

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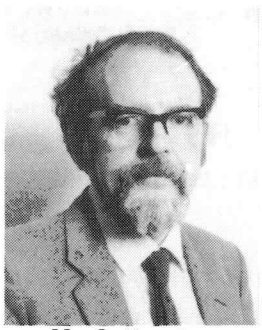
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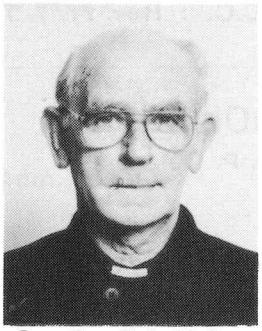
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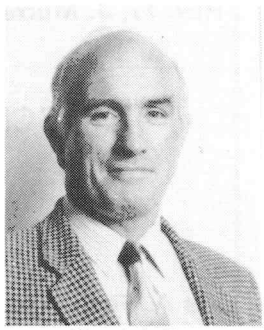
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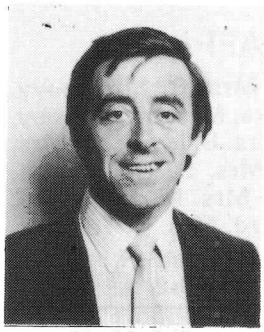
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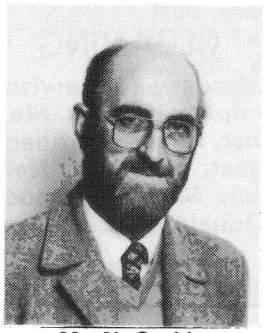
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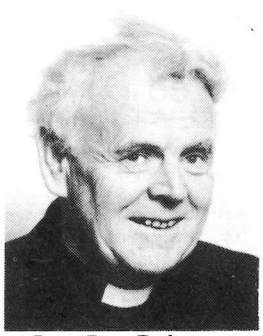
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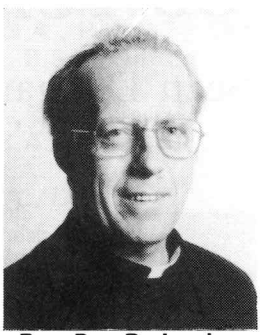
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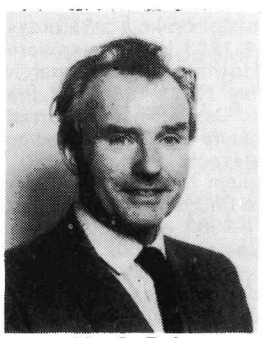
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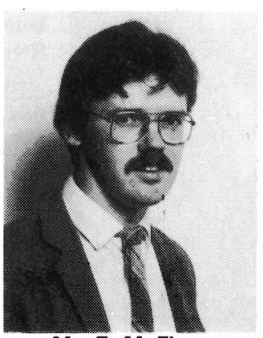
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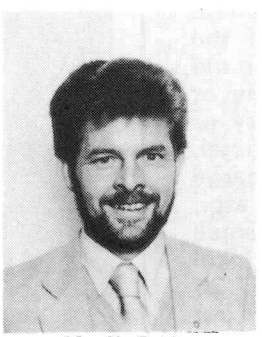
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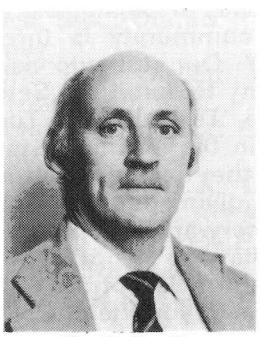
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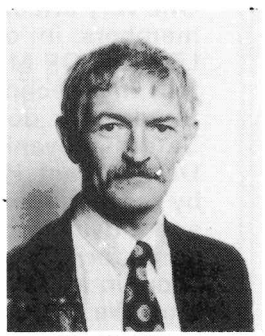
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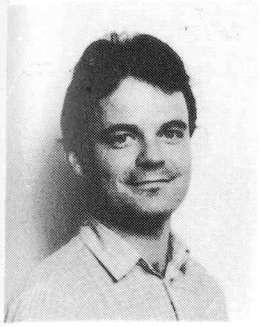
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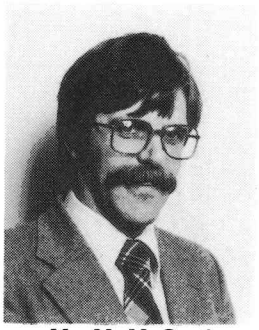
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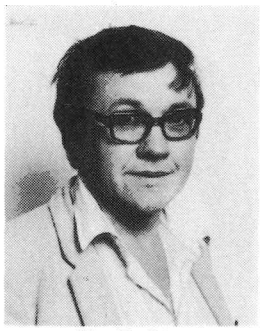
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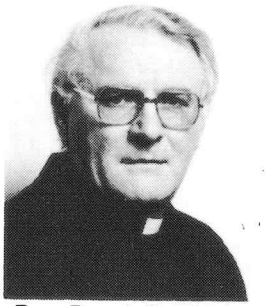
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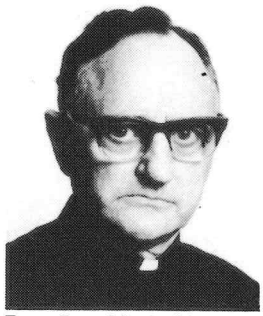
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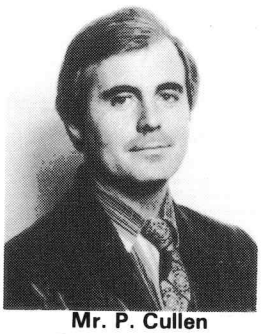
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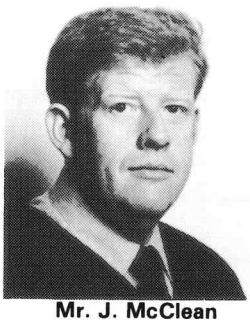
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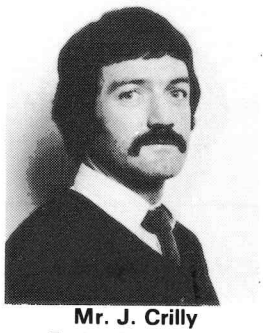
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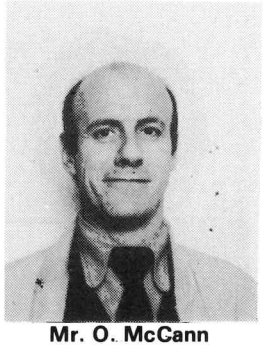
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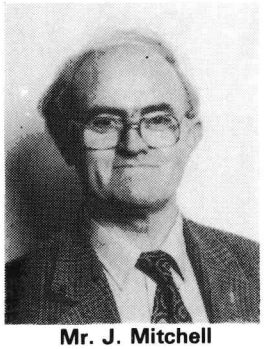
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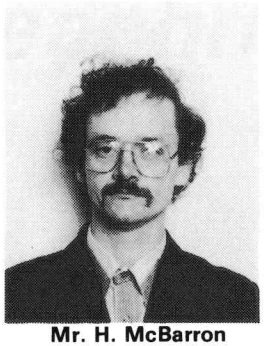
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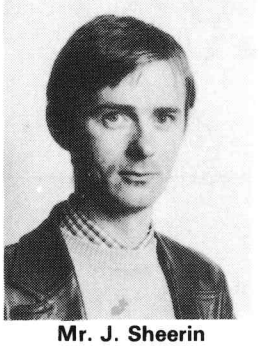
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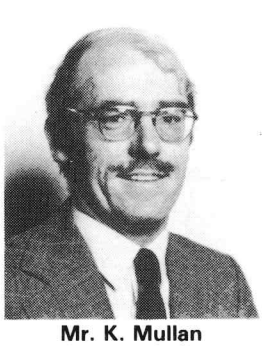
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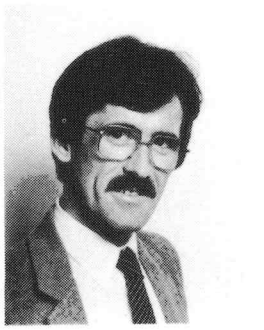
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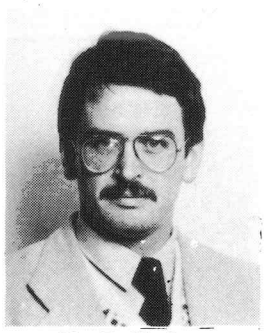
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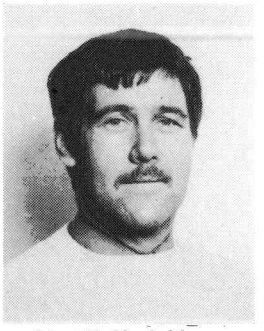
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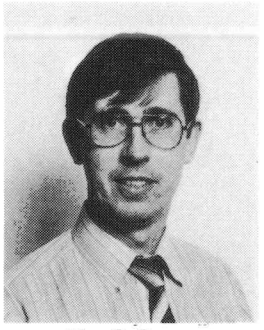
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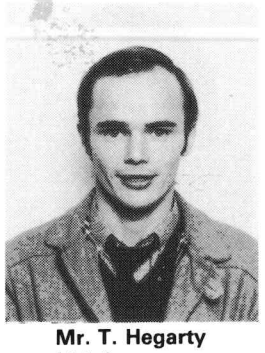
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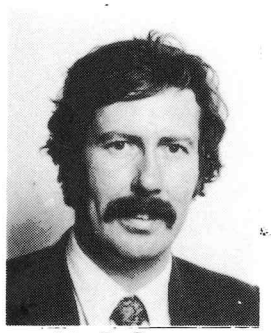
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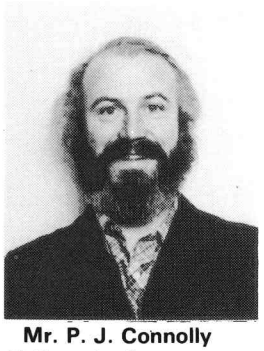
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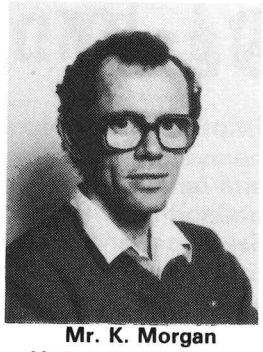
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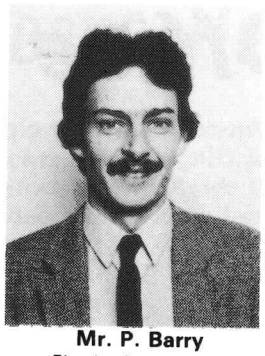
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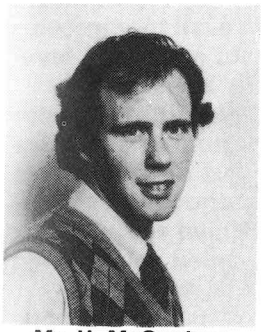
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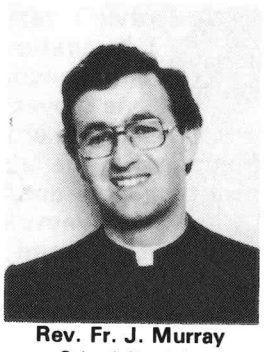
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Geography Department
Football Coach



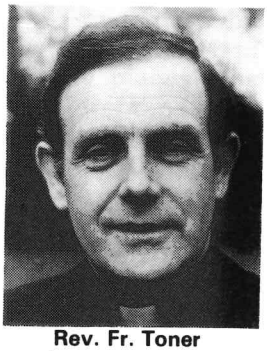
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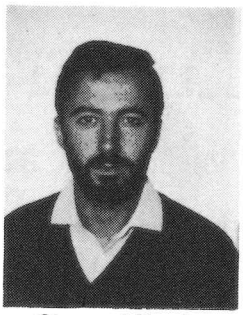
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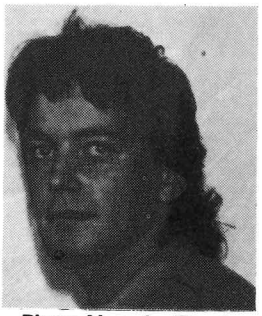
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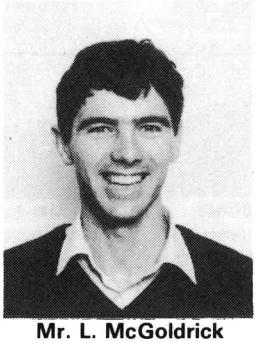
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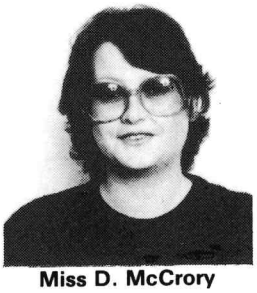
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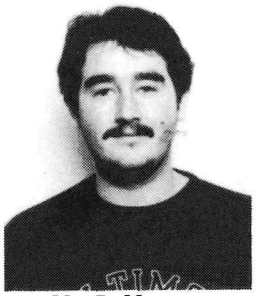

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# Results and Careers Report for 1982-83

**This has been a year of almost unremitting gloom on both the further education and employment fronts. For example: (1) There has been minimal employment of school leavers regardless of qualification indeed for some minor appointments the possession of good qualifications is almost a disadvantage. Most employers can choose from vast numbers of applicants and, are doing so by taking the best qualified. Thus, we have graduates taking the jobs previously taken by those with 'O' and 'A' Levels. (2) This lack of job opportunities has forced ever greater numbers to apply to further education. Applications have also been swollen by the largest school population ever, now reaching school leaving age. (3) To complete the gloomy picture, the government have chosen this period to cut back on third level education places.**

**The result of this has been higher entry requirements than ever before for many Faculties, but especially in those premium courses where employment seems certain such as dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, law and accountancy. It also seems as if the selection procedure is being applied through the 'A' Level exams with grades being down in many subjects.**

**In spite of all these problems we have had another successful year in terms of third level placements. As usual the bulk of students entered Queen's, 49 beginning courses there. Particularly gratifying is the large number starting courses in engineering including Queens' prestigious enhanced course. Business Administration, Computer Science, Economics and Accountancy were the next most popular courses. It is significant that these courses are the ones which will provide the best employment opportunities in the long term, both here and overseas. Special congratulations to the five boys entering medicine and comiseration to Damien Deane who missed out as a result of a technicality after getting grades A,B,C. Congratulations to Andy Hillan who got into U.C.D. Veterinary Science with AAAB and to John Howard who entered Trinity Management and Engineering Science. In all 10 boys entered universities other than Queen's. These include James McGivern who came to us from the Christian Brothers Secondary School, Glen Road and who gained entry to the Law Faculty in Reading University.**

**The Ulster Polytechnic took 18 students who entered a variety of Faculties and courses. Due to increased applications pressure on Poly places was particularly severe and this year for the first time ever, there was little or no reduction in grades being asked in the Polytech. Premium courses such as Computer Science, Accountancy, Business Administration, Quantity Surveying and Sports Studies were particularly hard to enter. In view of this fact more students will be encouraged to apply to U.K. Polytechnics where entry requirements are, in general lower. Few boys chose to enter teacher training in view of the obvious difficulties in obtaining employment.**

**We were delighted when two students chose to join the Christian Brothers. They will begin their universities at a later date.**

## School Leavers

### ENTRANTS TO QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

| | |
|---|---|
| BURNS, Barry | |
| CAVANAGH, Paul | Economics |
| CLARKE, Michael | Engineering |
| COLE, Michael | Arts |
| CONLON, John | Economics |
| CONNOLLY, Sean | Electronic Engineering |
| COOPER, Kieran | Accountancy |
| CRAWFORD, Brian | Engineering |
| CULLEN, Michael | Economics |
| DEVLIN, Paul | Mech. Engineering |
| FAIRLY, Thomas | Computer Science & Business Administration |
| FERRIN, Gerard | Accountancy |
| GRIST, Michael | Enhanced Electronics Engineering |
| HANNAWAY, Brian | Computer Science & Business Administration |
| HAYES, Paul | Economics |
| HURLEY, John | |
| KELLY, Peter | Pharmacy |
| LAVERY, John | Arts |
| LYTTLE, Stephen | Electronic Engineering |
| MAGEE, Paul | Law |
| MAGUIRE, Eugene | Agriculture & Food Science |
| McATEER, Eugene | Economics |
| McBRIEN, David | Electronic Engineering |
| McCLOSKEY, Brian | Medicine |
| McCORMICK, John | Electronic Engineering |
| McCRORY, Brian | |
| McERLANE | |
| McGARRIGLE, Michael | |
| McILVENNY, Martin | Economics |
| McKEE, Martin | Economics |
| McKENNA, Seamus | Computer Science |
| McKERNAN, Michael | Medicine |
| McKIERNAN, Owen | Chemical Engineering |
| McLARNON, Paul | Enhanced Mech. Eng. |
| MOHAN, Martin | Electronic Engineering |
| MORELAND, Paul | Economics |
| MULDOON, Terence | Medicine |
| MULDOON, Stephen | Chemical Engineering |
| MULVENNA, Stephen | Chemical Engineering |
| MURPHY, Mark | Electronic Engineering |
| O'KANE, Paul | Mechanical Engineering |
| REILLY, Michael | Computer Science |
| SHANNON, Paul | Economics |
| SMART, Larry | Chemical Engineering |
| SPENCE, Michael | Economics |
| THORNTON, Damien | Chemical Engineering |
| VERNON, Kevin | Medicine |
| WOODHOUSE, David | Medicine |

### ENTRANTS TO NEW UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

| | |
|---|---|
| BELL, Edward | Economics with Accountancy |
| DOUGAN, John | |
| McCOY, Michael | Arts |
| McSTRAVICK, Paul | Arts |
| ROBERTS, David | Arts |
| TEGGART, Thomas | |

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## ENTRANTS TO READING UNIVERSITY

| | |
|---|---|
| McGIVERN, Paul | Law |

## ENTRANTS TO TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

| | |
|---|---|
| HOWARD, John | Management Science & Engineering |

## ENTRANTS TO U.C.D.

| | |
|---|---|
| BURNS, Damien | Commerce |
| HILLAN, Andrew | Veterinary Science |

## CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

Ciaran Barr and Timothy Bartlett

## ST. JOSEPH'S TRAINING COLLEGE

Lawrence McDonald and Martin Shortt

## ENTRANTS TO POLYTECHNIC

| | |
|---|---|
| BLANEY, Peter | Microelectronics |
| CARSON, John | Social Science |
| CONNELLY, Declan | Sports Studies |
| CREGAN, Ronan | Business Administration |
| FINNEGAN, Paul | Business Administration |
| KEARNEY, Mark | Microelectronics |
| McCAFFREY, Francis | Combined Humanities |
| McCARTHY, Paul | |
| McCARTHY, Timothy | Art |
| McGRADY, Francis | Art |
| McCOMISH, Liam | Art |
| McHUGH, Malachy | Sports Studies |
| MAGEE, Mark | Quantity Surveying |
| MITCHELL, Sean | Art |
| MULANEY, Gerard | Business Administration |
| REILLY, Martin | Microelectronics |
| QUINN, Paul | Engineering |
| WOODS, Fergal | Accountancy |
| FOX, Stephen | Social Work |
| MORGAN, John | Architecture — Leeds Poly. |
| O'KANE, Stephen | Business Administration — Prestion Polytechnic |

The accompanying list shows the continuing massive success of St. Mary's Students at the other end of the third level education process. The numerous higher degrees in a variety of fields, the large number of primary degrees including eleven in Medicine, clearly shows that a firm foundation of education training is being laid down in our school.



# St. Mary's Graduates

The following list of Past Pupils of St. Mary's who have completed degree courses in the Academic Year 1982 — 83.

## GRADUATES FROM QUEEN'S

### HIGHER DEGREES and DIPLOMAS

#### Doctorate

| | |
|---|---|
| DELARGY, Hugh | Ph.D in Pharmacy |
| KEENAN, Francis | Ph.D in Pure & App. Sci |
| MALLON, Adrian | Ph.D in Hist. & Phil. |
| McCULLAGH, Paul | Ph.D in Elect. Eng. |
| McDONNELL, Arthur | Ph.D in Politial Sc. |
| THOMPSON, Francis | Ph.D in Modern History |

#### Master's Degree

| | |
|---|---|
| CUNNINGHAM, Garard | M.Sc. in Science |
| HENNESSEY, Francis | M.A. in Business Admin. |
| McCALL, Timothy | M.A. in Arts |
| MULHOLLAND, Gerard | M.Ed. in Education |
| O'PREY, Timothy | M.Ed. in Education |
| ROONEY, Martin | M.Ed. in Education |
| SMYTH, Anthony | M.Sc. in Engineering |
| VERNON, Edward | M.Sc. in Engineering |

#### Medical Degree

| | |
|---|---|
| CURRAN | John |
| DONAGHY | Joseph |
| DOWNEY | Brendan |
| DUGGAN | Joseph |
| FOSTER | Thomas |
| FRANCIS | Ernest |
| HANNA | Robert |
| McMAHON | Charles |
| MEEHAN | Gerard |
| SALTERS | Mark |

### POST GRADUATE DIPLOMAS and AWARDS

| | |
|---|---|
| ARMSTRONG, Hugh | Dip. in Accountancy |
| BRESLIN, John | Cert. in Legal Studies |
| CASSIDY, Peter | Grad. Cert. in Education |
| DEVENNY, Gerard | Dip. in Adv. St. of Education |
| GOUGH, Aidan | Dip in Bus. Admin |
| HILL, Declan | Dip. in Adv. Archit. Stud. |
| McALLISTER, Peter | Dip. in Adv. St. of Education |
| McCRORY, Sean | Dip. in Accountancy |
| McDONALD, Brian | Dip. in Bus. Admin. |
| O'DOWDA, Francis | Dip. in Adv. St. of Education |
| O'HAGAN, James | Dip. in Adv. St. of Education |
| ROBERTS, Francis | Cert. of Pro. Legal St. |
| HENNESSY, Joseph | Dip. in Adv. St. of Education |
| KELLY, Vincent | Grad. Cert. in Education |
| LALLY, James | Dip. in Adv. St. of Education |
| MAGUIRE, Robert | Dip. in Adv. St. of Education |



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## DEGREE IN ARTS -B.A.

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BRADY, John
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CROZIER, Michael
(Joint Hons)
DOWNEY, Stephen (Hons)
FARRELL, Francis
FAY, Stephen
FEGAN, Michael (Hons)
GILMORE, Peter
KANE, Colm (Hons)
McKEEVER, John (Hons)
MORRISON, Robert (Hons)
KEARNEY, James
LENAGHAN, Mark
McALEENAN, James
McKEEVER, John (Hons)
MORRIS, Michael
MORRISON, Robert (Hons)
PALMER, Maurice (Hons)
SMALL, Bernard

## DEGREE IN SCIENCE — B.Sc.

| | |
|---|---|
| BROPHY, Peter | Computer Science |
| CROZIER, Francis | Geology |
| McERLEAN, William | Computer Science |
| WINTER, Paul | Bio-Chemistry |
| WRIGHT, Paul | |

## DEGREE IN ENGINEERING — B.Sc.

| | |
|---|---|
| BRANKIN, Stephen | Elect. Engineering |
| DALTON, Kieran | Elect. Engineering |
| GLYNN, Daniel | Civil Engineering |
| GOURLEY, Edward | Elect. Engineering |
| McCANN, Stephen | Architecture |
| McCORMICK, Michael | Elect. Engineering |
| MORRISON, Paul | Elect. Engineering |
| VERNER, William | Elect. Engineering |

## DEGREE IN AGRICULTURE & FOOD SCIENCE — B.Agr.

Sean McIntyre

## DEGREE IN EDUCATION B.Ed.

CAMPBELL, Henry
LISMORE, Thomas
LOWRY, John
MASON, Brendan
OSBORNE, Martin
RICE, John

## DEGREE IN ECONOMICS & SOCIAL SCIENCE — B.Sc. (ECON)

KELLY, Martin
KELLY, Stephen
McCANN, Paul
McCANN, Martin
McGIVERN, Arthur

# NEW UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER GRADUATES

## DEGREE IN ECONOMICS & SOCIAL SCIENCE

HAMILL, F. P.
HICKLAND, E. A.
McCRORY, Gerard
KEGNEY, Aidan
MURPHY, Michael

# POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES

| | |
|---|---|
| BOYLAN, Eamonn | B.Sc. Combined Science |
| BRYNE, John | B.A. Fine Arts |
| DUGGAN, Francis | B.A. Social Work |
| MALLON, Philip | B.A. Combined Human. |
| MARLON, Daniel | B.Sc. Combined Science |
| McGONAGLE, Francis | B.Sc. Computer Studies |
| MEE, Ciaran | B.A. Combined Human. |
| MURRAY, Gabriel | B.A. 3—D Design |
| NOTMAN, Thomas | B.A. Graphic Design |
| O'HARE, Patrick | B.A. Combined Human. |
| O'KANE, Martin | Youth & Comm. |
| PERRY, Alex | B.A. Sports Studies |
| SHEARER, Padraig | B.A. Sports Studies |

**The group facing the most severe problems are those who do not do well in exams at both 'O' and 'A' Level. The unemployment situation in West Belfast in particular and Northern Ireland as a whole is such that for these boys there are only three alternatives; either continue education elsewhere; or sign on the dole or take a place at a training scheme. While some of these schemes are fairly good, some are not and for most they merely delay the onset of unemployment. Each boy in fourth and fith year should be encouranged and motivated, to work as hard as possible so that he can achieve good 'A' Levels and thus enter third level education to provide the basis for a good career**

**Lastly it is worth noting the following advice:**

*1. It is becoming harder to enter top courses in third level education. Anything less than total effort and commitment will lead to rejection and disappointment.*

*2. 'A' Levels entail a two year course. Far too many do little or nothing in sixth year and try to make up the lost ground in seventh year. This is seldom practical and never easy.*

*3. With cuts and increased applicants causing severe pressure on local colleges like Q.U.B. and the Ulster Poly, students must become more flexible in their applications. They must consider study at other institutions in other parts of the U.K. and Eire in spite of their own reservations.*

**We wish all our students success in their endeavours no matter where they are.**

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# PRIZE GIVING DAY 1983

St. Mary's held its first ever Prize Giving Day last February and the efforts of all those responsible for its organisation were rewarded by its outstanding success. The Assembly Hall, beautifully decorated for the occasion by the Art Department, was filled to capacity by parents, students and teachers. The guest speaker and presenter of prizes to the successful students was Prof. Peter Froggatt, Vice-Chanellor of Queen's University.

In opening the proceedings, Rev. Bro. Kelly, the headmaster welcomed those parents and paid a special compliment to his predecessor Rev. Bro. Ennis under whose "reign" the successful students were guided towards, or perhaps in some instances cajoled into, achieving academic rewards commensurate with their undoubted ability.

Bro. Kelly then proceeded to outline the criteria upon which St. Mary's operates. "Firstly we hope to provide an atmosphere in which each student is encouraged to gain a personal relationship with his God through a personal commitment to Christ who is the essential part of his life. Secondly in the realm of personal development we hope that the school will foster a deep seated belief in each individual of his own worth, his own potential and his own personal responsibilities to grow and mature into an honest and loyal citizen marked by integrity and dignity. The final two aims have to do with academic achievement and community awareness. For the former we hope the students through a wide range of curriculum experience will have the maximum achievement opportunities and for the latter we hope that the school will foster in each student an awareness in justice and Christian charity, for his fellow human beings".

Bro. Kelly went on to praise the teaching staff claiming that he doubted if any other school in Northern Ireland could boast as highly qualified or as dedicated tutors as those in St. Mary's. He paid special tribute to Fr. John Murray school chaplain, for the excellent work he had done.

In his address, which was punctuated with witticisms, Prof. Froggatt referred to the tremendous investment put into education by the individual and the state in the form of purpose-built schools. As he pointed out 'never before in history has there been so much money invested by one generation in the welfare of the next." He declared that such investment was necessary and proper if today's society was to fulfill its duty. However, Prof. Froggatt went on to add that this investment placed a great responsibility on the student population "to make it abundantly clear to everyone by their efforts that the money was well spent."

Prof. Froggatt concluded his remarks by warning students against abandoning third level education for the sake of procuring early and 'safe' employment. "It is your duty", he told his student audience, "to yourself, to your parents, and to society to do the very best you can."

The highest accolade of the evening, the Edmund Rice Gold Medal presented by the C.B.P.P.U. went to Stephen Walsh who had won a Royal Open Scholarship to Imperial College London and who had also been awarded a valuable industrial scholarship by I.C.I. In addition he had gained first place in Northern Ireland in 'A' Level Further Mathematics and Physics.

The Brother McGreevy Memorial Trophy and C.B.P.P.U. Medal was presented to Patrick McGowan who achieved nine A grades in his 'O' Levels.

The Joe Devlin Award was presented to Ciaran Rogan winner of the Belfast Schools Cross Country Championships and a member of the debating team which won the Ulster Final of the Bank of Ireland sponsored All-Ireland Schools Debating Competition.

Other special awards were made as follows.

## *Ordinary Level*

The Bro. Ennis Medal for Mathematics
**Garry Monaghan**

The Joe Devlin Award for T.D. & G.C.
**Stephen Lyttle**

The Joe Devlin Award for Irish
**Ciaran Rogan**

The W. M. McEvoy Trophy and Medal for Engish
**Donal McCaffrey**

N.I. Computer Centre Ltd. Medal for Computer Studies
**Niall Rea**

## *Advanced Level*

The following students received medals for being the best 'A' Level student in the following subjects

English **Gerard O'Hare**
Science **Eugene McKenna**
Humanities **Niall Lynch**

## *Sportsman of the Year*

The Gerry Magennis Trophy and Medals, presented by the C.B.P.P.U. were awarded to **Malachy McHugh** and **Eugene McKenna.**

## *Debater of the Year*

The Bro. Ennis Shield and Medal was awarded to **Owen Muldoon.**

## *Best Chess Player of the Year*

This medal is presented by the school and was awarded to **Damian Artt.**

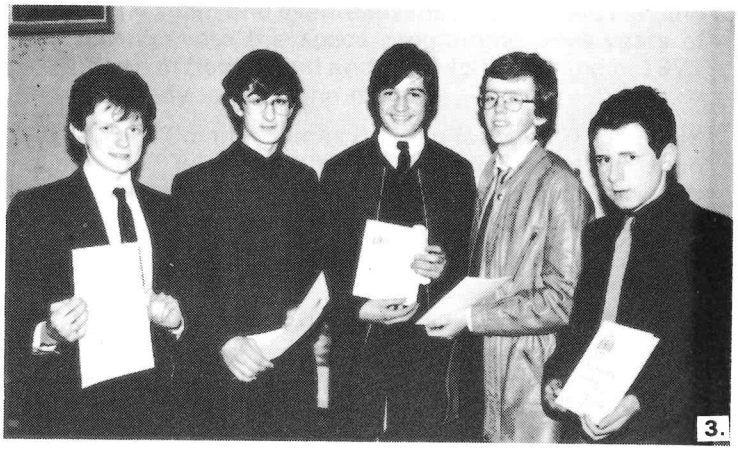
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On behalf of the students Stephen Walsh presented Mrs. Froggatt with a bouquet of flowers and in a short address expressed gratitude to all those particularly the teaching staff who had been in any way responsible for his and his colleagues success.


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# FOOTPRINTS ON THE MOON

*by Rev. C. I. Gallagher (Vice Principal)*

"I felt very special when I looked down at my footprints on the moon. Scientists said that they would be there for a million years . . . I felt strangely at home on the moon . . . The days I spent on the moon were very exciting, not because I was there but because God was there. I could feel His presence."

These are the words of United States Astronaut Colonel James B. Irwin who visited St. Mary's on 22nd March 1983. During his visit he addressed some of the senior students and gave a most interesting account of his life and beliefs.

In 1961 after graduating from Test-Pilot School he was considered one of the 'hottest in the sky'. Then disaster struck. One morning as he was flying in a light aircraft with a student, they crashed! The plane did not burn but both fliers were seriously injured, broken legs, broken jaw, lost teeth, concussion and multiple lacerations. When Jim awakened in hospital he was told by doctors that he would never fly again. Imagine his despair - why did God allow this to happen?

As he lay in hospital he prayed much for understanding and healng. His prayer was answered - and he could fly again and eventually his love of going fast and high led him into the space programme. Five years of preparation of body, mind and spirit followed and in 1971 Jim was ready to go to the moon.

In 1972 Colonel James B. Irwin founded "High Flight Foundation" which is an interdenominational Christian Foundation whose aim is to share the Good News that "God walking on the earth is more important than man walking on the Moon."

*Colonel Irwin pictured with Brother Kelly and Brother Gallagher.*

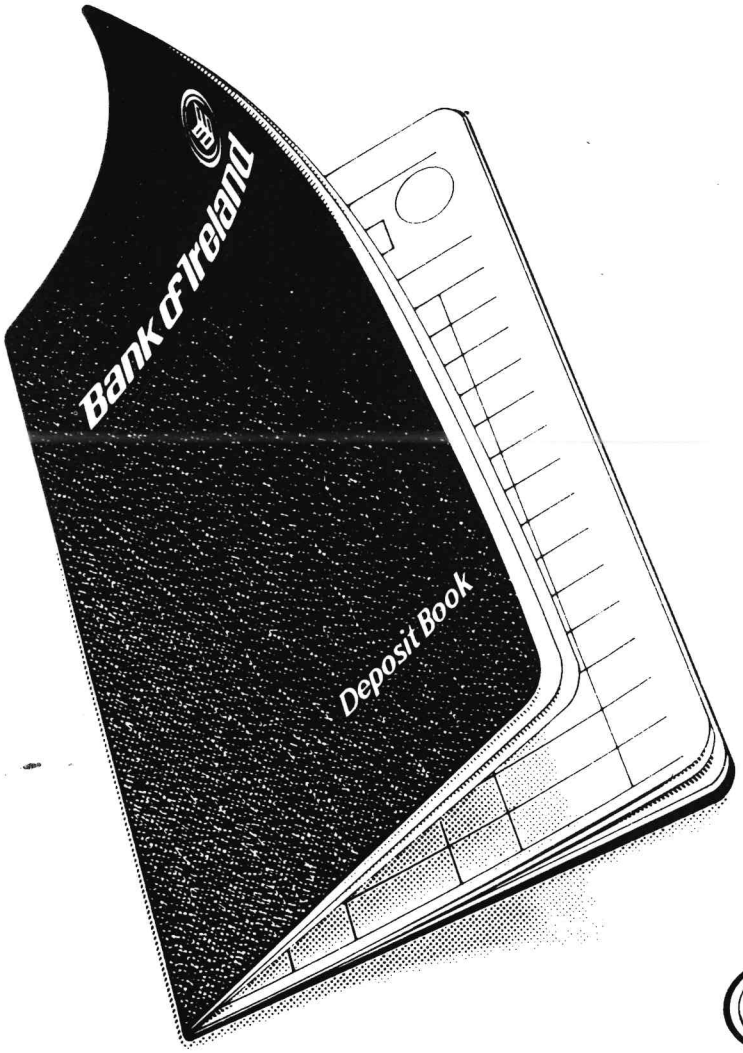



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# TOWARDS 1984

News, 29 September, 1983: Glenco Minico held its first board meeting. The 20 worker-directors involved have raised £52 capital through investment. A cheque for £50 is expected next week. The company is working towards progress and the future looks exciting

"Hold on a minute," I hear you say. "What is Glenco Minico?" Well, LEDU have chosen thirty schools in Northern Ireland to participate in this scheme which consists of a group of sixth years getting together, raising capital and providing a service or making a product. LEDU supplies know-how in the forms of an adviser (in our case Mr. David Eyon) and literature — i.e., manuals with advice, etc. Irish Life Assurance provide up to £50 in capital, and we can raise as much money as we like through outside investment.

"But," you might ask, "why bother?" LEDU wants to give us business experience. Our in-house adviser, Mr. H. McBarron, sees it as a way to learn about life. But probably the reason why most people are involved is to have fun, and the "action learning" involved is more impressive than reading a book on electricity.

So we are a "real" firm, with "real" obligations such as wages and rent. However, if someone was looking for a part-time job they should forget it. Wages will be in the region of 10p a week. Drinking a fortnight's pay will mean buying a tin of Coke from Dunnes. However, if we are successful, and even if we are not, the process will have been very rewarding.

"O.K.!" I hear you muttering, "what are you doing?" This is difficult to answer since when I am writing, we are on the verge of making tee-shirts, whereas when "The Simmarian" is published we could be converting Airfield House into a luxury hotel (converting?). Whatever we do it is unlikely that our host of advisers will let us do much wrong. Mr. Whitehead's artistic ability will lighten the considerable load on the production manager's (Sean Dynan's) shoulders. Brother Gallagher's business acumen will benefit the whole venture, while Mr. Dynan will be advising on computing matters (Edward Conlon, finance manager, intends to keep accounts on computer), and, of course, Mr. McBarron will advise, though he wants to let us run the company.

Such a step will mean that Malachy Kearney (managing director) will lead from the front, and it will take some leading.

As I write, we are about to embark on a large market research programme co-ordinated by Philip Cassidy and Philip Clarke. Personnel manager Ciaran O'Hare will delegate duties, although all major personnel (also including Conlon's deputy Colm Tracey and book-keeper Pat Brannigan, were elected by the workers. The work-force will also elect a shop steward, who will hopefully not be a "red mole" who will lead the company out on strike . . .

However, such a happening is unlikely. Since everyone is a shareholder everyone wants to work for the company. So it's not surprising that the future looks exciting. This mini-co would like to emulate the achievements of "real" business who satisfy share-holders, staff and, most importantly, the buyers. This is a goal to work towards.

News, February, 1984: Glenco Minico a success . . .

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*Back Row S. Dynan, P. Cassidy, C. Tracey, A. Taylor, M. Donnelly, M. Campbell.*



# John Tyndall, the Scientist from County Carlow

*by Mr. D. Diamond (Science Department)*

John Tyndall was born in Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow in 1820. He was typical of many Victorian scientists, working in fields as diverse as Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Bacteriology and Mathematics. He was one of the most respected scientists of the time, a colleague of men like Faraday, Pauli and Volhard.

After leaving school at 19, he joined the Irish Ordinace Survey which was then undertaking the first systematic mapping of Ireland. After several years, he transferred to Preston. After leaving to become an Engineer on the expanding Railway System he became unemployed and eventually had to become a teacher of mathematics (poor man!).

He continued his studies part-time however and in 1849, he was accepted by Marburg University in Germany to research for a PhD under the famous R. W. Bunsen. His papers soon raised great interest and he was invited to lecture at the Royal Institute in London. His early work was on Dia-magnetism, and the effect of pressure on crystals. This led to a great interest in Geology and mountaineering, a field in which he also became famous. Among his exploits were the first ascent of the Weisshorn (1861) and soon after, the first solitary ascent of Monte Rosa. He was also one of the first to climb the legendary Matterhorn.

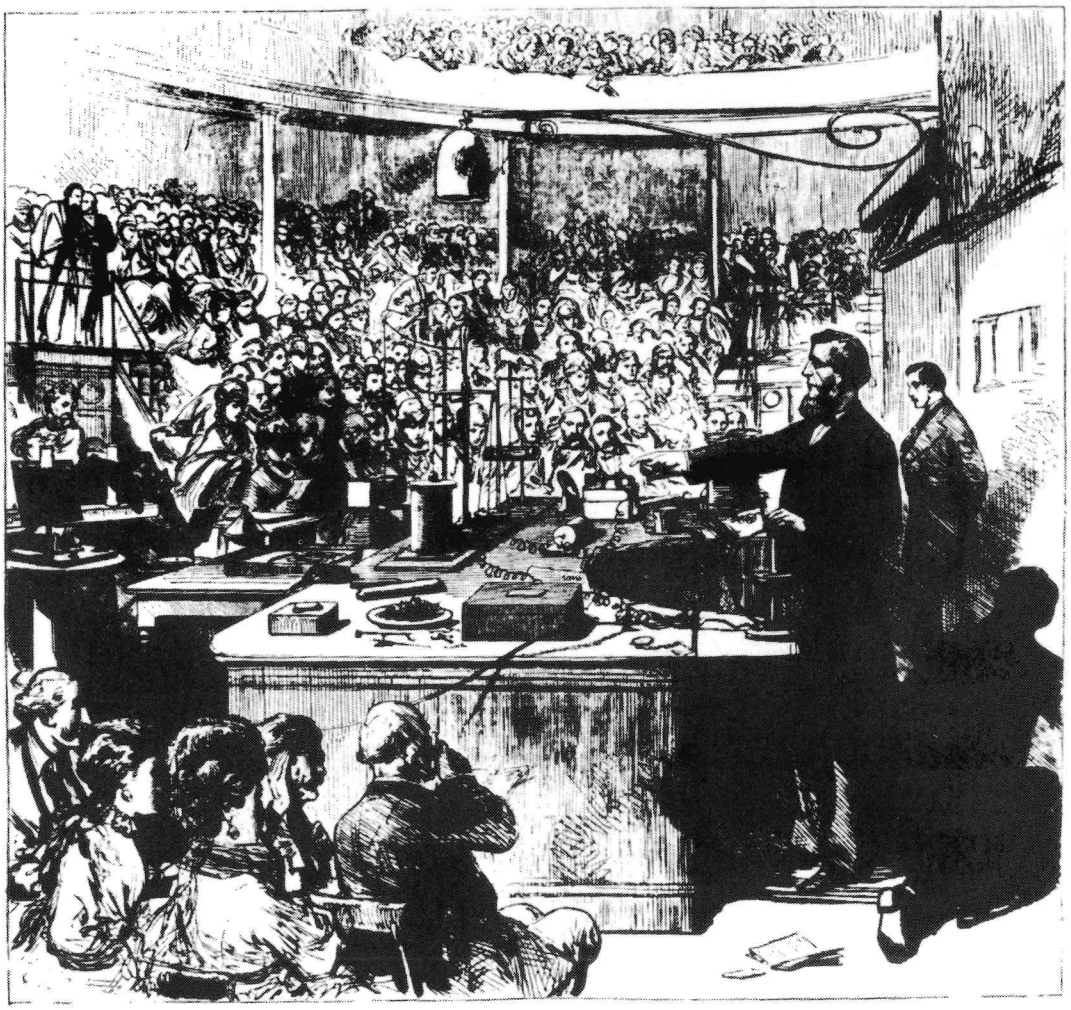
In science, he is probably best remembered for his work on gases. He developed methods for measuring the absorbtion and Transmission of heat by gases, which became the foundation of modern Infra-Red Spectroscophy. He investigated the interaction of light on large molecules and dust particles, in particular the way in which a beam of light becomes clearly visible in a medium containing small suspended particles. This is still referred to as the TYNDALL EFFECT in modern textbooks. He was the first man to interpret the red colour of the sky at dawn/dusk in terms of the scatrtering of sunlight by dust.

By the 1880's he had turned to Bacteriology, and developed an efficient method of food sterilization. The food was partially heated, then allowed to cool. Any bacteria surviving would then bud, and by a second period of heating could be destroyed. For this work he was awarded an MD from the university of Tubingen.

He succeeded Farraday as Scientific advisor to Trinity House. He resigned this very lucrative post in 1883 after a public row with Chamberlain over the governments treatment of another Irishman, John Wigham from Dublin. Wigham had invented a gas illumination system to be used in lighthouses which was the forerunner of the modern system.

Among Tyndall's inventions were a respirator for firemen and a "light-pipe" which eventually developed into the modern GASTROSCOPE and the science of fibre optics.

His greatest fame was undoubtedly as a lecturer and author. His lectures were always carefully rehearsed and slanted so as to remove the mystery and popularise science. In the publishing field he did the same, contributing 35 books and 169 papers to scientific literature and helping to inaugurate the journal "Nature" (1869). His books were among the scientific best sellers of the time. One of the most popular was "Fragments of Science" (1879) the American edition of which was sold out on the day of publication. Despite his former fame,



*Professor Tyndall lecturing at the Royal Institution, from the Illustrated News, Saturday May 14th, 1970. By Courtesy of Queen University Science Library.*

John Tyndall remains largely unknown in his own country, the only recognition being a lane bearing his name in Arklow. However, his name is honoured in several other countries. These are:

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| Tyndall | South Dakota |
| Tyndall | Manitoba |
| Mt. Tyndall | California |
| Mt. Tyndall | New Zealand |
| Pic. Tyndall | Matterhorn |
| Tyndall Glacier | Alaska |
| Tyndall Cove | Alaska |
| Tyndall Park | Hindhead, England |

Some steps have been taken to remedy this situation including the publication of a book on his life bearing a foreword by E.T.S. Walton, the 1951 Nobel Prize Winner for Physics, the setting up of a permanent Tyndall exhibition in Carlow Regional Technical College, and the inauguration of a "Tyndall Lecture Series" for school children at the R.D.S. in Dublin.

Eminent Irish Scientists are not very common, those we have deserved to be properly commemorated at least in their own country.

(A temporary exhibition is on display at the Science Library, Q.U.B., Stranmillis Road).

# CURFEW AT DAWN

***For the first time this year St. Mary's are putting forward an entry in the T.S.B. Rock school competition. Representing the school are local band 'Curfew at Dawn' who are Matt Salters (guitar/vocals), Aidan Ferguson (keyboards), Sean Foy (Drums) and David McDowell (Bass) who is temporarily replacing Brendan Ferran who isn't eligible to enter the competition.***

***Having done several successful local performances during the summer, the band is now in the process of writing some new material. As soon as they have prepared their new set of songs they hope to have several gigs coming up at Christmas. Around this time they are also going into a recording studio to make a demo tape for the T.S.B. competition. The band aim to get through the first round and play in the McMordie Hall (Q.U.B.). We wish the band good luck with their entry and hope they get the support they need in the future.***

**Billy McLarnon 6SB**

# THE TWELFTH DAY OF JULY

"The Twelfth Day of July" was our first class novel of the new school year. It was written by Joan Lingard who is a children's novelist. She has also written four other books, this one is the first of the series.

The story is centred on a group of children who live on opposite sides of the sectarian divide in Belfast. The main characters were, on the Catholic side, Kevin and Brede- and Tommy and Sadies on the Protestant side. It is set in the days coming up to the Twelfth of July. The Protestants were busy decorating their streets for the 'Twelfth'. They painted walls with pictures of King Billy, painted red, white and blue stripes on lamposts and kerbs, hung pictures of the Queen and draped red, white and blue bunting from both sides of the street. Each house had it's own Union Jack hung over the door.

The Catholics on the other hand continued life as normal. All that is except one group. This group was planning to go into the Protestant area. They intended painting over a wall mural and to do this two boys were picked. The two boys, Kevin and his friend Brian managed to cover the mural with their own paint but were almost caught when a protestant girl Sadie, caught up with Kevin and forced him down onto the ground. She couldn't hold him and he got up and ran back to the Catholic area and safety.

This started the trouble. The Protestant children retailiated and the feud steadily worsened. There were fights and a fire; Kevin got into Sadie's burnt-out kitchen and frightened her mother out of her wits. Sadie, the Protestant girl was caught on Catholic territory and held for some time by the Catholics.

During all this trouble Kevin and Sadie are getting to know each other better all the time. In the course of the last fight Kevin's sister a girl called Brede was badly hurt and had to be taken to hospital. Because Sadie and her brother Tommy like Brede a lot, they were very upset when this happens. Because of this incident the two enemies became friends and they visit the hospital together. The two Protestant children were to have marched on The Twelfth parade but did not do so because they wanted to visit Brede in hospital.

The three children, Kevin, Sadie and Tommy decided to become friends and they went to Bangor for the day and sat on the sea wall until evening, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

I would recommend this book to other pupils because it was topical and exciting. The unimportant as well as the important characters are described in great detail, and I think it was very interesting. My favourite character in this book was Sadie the Protestant girl because she was a tom-boy, a wildcat and she was the most daring of them all. She was not afraid to defend her beliefs and though this character the author demonstrates that the virtues of common sense and forgiveness belonged to both sides and not just one.

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# *Hidden Talents In Barrack Street School*

On the pages of our school magazine we can read year after year of the achievements of many of our students in sports and other fields normally associated with St. Mary's. However, this year several of our boys from Barrack Street achieved distinctions in areas far removed from the 'norm'.

On the 15th March 1983 the Grosvenor Centre was packed with spectators eagerly awaiting one of the big events in the Ulster Boxing Calendar - the County Antrim Juvenile Boxing Finals. Among the contenders were three doughty pugilists from Barrack Street with a combination of speed, skill and sheer guts, all three lads won their bouts:-

Terry Park (51 kilos)
Pat McCafferty (39 kilos)
Paul Ireland (30 kilos)

This in itself was a noteworthy accomplishment but our three crusaders were not finished yet. On 8th April, the National Stadium in Dublin saw the All Ireland Juvenile Boxing Finals. Our lads again distinguished themselves. Pat McCafferty and Paul Ireland finished as finalists and the redoubtable Terry Park carried off the title in his division. So three boys from Barrack Street gained a first for the school magazine. I believe they are the first boxers ever to grace these pages. Antrim Juvenile Champions and All-Ireland Champion. Heartiest congratulations to these boys. Well done and good luck in the future!

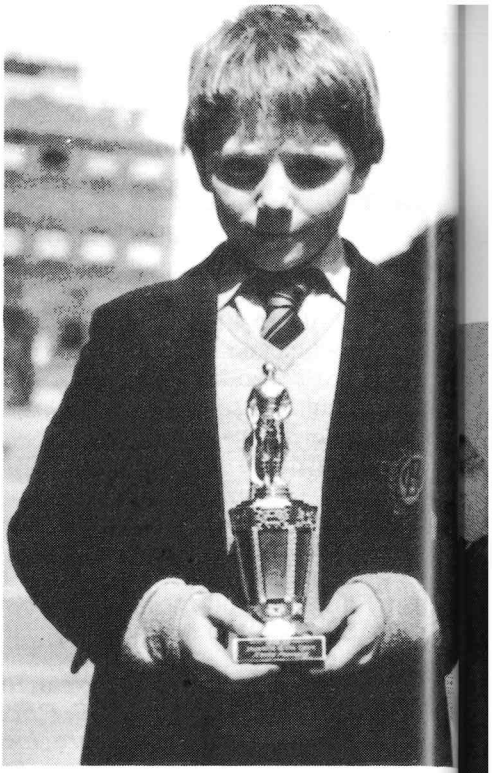
And now for something totally different. The venue changes from the boxing arena and Fist-Fever to the Dance Floor and Saturday Night Fever. For earlier this year, one of our pupils from Barrack Street knocked 'em dead with a display of physical gyrations and pulsating rhythms. Young Galvin Conlon "swept the floor" and became the All-Ireland Junior Disco Champion at the finals of the contest which were held in the Park Avenue Hotel. Later in the year while on a school trip to Spain, Gavin captured the entire audience in a ballroom on board ship when he gave an exhibition of his dancing skills (this information via Mr. E. McCann). Great stuff Gavin! Maybe the whole school can be treated to this sort of exhibition at a future date. Congratulations to this talented high-kicker who has achieved another "first" for the school magazine.

For the rest of our congratulations I must return to activities which are more recognisible within our walls but which are none the less worthy of acknowledgement:-

Paul Kerr won the Barrack Street Junior Division I Chess Trophy. Well done, "mate"! Keep 'em in check!

And finally, Kevin Fanning who plays for St. Gall's G.A.C. was awarded the accolade "Footballer and Hurler of the Year, 1983". Although Kevin is physically small, remember that the "best goods come in **small** packages!!" Well done to Kevin! Quite a year for the lads from Barrack Street. They all deserve our sincere congratulations and best regards for future awards. I'm sure there were quite a few more pupils who had achieved distinction in various fields - but they didn't come forward. So, the word is, if you have achieved anything in the sports arena or any other arena during the year, let us know!! You may be a "First" for the school magazine!

**By Rory O'Prey (German Department)**

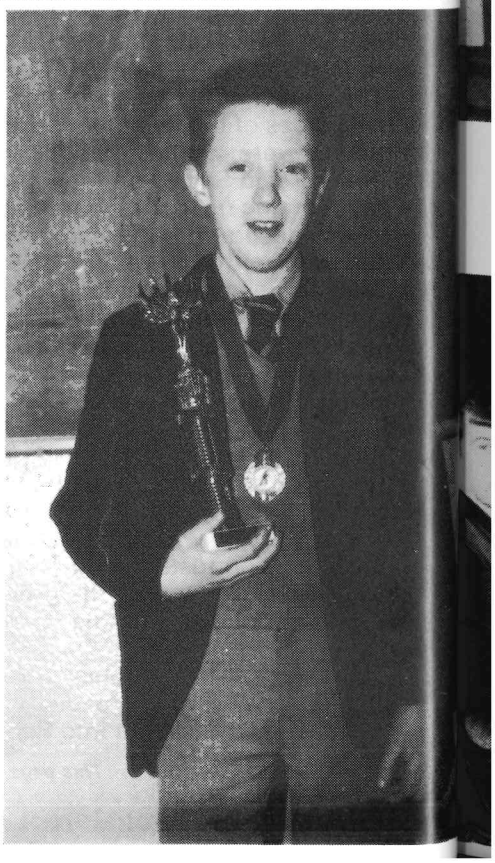


*Juvenile Footballer and Hurler of the Year 1982/83, Kevin Fanning, Barrack Street, School.*



*ABOVE - March 1983 Co. Antrim Juvenile Boxing Finals Winners: P. McCafferty (39 Kilos); T. Park (51 (Kilos); P. Ireland (30 Kilos)*

*April 1983: All-Ireland Juvenile Boxing Finals: Finalists; P. McCafferty (39k); P. Ireland (30k); Winner; T. Park (51k).*



*All-Ireland Junior Disco Dancing Champion 1983, Gavin Conlon, Barrack Street, School.*



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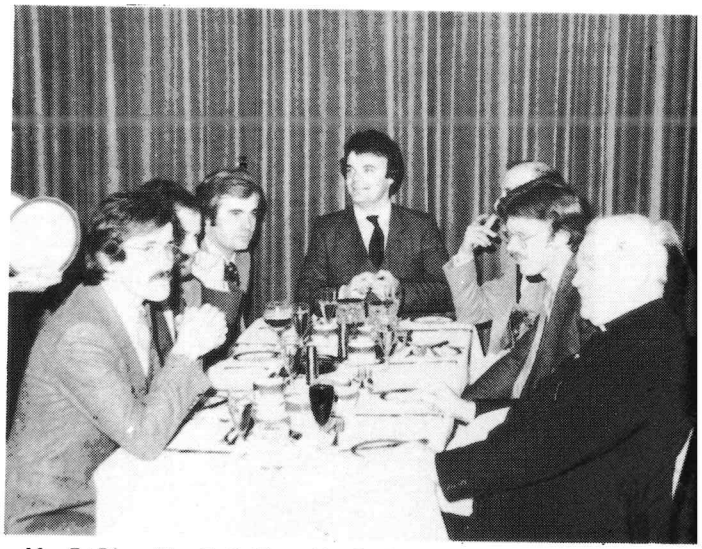
# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & MR. CASHELL'S RETIREMENT



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Mr. Cashell entertaining his audience.

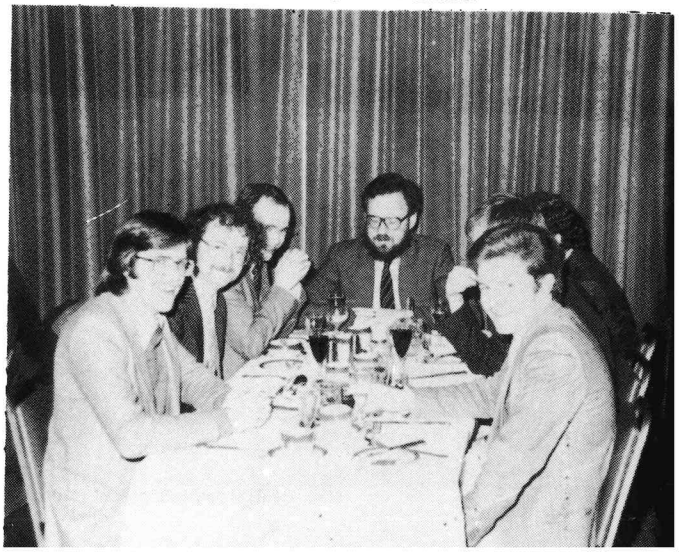


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Mr. McGrath, Mr. H. McBarron, Mr. T. Hegarty, Mr. D. Tohill (middle), Mr. J. Sheerin, Mr. K. Burke.



# *LOURDES TRIP, 1983*

As parents and pupils will no doubt already be aware, St. Mary's organises a sponsored cycle relay ride to Lourdes each Easter, in aid of the Irish Handicapped dren's Pilgrimage Trust. This is a brief and, hopefully, informative account of this year's cycle.

As usual, Brother Gallagher lost no time in getting Lourdes Trip '83 off the ground, with a plethora of meetings, forms and posters. The "lucky" 16 were finally chosen from a large number of candidates, and individuials began in earnest to search for sponsorship. Indeed, teachers, families, friends and even complete strangers had their step dogged for weeks, until each cyclist had raised the minimum sum necessary to make the trip viable. Meanwhile, of course, work was proceeding at a swift pace to raise the large amounts of money needed to send the handicapped children themselves to Lourdes. Among the schemes in use here in the school were the now annual bazaar — which raised over £2,000 in a matter of hours—and an oversubscribed disco, which raised a further £300.

Collecting funds, however, is not the only job of a Lourdes cyclist, or of his back-up team. Many other, less obvious, tasks were essential to the success of the trip, among them the preparation of the minibuses. To this end, great thanks is due to Billy Adams, who laboured tirelessly to ensure the buses were ready on time. Also to be thanked are the office staff, for various help provided throughout the organisation of the trip. There are, of course, many others to whom, for the sake of brevity, I extend a multiple "Thank You". Now to the trip proper.

**Wednesday, 30th March**

Niall Rea set off first, from the school, at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th March. The weather was not good, a fact which greatly influenced the trip, and which will not, I'm sure, be quickly forgotten by any of those involved. By evening we had reached Emmaus, the Christian Brothers' retreat house, outside Swords. After a rare few restful hours in Dublin, and a good night's sleep, we set off again early next morning. By lunch, we had reached Wexford, where there was an official reception to speed us on our way. Mid-afternoon saw our arrival in Rosslare, to be followed by one of the worst parts of the whole trip — a seemingly interminable three-hour wait before boarding the ferry. The crossing, 22 hours in all' was uneventful, save for the strange sensation we felt when walking on dry land again.

**Good Friday, 1st April**

The cycling was now only really beginning, and took most of Friday. Our first overnight stop was in Alencon, where we had dinner in a traditional French creperie. The verdicts ranged from "very tasty" to "yuk", a comment, perhaps, on the peculiarities of French cuisine. We had an early start next morning (Holy Saturday) and again cycled until the light faded towards evening. Our stop-over was just outside Chateauroux, about half-way to our destination. After an intriguing blend of chicken, chips and various salads, we partook of another French custom - that of going to Mass on Holy Saturday evening, instead of midnight Mass or morning Mass. The church was old,



dilapidated and half empty, so we formed quite a sizable proportion of the congregation. After Mass, since there was a kind of amusement arcade nearby, we went to see it, but the disco was 35F — about £3.50 — so, as you can imagine, we didn't spent very long there.

**Easter Sunday, 3rd April**

Easter Sunday, like all the cycling days before it, proved to be wet, windy and miserable — but there was more in store . . . As I said, the morning started off with drizzle, which did not concern us unduly. Within half an hour, however, that drizzle had changed to heavy rain, which was gradually changing again, into sleet, and finally, snow! Indeed, conditions became so bad that we considered calling it a day. We continued, through, and completed the day's course as planned.

Our last night before Lourdes was spent in Bergerac, in an hotel which had no heaters with which to dry our soaking clothes — but that seemed a minor discomfort because at least it wasn't snowing in Bergerac. Our dinner,however, became a major complaint. We were served a sort of Frence version of sausages, bacon and cabbage — of which the common opinion was that it was revolting! Some of us were hungry enough to spend whatever few Francs we had on more food.

**Easter Monday, 4th April**

The next morning was the beginning of our last day's cycling — "Alleluia". There was nothing very spectacular to report; the rain followed us as usual. Then,, as we neared Lourdes, and Brother Gallagher took his one stint at cycling, disaster struck . . . A pedal and crank fell off one bicycle and, with the other bicycles already in a pretty poor condition, our planned triumphal ride into Lourdes was abandoned. So, instead, we all split up, in twos, to join our respective groups.

The time spent in Lourdes itself had less, obviously, to do with the cycle, so I shall not dwell too long upon it. Suffice to say that we spent the best part of a week being frozen in ice-cold baths, pushing and carrying children up and down hills and stairs; spending a day 10,000 ft up in the Pyrenees, and otherwise being thoroughly exhausted. Of course, we all have our own special memories — mine are of huge torchlight processiona, smiling children, and actually seeing Brother laugh — now that is something you have to go all the way to Lourdes to see! All of these activities, I note wryly, were conducted in glorious sunshine, a far cry from our cycling conditions.

The journey home started on Saturday, 9th April and was pleasant, if something of an anticlimax. We did have one interesting experience — our boat journey was the worst that the captain could remember, and the less said about sick stomachs the better. Finally, we arrived home in the early hours of Tuesday, 12th April, worn out, exhausted, but feeling we had done something worth while.

As a pilgrimage, I must, in all honesty, say that the trip did not affect me very much. This is, I think, because Lourdes is more than, dare I say it, a religious experience. Instead it is a very human experience — witness our memories of the people rather than the ceremonies, but it was supremely rewarding and unforgettable nonetheless.

This may not sound like the ideal advertisement for volunteers, nor is it supposed to be. To those considering the trip, however, I would say this: You must be prepared to deal with anything from sub-zero temperatures to hot sunshine, from grazed knees to broken bicycles; and, above all, you must be able to see the funny side of even the worst situation. If you think you can do all these, go on. I promise you that you will enjoy it — even if you have our awful weather!

**Patrick McGowan**

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# *A BELFAST STREET SCENE*

The concrete walls of Divis Flats rose to meet the darkening sky as the black clouds observed the dull eye of the sun. I stopped and watched the crowd gathering under the brightly lit street-lamp. The arrows of light from the bulb lanced sharply into the falling darkness. A dampening drizzle of rain began falling, wetting the crowd under the light. Broken bottles glinted underfoot, and the area was littered with Harp cans and Strongbow bottles. Spray-painted walls screamed their messages of hate and frustration at the world.

Damp washing fluttered gaily in the wind, hanging out of grimy windows. I heard a mother's raised voice and a child crying. Then a vicious slap and silence. A woman with a cigarette dangling from the corner of her mouth threw a basin of dirty dish-water out the window, soaking "I.R.A.: REM 1916" on the wall opposite. Thin mongrels sniffed hungrily at whatever they could find, snarling angrily at passers-by, a red and white Citybus passed packed with bored students and workmen hungry for a comfortable chair and fire.

I walked towards the crowd, curious to see what had happened. I pushed my way through gossiping mothers and solemn-faced men to reach the front of the crowd. A young soldier lay before me, spread-eagled on the wet ground, a small red hole in his chest staining his camouflaged jacket. He could not have been more than twenty-five and yet here he lay, killed by somebody he didn't know and would probably have said hello to in the street. His hair was cut short and his eyes were still open, the eyes of one who spends his time living in fear. His green and brown mottled chest did not move, frozen from the moment the bullet had entered it. Women and workmen stood round in small groups muttering among themselves. A group of skinheads laughed evilly, the ground around them littered with cigarette ends and spittle. The soldier's companions stood by nervously, their eyes never leaving the surrounding rooftops. They were clearly scared and unnerved. Would another one of them be next?

I had no love for the army and yet I felt sorry for the soldier before me. I wondered what his mother looked like. He had started his early days on his mother's safe and protecting knee, and now he had ended his life lying in a gutter on a Belfast street corner hundreds of miles from home. He looked so pathetic. I turned away, trying to put the scene out of my mind, "a British Army soldier was killed today by a sniper in Divis Flats; we regret to have to inform you that your son was killed in action while serving in the 3rd Battalion based in Belfast."

To them he was just another statistic, a death the I.R.A. would celebrate with knowing smiles as they watched the news that night. A young man lying under a street-lamp surrounded by uncaring Irishmen while his killer went home to tea.

**by Steve Tumelty 5F**

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# KARL MARX

The ideas of few people are destined to grip the minds of the peoples for generations to come. The ideas of Karl Marx had this ability. Although the man died — as he had lived — in poverty, the ideas he set on paper fired the imagination of millions, altered the course of history, and are still making themselves felt today. Marxism has become the accepted creed or religion for countless millions of mankind and the "Communist Manifesto" must be counted as a holy book, in the same class as the Bible or the Koran.

In essence, Marx believed that the broad shape of historical events is determined by the economic structure of a society, which itself evolves by a process of tension between conflicting classes until history itself comes to rest, after the victory of the proletariat and the withering away of the exploitive capitalist state in the peaceful haven of the classless, stateless, communist society. According to Marx, society had always been stratified - people had always been graded according to social rank. But, he said, capitalism was simplifying the class antagonisms; "society as a whole is more and more splitting up into two great hostile camps, into two great classes directly facing each other — Bourgeoisie and Proletariat." He saw the Bourgeoisie as the product of a long course of development of a series of revolutions in the modes of production and of exchange. The "Industrial Revolution" had great significance in this development, since the Bourgeoisie owned the methods of production they could exploit those who worked for them in order to make greater profits. But, Marx said, this was not enough. The Bourgeoisie were not content to establish their domination in a single country and they introduced "Free Trade" throughout the world. They civilised nations by introducing their methods of production and made each nation dependent on the other. They created competition and the only way these nations could survive was to adopt their methods — become Bourgeoisie themselves. He said the Bourgeoisie would expand and create connections everywhere in order to create a Bourgeoisie world.

Marx also said that each step in the development of the Bourgeoisie was accompanied by a corresponding political advance of that class. Last as the class had conquered the economic factors it also conquered for itself exclusive political sway — there was political centralization, laws passed were for the benefit of the Bourgeoisie since it was the Bourgegoisie that made the laws. Marx also claimed that religion and morality were simply Bourgeois prejudices, behind which there lurked in ambush just as many Bourgeois interests — they were there to keep the working-class in order.

He said the workers would be seen simply in terms of value rather than as people and that the Bourgeoisie would exploit them as much as possible in order to make profits: "Masses of labourers, crowded into factories are organised like soldiers." This dependence on the workers led the Bourgeoisie to bring them together, to urbanize them. Marx welcomed this for the same reason he welcomed the coming of railways — it enabled the workers to organize. Not only did Marx see the Bourgeoisie forging the weapons that would bring death to itself but also as calling into existence the men who were to wield these weapons — the modern working class — the proletarians. The new class, as Marx saw it, was the self-created destroyer of the Bourgeoisie; the Bourgeoisie, Marx said, "is like the sorcerer, who is no longer able to control the powers of the world whom he has called up by his spells."

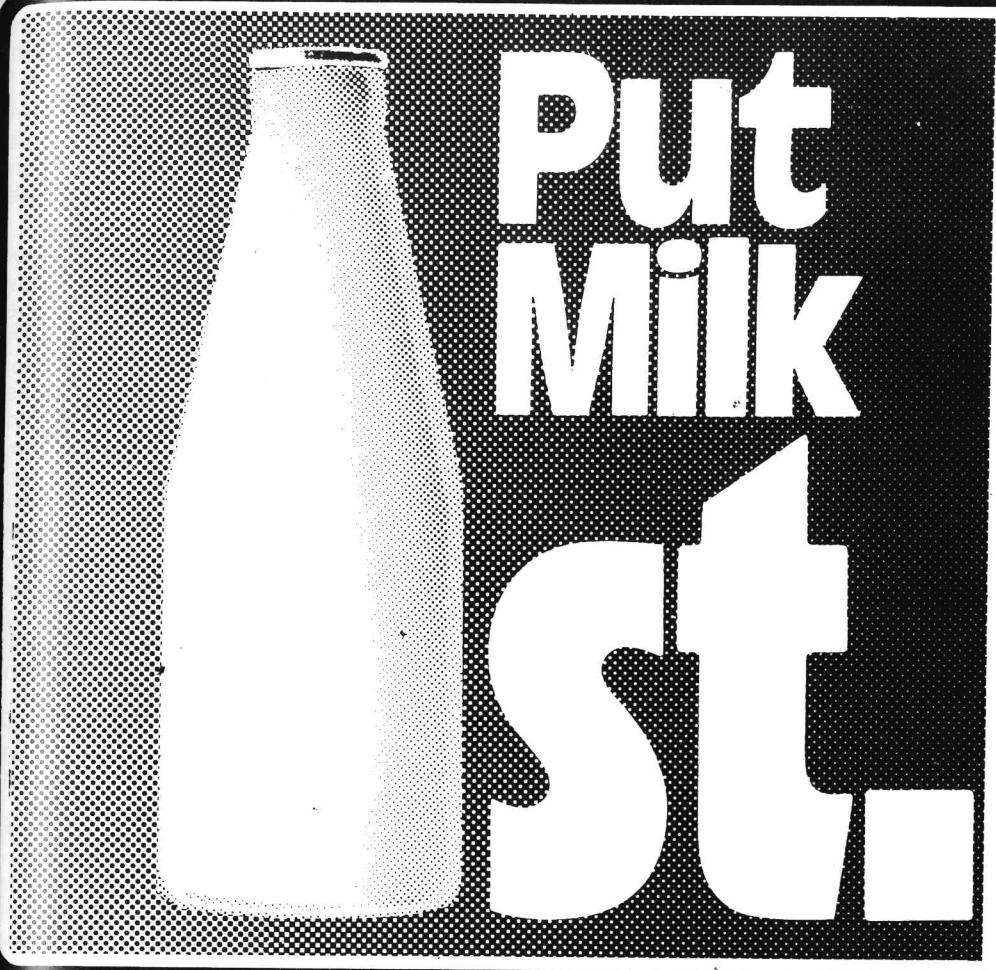
Marx claimed that the Proletariat would realize that, although it was the Bourgeoisie who enjoyed the wealth, it was their labour that in reality produced it, and that this would lead them to overthrow the Bourgeoisie. However, they could not simply take over the existing Bourgeois state, they must destroy it and start afresh with a state which sprang from their own institutions. Marx claimed the Proletariat had nothing of their own to secure and fortify; their mission was to destroy all previous securities for, and insurance of, individual private property. He saw the Proletarian movement as the self-conscious, independent movement of the immense majority, in the interests of of the immense majority, he also viewed the movement as having an international base as shown by his plea, "working men of all countries, unite!" He saw the Bourgeoisie as producing its own grave diggers and its fall and the victory of the Proletariat as equally inevitable, however, the inevitable does not always occur in life.

Marx overlooked a number of important points in his analysis. Firstly, the Proletariat did not want to become the ruling class. They did not want to be burdened with the responsibility of organization and were much happier to secure a happy life for themselves and their families. Secondly — and this was his greatest mistake — he dismissed the peasants as a reactionary force without revolutionary significance yet it was they that made revolution dangerous, and effective, not the industrial workers, who, were a predominantly stable, conservative element, and the better organized they were the more conservative they became. They would negotiate with their employers, the Bourgeoisie, and not seek to destroy the Bourgeois system. The two great communist countries in the world today, Russia and China, owe their communism to revolutions of the peasants and not industrial workers. Indeed, Lenin's revolution was only successful because he acclaimed the peasants: "Comrades! look around, see what is happening in the village, what is happening in the army, and you will realise that the peasants and soldiers cannot stand it any longer. Over the whole of Russia, like a broad river, sweeps an uprising of the peasants." This mistake found its roots in his basic economic cause while in reality they were caused by hunger and an increase in population and they arose because of a lack of capitalism rather than an abundance of it.

It is a grave upset to the Marxist system that the Proletariat has not become the ruling class in the community and shows no sign of doing so. There is an even graver upset. Increasing prosperity for the capitalists has everywhere brought with it increasing prosperity for the Proletariat, instead of the increasing misery which Marx foretold. The most advanced capitalist countries are also those where the working class has the highest standard of life. The more prosperous the workers were, the more they could buy and the greater capitalist profits become. Every advance in capitalism pushed up wages and every increase in wages pushed up profits. Therefore both the workers and the capitalists were happy with increased wages — higher wages were in fact not a contradiction of capitalism, nor a defeat for it. On the contrary, they protected capitalism and actually made it work better. (In the most advanced capitalist countries on both sides of the North Atlantic Ocean, Marxism has its weakest appeal.)

Marx also said that one branch of the Proletarian power would be that gained politically. Here he also overlooked an important point — the "preference vote" meant that although the working class had the right to vote, their power was not pointed in the direction which Marx


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had hoped — to overthrow the Bourgeois state and start afresh. The workers adopted middle-class attitudes and values and many decided to vote for middle class candidates (the conservatives) in order to improve their standard of life. Marx mistakenly viewed the working class movement as subservient and rather stupid working men doing exactly what he told them. He was correct when he foretold the development of the Bourgeoisie and the Proletariat, but he failed to grasp the complexity of this development.

Even though he was mistaken in a number of points in his analysis Marxism still has relevance today. The class war can be represented as being played out on the broader, global stage, the communist states acting out the role of the working class and the capitalist countries, the Bourgeoisie. The two main countries involved in this conflict are Russia and America. Since 1945 these two great world powers have been engaged in the "Cold War" — a war of nerves in which each side has set out to strengthen its own position and to weaken the enemy's without actually meeting head-on in war; there has been a "Balance of Terror". However, this balance was alarmingly disturbed on October, 1962, when the "Cuban Crisis" brought the world to the brink of thermonuclear warfare.

Although since the second world war a number of communist regimes have been established, almost all in eastern Europe and Asia, all but Angola, Yugoslavia, China, Indo-China and Cuba were imposed by the force of Russian arms, not by popular revolution. There were rebellions against the communist leaders in East Germany in 1953, Poland and Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968 — all of which were ended by the use of force. Even today the communist regimes in Poland and Afghanistan are meeting with some resistance, and again force is being used to attempt to subdue these rebellions.

Indeed Russia is now being challenged by Peking, which has emerged as an alternative Mecca for the faithful and a more relevant practitioner of the art of Marxist revolution for the peoples of the underdeveloped countries than the now highly industrialised Soviet Union.

On the other hand, in the countries of western Europe, especially Britain, France and Italy. Communists have secured influential positions in trade unions, whence they have on occasion launched body-punches at the economies of these capitalists states by the fermentation of strikes in initially important industries. There are also numerous terrorist groups throughout the world which claim to be fighting off the establishment of Marxist states.

"The powerful influence of Marx's ideas is shown by the fact that one-third of the worlds population is officially described as 'Marxist'. In the capitalist world almost every mass working class party was either founded as a Marxist party or else has had or has within it a strong current claiming to be Marxist". Marx also influenced one of the great figures in Irish history, James Connolly. Connolly described Marx as "the greatest of modern thinkers and the first of scientific socialism".

It is therefore clear than, right or wrong, the ideas of Karl Marx are still firing the imagination of millions, still influencing the course of history, and most definitely still make themselves felt today.

By Vincent Kearney 7SC

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# *NOT A "MY SUMMER HOLIDAYS" ESSAY!*

When asked what I did during the summer holidays I amazed my inquisitors by relating in great detail how I spent just over a week in a small town called Glastry, not far from Portaferry. Glastry may be small but it certainly wasn't quiet when a crowd of fifty-two youngsters descended upon it on 7th July 1983. The Ulsterbus driver seemed surprisingly relieved as he sped back to Belfast, leaving behind him the excited fifty-two and fourteen monitors (grown-ups) standing outside the gates of Glastry High School.

It was at this point, the grown-ups among us endeavoured to quieten the now restless infants and establish some kind of order among the delightful mob. Spirits were high, and so, indeed, were some of the children themselves as I discovered two or three of the older boys, and a little girl, not to be out-done by the opposite sex, attempting to reach the uppermost branches of a large oak tree overlooking the school playground. Having retrieved the young offenders I am glad to say the rest of that day, at least, proved uneventful . . .

You may ask yourselves how I ever allowed myself to become involved with such a party of youngsters and adults alike. To find the answer we must go back several months beforehand; in fact it was one snowy November afternoon that Larry Reynolds, "the man behind it all", visited St. Mary's School in search of recruits, or rather, monitors his laudable organisation, C.C.H.

"What does this C.C.H. thing stand for?" I hear the slightly disinterested readers among you inquire. Answer: Children's Community Holidays. I do not wish to take up countless pages of this valuable manuscript describing the workings of C.C.H.; yet I can afford a basic outline. Children, Protestant and Catholic, many socially deprived in some way, are taken away on holiday, usually near the coast. The age groups are divided into three different categories and up to four separate holidays a feast of activities is in store for the children: swimming, canoeing, pony-trekking, camping, art and craft, beach-combing, treasure-hunt, drama . . .

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Do you want to be a C.C.H. Monitor? Of course you do! There may be a slight possibility that some of the sixth and seventh years among you maybe already dreaming of those blissful summer holidays to come; they are not all that far away, you know.

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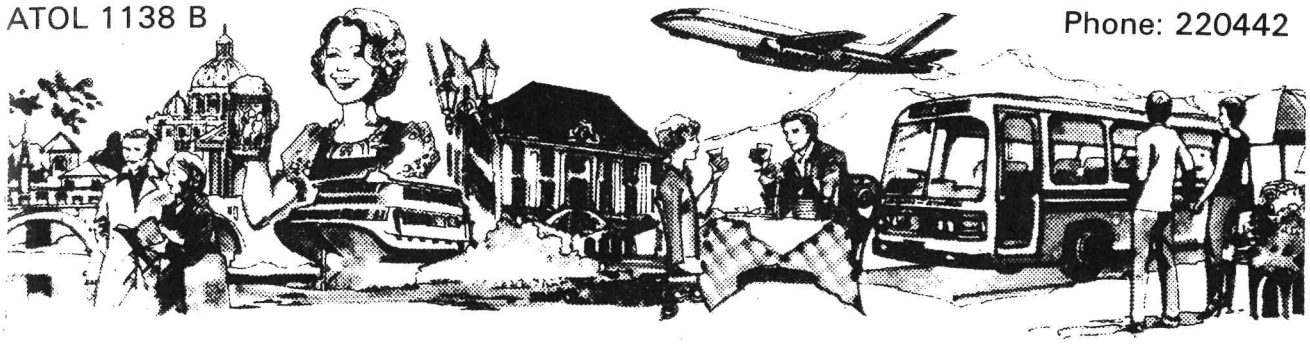
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# Clubs & Societies

## DEBATING SOCIETY SEPTEMBER 1982—83

The year began with a mystery; just who ripped down the poster advertising the first meeting and mentioning en passant the fan club of the "Demon King of Rock 'n' Roll?" However, the meeting went ahead as planned. It was due to take place in Q12 with Q11 and Q13 catering for the overspill. This was the first occasion of the year on which the awesome might and sheer power of the St. Mary's C.B.S. Debating Society was to be thrust defiantly in the face of the world. Four turned up. Still, a committee had to be elected. Anthony Bartley caused an uproar when he resigned from this knife-edge contest. Eventually, after many pacts, comprises, bribes and slanderous remarks Ken Bartley, Mark Haughey and myself were unanimously appointed chairman, secretary and treasurer respectively. A 4th year debating contest was planned, one team entered and won easily.

This was not the most auspicious of starts, still, many wonders were planned, such as debates against Rathmore, St. Louises and St. Malachy's. Rathmore replied to our enquiry with a letter (written with trembling hand) stating they did not wish to debate against us. St. Louises made no reply and despite reports to the contary by a St. Malachy's mole, we were never invited there. Consequently, negotations were reopened with St, Dominics and an agreement hammered out with countless strings attached. But it was after all a debate, even though the motion was that "we need smarter pigs". As informed by that debating society we were to propose the motion. Our team consisted of Ken Bartley (veteran of last year; been around) and two debutants, Kevin O'Neill and Brendan Duffin.

On the day, when the crowd had silenced within St. Dominics resplendent auditorium (it has a beautiful roof) the chairperson called forward the first speaker for the proposition. For some reason, known to God alone, St. Dominics apparently had the intention of proposing too. Well I could see the situation developing, unruly crowd, chaos, stampedes, floor boards ripped up and riots. But at that moment the bright red chairperson, her wisdom and experience not quite out-shining her embarrassment, proclaimed that the debate would continue and the teams judged on the merit of their performance. The crowds muttered and the floorboard was gently hammered down again. Ken growled through his speech and frightened the front row while Kevin and Brendean were both extremely stylish in their delivery and acquitted themselves very well. The debate was not particularly memorable for content, probably because of the motion. However, we gained the majority of votes and the tea was quite nice.

Our next outing was arranged by Tadhg McCarthaigh (God bless his soul). Through his contact — Miss X — he arranged a debate against that much lauded and highly respectable girl's Grammar School, Princess Gardens. The team chosen to oppose the motion that "the end of the world is nigh", was Ken, Tadhg and myself. We prepared well on the day entered the fray armed with the sound logic, wit, sarcasm and the Bible! P.G. had never seen anything like it. Ken crushed them with his driving, aggressive style, leaving them for dead and his sarcasm laden words dropped on them likew bricks. Tadhg revived them, only to spit in their collective eye and knock them down again, stressing the folly of their arguments. Lastly I



*Kenneth Bartley and Carran Rogars being presented with the John Dillan Shield after winning the All-Ireland Schools Debating Competition.*

took the floor and wooed the crowd with my 'laid-back, nightclub style' (Anthony Bartley), spinning wondrous allegories about the subjects nearest my heart; pigs gingernuts and Blakes 7'. Euphemistically, their reply was feeble and on a show of hands we were declared the victors.

Due to follow this was the Junior Chamber of Commerce's Schools debating Competition. However, true to form and to the surprise of no-one their ineptitude and inefficiency prevailed and the contest was postponed. Instead, attention was focused on the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Schools debating contest, which St. Mary's last won two years ago with Declan McCavana and Terence Muldoon. There were three rounds; regional heats, Ulster Final (incorporating the QUB Open Competition) and the All-Ireland Final.

The team was to have been Terence and Ken but due to exam pressure Terence pulled out. In his place I (with only one debate behind me) was chosen. We heard about the first round one evening while chatting to a friend on the St. Dominic's team, two days before it was due to take place! By now, this "ill-fortune" streak marking our activities was growing a little tedious. Mr. O. McCann our 'coach' phoned the organisers and after twisting a few metaphorical arms discovered that they had forgotten to send us details and obtained for us a bye. We watched that first round and were not at all surprised when St. Dominic's and St. Malachy's qualified, as they were the only ones to display any invention or wit.

Fortunately (for the organisers' arms) we were informed in good time about the Ulster Final. It took place in the McMordie Hall at QUB and we were to oppose the motion that 'it is better to travel than to arrive". Preparation was thorough and eventually on the afternoon of Friday 18th February we set off in bouyant mood with our supporters. There were 22 speakers in all and only a few managed to raise the level above the bland. St. Malachy's as usual, were very witty but some unfortunate mannerisms left them open to much impersonation and ridicule, mainly from Ken. Edna McAteer, from our counterparts in Newry — Abbey CBS, was very highly entertaining and thoroughly deserved the individual title. Also entertaining, but unintentionally so, was a young lass from a rural part of the Province, who made great use of rather colourful colloquailisms. Eg "Yud better hold on to yer wellies . . . and thon lasses jumpin' thon gate . . ." Another competitor made excellent use of visual aids by excessively sporting a deafening blue jersey which appeared to belong to his (much) younger brother.

Ken himself spoke tenth and threw about one-liners like snuff at a wake. A feature of Ken's speeches seems to be to accentuate the folly of competitor's arguments and cast as many aspirations as time will allow, by conjuring up images and situations which extend the 'enemies' proposals to totally ridiculous lengths. This is followed by a sharp and definitive catalogue of our main arguments, backed by numerous examples and propped up by many a darned good joke. All this is delivered quickly and abrasively with no sympathy, love or tenderness. Someone once described him as 'a demagogue' when he speaks, certainly the similarity is there. This speech was no exception and went down extremely well.

After hearing from another person I spoke. My style of oration does differ greatly from Ken's. Indeed he once said that my speeches had a rambling nature much like a folk song. Indeed he claimed "Arty McGlynn could not write a better one," (actually Arty McGlynn is a guitarist!). I much prefer Anthony Bartley's description which I mentioned earlier that of a "smooth, laid-back nightclub entertainer." Whether or not it is a compliment I do not know. The best part of this speech in my opinion was my opening line, a quotation from Moses, in the original Hebrew.

After all the speeches the adjudicators retired to the bottom bar, and after considerable huddling returned to announce that we had qualified. The return home was jubilant and a celebratory return debate against St. Dominic's was planned. It was a mostly enjoyable occasion even if most of the speeches were totally irrelevant and some irreverent!

As votes were cast defectors were noticeable and St. Mary's won a resounding victory. The teas, courtesy of Mark Haughey and John Lavery was divine. On that same day the motion for the All-Ireland final arrived; "this house proposes that T.V. spongers get their money's worth." Apparently not paying the T.V. license fee is quite a big thing in the Republic. In this way we were at quite a disadvantage, not knowing that much about current affairs down there; like "who won last week's election?" But Mr. McCann is an avid reader of the Irish Times and was able to supply all the answers: "Who won the last election?" "The same party that won this week's," as well as all the scandal and gossip!

Preparation was thorough involving many extra-curricular hours and completed well in time, the body of support which travelled to Dublin for the final really made their presence felt, occupying the back rows of the auditorium (a lecture theatre in U.C.D.) The rest of the support was not so friendly. About half of the 500 audience were U.C.D. students, who made a point of throwing paper aeroplanes at anyone who moved and heckling anyone who attempted to speak. (The Bank of Ireland official gave up on his introductory speech about half way through) The theatre was very steeply banked and semi-circular. Standing in the centre it seemed that the entire audience was about to fall in on top of you. At that debate I found out just how the Christians in the Colisseum must have felt. It was, without doubt, one of the most terrifying moments of my life.

Ken who was second of the twelve speakers launched our opposition to the motion. His style of delivery was most suited to the situation and very soon belly laughs were interspersed among the heckles. His speech told of the adventures of a certain Fine Gael Government minister. The chairman, Brian Lenihan TD (Fianna Fail) laughed particularly loudly at this. On the whole the speech was very well received and earned rousing applause as Ken left the stage.

Strangley, as I rose to speak eight, the place suddenly seemed to go quiet. I could have imagined it but I am fairly sure that silence reigned. Now this may sound good, even complimentary, but they insisted on maintaining it through my (supposedly) funny lines. No matter how much I cajoled or implored them, reaction came there none. Well I tell a lie, there was a slight eruption when I mentioned en passant Mr. Charles J. Haughey TD and an almost imperceptible movement when I finished. Fearing the worst, I retreated to my seat.

The main opposition came from a girl's convent school in Cork. Their strength lay in the fact that they were essentially, well — charming. They were quiet but well-spoken, their speeches were delivered without aggression and contained many logical, sound points, backed with gentle humour and promoted with an honest facade. They were, quite simply very good public speakers. As is now traditional, the adjudication took an excruciatingly long time but eventually, they returned and their chairman announced that we had won. Part of our prize was a trip to London and this proved a most enjoyable (and inexpensive!) experience — thanks to the Bank of Ireland.

The last domestic competition was the revamped Junior Chamber of Commerce Competition. We immediately got a place in the semi-final due to the large number of competing teams. Against us were the lads from Bangor G.S. Our team, coached by Mr. D. Campfield, consisted of Ken, myself, "Prof" Lenghan and Jim McGivern (making his debut). We were to oppose the motion that "trade unions are a necessary evil." In the event we lost and the team was dealt some harsh criticism, mainly accusations of frivolity and lack of content. This I

feel is unfair and I feel obliged to put forward the team's reply.

Firstly, all the members were quite eloquent in their delivery. Even the adjudicators admitted this (and docked marks, as they mistakenly believed eloquence indicated a "Read" speech). In addition, we lost no more marks than they, for insults, ridicule, etc. Unbelievably they gained as many extra marks for humour as we did and I quite honestly believe that their content was no more impressive than ours. I am not saying we should have won, that is for the impartial member of the audience to decide, I merely want to express the feelings of the team.

However, the year ended on a successful note when we, the All-Ireland School's Champions met our English counterparts, Solihull Sixth Form College. This debate on 15th July took place in the splendid and historic surroundings of the old House of Lord's building in Dublin. Debating a motion on the wisdom or otherwise of having joined the Common Market our lengthy and very thorough preparation was rewarded with victory. (It is much more difficult to prepare for a debate during school holidays!).

In closing this article there is a list of people to be thanked and a hope to be expressed for this and following years. I would like to thank the official mentor, Mr. O. McCann, Bro. Jennings who acted as chauffeur, all those who spoke for St. Mary's during the year, all those who came and supported the team, especially to 'faraway' places and lastly the school authorities for supplying the debating society with the facilities and resources to flourish as it did this year. To finish I would invite anyone interested in debating to fearlessly come forward, as new talent is always appreciated (and scarce).

**By Ciaran Rogan 7SB**

# *THE COMPUTER SOCIETY*

**by Paul McCarron 7LC**

St. Mary's Computer Society stemmed from the growth of Computer Studies within the school during the previous few years. As the academic subject developed so did the provision of computing facilities. In 1980 there were no computers in the school at all, now in 1983 the school can boast a total of ten microcomputers. This number was boosted by the fact that for two years in succession a very dedicated and successful group of 'O' Level students entered and were victorious in two competitions both of which carried computers as major prizes.

One problem however, was that the computing facilities were available only to those pupils doing 'O' Level Computer Studies which within the context of the whole school was a relatively small number. It was the desire to offer computing facilities to a much wider audience that inspired the formation of a Computer Society within the school in 1982. Membership opened in October that year to all fourth years and above and very soon had reached sixty-five which was more than enough which could be coped with given the limited number of computers available. It was this limitation which prevented juniors from availaing of membership but hopefully this will change in the very near future.

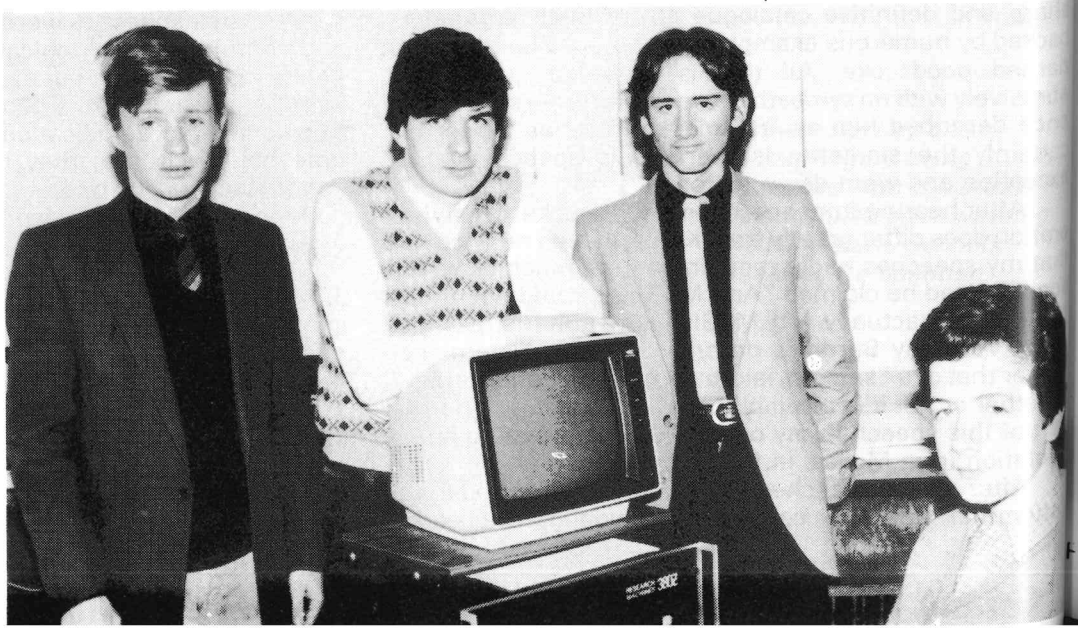
Initially the main aim of the society was to allow as many people as possible to have access to the computers in the school. The society was organised and run by a committee comprising sixth and seventh year pupils and computers were made available for use on four days a week after school in the Computer Suite. The organising committee were all experienced computer users and programmers and were on hand each day to help any novices get started and to generally provide any assistance they could. Booking to use the machines was made a week in advance and in the beginning booking was so heavy that a number of members were disappointed at not being able to get a computer and some had to wait a few weeks for their turn. Without a doubt the society was proving to be a success and was limited only by a number of machines available. To try and alleviate this problem slightly a ballot was organised during the second term and the prize offered was a small microcomputer. This proved very successful and with the proceeds a new microcomputer was purchased during the summer term. The ballot by the way was won by a sixth year student, Vittorio Silvestri.

The computer society is being run again this year, with some new faces coming into the organising committee and with hopefully some new ideas. Among ideas being considered are the organising of various user groups for some of the more popular machines. Anyone interested in finding out more about the society or anyone with any ideas for the future should pop along to the Computer Suite where Mr. McGrath will put them in contact with one of the committee members. May the force be with you.

**The Computer Society Organising Committee 1983 - 1984**

Moderator - Mr. M. McGrath

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# THE INTERROGATION OF AMBROSE FOGARTY

Last years 'O' Level Drama Group was the first to undertake the 'O' Level drama course in St. Mary's. Basically the aim of the course is "to foster an interest in, and increase understanding of, theatre and drama." Much more is gained from the course besides. It increases an awareness of circumstances around you, extends capabilities of expressing yourself, by both speech and actions, and most importantly increases confidence, (you need to be confident when facing an audience of hyper-critical fellow students). The course also offers a break in the routine of other more academically orientated subjects. The approach by the teacher, and the atmosphere during the classes is much more informal and enjoyable, something to look forward to, to break the monotony of the school day. There is not the formal approach of a teacher at the top of the room dictating to students.

Everyone is part of a group, all on the same level, exchanging and improving ideas and thoughts. One of the objectives of the course is to put on a performance. This could be in the form of a review or play. As there were only five of us in the class we were limited in what we could do. Being ambitious and ever-eager to face a challenge we decided to stage a play. We had previously performed a short scene of "The Interrogation of Ambrose Fogarty" at Belfast Festival and decided to extend this scene to an hour and a half duration.

We decided to do this as it had a modern setting and a local flavour. Conveniently each person in the class fitted almost naturally into their roles, once the final adaptation had been arrived at.

Violence was not the only physical exertion we had to suffer (as violence was an intricate part of the play). Many Sundays were spent hammering and painting scenery until we now had an interrogation room, two cells, and more paint on ourselves than on the walls.

As the day of the first performance loomed near, our drama teacher, cum producer, Mrs. M. McQuillan, was panicking. Nobody was fluent in their lines and didn't seem concerned that the play was only a day away.

As always however, we didn't let her or ourselves down and the play was a terrific success, so much so that we did two further performances, one for the public, and managed to raise over £200 for handicapped children. All in all the drama course was both worthwhile and enjoyable.

**by 6th Year Drama Group**

# VIDEO CLUB REPORT

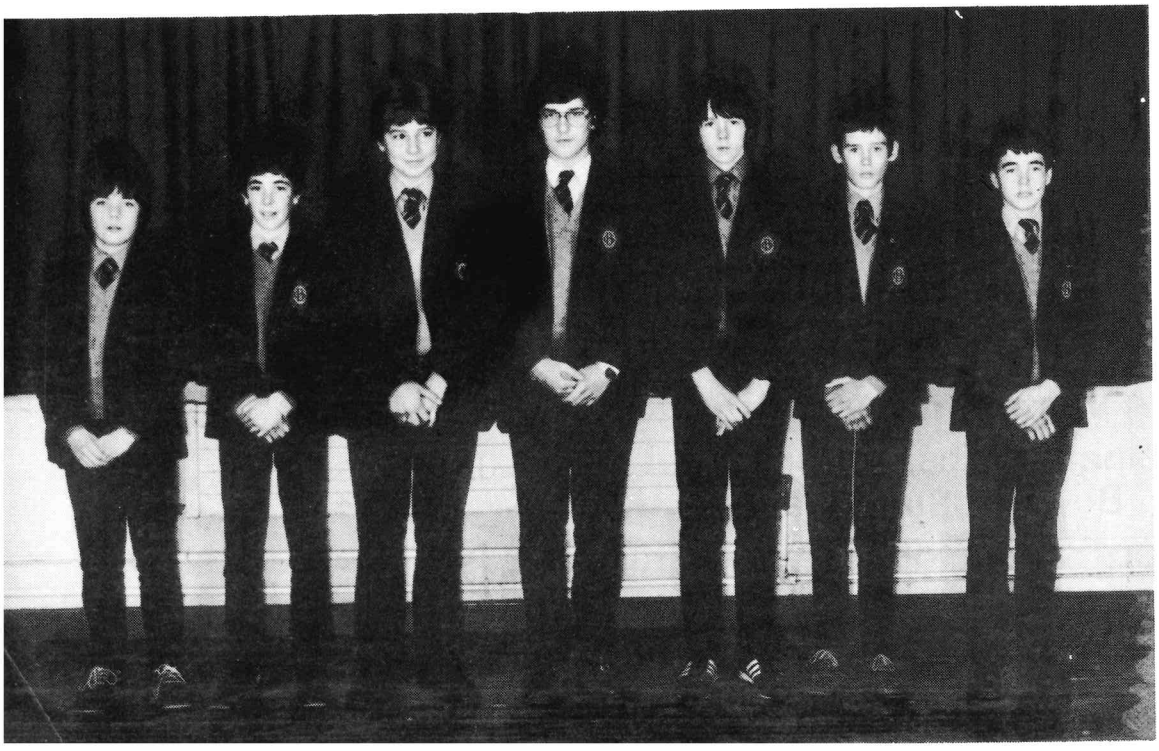
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The club are planning to produce two films this year. The first is intended to complement the existing induction programmes within the school "We hope to assist prospective newcomers in realising the great variety of activities that makes up St. Mary's," reports director Aidan Doherty (4E).

At the moment we are planning to produce a version of a typical class day — we have yet to decide the year to select since the film should ideally give all new pupils in first, fourth and sixth year some sense of what they will be facing," says editor Brian Friel (4A).

Martin Boyle and Noel Murphy (2B) are currently finishing the storyboard for the second feature — a review of the great range of extracurricular activities in the school. "Hopefully these two films together will be readily available as a resource both for the present and also for future historians of the school," says Robert "Speilberg" Lowry (4B).

Finally, we confidently predict a huge success with our own original screenplay due to be filmed in late 1985. Without giving too much away it tells the fear that befalls Portrush when a hideous shark stalks the beach. Suggestions for the pupil or member of staff most suitable to play the role of the hideous shark are welcome.



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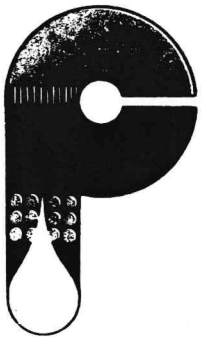
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# INTERNATIONAL LITERARY SOCIETY

The International Literary Society was established to promote and encourage culture activities within the school. The society has already successfully managed to attract the Belfast poet Patrick Williams to the school, who gave a reading of his work that gained a very favourable response from those who attended. The society hopes in future months to attract more poets, playwrights and novelists to the school in order for them to give readings and conduct discussions on their work.

Other projects that the society hopes to achieve include the establishment of a writer's workshop and the showing of videos and films that possess a high literary content. The society is also endeavouring to attract theatre groups to the school to perform extracts from plays etc. that will benefit all within the school and not simply those who have a vested interest in literature itself.

Membership of the society is open to all from 4th - 7th year and those who join are asked to pay a nominal fee which will be used to help pay some of the expenses of the literary figures the society will bring to the school. In concluding, we hope that people within the school will give the society their support, for that support is necessary if we are to fulfill all the plans referred to in the article.

Executive Committee of the International Literary Society.

**R. Rankin**

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## TRAVELLING TO ST. MARY'S IN RAINY WEATHER

*Trudging along with the splish, splosh from under foot*
*the rain pelting against the hard damp kerb stones,*
*And the thick dark clouds which glide above,*
*Make everybody and everything dull and dreary.*

*The people rushing by sullen and quiet,*
*to hated places of work.*
*Everything quiet except for the thundering rain*
*And the cars slowly finding their way through sheets of grey drizzle*
*and the barking dog dampened and dreary from a restless night.*

*I watch enviously as people in brightly coloured cars*
*warm and dry in their comfortable seats pass by.*
*As I slouch along sodden to the skin*
*Wet, tired, and dreary after a long trudge*
*Up hills and flooded pavements.*

*To St. Mary's long winding lane,*
*lined with trees bent under the pelting rain*
*The grass covered in tiny droplets like tiny crystals*
*inset on a large piece of green silk*
*stretching to the top of the mountains enveloped in fog*

*When I arrive to the warmth*
*and the smell of wet clothes*
*Raincoats crumpled and wet being thrown into dry lockers*
*and people going off to dry their drenched bodies.*

**by Martin Boyle 2B**

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## FIRST DAY AT ST. MARY'S

*Off goes the alarm*
*I get out of bed*
*Straight to the bathroom*
*to shower my head.*

*On goes my uniform*
*And down the stairs*
*to eat my breakfast*
*And say my prayers.*

*Up the road on my bike*
*to catch the bus*
*to take me to St. Mary's*
*without any fuss.*

*When I get there*
*the place looks so grand*
*and boys galore at every stand.*

*I feel so excited*
*and full of hope*
*I really pray*
*that I can cope.*

**Stephen Biesty 1B**

## MY FIRST DAY AT ST. MARY'S

*The 31st August was my first day*
*and several times I lost my way*
*In the number of new pupils all around*
*two boys from Glenavy could be found.*

*The swimming pool and the playing fields*
*the large canteen where they serve the meals*
*Language rooms, labs and classrooms galore,*
*I visited them and many more.*

*A different teacher for each class*
*an Edmund Rice Chapel where they say the mass*
*A locker each for our school kit*
*a large gymnasium for keeping fit.*

*Plenty of exercise now to be done*
*It makes primary school seem like fun*
*In years to come when I'm old and grey*
*I will look back with pride on my first day.*

**by Kevin Hughes 1B**

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## FIRST DAY AT ST. MARY'S

*Tension.*

*Walking up the lane wondering what it'll be like*
*Seeing friends from primary school*
*Seeing people you never knew existed*

*The Assembly Hall.*

*Feeling nervous*

*The classroom*
*Blue walls*
*Blackboard*
*Nothing much*
*The bag of books*
*very heavy.*

*Writing down the timetable*
*so much subjects*
*so many teachers*
*The bell goes.*
*Relief.*

**by Gareth McAreavey 1B**

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## A HORSEMAN RIDING BY

*Hooves on chalk are heralds.*
*In the distance a cloaked figure*
*on a dark steed.*
*I wait.*
*The horseman nears.*
*Dust, equine thunder.*
*The rider passes by*
*I see.*
*Familiar figure now presents back.*
*Sound and image decay.*
*I look after.*
*In the distance a cloaked figure . . .*

**by Michael McLoughlin 7SA**

## MY FIRST DAY AT ST MARY'S

A sick stomach
why did I wish to come here
I would prefer to be any where
but here.

Strange faces
look as lost as I feel

"Come here! Go there!
Stand in a line!"
The voices seem alien and harsh
the warm friendliness of my primary school
is a million miles away.

Yet I feel excited!
The long corridors,
the noise,
the vastness of every thing
brings me into a world I
hope I will enjoy.

E. RICE 1B

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## FIRST DAY AT ST. MARY'S

On goes the uniform
Am on my way to school
I hope on my first day
I won't break any rule.

Will I get beat up on the way?
What would I do?
What would I say?
I hope I'm not late on this my first day.

I make it up to the school gate
Will my teachers be good or bad?
Will I be happy?
Or will I be sad?

I get up to the school
And I get to know the place
I never got beaten up
Or even got a chase.

I thought the school was good
Nobody was bad nobody was rude
I can't wait to my very next day,
When on goes the uniform and am on my way.

**by Gerard Fleming 1B**

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## THE HOLY MAN

He went around the country on tour
Helping to educate the poor
Children who had barely anything to eat
were taught by him in the street.

He was a very kindly man
It was to him that all the children ran
the children came to him every day
but none of them were turned away

Come to me children he would say
He taught them in the streets every day
He taught from youth until he was old and grey,
Not a penny did his pupils pay.

All his life he did his best
Until at last he was laid down to rest
This holy man with no flaw or vice
His name?
Edmund Ignatius Rice.

**G. McCool 1D**

## THE WAITING ROOM

The waiting room stood there,
Quiet and peaceful,
waiting for a prisoner
to put fear in his mind.

Its' uncanny air passed the tension
of the dreaded fate which lay before me
and I could feel the fear in the other people
who sat entranced with this dreaded feeling.

And then I heard a muffled scream,
From a prisoner above in the surgery,
Where the torturers contrived to scare us more,
And to make us feel quite at home.

He worked with his drill,
His drill, Uuhh!
It sends shivers down my spine,
Its' sound is horrifying
Even when you think of it.

I looked through the blinds
To see free people walking around
They looked so happy
While we were so sad.

The number of people were steadily decreasing
All going upstairs, but never to come down,
And I sat there wondering,
Why I felt so alone.

**by Philip McGowan 3D**

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## SENSATIONS

A feathered choir
flying higher
into rhapsodies blue

A rhythmical beat
sugar sweet
mysterious and true

A relentless tide
meanders wild
to wash away the dead

A beckoning pool
sad and cool
is tempting me instead

A lost wilderness
enchanting kiss
unknown and unnamed

A trip for today
takes me away
unfeeling, unashamed.

With barrack room bravado,
emblazoned 'cross the class
In spittle-spraying furry,
tranquility's trespassed.

And pacific sea of schoolboy,
shall tumble now disturbed,
And, governments shall crumble
at every scathing verb.

As father-figure, judge and jury,
the executioner he rises,
and proffers one a short sharp shock,
In linear disguises.

For dare he! little schoolboy,
he hath transgressed the rules
and charity begins at home -
Injustice takes its place in schools.

**by F. Sewell 5B**

## CASTLE STREET IN BELFAST

*Belfast –*
*A City divided,*
*Where the Prods and Taigs stare in wonder and horror,*
*Where the working-man rarely gets a chance,*
*Because he's always down:-*
*signing on.*

*In the hustle and bustle of Castle Street,*
*Women window-shop and then walk on.*
*Black taxis come and go*
*Bringing people to where they feel they belong*
*And yet are the alien race.*

*For the poor lonely men*
*who have nowhere togo*
*Castle Street and a bottle of 'Bow'*
*Is their idea of Heaven.*
*While the youth who have no future*
*Turn to violence, drugs and drink.*

*God help us all, if the world can't offer more than*
*Castle Steet, Belfast.*

**By Sean McCafferty 4E**

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## THE STORM

*A break of lightning in the dark*
*And from a tree it strips its bark,*
*And leaves a devastated sight*
*Which marks the vengeance of the night.*

*The thunder sounds its awesome power*
*And beats the rhythm for the dancing shower*
*Which never once did mercy show to its*
*subjects trembling down below.*

*It falls in an unending glittering sheet,*
*And crashes to the defending street,*
*Into every crevice in the road it goes,*
*As it sways in harmony as the wind blows.*

*But soon alas it does abate*
*And its vengeance cannot devastate,*
*And soon the dawn decrees its fall,*
*As it shrinks away above the brawl.*

**by Sean Smyth 4B**

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## THE BALLAD OF IDEALISM

*The long forgotten shadow*
*naked, cold and alone*
*now cowering from lasting's sorrows*
*from the hell that is his home.*

*The darkness of a dull, dark chamber*
*is as far as he can see*
*the insane, humiliating, laughing faces*
*of stark reality.*

*The prisoner and yet the gaoler*
*I'm sure you could almost laugh*
*Still I fear that you'll awake one day*
*the sacrificial calf.*

**by Frank Sewell 5B**

## THE SEA

*In constant battle with the land it lies,*
*blowing sheet white foam along its boundary,*
*slowly it snatches the sandy border time*
*and time again.*
*Its complex strategy works slowly,*
*No headland can resist the continuous*
*shelling by the waves,*
*It swallows the bays in hundreds of*
*separate calculated gulps,*
*It tags with boats as if they were*
*models - How dare they play on its*
*undulating back, knowing that at*
*any moment it can claim them.*
*What is it? The friendly blue water*
*that we all flock to every summer.*

**by Alan Smith 4B**

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## LITTLE TOMMY JONES

*Little Tommy Jones an only child*
*rowdy and rough and brought up wild*
*His boots are burst and badly worn*
*His trousers dirty, tattered and torn.*

*In streets and roads and parks each day*
*Fights and quarrels to him were play*
*He'd never worry what homework he'd got*
*at school some days but most days not.*

*His parents to him no concern did they show*
*As they made their way to the local bingo*
*Late in the evening whether dark or bright*
*Little Tommy Jones still roaming was a common sight.*

**by Martin Donnelly 1A**

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## THE BLACK BLACK CAR

*Very slowly it cruises along*
*The bearded driver taking note of,*
*all he can see,*
*In the dark, green, surrounding, countryside.*

*He comes to a small town,*
*The car stops in the cold, deserted street,*
*The door opens, out steps the mysterious man,*
*The man with the dark, thick beard.*

*He walks from one end of the street to the other,*
*Looking, for young, terrified, victims,*
*The stern look on his face tells he is unsatisfied,*
*Quickly he restarts his car and moves to another town.*

*EAMON MULHOLLAND 3B*

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## MAN

*We are light and dark entwined*
*Good and evil both*
*Concerned and Unconcerned*
*Sadistic and Masochistic,*
*We love, we hate,*
*we forgive, we damn*
*— We are Man!*

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*As the dawn reached to the sky,*
*The little children are going to die,*
*Nine O'clock and all is well,*
*Ten past nine, disaster strikes the dell.*

*Down the mountain comes mud and slime,*
*As the little children begin to climb,*
*Out of school and over the walls,*
*But, too late! disaster falls.*

*Weeping mothers come to the scene*
*Of where their children once had been,*
*Mud and slime all over the ground,*
*Tractors and spades all digging down.*

*With little success they save a few,*
*Up until the hours of the morning dew,*
*In a few minutes the children die,*
*Some without having to cry.*

**by Deirdre ,McCrory (Office)**

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## AFTERNOON POETRY LESSON

*The yard lies silent and empty.*
*Crisp bags sit motionless on the warm, dusty ground.*
*Dirty fingerprints and dust*
*Show up on the panes of glass*
*As the sun beams powerfully, down upon them*
*Clouds drift lazily across the immense sky*
*While boys sit on balconies, writing poems*
*for relaxing teachers*
*Who laugh and gibber at the nonsense they write.*

**By John McCrory 4C**

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## THE NEST

*I looked up with astounded eyes*
*To see a nest of magpies,*
*Which seemed to look upon my head,*
*As if to wish that I were dead.*
*And as I climbed so carefully*
*They seemed to curse and spit at me*
*Then a flapping I did see*
*As I fell from that sacred tree*
*And lay and dreamt that I were dead*
*as they laughed at me above my head.*

**by Sean Smyth 4B**

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## DOWNTOWN SKYLINE

*Nearest to us, the old red brick houses stand.*
*Next door is a flour mill, long past its day,*
*No longer grand.*
*Other buildings cover beside the giants of the 20th century,*
*Which overlook the terraces of houses and their rubbish-strewn alleyways.*
*Church domes and steeples scrape the sky, yet are unable to reach cotton wool clouds on high.*
*But for age, nothing can match the tarrace of three storey houses dying from decay.*

**By Eamon Donnelly 4A**

## BARRACK STREET

*"E" is its shape*
*And two storeys high*
*with oddly shaped playgrounds*
*Plus a side alleyway where boys play handball or copy homework.*
*Its narrow gate is the only avenue of escape.*
*From the dull, dusty, dreary class grey scraggy buildings are seen*
*The desks are lead and the floors sad.*
*The whole school is like a burned out car, empty and exhausted,*
*waiting reluctantly to be crushed.*

**By John McGreevy 4F**

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## BARRACK STREET

*Grey slate and red brick,*
*poking chimney - pots*
*and straight lines everywhere.*
*Silently the pigeons peck in the concrete jungle.*
*The soft hum of cars is heard from the road.*
*The warm stone yard holds shapes of dreams and wonderlands*
*And the colourful weeds invade its quiet peacefulness.*
*Birds sing in the afternoon air*
*But always the same tune.*
*Their flapping wings break the silence,*
*As a boy running disturbs the pigeons private lunch.*
*A cool breeze blows and gentle clouds drift aimlessly along,*
*While watchful sentry birds peer down from a height*
*Like guards protecting the peace.*
*Nothing stirs in the yard now,*
*While through the dusty sun-drenched windows,*
*can be seen, the tools of laborious learning.*

**By Gregory McClean 4H**

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## A SUMMER'S DAY ON THE BARRACK ST. BALCONY

*Cliffs of brick.*
*A sea of slate.*
*A hedge of smoke, like a sea-mist*
*Gulls and pigeons dive for good.*
*The manmade whirlpool of an industrial age.*
*A hint of green, a sea weed free*
*A crisp bag tossed on a wave of wind*
*A cool breeze comes, the birds take flight,*
*See a crust and on it alight.*
*The pigeons bob, and on the air, the sea-gulls glide.*
*The clouds grow weary and gulls drop down to catch a glimpse through the ridged air.*
*That air which imprisons us, the pupils.*
*In the depths of the yard the ground is murky,*
*disturbed and restless.*
*It lies as the sea-bed, holding secrets beneath it.*
*A shoal of pigeons fly above me.*
*They swim and swoop, free, like the great whales floating through the uneven sea.*
*The green copper springs overflow and colour grey slate as the clamour of voices trickle down the wall.*

**By Sean Doran 4A**

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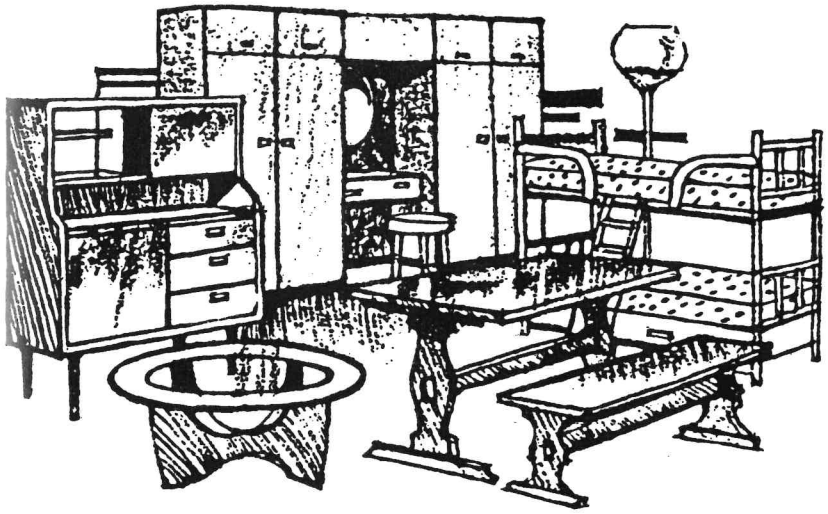
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# A Morning at Belfast Festival

In January, our speech and drama teacher told us we were entering the Belfast Festival for choral speaking. We were all very excited and the next six weeks were spent rehearsing with a very determined Mrs. McQuillan.

On the moring of the Festival - a fateful March 3rd - everyone was neat and tidy, hairs brushed back neatly and shoes shining. In the mini-buses, driven by Mrs. McQuillan and Bro. Kelly, we felt like young boys waiting to see what Santa had brought - nervous but excited.

On arrival at the King's Hall Joe was very perturbed to discover that his sisters best friend Donna was in the front row. He said a feeling of nausea was threatening his composure - all that for a girl!

At last the moment of truth had come. It was time to contribute our two poems to the festival. We started off extremely well and strode throughout "McCavity the Mystery Cat" with great gusto. Our hearts were beating like heavy rain landing on plastic. We had heard all the other competitors and the adjudicator finally mounted the stage, a silence prevailed as we awaited the verdict. Anxious faces peered out from the audience.

We were filled with a sense of joy and pride when a class member went up with our teacher to collect the trophy - we had won!

The cheers of the 2A choral speaking choir (to use the full title) were probably heard at Airfield House. Mrs. McQuillan told us she was very proud of us, and that as this was the third year our school had won the trophy. All in all it was a great day for us.

**by Form 3A**

# A Guide to the Martial Arts

Martial Arts have been part of most people's vocabulary for quite some time now. Way back in the 60s judo and karate were the only two oriental fighting systems ever heard of by the public. Only a minority of people were interested in learning how to defend themselves using the two ancient combat systems. It seemed, for most people, that Judo and Karate would be "a flash in the pan", bound to die out, as "Flower Power" did several years before,

This period of uncertainty continued until in 1970. Bruce Lee literally erupted on to the big screen with his first film, "The Big Boss." This was shadowed by a brand new TV series (appropriately) named "Kung Fu." Suddenly the Martial Arts were "reborn" in the viewing public's eye. People who had once scoffed now were eager to learn how to punch kick, and act like Bruce Lee. The reign of Bruce Lee continued as did "Kung Fu" on TV for three years. On the 20th June, 1973, Bruce Lee died and all his fans mourned. The Martial Arts world came to a halt, in grief. Although even with their idol dead, Martial Artists everywhere strove to perfect their act. In Belfast, now, many Martial Arts clubs exist. Here is a brief guide to a few of them.

**Karate.** Karate is still the most often talked about art. It uses unarmed techinques developed by an unarmed populace of Okinawa, to help fight Japanese oppressors. It has been divided into two main aspects: (1) Kumite: Kumite is sparring or free-fighting; the Karate student utilizes the techniques he has learned, in a contest an attacker. The scoring system is applied with ippons (full points) and wayaris (half points).

Many different styles of Karate exist in Belfast. These include: Wado-Rym, Wado-kai, Shotokan and Migashi.

**Mou Gen do:** Translated as "The new way", Mou Gen do is the latest addition to the Martial Arts. It is a mixture of several fighting arts — i.e., Karate, Taekwon-do (Korean Karate) and Boxing. The Mou Gen Do system contains all the aspects of traditional Karate along with the jabs, hooks and uppercuts of Boxing, and the superb kicking techniques from Taekwon-do. My own view of Mon Gen Do is that it is a lot more dynamic than some of the other fighting systems that I have witnessed.

**BY Aiden Doherty 4E**

# The Move

I woke up and that old feeling was back, this time apprehension was mixed in with tiredness and dread. The clock smiled mockingly as I got up and dressed in my sombre black uniform. I was in the old routine. The smile changed to a frown and so I started off for school.

For the first time in three years I walked to school. The new collar of my shirt scratched my neck and my shoes bit into ankles. The road was steep and the sun made it dry. The lucky dogs barked at the milk man.

Soon I fell in at the back of the cortege of boys who filed through the gateway. 1st years walked quietly, their hands lost in their blazer sleeves. The school looms up out of nowhere. Even though I had seen it before, it looked, for the first time, like the large school where so many boys worked, messed about, and learnt, and the school to which from now on I would walk five mornings per week.

A friend stood at the top of the drive. I joined him and after saying hello we sat on the small wall in front of the yard. And there all the Barrack Street pupils gathered. In little circles they stood and discussed the summer, remembering the good times when Burnsey came and when someone did something to someone else.

The summer, for us at least was over. The gulls laughed it out as they flew over our heads, the tone of voice used in the school sounded the bell for the beginning of round four.

I glanced around at the yard and noticed that it seemed to move in the direction of a door. The hordes of the black pitted with the "civies" of the privileged upper forms.

Panic broke out calmly in the group of boys who didn't know what to do. Puzzled faces, the first hesitant steps into the main school. I stepped in, stairs, timetables and instructions met me. I was lucky and had my form class on the ground floor.

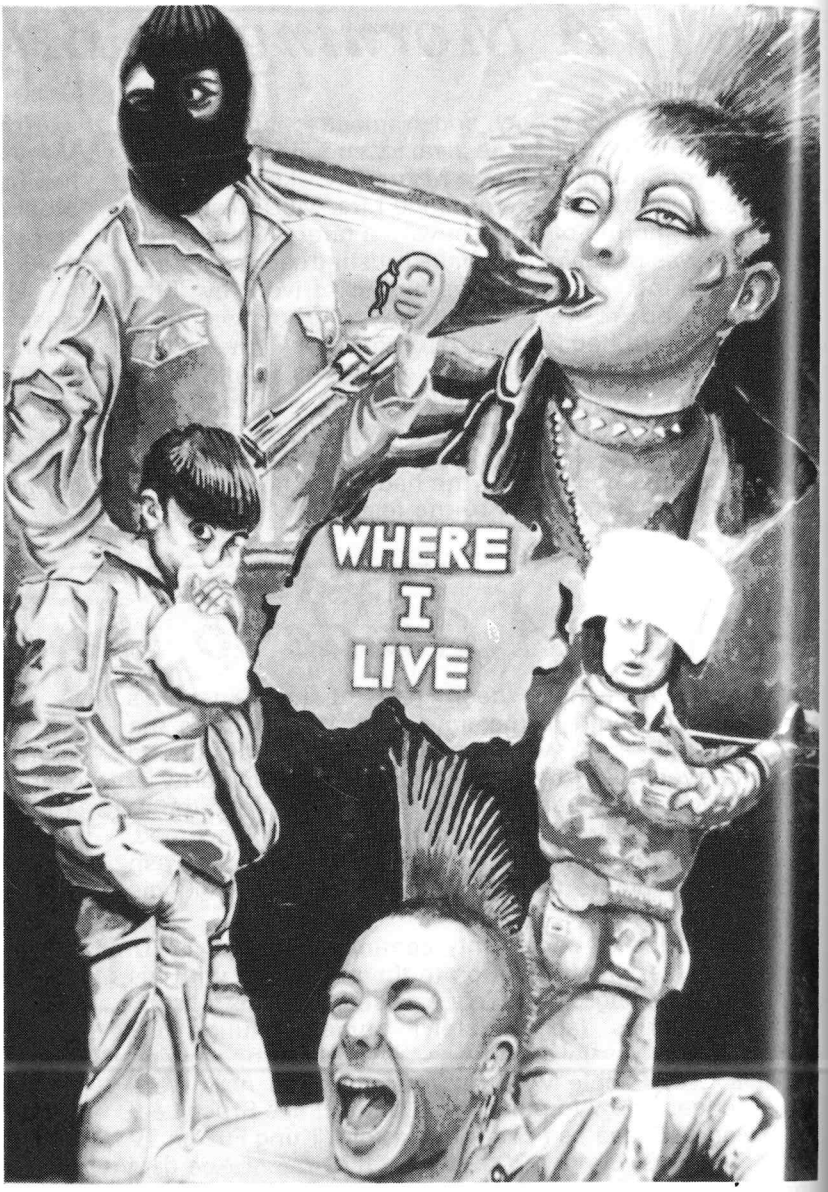
I walked under the class numberplate and entered the room which would become so familiar in which liked and disliked teachers would try and drill us full of knowledge so we could pass tests.

Now I had something in common with these strange faces. The wake for summer was over, the hope for new terms now fresh.

**by Sean Doran 4A**

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# ART SECTION







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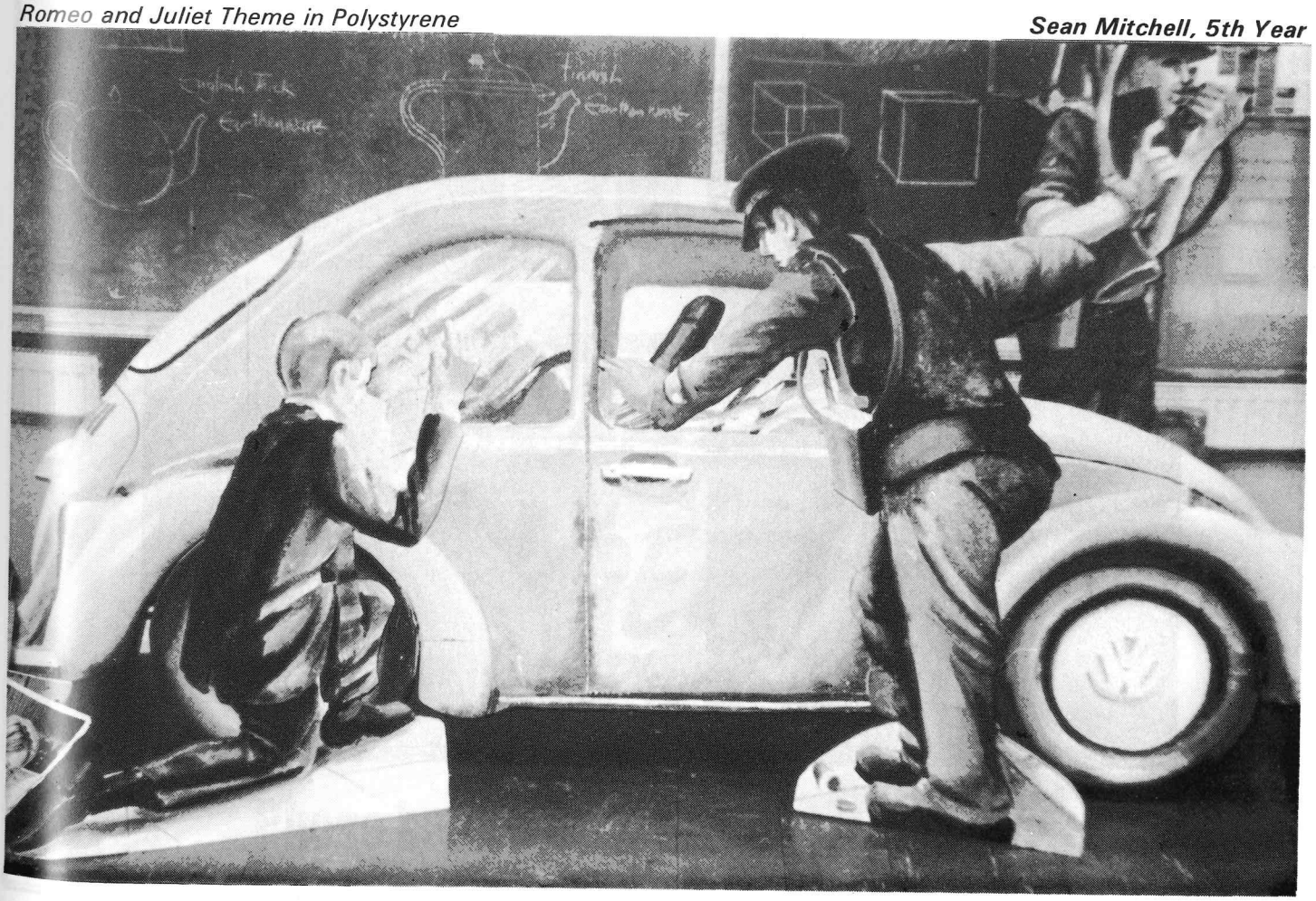


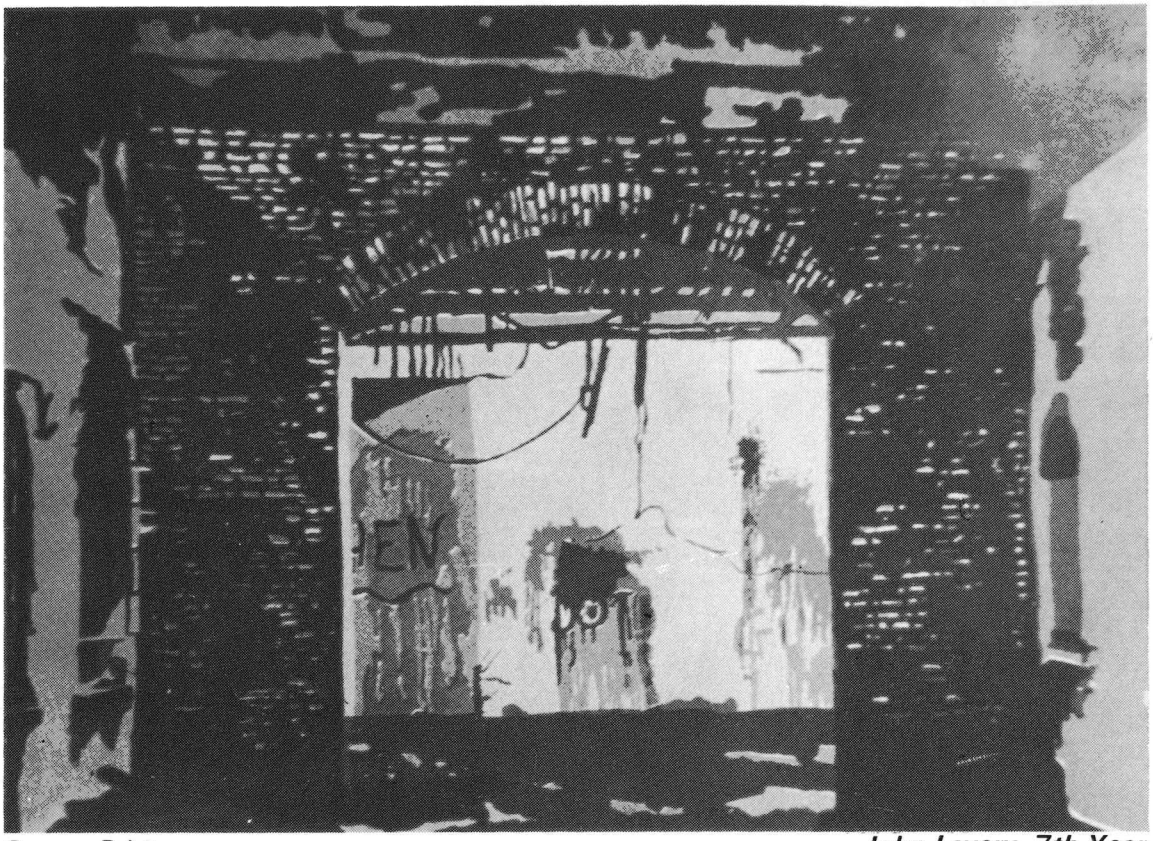
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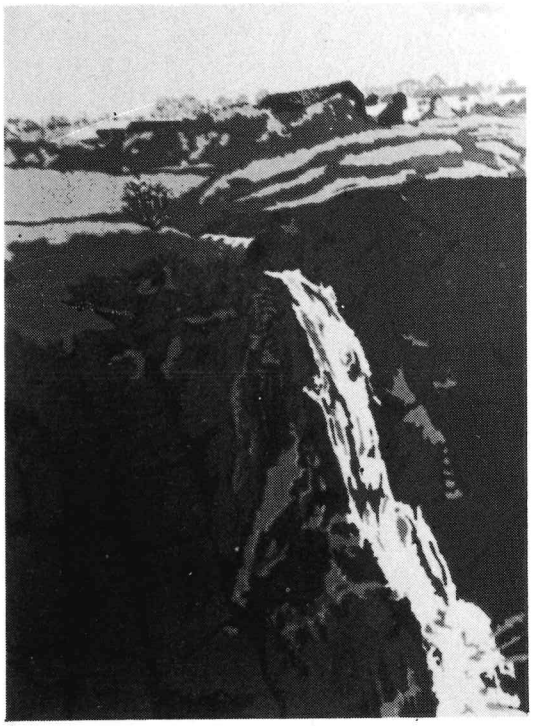


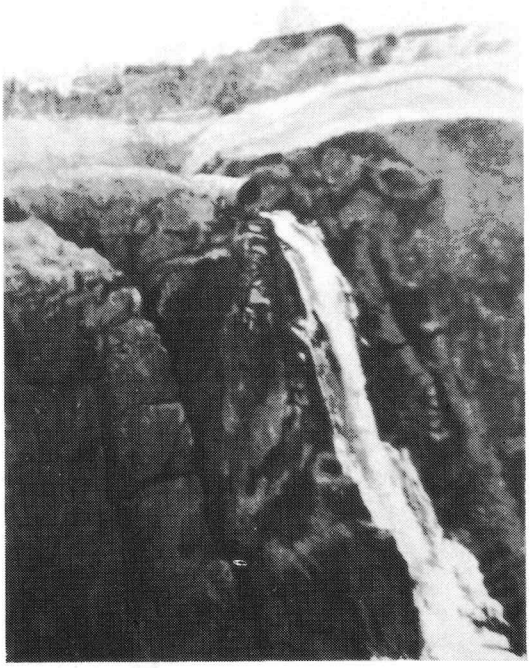
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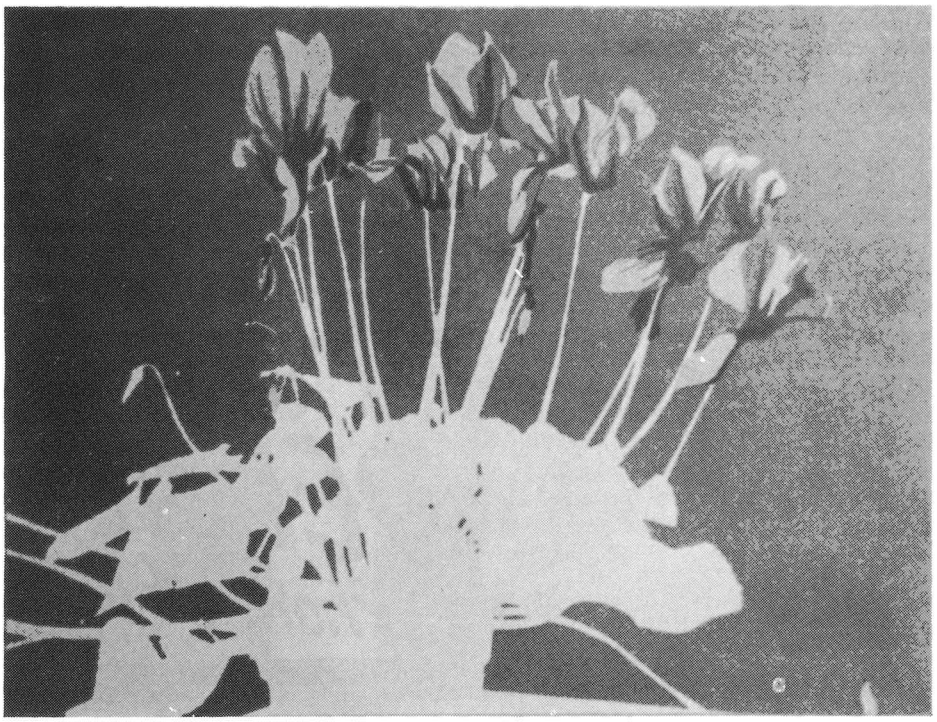
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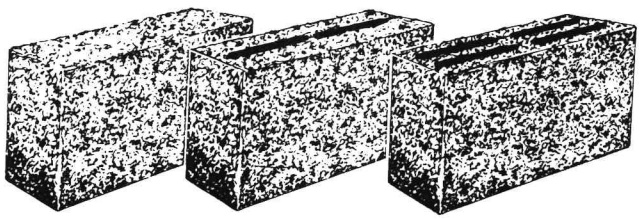
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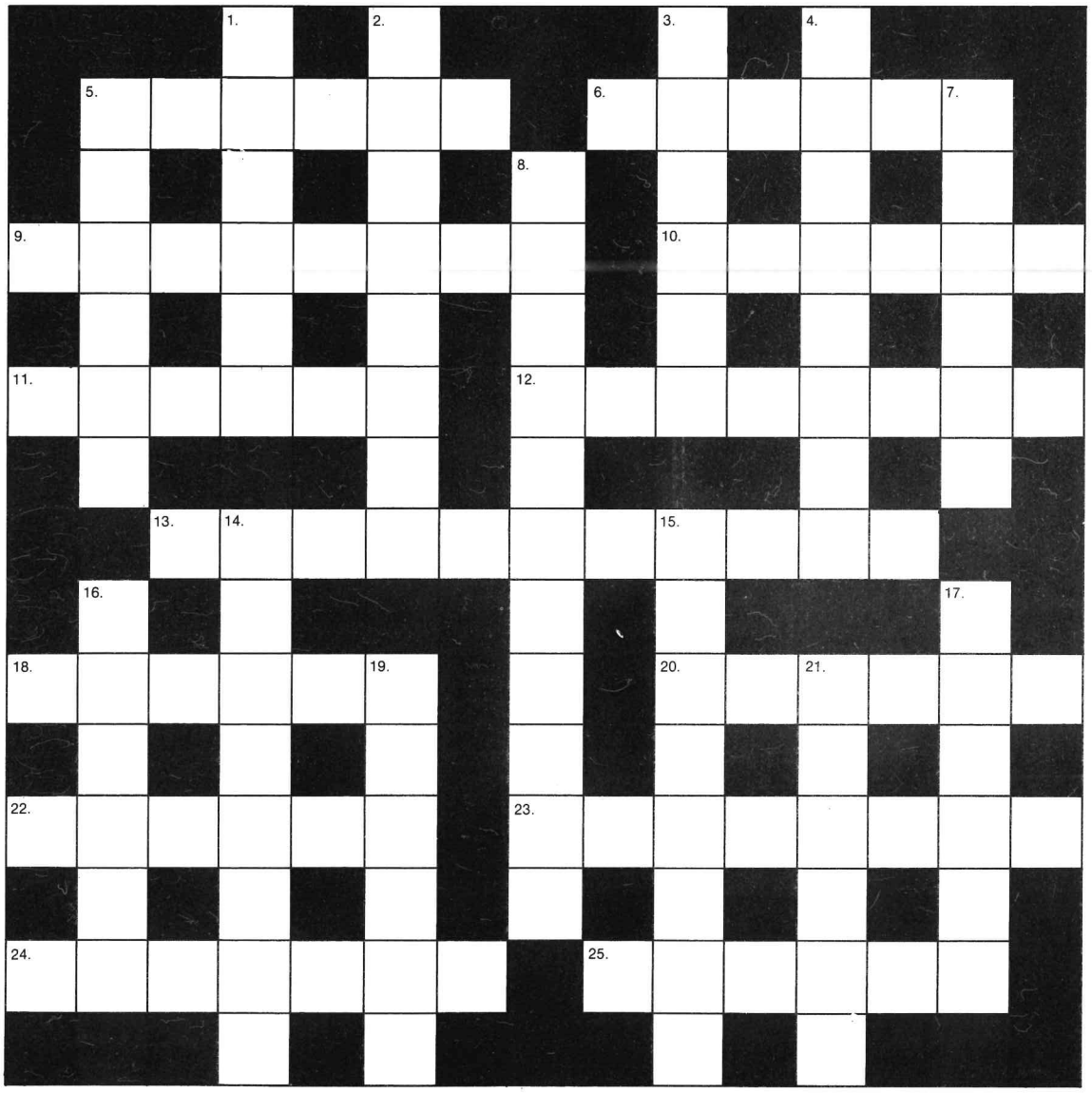
# *Cryptic Crossword*

**ACROSS:**

5. This devil around the right is a mate (6).
6. Not short it seems, pertain (6).
9. Adverbially 5 ac. though it sounds like begging the insect (8).
10. Avoids confusing duel between points (6).
11. State again about the turf (6).
12. Minds after before, falsely (8).
13. Remain with mixed gin, overdue, seemingly loathe to go (7, 4).
18. Is this Polish officer beside a man? (6).
20. Spoil a single holyman in order to get order (6).
22. Throughout kingdoms one finds a thousand earls very confused (6).
23. Is this fowl to be found at the Met. Office? (4-4).
24. Blow Ned and stupefied? (7).
25. Me? I go South for pure self-interest (6).

**DOWN:**

1. Anger after I am upset about an illusion (6).
2. A childish attempt in the army? (8).
3. Oriental poetry when confused can be harsh (6).
4. You men inside the Swiss mountain find a pillar! (8).
5. Satiated, but feeling sick while I did so (6).
7. Edgy about being so covetous (6).
8. A holyman and my self write a record of a magistrate perhaps (11).
14. The floundering of a bum glint? (8).
15. Would these rodents mingle a manuscript? (8).
16. Go to trial to give evidence? (6).
17. Pack in for this on the football field (1,5).
19. When the birds were here they took the eye from a dentist! (6).
21. Erase former Irish policeman and you will get a heading: (6).



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# FILM QUIZ I

1 In the film, "The Quiet Man", two actors had one of the longest screen brawls on cellulod. One of them was John Wayne,who was the other?

2 Which actor has all these films to his credit: F.I.S.T., Nighthawks, and Paradise Alley, to name but a few?

3 In which science-fiction movie did "Robby the Robot" appear?

4 Which director has all these disaster movies to his credit: The Night the Bridge Fell Down, Hanging by a Thread, and The Towering Inferno?

5 Which actor played the title role in "Elvis-The Movie" and also played the lead in "Escape from New York"? Also, who directed the latter?

6 Which American Actor/Martial Artist has appeared in all these films: A Force of One, Good Guys Wear Black, The Octagon, and Silent Rage?

*Answers to be submitted to Aidan Doherty, 4E. The person with most answers right will receive free entry to the Video Club for the rest of the school year.*

# FILM QUIZ II

1 Who played "Mad Max"?
2 Who produced "Twilight Zone"?
3 Who directed "Psycho II"?
4 Who wrote "The Shining", "Carrie", "Salem's Lot"?
5 In what year was the film "Squirm" released?
6 Who directed "Superman II" and "Superman III"?
7 Who directed "Poltergeist"?

# POP QUIZ

Fifteen questions on pop, past present and whenever

1 Which of these isn't a person's real name: Simon Lebon,Toyax Wilcox, Kim Wilde?

2 The Beach Boys recently had a number one L.P., but can you state how many number one singles they've had, what were they and what year? (Allow to be two years out).

3 What were the Beatles' first and last number ones?

4 Which sixties soul group had a top ten hit with "Time is Tight"?

5 In 1962 someone was shouting "School is Out!" Who?

6 What was Genesis' first top ten single?

7 Who are the only group ever to have three number ones with their first three singles?

8 Which legendary Rock 'n' Roll star's girlfriend co-wrote Tracey Ullman's "Breakaway"?

9 The late Marc Boylan's group had four number ones?

10 Apart from Mick Jagger, name any two original Rolling Stones.

11 Who was Cliff Richard's group? What was their original name? How many number ones do they have?

12 How many L.P.s have the Stray Cats had in Britain?

13 Name the members of Yazoo.

14 Which of the "Taylors" from Duran Duran are related?

15 Buddy Holly had a top five hit with a song about a legendary guitarist. Who was the guitarist, and who, later on in the sixties, re-released the song?

**PAUL CAMPBELL 5D**

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# Viaje a Barcelona

Last 31st March was not so much the beginning of the 1983 school Spanish trip as the culmination of nearly a year's preparation by five teachers and forty-three boys.

On Holy Thursday we boarded the bus outside the school on the Glen Road at about 8.30 a.m. Amazingly, nobody was late and nothing of importance was forgotten. We set off for Rosslare, the first stage of our long journey, in high spririts and with a great feeling of anticipation as, for many, it was their first trip outside Ireland.

The weather was bleak but nobody seemed to mind as we stood in the rain at Rosslare Harbour, waiting for what seemed an age to board ship. Once aboard we settled down for a journey lasting some twenty-three hours. For many, the boat was one of the highlights, with its various dining rooms and entertainments. A late-night disco proved to be the main attraction and we proudly discovered that we had a disco-dancing champion in our party. Gavin Conlon from Barrack Street, although only a second year student, had the floor to himself as he mesmerised a large audience with a routine that might have made Travolta green with envy. A few of the boys were green as well - this time, however, not envy, but sea-sickness, was to blame.

Late the following afternoon we docked in Le Havre and found our luxury coach and drivers waiting for us. The weather was still dull but when we reached Paris nobody seemed to notice the clouds as they tried to take in the sights of that beautiful city.

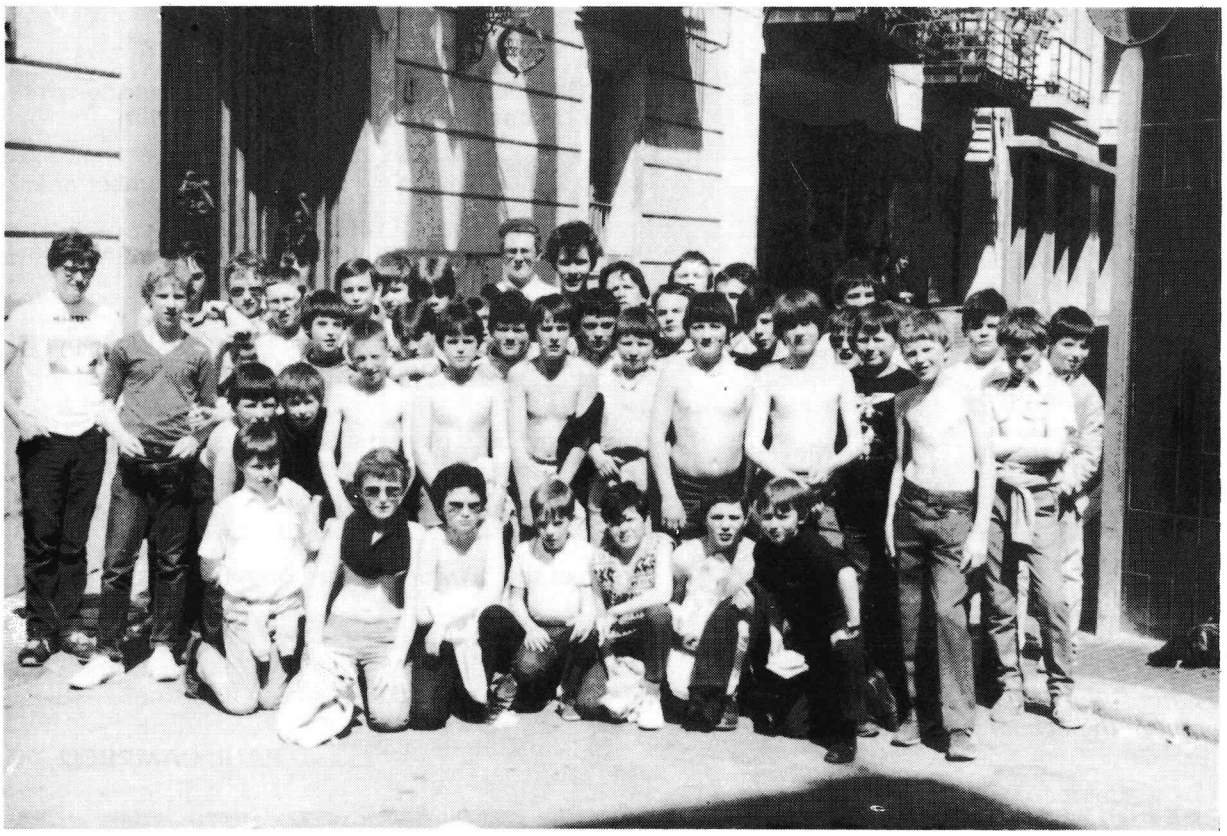
After dinner we set off on a guided tour of Paris by night. After one stop to view the Eiffel Tower, when we were plagued by street vendors, most of the boys got back onto the coach wearing luminous green shoe-laces. Despite the courageous efforts of our guide, her commentary was accompanied throughout by the insistent "trim-phone" impersonation of one of the "quieter" boys. It was so realistic that it proved more entertaining to his colleagues than the beauty of Notre Dame. Ah well, Paris in the springtime means different things to different people.

At about midnight we were asked to leave the coach for fifteen minutes and when we climbed aboard again we discovered that the seats had been converted into bunks, forty-eight of them, with blankets and pillows. Everybody was ready for bed and, despite the all-pervading smell of feet, or maybe because of it, most of the passengers were fast asleep by the time we reached the Autoroute du Soleil.

It rained steadily all night and all three southbound lanes were jammed with people heading south for the Easter break. When we awoke about 8.00 a.m. the sun was up and was highlighting the beautiful landscape of the South of France. The dry warmth and the rolling acres of vineyards were a reminder that we were within striking distance of the Mediterranean.

After breakfast in Nimes (hot chocolate and croissants - not everybody's idea of how best to start the day) we moved on southward, catching glimpses of the Mediterranean as we sped through Provence and began a steady climb into the Pyrenees. The frontier crossing was uneventful but the snow-capped majesty of the mountains was breathtaking. After lunch near the border we drove straight to Barcelona and checked into our hotel in Castelldefels, a few kilometres south of the Catalonian capital.

Dinner that night was a treat but for many, Spanish cuisine was regarded with not a little suspicion. A veritable mountain of salads, cold meats, potato salad and pasta was abandoned in favour of that perennial delicacy "hamburguesas con fritas" (burgers and chips). Over the next few days our very courteous hotelier (we were his only guests as we filled the rooms to capacity) battled hard and wrecked his brains to provide a meal that would meet with the approval of his young Irish guests. Despite his noble efforts he was still greeted with culinary comments ranging from "What d'ye call this one?" to "ach, this here's



leapin' so 'tis.'' We were all glad to get to bed that night and the rooms were very comfortable, each one having a shower, toilet and balcony.

Easter Sunday morning found us touring Barcelona with its broad tree-lined avenues, its massive port (with the U.S. Sixth Fleet at anchor) and Montjuich which comprises a zoo, botanical gardens and Spain's largest funfair as well as the Pueblo Español (a ''town'' specially constructed to exhibit Spain's contrasting architecture). We reached the ''Barrio Gótico'' (Gothic quarter) in time for noon mass celebrated by the Cardinal of Spain and afterwards were lucky to see the people spontaneously dance the Sardana (Catalonia's national dance, the public performance of which was banned by Franco's regime) in the sunshine of the Cathedral Square.

The afternoon was spent in Las Ramblas (where our lads demonstrated a thing or two about bargaining to the street traders and hustlers) and then on to Mount Tibidabo, the view of a beautiful basilica and yet another funfair. The view from the summit of the mountain is so breathtaking that local legend claims it as the highest place where Christ was tempted by Satan when he offered him all the treasures of the world, beginning with the Latin words ''tibi dabo'' (I shall give unto thee).

Easter Monday found us heading south along the cliff road of the Costa Dorada to Sitges. Here were some of the most memorable sights for many of the students and most were loath to leave the beautiful beach. We all had a swim in the Mediterranean and, although it was a very hot day, the temperature of the water was not unlike that which washes our more temperate northern coastlines. This fact was adequately conveyed by the words (neither Spanish nor English!) which were emitted by those who dived headlong into what they thought would be tropical waters.

After lunch we moved further south to the Roman city of Tarragona where still remain the Roman aqueduct and the Circus Maximus. We left our forty-three culture vultures outside the vast medieval cathedral to meander around and investigate for themselves. It took the slower boys about a minute and a half to locate the nearest take-away whilst others sought out ye olde medieval Space Invader machines. The streets were lined with orange trees which proved too tempting for most, even though the fruit was not nearly ripe.

Easter Tuesday began with us packing up and bidding farewell to Castelldefels before a last minute shopping expedition in Barcelona. There was a stampede to buy all sorts of weird and wonderful presents - except, that is, for one prudent student who managed to do some of his shopping in Arklow during the ''nature call'' on the way to Rosslare, and he spent this time dolefully kicking a can around the bus. Then we settled down for the return journey - by this time (with 1,300 miles of road and twenty-four hours aboard ship ahead of us) the luxury coach seemed a little less luxurious.

After dinner in Nimes that evening it was back to the bunks and we awoke in a rather chilly Paris at about 7.30 a.m. on Wednesday morning. One consolation at this stage was that we had time to fit in a trip up the Eiffel Tower and later in the afternoon we had lunch in the beautiful cathedral town of Rouen and saw the spot where St. Joan was burned at the stake.

Nothing left now but the boat journey home and it turned out to be a smooth crossing. During that evening one of the boys (he marked X for no publicity!) put ten pence in a one-armed-bandit and out popped £100.00. He really did hit the jackpot but everyone brought home some personal prize, if only the memories of a very enjoyable holiday.

The memory I prize is of forty-three of the best ambassadors this school ever had. The praise and respect that they won from hotelier, drivers and guides made us, their teachers, very proud indeed.

**Mr. E. McCann**

# *Un Viaje a Espana*

Era el fin de Marzo. Un autocar cómodo con asientos reclinadoes se dirigía rápidamente a Rosslare. Dentro había cuarenta y tres alumnos de Saint Mary's, acompañados por cuatro profesores amables del colegio . . . y la Srta. Fitzmaurice. Todos esperábamos con ganas los ocho días que ibamos a pasar en el Continente Europeo. Todos cantábamos canciones de Abba porque al conductor no le gustaban las cinta de Madness o de AC DC!

Lloviznaba cuando llegamos al puerto de Rosslare y tuvimos que esperar la llegada del barco que venía de Francia . Cuando subimos al St. Killian, todos estábamos mojados. El Sr. Hegarty nos señaló nuestros camarotes que eran pequeños y bastante incómodos. En el mío se hospedaban Martin Campbell, Patrick Smyth y un fanático de AC DC, D. Gough.

El viaje en barco duró veintidós horas y durante ese tiempo se podía ir al cine y a la discoteca, pero los movimientos del barco nos marearon y nos quedamos en el camarote escuchando las cintas de Abba (a nuestro compañero no le gustaban éstas, en absoluto).

Al día siguiente arribamos en Le Harve, donde cogimos otro autocar que nos llevó a París, ciudad que, en la oscuridad, nos pareció magnífica, por su colorido y su animación. Una conductora nos enseñó todas las cosas más importantes. Después de esto, nos acostamos en las camas que los nuevos conductores nos habían preparado en el autocar. No dormimos bien a causa del canto del Sr. Rice y del olor del perfume de la Srta. Fitzmaurice que dormía en la cama de arriba.

De todas formas, cuando abrí los ojos estabámos en Nimes, pueblo pequeño en el sur de Francia, donde desayunamos y miramos unos escaparates. Entonces continuamos el viaje y al cabo de unas horas nos encontramos en Castelldefels, el pueblecito donde íbamos a pasar cuatro días. El hotel era muy pequeño y el agua en las habitaviones estaba amarilla pero las comidas eran buenas (con la excepción de las ensaladas).

Durante los días siguientes vimos muchos sitos hermosos de Cataliña — Sitges, Tarragona y Barcelona, capital de la región, donde hicimos las compras y visitamos un parque de atracciones donde había recreos de todo tipo. Estaba situado en una montaña que dominaba la ciudad y la vista era estupenda. En Sitges, fuimos a la playa donde los Sres. Rice y McCann hicieron footing a lo largo de la arena. Martin Campbell y yo intentamos competir con ellos pero no lo logramos — creo que era que yo tenia calambre en las piernas!!!

Los cuatro días terminados, nos pusimos en camino para regresar. Todos nos sentíamos tristes porque la estancia había sido bastante agradable y no queríamos volver a Belfast. Durante la vuelta nos paramos en París otra vez y dos amigos y yo nos perdimos durante unrato. También visitamos la Torre Eiffel.

Nuestra viaje a Irlanda era peor que la primera y no pasó nada excepto que muchas personas estaban mareadas (pero, de hecho, yo me sentía y no podía quejarme).

Con todo, el viaje fue algo chasqueado pero aun y todo fue interesante y agradable!

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# *Athbhecochan Na Gaeilge In Iarthar Bheal Feirste*

Le tamall anuas to athbeochan na Gaeilge le sonrú go forleathan in Iarthar Bhéal Feirste. Is cosúil go bhfuil go leor daoine ag cur suime ina dteanga dhúchas arís agus mar gheall air seo cuireadh a lán ranganna Gaeilge ar bun. Bíonn bunús na ranganna seo ar siúl san íoche do dhaoine a bhíonn ag obair ach bíonn ranganna ann i rith an lae chomh maith don lucht dí-fhostaithe. Bhíodh Gaeilge, nó beagán Gaeilge ar scor ar bith, ag cuid mhaith de na foghlaimeoirí úra seo lá den tsaol ach d'éirigh sí meirgeach agus í gan úsáid acu. Anois, áfach, tuigeann go leor daoine cé chomh tabhachtach agus atá an teanga agus tá áiféal orthu gur lig siad le sruth í.

Ina theannta sin tá nuachtáin agus irisí Gaeilge ar díol anois sna siopaí áitiúla. Chomh maith leis 'An tUltach', 'Inniu' agus 'Preas an Phobail', (páipéar seachtainiúil áitiúil) tá altanna i nGaeilge san 'Andersonstown News'.

Sa scoil s'againne tá an fáinne (airgid agus óir) a chaitheamh ag cuid mhor de na daltaí agus is minic a chloistear comhrá i nGaeilge taobh amuigh den rang. Is trua, áfach, go bhfuil scoileanna eile sa cheantar nach bhfuil an meas céanna acu. Síleann siad gur tábhactaí Fraincís, Spáinnís agus a leithéid do mhuintir na tíre seo!

Taobh amuigh den scoil tá gaelú na sráidainmneacha ar siúl in áiteanna éagsúla, agus sna cumainn shóisialta bíionn oícheannta áirneáil acu uair sa tseachtain de ghnáth nó bíonn ceol tráidisiúnta lecloisteáil ó ghrúpaí áitiúla.

Is cosúil, dá bhrí sin, go mbeidh athbheochan na Gaeilge ag leanúint ar aghaidh chomh fada is a dhéanaimid ár ndícheall gach gné dár gcutúr féin a chur chun cinn an t-am ar fad.

**le Seán Mac an tSaoir (6ú blian)**

# *Greann*

Cad é dúirt an "scunc" nuair a thiontaigh an ghaoth?
"A! Tá sé uilig ag teacht ar ais chugam anois"

**(C. O Bruadair 4E)**

*An muinteori:* Tá sé leath i ndiath a deich — ba cheart duit bheith anseo ar a naoi.

*An dalta:* cad chuige? Cad é a thárla?

**(L. Murchan 4E)**

**Bhí beirt fhear ag iascaíreacht.**

*An chéad fhear:* Ar chuir tú marc ag an áit ina raibh an iascaíreachta go maith?

*An dara fear:* Chuir, Chuir mé marc ar thaobh an bháid.

*An chead fhear:* A amadáin! B'fhéidir go mbeidg bád eile againn amarach.

**(M. Crawford 4E)**

Chuaigh fear agus slat iascaireachta ina láimh aige isteach i siopa. Cheannaigh sé seacht n-iasc.
"Caith chugam iad anois," ar seisean leis an siopadóir.
"Cad chuige?" arsa an siopadóir.
"Bhuel, ba mhaith liom bheith ábalta a rá gur rug mé orthu!"

**(G. O Maolchraoibhe 4E)**

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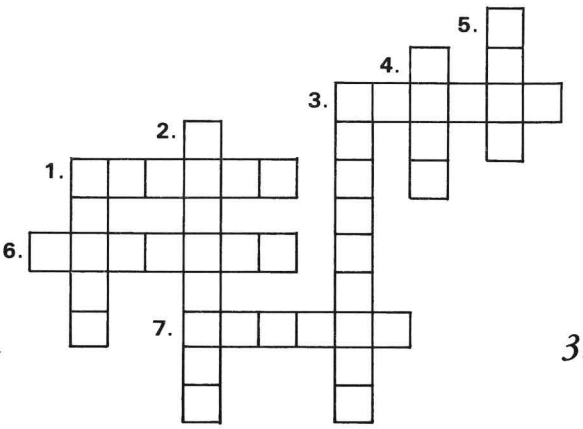


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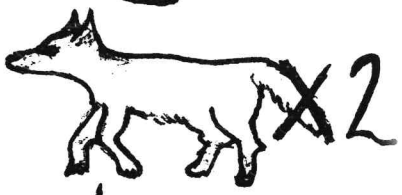
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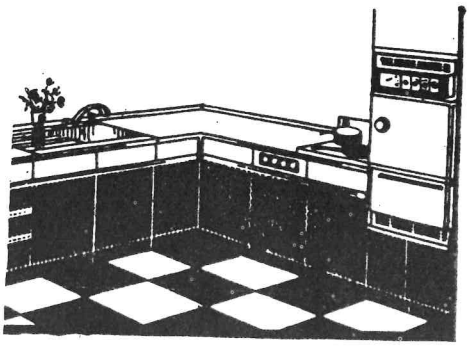
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## *Answers to Pop Quiz*

1 *Kim Wilde.*
2 *Good Vibrations, 1966; Do It Again, 1968.*
3 *From Me to You and Ballad of John and Yoko.*
4 *Booker T and The MGs.*
5 *Alice Cooper.*
6 *Follow You, Follow Me.*
7 *Gerry and The Pacemakers.*
8 *Eddie Cochran.*
9 *T. Rex, Get It On, Metal Guru, Hot Stuff, and Telegram Sam.*
10 *Charlie Watts, Bill Wyman, Brian Jones, Keith Richards.*
11 *The Shadows, The Drifters — 5.*
12 *Three.*
13 *Alf and Vince.*
14 *None of them.*
15 *Bo Diddley; The Rolling Stones.*

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Donal McCaffrey who is the first student to achieve an 'A' Grade in 'O'-level German after only one year's study of the language in St. Mary's. Congratulations also to his teacher for the year, Mrs. Anne Thompson. Donal's achievement is testimony to the extremely hard work of both pupil and teacher. Well done!

**Mr. R. O'Prey**

## *Logainmneacha Áitiúla*

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| Coolnasilla | Cúl na Sailighe | The Nook of the Willows |
| Clonard | Cluain Ard | High Meadow |
| Kilwee | Cill Bhuí | Yellow Church |
| Dunmurry | Dún Mhuireadhaigh | Murray's Fort |
| Lenadoon | Léanna an Dúin | The Wet Meadow of the Fort |
| Derryaghy | Doire Achaidh | The Oakwood Field |
| Lisburn | Lios na gCearrbhach | Fort of the Gamblers |
| Gort na Mona | Gort na Móna | The Bog Field |
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| Stranmillis | Struth Milis | Sweet Stream |
| Glenavy | Lann Abhaich | Church of the Dwarf |
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| Knockdu | Cnoc Dubh | Black Hill |
| Gransha | Gráinse | Granary |
| Rathmore | Rath Mór | Great Fort |

**le Pádraig de Bhailis (5F)**

### BURNING STUBBLE

The stubble was collected,
And thrown into the flames.
Blazing and enraged like hell
On entombed evil God.

Smoke billowed from the flames,
And filled the sky,
As if wanting to eat it up.

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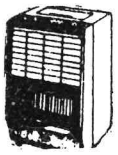
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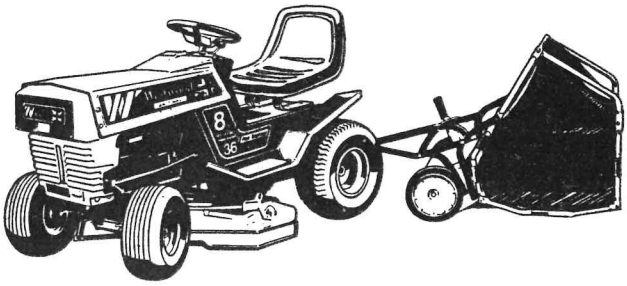


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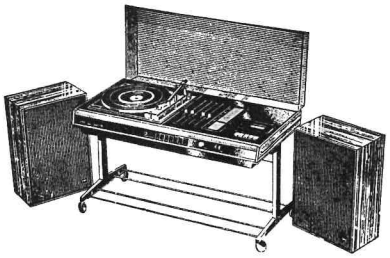


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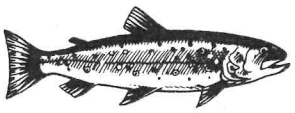
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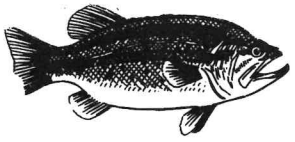
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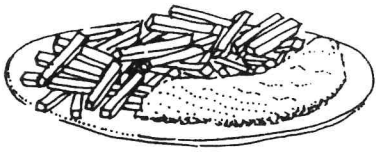
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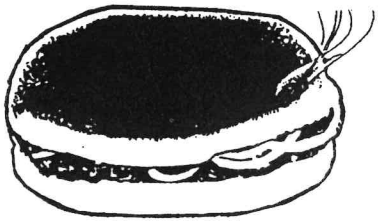
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# "MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS. . ."

"I can still see him standing there, head and shoulders above the rest, as he sang the hymn." My father's memory was of 1932 and Count John McCormack the great Irish Tenor, singing "Panis Angelicus" on O'Connell Bridge in Dublin, the last occasion when the Eucharistic Congress was held in Ireland. Half a century later the memory was still fresh in his mind.

Memory is like that, it has a strange quality all of its own. Most of us who are old enough to recall it will probably be able to say exactly where we were when we heard President John F. Kennedy had been shot in November 1963. I was 12 then and I can remember I was having a wrestling match with my brother when my mum came into the room. We thought we were for it, but instead she told us the news. Young as we were we still realised something important had happened.

I remember too with vivid detail the visit of Pope John Paul to Ireland, of the rising early on the Saturday morning, of the long journey to Galway, of sleeping (you must be joking!) in a field in Ballinasloe, of parking one's car in the middle of the night and taking four hours to find it the following day, but then also memories of a helicopter flying in out of the mist and a sense of history when for the first time in 2000 year's Peter's successor touched down on a part of Ireland. I know I'll remember those moments for as long as I live. Do you have a memory of those days in '79?

What is the point of this nostalgia? It's not meant to be a form of self-indulgence. Memory can also be something extremely positive, or should I say the creation of memories can be positive. People will remember longer the fact that the Pope told them in Galway that he loved them than the Priest's sermon at last Sunday's Mass. They will recall the Stones concert at Slane in July '82 for years to come quicker than any video they may have seen of them; or any other live concert for that matter. A young boy will remember his first All-Ireland at Croke Park more than a thousand matches on T.V.

The positive side of all this is the need for everyone of us — parents, teachers, priests, youth-leaders to create occasions and thereby memories for themselves, our children and all our young people.

Nowadays many parents citicize the amount of violence and explicit sex scenes on television which invade our homes. Yet to me that is not the worst aspect of the television medium. It's not what we watch that ultimatley matters, but the fact we watch and that we watch so much too. Granted that T.V. can be informative and educational, relaxing and entertaining but I wonder how many programmes we watched which we never intended to; how many conversations died because the 'box' held attention? T.V. can hypotnise and lead us to inertia. Sometimes it is as if we are watching life pass by (plays, films about others living, the news and documentaries), through a screen instead of participating in it. A week later will anyone in the family remember the programmes or video watched? What will they remember — maybe years later — is that walk in the park as a family or Dad taking his son fishing or playing a frame or two of snooker or going together to watch Cliftonville or St. Pauls.

Recently one of the youth club leaders in my parish told me about some of the regular glue-sniffers whom he had away on an activity weekend — caneoing, rock-climbing, pony-trekking. By the Sunday night, he said they were 'high', not on glue but on fresh air. And no doubt a memory was being created in their hearts. What made them sniff glue in the first place? Boredom? Lack of opportunity? Disinterested parents?

Whatever the answer our young people will thank us and remember us for the time we spent with them living life to the full and not necessarly for the things — sometimes superfluous we provided. Nostalgia is not always a thing of the past.

**By Father Murray**



*Victors at St. Mary's Prize Night. Front Row – C. Rogan, P. McGowan, M. McHugh. Back Row – N. Rea, S. Lyttle, G. Monaghan, D. McCaffrey.*

# A NIGHT AT THE C.B.P.P.U.

On Friday 21 October 1983 myself, Martin Downey, Paul Tumelty and Joseph Robinson were all invited to attend the Christian Brother's Past Pupil's Annual Dinner, we all approached the idea of going to such a formal affair with some trepidation — the view generally held was that we would be the only ones there not drawing our Old Age Pension, but, personally, I was very impressed and very pleasantly surprised.

The Annual Dinner, itself was held in the Past Pupils Union's very spacious and well-furnished premises on the Antrim Road. The only thing "Formal" about the evening was the dress and we found that we could mix very easily and were made very welcome. The meal was delicious and we were plied, perhaps too liberally, with liquid refreshment.

The main business of the evening commenced shortly after dinner. The Union's President Mr. Eugene Carolan rose to welcome all the special guests, ourselves included, to the dinner. Amongst those present were the Guest of Honour, Bishop Walsh, and representatives from the top Grammar Schools in Belfast including St. Malachy's College, Methodist College, Campbell College, and the Belfast Royal Academical Institution.

The main speaker of the evening was his Lordship the Bishop, himself a past pupil of St. Mary's and, prior to his elevation to the position of auxiliary bishop, headsmaster of St, Malachy's. He talked of the close links, between our two schools and the friendly rivalry that has always existed between us. He went on to describe his satisfaction at the number of pupils from St. Mary's who have answered the call of the religious life including, perhaps the school's most famous past pupil, the Late Cardinal Conway. Bishop Walsh praised the union for its help to the school and he praised also the job done by its teachers in, and he quoted a former headmaster of Rugby, "making Christian men, for I scarcely hope to make Christian boys." His Lordship then proposed the toast to "Christian Brothers' Schools."

The toast was replied to by our present headmaster Rev. Bro. Kelly. He thanked the bishop for his kind words and went on to discuss the important role that Christian Brothers' Schools have in this "post-Christian era." He said that 'As a religious group we must have a special concern for and give preferential attention to the poor, but we must not abandon the education of that group in society who will influence the future.' He ended his response by thanking the Past Pupils Union for their help in furnshing the Edmund Ignatius Rice Chapel and their ceaseless work for the cause of Edmund Rice.

Next to speak was a past president of the Union Mr. Brian Campbell and he proposed a toast to "The Union" and this was replied to by this year's President Mr. Carolan. In his response Mr. Carolan talked, mainly I think for our benefit, of the numerous societies and activities engaged in by the Union, these included, table tennis, golf, snooker, bowls, dramatics and photography — the latter two societies having achieved many top awards between them. He went on to show his delight in the various ways the Past Pupils Union involved itself with St. Mary's including the sponsoring of such events as the school concerts and Prize Givings. Mr. Carolan made an appeal for more young blood in the Union and expressed his satisfaction that this much-needed transfusion was beginning to take place.

To conclude, I would like to thank, on my own behalf and the behalf of Martin, Paul, and Joseph, the Christian Brothers' Past Pupils Union for their invitation and everyone there, especially Bishop Walsh, for their warm welcome. If the P.P.U. ever sends an invitation to the school for pupils to attend one of its functions, I would say to anyone who had the chance to go and not to waste it.

**By Martin McLoughlin 7SA**

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# MY FIRST DAY IN FOURTH YEAR

On Thursday morning I arose to go to morning mass, as I had done on previous mornings, but this was a different morning because this morning was the dawning of a new chapter in my autobiography.

Afterwards I came home and dressed for school and during breakfast I pondered on my past three years at St. Mary's, Barrack Street, friendly, cosy Barrack Street. Today was going to be a new experience and I could not help but sense a feeling of anxiety and impending disaster.

I travelled to school with my friend in his father's car, every minute spent in that car was a gift, like manna from Heaven. I dreaded my approach to those incarcerating gates, monuments to all those who had passed through them.

Presently the car came to a halt outside the top gates. When the car left us I felt suddenly alone. Outstretched before me lay that notorious 'Robot Factory.'

All was quiet and tranquill. The hill behind me purred with the bleeting of the scattered sheep. From the peaceful sky the sun beamed lazily down. The school looked deserted and I could envisage an empty assembly hall. I felt a sickness and I wanted to turn and run free.

On entering the Assembly Hall, I was greeted by the smiling familiar faces of the 'Barrack Street Boys' that unique group of unspoilt people. I sat down among them feeling at once more at ease. They talked of the holidays, those happy-go-lucky, carefree days when homework and teachers were in thought. Those few ecstatic minutes of reminiscing were brought to an abrupt halt by the piercing voice of the Headmaster.

After a few prayers he introduced us to school regulations with the usual, scare mongering. We were then grouped into our respective classes and marched off in military style to our form classes. The whole place had a noxious, malodourous painting smell. It was all too uniform and up-to-standard for my liking. Each corridor seemed the same as the last and a claustrophobic feeling was aroused within me.

We come to our form classroom 'H24' where I was to sit for the next half hour, listening to a teacher reinforcing what the headmaster had said earlier. At last we were allowed to leave. I ran as quickly as my boots would allow me, delighted to be free.

**by Christopher Hogg 4C**



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It was five years ago that boys from St. Mary's first set off for Bulgaria. Every year since then a party has gone to the small resort of Pamporovo, 5,500 feet high in the Rhodope Mountains. There we learnt the basic skills of skiing and improved our techniques already developed at the day slope in Craigavon, under the careful instruction of that wee curly Scotsman from Edinburgh - Sean.

Hotel Snezhenka at first seemed spartan but as the week progressed we realised how well designed it was to cope with our needs - including apres ski. The hotel staff were always trying to please, with the exception of the cooks.

Due to impeccable organisation on the ski slopes there have been only minor casualties. Since 1979 the slopes of Pamporovo have become increasingly popular, giving rise to long queues at chair-lift stations and crowded slopes. This year however the group leaders will be shouting 'wakey, wakey!' outside Rumanian bedroom doors - at half eight in the morning.

As for achievements, the ski team can take pride in their rapid, success in competitions. Within two years St. Mary's 'A' consisting of Declan Connolly (now in Ulster Polytechnic doing Sports Studies), Owen McKiernan (at present in Q.U.B. studying Chemical Engineering), John Walsh (in his father's business), Anthony Lavery and Edmund Dinclair (both still at school) had represented Northern Ireland at Hillend, Edinburgh (dry slope schools competition) and at Avemore (Snow competition). In more recent years they have been respectably placed 27th out of 107 schools in the British Schools Ski Championships.

In 1980 the school ski team came 5th in the Northern Ireland ski competition, in 1981 they came second and eventually in 1982 their efforts were awarded when they won both open and handicapped competitions of the N.I. Schools Ski Association.

Both Brian and John Walsh are Ulster Ski Team racers and have skiied competitively in Dublin and Britain. Anthony Lavery and Owen McKiernan have both raced in Dublin (Kilterman).

Most of those who have experienced a trip to Bulgaria have returned the following year (which may lead you to think there is something special about Bulgaria - and you'd be right).

Throughout the years we have made many new friends from schools such as Methody, Friends and especially Holywood Girls Grammar School.

To conclude we would advise anyone interested to get his name down for the next ski trip. Jim McClean does it, the headmaster does it, the vice-principal does it and Mr. Jim Lally does it so why not you?

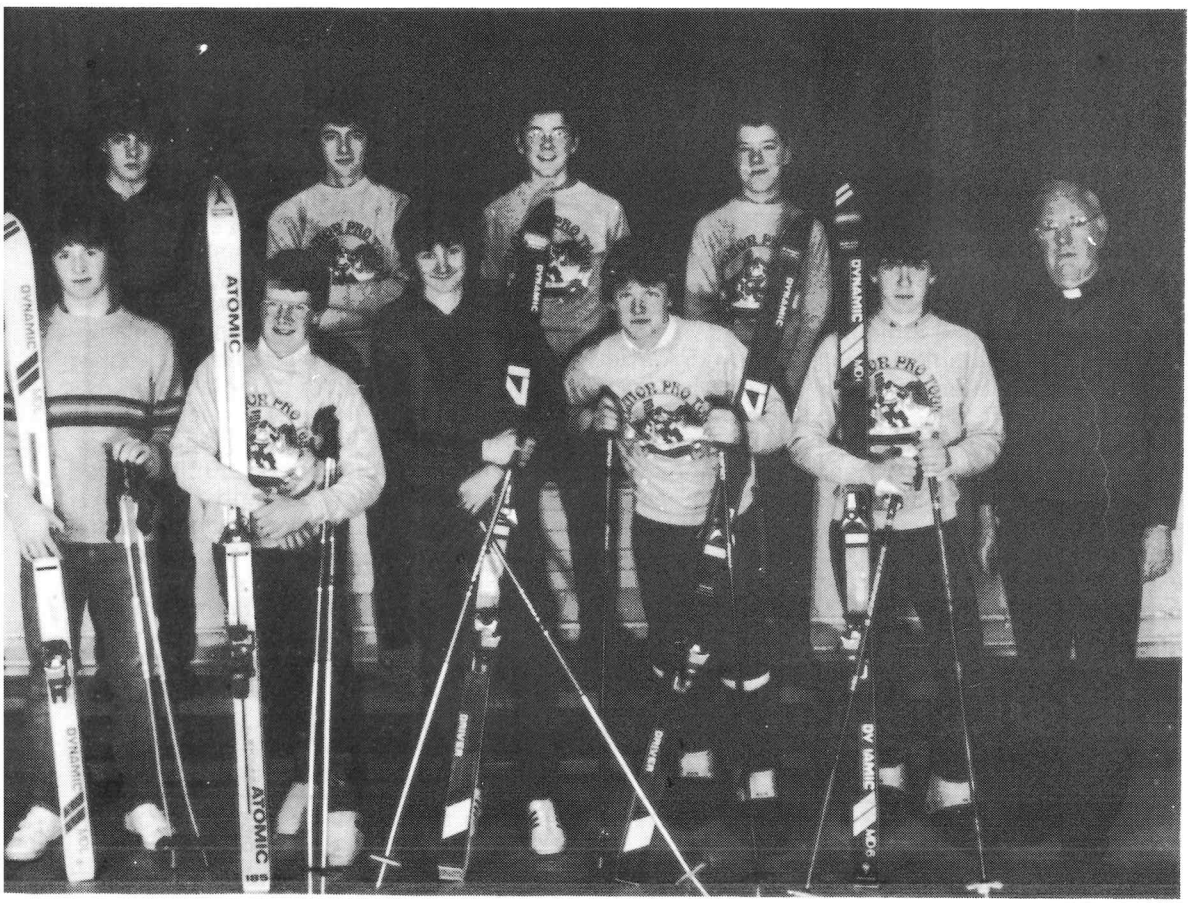
**by Anthony Lavery and Brian Walsh**

## ST. MARY'S OUTDOOR PURSUITS CLUB

St. Mary's Outdoor Pursuits Club is one of the longest established associations in the school, but ironically is one of the least known. This is surely a great pity, as the opportunity provided by the club to participate in a uniquely enjoyable activity is too often unfortunately wasted. The club is led by Mr. T. Hegarty whose keenness and willingness to devote time and energy to the club's activities is invaluable. A nucleus of established members provide a sound base for the club, with a few new members coming and going from year to year. Those whom the bug has bitten will stay on in the club until they leave school and hopefully will continue to enjoy the outdoor life for long afterwards.

The club's activities include camping, hillwalking and rockclimbing. These being worked into a pattern of a one day trip and a two day trip each month.

Hillwalking for me is a highly enjoyable activity. Besides the physical fitness and health which are




*BACK ROW – A. Lavery, M. Diver, M. Shevlin, J. Keane.*

*FRONT ROW – D. Connolly, J. Walsh, O McKiernan, B. Walsh, E. Sinclair, Br. C. I. Gallagher.*

associated with it, the hours spent in the tranquility and beauty of the hills provide a good opportunity to clear my head and think things out to a degree impossible in the rush and noise of life at home in Belfast with its rigid timetable.

Excursions which involve one or more overnight stays in the hills are a welcome break from studying for this exam, or that, and there is much to be said for the character building experience of comradeship among club members especially in the difficult and sometimes hazardous situations which one can so easily come upon one quite unexpectedly in wild hill country. Certainly I think it is something everyone should try at sometime in their life.

Rockclimbing is mainly confined to the spring and summer months for obvious reasons, and the club possesses first class equipment for this highly enjoyable sport, and of course a code of safety procedures are strictly observed. New members are instructed in the basics of this sport and from there, their skill and enjoyment increases with practice and experience.

The school year 1982-83 continued the club's tradition of a high level of activity, confined mainly to the Mourne Mountains, for convenience sake, building up to a four day camping trip to the Wicklow Mountains at the end of the year in June.

Beginning on the morning of Saturday 25th eight members including Mr. Hegarty assembled at the school and, having acquired a school minibus, we set off with rucks heavily laden with gear. A long boring journey was rewarded by the sight of the mountains rising to meet the sky as we came further away from Dublin, where we had need to exercise our navigation skills in that city's formidable traffic maze. We were heading for the well known Vale of Glendalough with it's numerous ancient monastic ruins and famed Round Tower. Arriving in early afternoon we found forest wardens refusing us access to the upper valley because of camping restrictions, forcing us to use a paying campsite inhabitated by camera toting tourists from all corners of the country and beyond. This contrast with the isolation and peace of camping in the hills that we are more accustomed to. After pitching our camp we spent some time admiring the ruins, which alone would warrant the visit. But we were here for other reasons, and were soon getting off on a seven mile hike on the south side of the vale. From the hill tops the striking beauty of this place caused us to halt often simply to silently take in the scene. Moments like this are one of the great spurs to those who enjoy the outdoors.

We spent the remainder of that weekend exploring the rest of the valley, with another long hike with many memorable moments, including the sighting of some of the local deer population.

On Monday morning, loathe to leave, we moved north to some cliffs called Lughala near the Sally Gap to put in a days rock climbing. This proved a rewarding day and we finished it by bivouacking near Omeath on the way home. It had certainly been a trip to equal any other the club had made and was a worthwhile experience.

We look forward to an adventurous new school year and extend a welcome to new comers to our ranks.

**By Barry Stanley 7SC**

## INDOOR FOOTBALL

1983/84 is the fourth year of this programme. It involves boys from 1st year through to 5th year. Boys are invited to form teams within each year group and compete against one another in what are invariably very competitive matches. A handicap system helps to ensure a large participation of pupils not normally considered as "sporty" types.

There are medals for the winners and finalists of each year group and the year's finale is a concluding competition between the winners and finalists in the Junior year groups and the winners and the finalists in the 4th and 5th year groups.

This scheme allows large numbers of pupils to participate in an organised school activity (e.g. 48 boys in the current 3rd year group). It creates a tremendous spirit of healthy competition and friendship within each year group.

Listed below are the winners and finalists in 1982-83.

| | WINNERS | FINALISTS |
|---|---|---|
| First Year | Frank McCabe 1B<br>Martin Vaughan 1D<br>Angelo Fionda 1B | Vincent Hynes 1D<br>Patrick McCambridge 1D<br>Seamus McStravick 1D |
| Second Year | Paul Lowry 2B<br>Mark McKenna 2B<br>Gerard Boyle 2B | Ciaran O'Neill 2D<br>Connor O'Neill 2D<br>Barry Hughes 2D |
| Third Year | Jim Magilton 3C<br>Brendan Gough 3C<br>Jim McAleavey 3C | Conor Armstrong 3C<br>Kieran Devlin 3C<br>Brian Johnston 3C |
| Fourth Year | Conal Heatley 4D<br>Liam Tiernan 4D<br>John Doherty 4D<br>Gerard Kelly 4F | Martin McLaughlin 4B<br>Ciaran O'Hare 4B<br>Paul McGuigan 4B |
| Fifth Year | Stephen Smith 5D<br>Sean Foy 5D<br>John Mallon 5D<br>Kevin Kane 5D | Peter McStravick 5B<br>Michael Hamill 5B<br>Patrick McCabe 5B<br>Kevin Fox 5B |

### INDOOR FOOTBALL FOURTH YEAR

*BACK ROW – C. Heatley, G. Kelly, J. Donnelly, L. Tiernan.*
*FRONT ROW – P. McGuigan, C. O'Hare, M. McLaughlin, L. McRaughlin.*



# Cross-Country

Every school relies on stimulating and encouraging new blood to renew and build its sporting teams, and because all our first years were simultaneously time-tabled for P.E. in 1982/83, it was an easy job this year to top-off the cream. All one hundred and fifty budding Coghlans raced their hearts out for those coveted top places.

After six weeks it was Steve O'Toole who emerged as our fastest man, setting a course record, but for sheer consistency Connor Corr put together enough class runs to make him clearly our best first year — and the best news of all is that he is young enough to compete for our first years again in the coming season. Well done Connor!

And there was the usual improver — the lad who starts the season in a fairly average manner, but finishes off by surprising everyone. Last year it was the redoubtable Marty Fegan and this year Neil Garland filled the role when he was our second best at the Belfast Cross-Country Championships, which St. Mary's won very handsomely. On that day St. Mary's won another team and individual title when Ciaran Rogan led the senior team to a closely fought victory. This team promised much and even possibles for the All-Ireland Championship, but on the day the team was not at full strength and finished a disappointing fourth but only a few points behind the second placed team.

To round off a strong overall performance St. Mary's Junior and Intermediate teams filled runner-up spots in their contests, the best individual run coming from Junior Adrian Pendleteon — a prospect with great talent. The intermediate performance was very encouraging because they are all young enough to compete again this year. Led by Gerry O'Neill and John Donnelly this Olympic AC trained group are classy enough to set their sights on the All-Ireland title in 1984. Over the full season the intermediates dominated the Belfast League, taking all six races without serious opposition, and they were or best squad in the Ulster CBS Championships, which they also won. Such is their strength in depth that they could field two complete teams in this year's league and finish first and second. It is this back-up to replace injuries, and competition just to make the team which really indicated their All-Ireland potential.

## SECOND YEAR CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

This years class cross country league was dominated by Adrian Pendleton (2C) and Fergal Rogers (2B). These two took 1st and 2nd respectively in every race. The next 6 positions were evenly shared between Conal Canavan, Marty Fegan, Sean Rogan, Mark McKenna, Kieran O'Neill and Joe Kennedy. After the first race 2B took the lead with 420 points. 2A were second with 389 points, 2D were third with 280 and 2C fourth with 186. In the second race 2B had three runners in the top five, this means that they were scoring enough high points to keep them in contention for the leadership. After this race 2B had 876 points, 2A had 798 points, 2D third with 440, 2C took up the rear with 439.

In the third week Adrian Pendleton set up a new record of 6 minutes 25 seconds. In the individual championship Adrian Pendleton with 150 points had a three point lead ahead of second place man Fergal Rogers. In the class league 2B had a total of 1240 points to 2A's 1166. 2C overtook 2D. 2C had 730 points to 2D's 690. In the class points 2B were only 14 points off 2A. 2B with 1613 and 2A with 1599, 2D meanwhile had overtaken 2C. 2D had 952 and 2C with 937. Then week five; only one week left. Adrian Pendleton is now 4 points clear. 2A have taken the lead with 2054, 2B are second with 1914 and 2D with 1228, 2C are falling behind in the championship.

In the individual championship Marty Fegan and Kieran O'Neill were joint fourth with just one week left. In the last race Adrian Pendleton had just to finish in the top three and he was the 1982 2nd year champion. He did better than 3rd and 2nd, he took no.1 position for the 6th time out of six. In second place was Fergal Rogers with 6 seconds. Kieran O'Neill came out the victor with a narrow margin of 1 point. 2A took the class championship with 2527 points, second 2B with 2268, third 2D with 1426, fourth 2C with 1420.

1. Adrian Pendleton (2C) 300 pts.
2. Fergal Rogers (2B) 294 pts.
3. Conal Canavan (2A) 283 pts.
4. Kieran O'Neill (2D) 281 pts.
5. Marty Fegan (2B) 280 pts.
6. Sean Rogan (2B) 259 pts.
7. Mark McKenna (2B) 258 pts.
8. Joe Kennedy (2A) 258 pts.
9. Paul Savage (2D) 250 pts.
10. Conor Kelly (2A) 242 pts.

## BELFAST LEAGUE INTERMEDIATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS 1983

*BACK ROW - J. Carlin, J. McGuinness, G. Kelly, J. Boyle - All Ireland Schools 400m Champion; N.I. Junior International 400m;, C. Heatley. FRONT ROW - J. Donnelly, G. Kennedy, G. O'Neil.*



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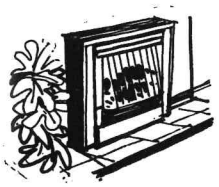
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## C.B.S. CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
### by Martin Fegan

St. Mary's hosted the C.B.S. Championships for the fifth consecutive year. The gruelling, though, short up hill course proved to be more than many runners could handle.

Eight C.B.S. schools battled it out to see who would take home the coveted prizes.

In the minor race first place went to R. Dougan from Armagh with a creditable 6 mins. 4 secs. Our own Connor Core ran a good race, although with a bad start came in sixth out of a sixty man field.

The minor team prize went to Armagh and St. Mary's came in second.

The juvenille class was won by Rodney Noble from Glengormley, who stormed home ten seconds ahead of the field. Our own Adrian Pendleton and Fergy Rogers took third and fourth places, with Glengormley taking first and second places. Ciaran O'Neill and Marty Fegan took seventh and ninth places which brought St. Mary's to second place, nine points behind C.B.S. Glengormley. The Junior class was won by Colm Kelly from C.B.S. Glengormley who won the race by a clear eight seconds over fellow team mate C. McCleary. Jim McBriarty and Simon O'Doherty came in third and fifth for St. Mary's, C.B.S. Glengormley won overall with 13 points to St. Mary's 25.

The Intermediate class was won by Declan Caddel from, yes, you've guessed, Glengormley. John Donnelly came in second with Gerard O'Neill fourth. They helped St. Mary's to at last gain victory over C.B.S. Glengormley, who up to this had won almost everything.

(Proving that you can not win them all!)

### BELFAST SCHOOLS MINOR CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS 1983

*BACK ROW – S. O'Toole, C. Corr, N. Garland, J. Murray.*
*FRONT ROW – F. McCabe, P. Mallon, J. McLaughlin, B. Linton.*






### SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

*BACK ROW – T. McCarthy, C. Rogan.*
*FRONT ROW – D. Roberts, J. Boyle.*

## BASKETBALL
### by Fergus Woods (School Basketball Coach and Coach for the Smithwicks National League Basketball Team)

This season the school is fielding a team in the U.16 Ulster Schools League and in the U.17 Ulster Cup.

Last season we were knocked out of the U.17 cup in the second round - losing by 3 points in a sterling struggle against the eventual runners-up in the competition, Ballynahinch High School.

Our luck was no better in the U.16 League where we lost 3 games in a row by 3 points or less.

This season has started on a promising note with a first round victory in the U.16 League against Annadale - a team we lost to last year. The team played with great determination and fought back from a 10 point deficit to win by 5 points.

The form of Eugene McKenna (an Ulster trialist last season) looks particularly good and great progress is also being shown by Christopher Gough, Michael Mallon, Mark Hamill, Liam Tiernan, John Donnelly, Gerard Kelly, Tom McNeice and newcomer Jim Houston.

Other teams in our section include La Salle, St. Patrick's, Dungannon and Annadale.

In the U.17 Cup we have a tough first round draw against old rivals St. Patrick's College, Armagh.

Other highlights of the year will include coaching sessions run by American players Soup Campbell and Paul Berlo.

# GAA

## FIRST YEAR

The First Year Footballers were our most successful team last year. They were runners-up to La Salle in the Belfast Schools Final after an undefeated run throughout the competition. They won the first ever Ulster Grammar Schools Blitz Competition by beating the famous St. Colman's of Newry in the final.

Our Under-14 D'Alton Cup Team reached the final of their competition. This team, under manager Mr. Charlie Monaghan, improved considerably throughout the competition and observers would never have thought after their epic performance in the final, going down by two points, that this was the team that had lost so heavily to St. Colman's, the eventual winners, in the early stages of the tournament.

The Under-15½ Team took the Belfast Schools Football League for the fourth year in a row when they defeated St. Thomas's in the final. Throughout the competition St. Mary's were undefeated, with their best performance coming at the Semi-Final stage, when they defeated a strong St. Paul's team 6-4 to 2-4. However they never produced this form in the final on the big Casement Park pitch, but they ran out easy winners in the end 3-5 to 03.

Our Under-17 Rannafast Cup Team never produced the form they were capable of. They lost one match during the opening round to finish second in their section to the Abbey, Newry. In the quarter-finals they were drawn against the holders, St. Patrick's, Downpatrick. However, they had to go into this quarter-final game without their centre-half Jim Hughes, who received an hand injury during training.

Nothing seemed to go right for St. Mary's in this match. St. Patrick's scored from a penalty with 10 minutes to go to lead for the first time and despite great efforts by the St. Mary's team, Downpatrick held out to win by the narrowest of margins and went on to win the Rannafast Cup for the second year in succession.

St. Mary's had high hopes this year of winning the premium football competition, the MacRory Cup powered by eight of the successful Antrim County Minor Team. It was hoped that St. Mary's could win this competition for the first time since 1971.

The team won five of their six opening round games, the only game they lost was to St. Colman's, Newry, when they were defeated by a last minute goal.

St. Mary's looked forward with confidence to the knockout stages of the competition. They prepared to face Omagh, having been undefeated in five friendly games since Christmas.

After 30 minutes of their quarter-final, St. Mary's led by seven points and with Omagh reduced to 14 men things looked great for St. Mary's. However, Omagh were not prepared to give up so easily and they fought out a well earned draw.

The sides met one week later, again at Magherafelt. With one minute left in this game, St. Mary's looked certain to qualify. However, Omagh scored a last gasp goal forcing the game into extra time. Throughout extra time both sides gave it all, and at the end of this thirty minutes, the sides were level yet again.

**Under 15's Belfast Schools Football Champions 1982 — 1983**



The sides met in the second replay in Coalisland on the following Wednesday with St. Mary's this time being victors by the narrow margin of two points.

Three days later St. Mary's faced St. Pat's, Maghera, who looked a faster, fitter team after their two-week break. St. Mary's showed none of the character which brought them this far in the competition and at half-time Maghera led by 8 points. Try as they would St. Mary's could not raise their game enough and they looked a defeated side long before the end. St. Mary's lost by nine points and St. Pat's went on to win the final easily against the Abbey, Newry.

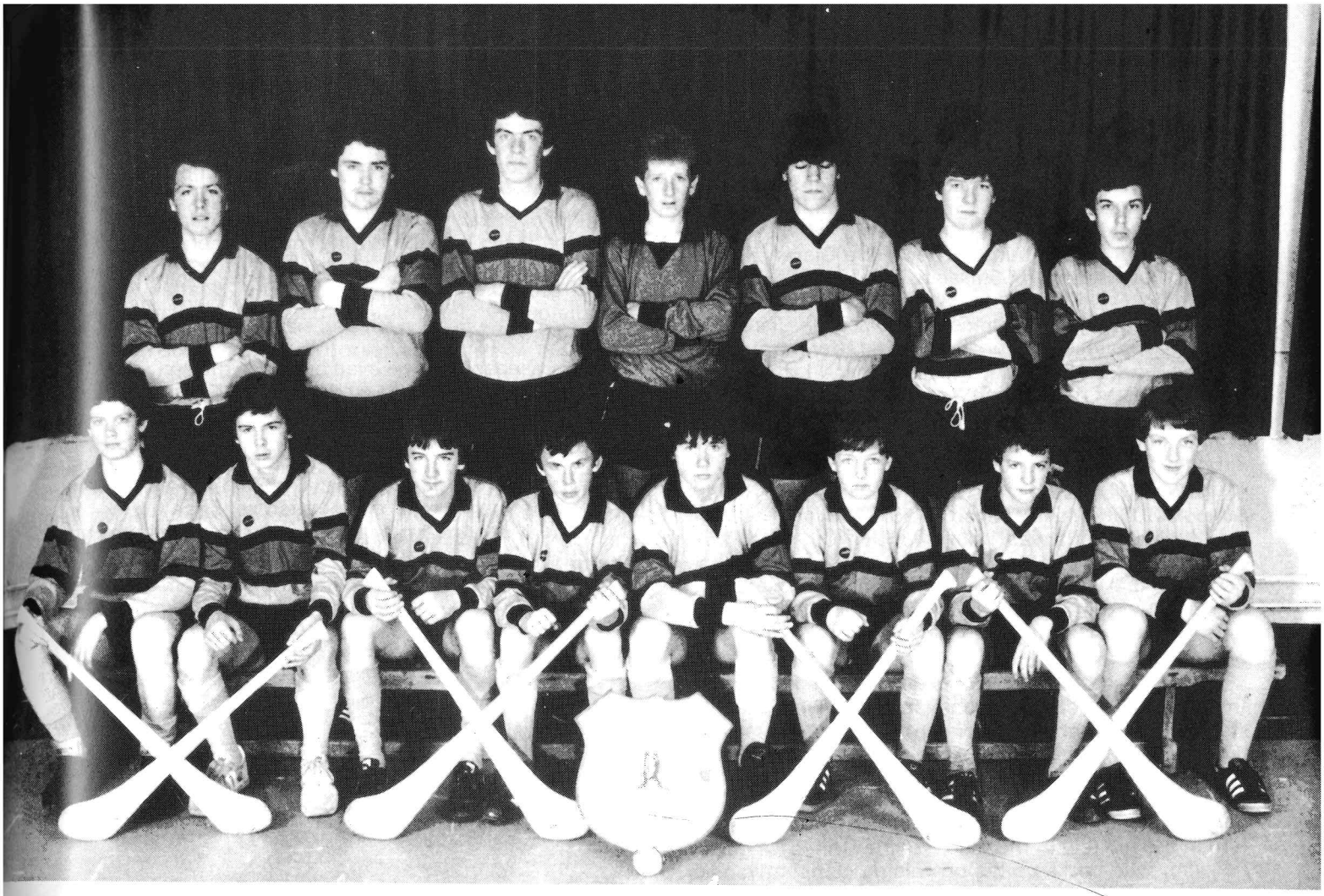
## ST. MARY'S UNDER 15 HURLING 1982 — 83

In the opening Ulster Championship game the basically untried St. Mary's team struggled to a narrow victory over a weak St. Louis, Ballymena side, 5-6 to 5-4. The second match saw a heavy defeat at the hands of favourites Downpatrick C.B.S. by a score of 5-7 to 3-2, with the loss of captain D. Nugent a serious blow. The following match was a thriller against Armagh C.B.S. with the opposition snatching victory at the very end by the score of 2-3 to 1-3. However the two points from St. Louis secured a Quarter-final place against St. Michaels, Enniskillen who proved little opposition in what was a dismal game, the final score being 4-0 to 0-2. Up to then St. Mary's had shown little or no form but in the Semi-final the team produced the goods in the first half against Cross and Passion, Ballycastle. Mainly due to the brilliant defence by A. Darragh, R. Rice, C. Crozier, and to the incredible accuracy from free taking by A. Walsh, the side led by 2-8 to 1-2 at the interval. However Ballycastle looked a stronger team, especially at midfield, in the second half and they defeated us by the narrowest of margins, 4-6 to 3-8, in what was a brilliant game of hurling.

The Belfast U-15 Championship was regained which was some consolation. The team sailed easily through the league section despite making heavy weather of some games. The Final against Glen Road C.B.S. was a poor performance, just scraping through by the score 1-2 to 0-2, thanks to some great saves by M. Darragh. Throughout this league, E. McGurk, S. Grieves, and L. Donnelly served the team well. Finally a word of praise for 'Coach' Mr. Hugh McGettigan and also Mr. Nigel Cushley.

**Under 15 Hurling 1982 — 1983**





**Under 15 Belfast Schools Hurling Champions 1982 — 1983**

**MacCrory Cup Football 1983 — 1983**



# Athletics

The single most important factor highlighting the success of our small but talented band of athletes at St. Mary's was that THREE of them won places in the Northern Ireland Under-21 team for the Bells Junior International in Edinburgh. They were Ciaran Rogan, 1500m; Dave Roberts, 800m, and Jim Boyle, 4 x 400 relay.

Although injured for most of the season Ciaran put together enough hard work before and after his problem to run a 3-58-3 1500m the fastest by any N.I. Junior this year and faster than any St. Mary's athlete ever — past or present. What he might have done at the All-Ireland's is a tantalising thought, but youth is on his side; he is young enough to compete again next season.

Dave Roberts won his place by lifting the Belfast Schools 800m title in a record 1-55.5 and later won the N.I. Junior title. It was galling for Jim Catney to also break the record that day, but such was the unbelievable quality of the field this year that he finished only fourth. Incidentally, the record which was broken was jointly held by Sean Dunne and Sean Megahy, both ex-St. Mary's lads.

The other Bell's place was won by the youngest of the lot. Fifteen-year-old Jim Boyle secured his place by steering up an unbeaten string of performances which culminated in a 50.4 secs clocking when he lifted the All-Ireland Intermediate 400m title. He won a series of six titles during the season and eventually clipped his best time to an even 50 seconds — a time which ranks him in the top few in the whole of the United Kingdom. For Jim, who backs up his unyielding competitiveness and talent with a sheer application, the sky is the limit.

As our senior football team contained a fair sprinkling of sprinters the school managed to put forward a competitive relay team in the shape of Larry Smart, Tony Austin, Malachy McHugh and Stephen Mulvenna. It took some time to get the squad working smoothly but it came together when passing the baton around the Mary Peters track in a scintillating 44.9 secs to take the Ulster C.B.S. title. However, all other competitions required heats and finals so sheer fitness was to be the deciding factor. This was all too clear at the District championships when an injured Malachy McHugh passed to his heat-weary mates for a below par performance.

Success requires a mixture of talent, training and opportunity. For Jim McGuinness all three came together at the first round of school's competition. He knew that he had a fair measure of talent, he had trained quite hard but many others had more of both.

Although Jim had never won a steeplechase before, he knew that some of the very good lads had decided to give it a miss, so he availed of the opportunity and put together a set of good runs which took him to the Ulster, All-Ireland and International championships.

Success, too, for a number of the first years. Jim Duffin dashed to a dozen sprint wins, Kieran Magee flexed his muscles and put the shot way beyond most of his challengers and Marty Vaughan could have long jumped no further had his legs been made of rubber— but who says they're not?

Although we did produce a number of good field athletes — Sean Mahon and Dan Crummy (Shot) and Paul Brady (Triple Jump) it was on the track that St. Mary's displayed its strength. From Pierce McCormick (100) up to Gerry O'Neill (3000) there are many athletes. But one track event has stood out for the past three years as being by far our best — the 800m. Requiring both speed and stamina this is an event for which it is not easy to prepare. But prepared indeed were our 800m runners. It would be regarded as excellent if a large school produced a sub-two minute 800m runner once in every two or three years, but this year alone we had three: Dave Roberts, 1-55.5; Jim Catney, 1-56.8, and Ciaran Rogan, 1-57.5. To back this up Jim Boyle tried one and recorded an excellent 2-01.1,while Joe Carlin looks likely to be our next sub-two minute runner since he recorded 2-04 during the summer — and both of these lads ran these times as fourth year. Further down the pipeline one can see Conal Heatley. Adrian Pendleton and Jim Duffin as potential members of the exclusive sub-two club.

Next season can be even better. In the school there are large numbers of talented lads in whom interest can be generated. From the results of the local school championships it is clear that any big strong co-ordinated lad can challenge for throwing titles — but we are really not getting them out. On the track and in the jumps the level of competition requires either top rate talent or a heavy work load — but to restate the situation: The throws are up for grabs.

MR. K. MORGAN



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*D. Roberts, S. Mulvenna, I. Austin, M. McHugh.*

## HANDBALL IN BARRACK STREET

This year was yet another successful year for the handballers of the Barrack Street section of the school. The U-13 team, which was backboned by members of the Primary Schools Champions St. Finians, swept the boards, wining: Belfast U-13 League; Belfast U-13 Blitz and Ulster Colleges Championships.

The U-15 team however, who had little or no practice sessions because of problems at Beechmount, feel to a very strong Gort-na-mona team. However most of 1983's U-15 side are eligible for 1984 and are currently league leaders and are very hopeful of sweeping the boards in 1984.

Congratulations to the U-13 side of: Ciaran McCormick, Eamon L'Estrange, Harry Neill, David Officer, Kevin Webb and Darren Caldwell and congrats to Pearce McCormick and Gerard Quinn who performed so well in Feile-na-Gael handball in Dublin in June and were narrowly beaten in the final of the 40 x 20.

## WATER POLO AND SWIMMING

Once again Lady Luck deserted us in our most urgent hour of need. First in the All-Ireland Intermediate (U-16) schools Championships in Gormanstown College where we fought so gallantly only to go down in the final to our old rivals Marian College of Dublin by 2 goals to Nil.
Then last March at Anderstown Leisure Centre in the All-Ireland Senior Schools Championship we hoped to extract our revenge. The Championships that Saturday were run on a league basis and the crunch match was the final match of the afternoon ourselves and Yes — old rivals again, Marian.

However with our team being led by Ciaran Barr and David Woodhouse we were confident of beating them and we led all the way, even hitting the wood-work on three or four occasions in the last quarter. Marian nevertheless, in their true fashion work tenaciously and managed to grab the equaliser just before the final whistle. The final score was 3 goals apiece and the sides were also level on points. Since it was a League-based tournament; goal difference then came into operation and Marian who had two goals more than St. Mary's to their credit were 1983 Senior Champions.

Yet again we lost so easily and so frustratingly to Bro. Philip's boys from Lansdowne Road.

With the loss of Ciaran Barr, David Woodhouse and Brendan McCrory all of whom did so well in their 'A' Levels and are now at university there is a degree of re-building of teams at present. However with the fine turn out of interested parties at the twice-weekly training sessions, Mr. McClean is confident that 1984 will yet again see St. Mary's up there at the top with Marian, contesting for the title of top water-polo in Ireland.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. McClean for all the effort he puts in and the encouragement that he gives us all. Finally if anyone is keen to try out at water polo, please contact myself or Mr. McClean or any member of the P. E. Dept.

**By Ciaran McGurk 6LC**

## JUNIOR WATER POLO

Last May on Saturday mornings in the minor pool in Anderstown Leisure Centre, the first ever Irish mini-water-polo League for 12 years and under, was held. It was a league with lots of entertainment, enjoyment and fun plus a lot of effort, skills, shocks, goals, disappointments and a huge degree of satisfaction. St. Mary's had the honour of being the first ever winners of the Ulster Mini Polo League and the team was:

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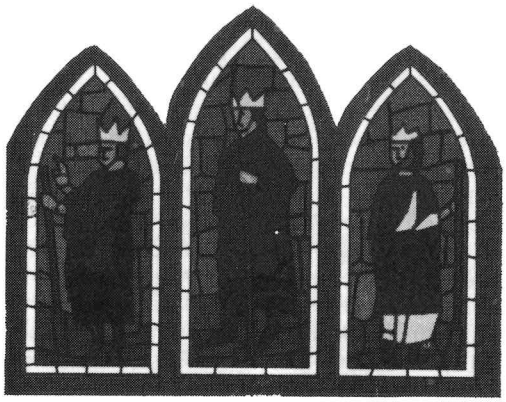
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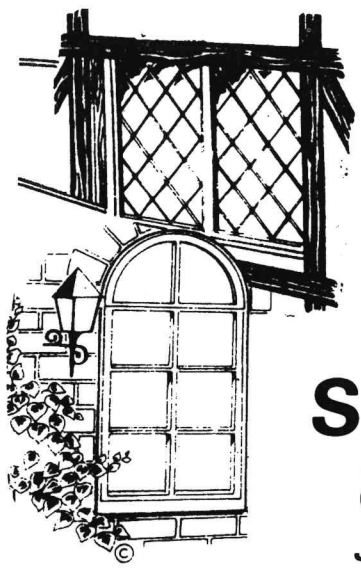
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# BEWARE, THE COMPUTERS ARE COMING!

To many people the word "computer" sparks off the idea of a big black box which knows everything, and which invade our privacy and allow us to make no decisions for oursleves. As 1984 approaches, it is a common belief that computers will be the "big brother" that will dictate our lives. This is true only to the extent that the abuse of computers depends solely upon the people running them. With computers capable of holding large amounts of data on us, corrupt governments could use this data against us, A computer is made up from thousands of different electronic components and micro-chips, but on its own it is a useless pile of junk. It cannot think for itself, and will only do what it is told. Commands are given to it in the form of a logical sequence of instructions called a programme. A computer is only as good as the person who operates it, and will only make a mistake if the operator gives it incorrect instructions. This is known in computer circles as GiGo (garbage in, garbage out). Computers do not make mistakes, people do!

Computers have acquired an almost sinister image for themselves, probably because the first computers were developed against a background of high level science, weapons and secrecy. As most people did not understand how they worked or what they could do, they viewed them very suspiciously. The way computers have been portrayed in films and some books has not helped either. A computer to some people is a faceless robot which they are all too ready to blame for errors in their bank accounts or electricity bills.

Computers are about people; they perform tasks for people and process data about people. In any computer system people are involved. Some of these people are directly concerned with the running of the computer whilst others are unaware of its purpose. The success of such a system depends on people, not computers; computers are the slaves not the masters.

Computers are sometimes introduced to save money and to streamline many workforces None of the functions carried out by a computer are different in kind from those which are carried out by traditional methods, but computers require a minimum amount of workers: they imply efficiency, convenience and high standards of work. Indeed, certain things which we now take for granted could not function without computers. For example, no matter how many clerks were employed by a large chain of banks they could never handle the millions of transactions which take place every day. Computers do create some jobs, but these are far fewer in number and are more skilled than those they replace. This trend of unemployment may increase as indications are that computing may become the world's largest single industry in the 1990s.

In the twentieth century a complex society has emerged in which information plays an important part. A computer is more than just a number cruncher and its main applications have come in processing this information. Computers are put to a whole host of uses in industry, banking. public libraries, local and central government, the police and many more.. The computer has become the information processing machine of this century, due to its capabilities of doing things at bewildering speeds. It can store enormous amounts of information (up to the equivalent of 270 novels on just one disc pack); it can process this information very quickly (usually an incredible 3½ million instructions per second); it can retrieve information very quickly (800,000 letters, numbers, or symbols per second from a disc pack), and it can print this information out extremely fast (2,000 lines per minute on a line printer). Computers are also very useful because they can predict future trends by simulation and statistical techniques.

Computers are being used all around us, without our even realising it. Traffic lights, automatic washing machines, digital watches — all depend upon computers. Without computers video-games would never have been invented and "Pac-Man" and "Space Invaders" would never have become international stars. All this has helped dispel the mystery surrounding computers and has given them a more down-to-earth image.

Due to recent technological developments in microelectronics, computers are now available to everyone. Computers no longer cost millions of pounds, although some large mainframes do, and the price of the smallest micro-computers is under £50. Soon micro-computers could become as commonplace in our homes as television sets. Words like "hardware", "software", "byte" and "R.A.M." will become common English terms.

Computers will never rule the world. They should never be feared, but should be looked upon as a help to man in some tasks which he cannot do as efficiently as the computer does them. It is difficult to say what jobs computers will be doing next, but one thing is for sure — computers are here to stay, so we might as well learn to live with them. There is no reason to beware because the computers are already here — and the "Computer Revolution" is ongoing!

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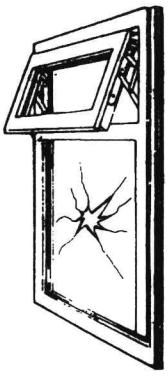
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# THE INTERVIEW

"Phew! It's hot in here," I murmured, but then, I guess it would be, considering what? Well, I'll tell you, considering that this is hell! Yeah, that's right, Hell, and I'm Joe Simpson, a pretty wicket guy in my time. Well, yesterday I got shot by one of the syndicate's men, and I died, finks, if I ever get them I'll . . . well anyway, it seems that I qualify for an interview to get into Hell, Heaven said that I was too bad, well I'll show em some day. That angel at the gate, just wait, I never forget a face. So why do I want to get into Hell you ask? Well, it seems that it ain't all fire and brimstones, there's wine, women and yes, hamburgers. Or so old Nick tells me anyway . . ."

Oh, there's the beeper, here I go, they say it's Old Nick himself that conducts the interviews.

"Hello, Mr. Simpson, isn't it?"

"Ay yeah Mr. ah ah"

"Nick,"

"Oh . . . oh yeah . . . hed, yeah."

The room was nothing more than a stone table and two stone chairs.

"Well Mr. Joseph Simpson, you have been a bad boy haven't you?"

"Yeah." Is this guy for real I ask myself?

"At the age of two you, instead of saying mamma, or dada, said extortion, hmmm, looks like you were rotten to the core from the beginning. At seven you were charging all the kids in your neighbourhood protection money. Ooooh! and at sixteen you applied for the Mafia while on holiday to Italy."

"I liked the prospects," this guy knew everything.

"Oh dear, at twenty-two however you, oh dear!!! you helped an old lady across the street, Aw, shame on you Mr. Simpson, shame."

"Sorry," I mumbled. "Huh," I thought "I should've let the old doll stand there anyway . . ."

"And at the age of thirty three you donated money to a children's charity."

"That's a lie, I sent it with a note that said it was stolen money and I was only sending it there to be loked after till the heat had blown over. But they kept it!"

"Hmmm, yes, I see."

"Well," I said, "Do I get in?"

"No, not yet, now you've killed seven men altogether."

"Yeah."

"Not bad in forty five years, that's seven out of forty five pretty good, yes."

I was beginning to sweat, I didn't like this interview a bit at all. No, not one bit.

"So what makes you think that you are eligible to get into Hell eh? inquired . . . Nick.

"I killed seven men, extortion . . . ah. . . kidnapping . . ah . . . robbery . . . ah!

"Alright, alright, well then I'd like you to fill this in. it's just a form."

"Yeah, okay." I took the form and studied it hard, There was some very small print, which I couldn't really make out. It was minute! There's a T and an O and aw, I'll just sign it and get it over with.

"What is this anyway . . . ah . . . Nick?" I asked.

"Oh" he sneered, "It's just a formality."

"Well," I queried, "What's that small print say?"

"Yeah, the small print!"

"Oh, the small print, well, that just says, ahem, I hereby sign my body, mind and soul over to Mr. Nicholas Beelzebub, ah, that's me."

"What, I thought it was just a formality."

"It is, my friend, remember, you're in Hell now."

"Oh, oh yeah, I guess so, heh, sorry."

The palms of my hands were all sweaty and I seemed to be getting weaker, I was beginning to think this Hell wasn't all it was cracked up to be.

"Now then, Mr. Simpson, I have decided that you shall be granted passage into Hell. Just leave by this small brown door behind me, oh, and please press the buzzer as you leave, thank you."

"Thank you . . . Nick, but ah, what happens if you don't get the interview? Eh?" I asked.

"Oh, he replied, "You go into purgatory or something, I'm not quite sure myself. Well, good-bye Mr. Simpson."

Ah, oh yes, good-bye . . . Nick . . . hed."

I walked through the door. All round me was gulp . . . fire and brimstone.

"Hello" grunted a small, green, toad-like creature who then proceeded to clap me in irons.

"Right sinner, ha, ha, ha, let's go!"

"Where?" I cried.

"Oh," he chuckled, "It's the work pits for you!"

"But where's all the food and drink and fun?"

"What are you on about . . . oh hello master"

Old Nick had come through,

"Hello Grunter, Oh, Mr. Simpson."

"Hey Nick," I cried, "Where's all the stuff you promised me, wine and all that."

"Oh, all that" he said.

"Yeah"

"Why, Mr. Simpson, hey, I lied!"

**by Stephen Rooney 4B**

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# A VISIT BY DOUGLAS HILL

## *Science Fiction Writer*

We were the first ones in the theatre closely followed by C.B.S. and La Salle. A man from the children's book week introduced him and he started to talk about his life as a child living in Canada and how the science-fiction films when he was young were more like comedies with tin can and sellotape spaceships. His first book he had ever written was about what people thought about witchcraft. He soon found out he did not like writing non fiction books so he tried to write a science fiction one. After he had finished about half of it he thought, well this is easy why didn't I try this before but after he had finished about another chapter he got his hero into a fix, he couldn't get him out of and he had to start all over again. Today he told us that, that was his favourite book because he said it taught him a lesson he would never forget - do not start writing a book without a plan for every chapter.

I saw the only book I had not read in the series about "Keill Randor the last legionary" and bought it. He told us about his new series, the first book in it was "The Huntsman". I would look forward to that very much if it is going to be anything like the last legionary series.

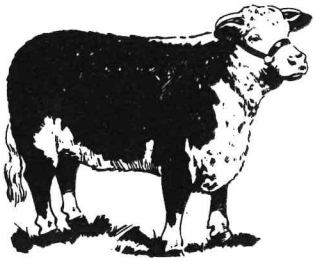
One of the most interesting questions was if he was jealous of any other famous authors. He replied "I am madly envious of them but I also have a great respect for them."

The highlight for me was when he autographed my book and when I got my photograph taken with him.

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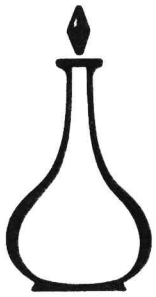
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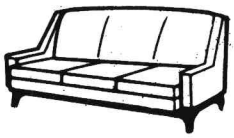
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# THE UNUSUAL LODGER

**by S. Rooney 4B**

It was terrible weather that night. Lightning, thunder, rain, just like the movies. First came the ominous rolling of thunder, and then the flashes of lightning. The sky was like a giant plug with a live wire sticking out and crackling away. And, strangely enough, it was on that spooky kind of a night that he came to the Marshall's household. He came from seemingly nowhere, as if he had just opened the night like a zipper and stepped out from another world into this. This unsuspecting world. He was, the lodger, and he needed lodgings.

He eyed the Marble street up and down, "Number 21, 22, 23 ah, 23, that's the one" he said softly to himself, "That's the one." He walked across the road, but he looked as if he was gliding. He came to the Marshall's door and knocked. He didn't use the beautiful brass lion's head knocker. That was the first thought that came into Mrs. Marshall's mind as she ambled up the hallway to answer the door. "You pay £14.65 for a brand new door knocker and what happens, people ignore it, I mean, ignore it, I'll bet its that Mavis Marlberry deliberately not using it. Oh!".

He was getting impatient standing outside. It was cold. Of course he couldn't feel it. Not being what he was. People like him could no longer feel things like the cold, or the sun, or the rain, or the snow or . . . The door creaked open and he was suddenly confronted by a sour looking woman. "Oh, hello mister, what do you want, I hope you're not collecting, I told them before, I . . ."

"Hello madam, I was wondering if you would consider having me as a lodger for a few days, I'll pay of course." His voice was like velvet, a mellow tone, a very persuasive tone. Very persuasive indeed. "I am homeless alas, my last lodgings are, let us say, no longer available."

"Well . . .?"

"Please madam."

"Alright, how long do you intend to stay?"

"Three days, four at the most, shall we say . . . £8 a night bed and breakfast."

"That will be fine . . . ah . . Mr. . ?"

"Yes indeed madam, now, if you will show me my room."

"Ah yes of course."

"Strange," thought Mrs. Marshall "not telling me his name and all, but I need the money, I suppose." She gave him the old spare room in the back. Then she went down the stairs to make him and herself a cup of tea. That was the beginning.

That night went peaceful. The next morning did not. He came downstairs and seated himself at the breakfast table.

"Bacon and eggs this morning," said Mrs. Marshall.

"That's alright Mr. . . ah is it?"

"Yes, thank you" he said in his mellow tone.

"Do you live here alone?" he asked her, but the way he said it, was more inquisitive than conversational.

"Yes," she replied. "My husband passed away a year ago and so I moved from the old house to here."

"Six months ago" he said.

"Why yes," she replied, "How did you know that?"

"Oh, just guessing," he said.

"Oh!"

"Would you pass me the salt please?" he said.

"Yes of course, ah my name is Margaret, Margaret Marshall, and yours?"

"Yes mine, would you pass the pepper also please?"

"Why don't you tell me your name, sir?" inquired Mrs. Marshall getting a little annoyed. "You've evaded the question twice now."

"Really," he murmured, "I am sorry, oh look at the time," he cried glancing at the kitchen wall clock," I really must go. My early morning jog you know." And he was out before she could speak. She watched him pass the window. He wasn't jogging when he turned the corner at the top of the street.

He was lean, about 32 years old and quite tall. A beard, moustache and a good mop of hair, all black. And as for Mr. . . whatever, that was about it. He dressed in a blue suit which was very respectful, but jogging in it. "Really" thought Mrs. Marshall. "If he is jogging, that is," she began to regret ever letting him into the house.

He got back about 1 o'clock that afternoon and went straight to his room! The only conversation was "Hello madam, I had lunch in a cafe down the road."

"Yes I hope you did, as you didn't eat your breakfast even though you asked for the salt and pepper to be passed to you. And you didn't drink the tea I made for you last night. I found the cup on your bedside table this morning, with the tea still in it, stone cold!"

"Ah yes, I am sorry about that, well, I have decided to leave tomorrow, but now I must go to my room, good day."

"Good day."

"What a very, very peculiar fellow," thought Mrs. Marshall, "I'll be glad to get rid of him."

That night Mrs. Marshall went to bed at exactly 11.30 p.m. She wanted to be up early the next morning to bid her unusual lodger good riddance. She would get him up nice and early and tell him that he would make an early start, she must be very polite and . . . "Oh, you're all ready to go Mr. . . ah Mr. . .

"Mr. Jameson madam, Mr. Jameson!" he said. He had just entered her room with his bag in his hands, packed! "I am sorry to disturb you madam, but I have decided to leave now."

"Leave?" gasped Mrs. Marshall. "Now?"

"Yes my good woman, now, you see I am not what I appear to be. That is to say . . . well . . . you see I used to live, here, in this very house. Cast your mind back madam. Who lived here before you? I am sure that the agent who sold you the house told you my name."

"Oh my God!" spluttered Mrs. Marshall, "you lived here before me, but you . . . you . . . you died!"

"Ah yes, an unfortunate mishap, especially for me. You see this was my first house, the first house I ever really, truly owned. I bought it myself, I fixed it up myself, madam, I fell in love with this house. And then the accident. I tripped on the landing carpet and tumbled down the stairs, it broke my neck you know. Yes, I used to live in this house but then I died. I couldn't live with that fact, oh, pardon the terrible pun madam. So, I decided to return here in my, I suppose you could call it my astral form, just to make sure the old place was alright. I had to see it one more time you see. Before I settled down to my big sleep, ha, ha, ha . . . yes, well I'm afraid I'll have to go now. Good-bye madam, oh, and do take care of the house while I'm gone!"

And then he disappeared in a flash of light. Mrs. Marshall moved from Yorkshire to Wales a few months after moving into Yorkshire. She now lives in a small cottage and always keeps the sign, "No Lodgers" pinned firmly on the door.

# MUCKAMORE

Mackamore may not mean very much on its own to many people. Its meaning becomes only too apparent when concaternated to the words Abbey Hospital. It is situated about one mile from Antrim town on the main road towards Belfast and is dedicated to the caring of the mentally and physically handicapped members of society.

What connection is there between Muckamore Abbey Hospital and St. Mary's Grammar School? Each Sunday, throughout the year pupils from St. Mary's and St. Dominic's High School on the Falls Road meet at midday outside the entrance gates to Airfield House. One of the school's mini-buses driven by a member of staff, takes the students up to the hospital. Usually about twenty people participate each Sunday, the members of which are occasionally split into ten boys and ten girls. The Membership is restricted to pupils in the sixth and seventh form only from both schools.

On arriving at Muckamore we get our dinner in the hospital canteen free of charge. This is followed by a short delay in the television room where the volunteers are assigned to the various wards which consist of three male wards. On average, three volunteers go to each ward and on arriving are given instructions by full time nursing staff on the various facilities and amusements to use. This may consist of taking a group of patients to the coffee shop where they may purchase confectionary and refreshments. A large gym is also at our disposal where the more energetic patients may play football or other games involving throwing articles like coats, chairs, the occasional volunteer or anything that is not nailed down. It is all in good humour, of course! The time may just be spent talking to the patients in the ward or playing such games as draughts, darts or jigsaws. Many of the younger patients show greater enthusiasm and would play pool or even dance to records when they find a willing partner. Only two hours on a Sunday is spent with the patients.

Unfortunately it is not uncommon to find a patient who receives no visits from his family or relations and the volunteers add that little bit kindness, compassion and contact with the outside world that many patients so deeply appreciate. Many friendly relationships are established between volunteers and patients and the ecstacy on the latter's faces when the former comes to visit on a Sunday is a memorable and cherished experience that motivates the volunteer to come along next Sunday.

Muckamore is totally voluntary and depends on so many people for its operation. Our sincere gratitude must go to St. Dominic's for accompanying us on our Sunday and do such great work especially with the female patients. Gratitude must also go to the Christian Brothers who supply the mini-bus and its petrol free of charge. We would also like to show our unfeigned appreciation to the members of St. Mary's teaching staff who give up their Sundays to drive us up to the hospital.

Any sixth or seventh year students interested in joining us visiting Muckamore Please contact Paul Carron, 7LC or any other member of the Society.

**by Paul McCarron 7LC**

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# RADIO

**Nobody thought** it could be done... but it's now taken for granted. It's the world's biggest means of communication. It is, of course, radio.

Radio was invented by Guglielno Marconi, an Italian, in 1896. He did this by converting sound waves into electro-static waves, to be transmitted through the air, then converted back into sound waves. Before the mid 1800's nobody thought that sound could be brought through wires (i.e. telephone). Marconi changed all that, by experimenting in various places, including a transmission from Ballycastle to Rathlin Island.

November 22nd 1922 was a red letter day for broadcasting. For on that day, the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) was born. It had a staff of only four people, and only served North and West London from the Alexandra Palace transmitter. The BBC came to Northern Ireland in the 1930's, with programmes being transmitted from the Lisnagarvey transmitter, just south of Lisburn. Three stations were in operation: Light (a mixture of Radio 1, 2 and 4), Third (Radio 3) and Northern Ireland Home Service (Radio Ulster).

Later it was also possible to receive other stations, such as Radio Luxemburg, and 'pirate' (illegal) radio stations, such as Radio Caroline, which were broadcast from ships outside British territory.

When television started in 1936, it was thought that this would make radio out-of-date. But even now-a-days, radio is still as popular as T.V.

In the mid 1960's, good radio reception was difficult. An exterior aerial was necessary, as were headphones. On some sets it was also necessary to keep tuning in order to receive a station for a long time. This just had to be improved.

Engineers came up with ferrite rod aerials and amplifiers so that headphones would no longer be required. Also, FM transmissions started. These transmissions used VHF, a higher frequency than the conventional broadcasts and it was transmitted using Frequency Modulation, as opposed to Amplitude Modulation which was used on the old airwaves. The FM sound-reproduction was quite unbelievable. You could have been forgiven for thinking you were in the studio, the sound was so good. It was also possible to transmit in stereo on FM, something which was never dreamt of before. FM also didn't get interference from cars etc. which the old AM did. Only a small aerial was required, which was built into the radios.

FM stereo reception was brought to it's full use with the commencement of Independent Local Radio (ILR). These were commercial stations, appointed by the IBA. These stations always broadcast on, in addition to AM, FM stereo - BBC radio programmes were only sometimes on FM stereo. A very crisp, clear sound could always be obtained on ILR with stereo Hi-Fi equipment. The first ILR station was LBC in London, on October 8th 1973. The first Northern Irish ILR station was Downtown Radio, which started on March 16th 1976. There is soon to be an other Irish ILR, Northside Sound, which is to be based in Londonderry.

It's strange to think that it was just a century ago that telecommunications was invented. I wonder what broadcasting will be like in AD 2083.

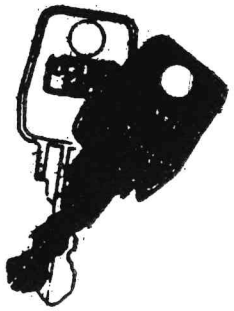
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*The shaded clouds gently sway in the soft breeze of the sky,*
*The sun peeps out occasionally from his fluffy-white hiding place.*
*In the distance the oblique outline of a hungry seagull scavenges swiftly by.*
*Nearby the tall slender bombed-out office jutts ungracefully into the peaceful multi-shaded sky.*
*If only our blood thirsty and blood-stained town could always be as welcoming and quiet as the innocent and harmless sky today.*

***By Damien Robinson 4F***

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### *BARRACK STREET IN EARLY AFTERNOON*

*A cool breeze caresses my perspiring forehead, wet with sweat of mental and physical exertion.*
*Ominous grey clouds begin to cluster in the bright blue sky like a slowly concealing mist.*
*Small birds sing a gently lulling song as I relax and watch them dart from block to block.*
*And as they do so, the grey-blue pigeons coo and peak excitedly at bread and crisps lying upon the ground.*
*For a small while I observe a fly weaving among the green iron railings of the balcony.*
*Serenity is only occasionally disturbed by a human voice or banging door which never berates through the stillness of the school.*
*Such a state of tranquility creates in me a relaxed and lazy feeling of contentment.*

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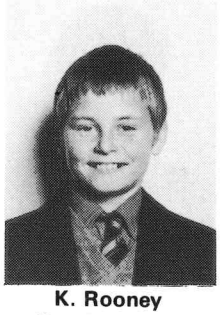




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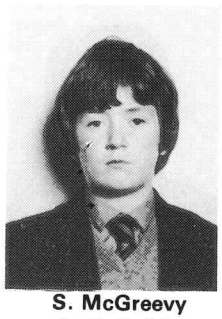
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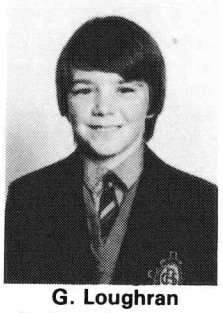
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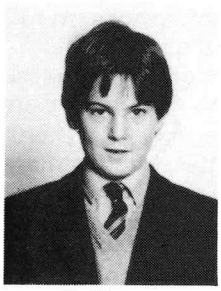
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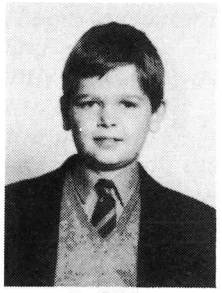
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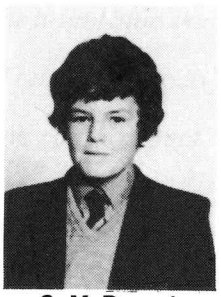
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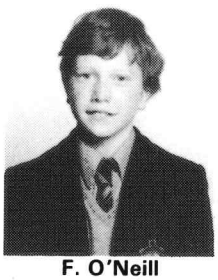
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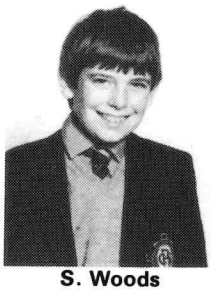
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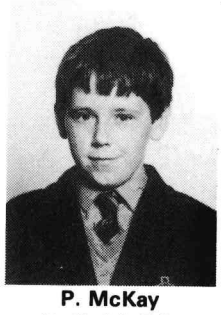
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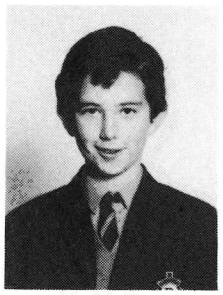
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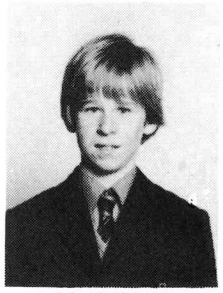
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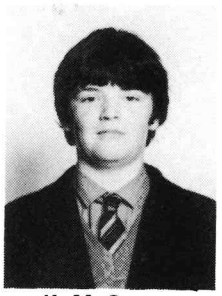
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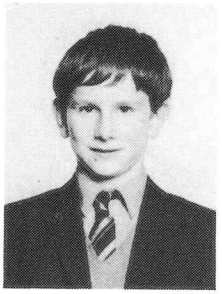
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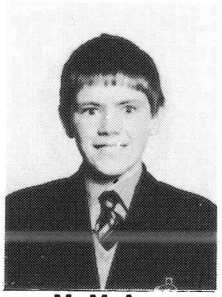
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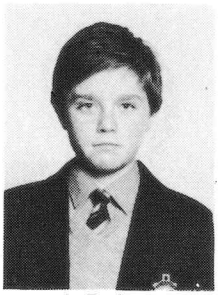
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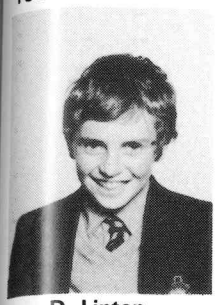
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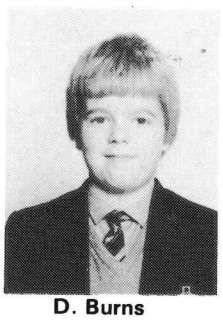
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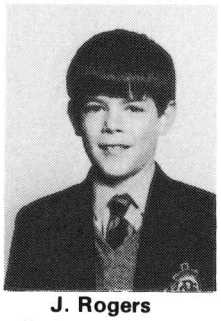
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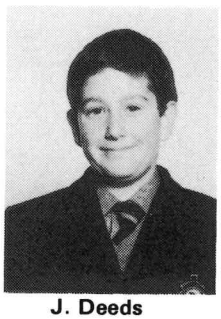
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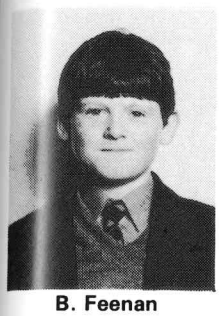
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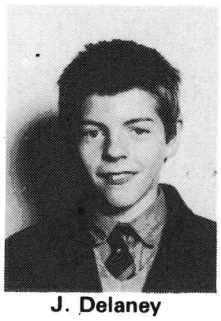
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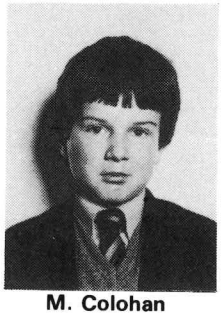
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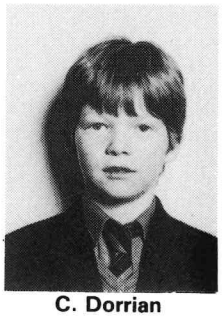
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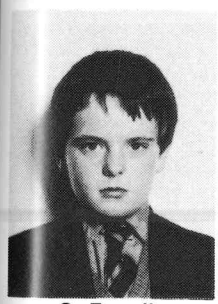
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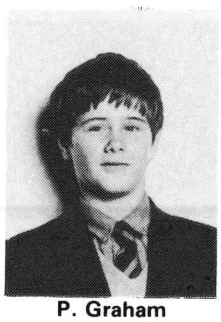
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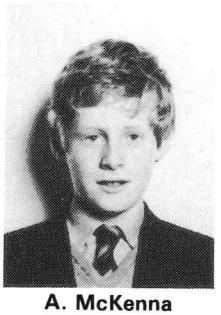
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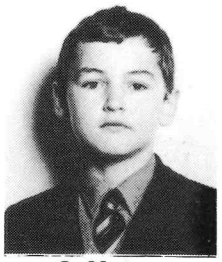
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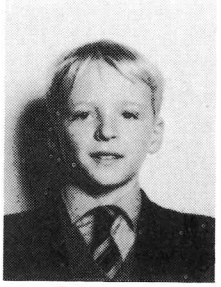
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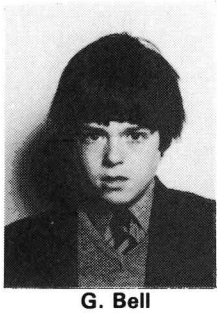
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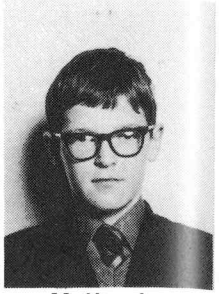
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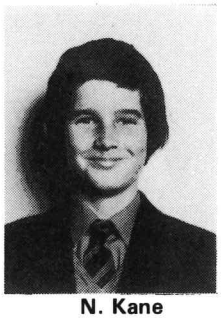
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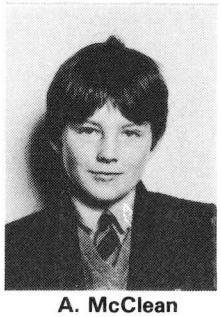
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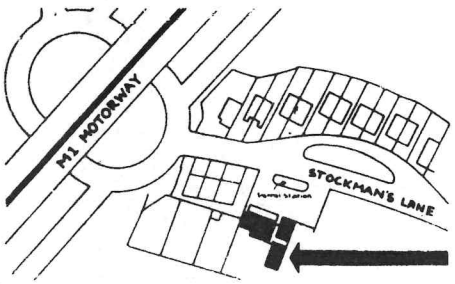


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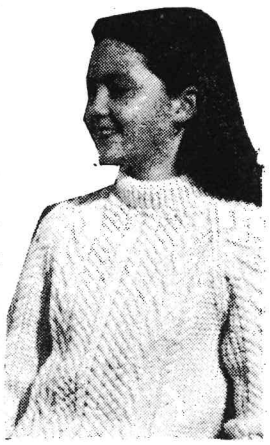
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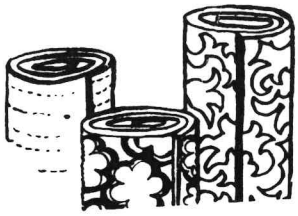
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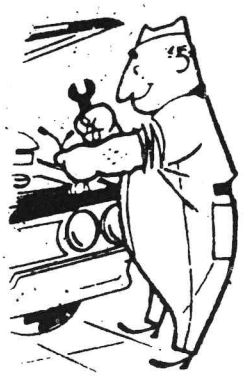
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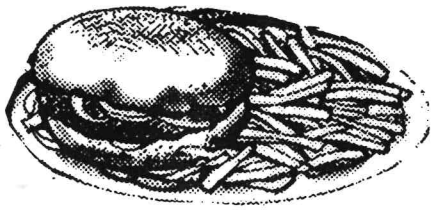
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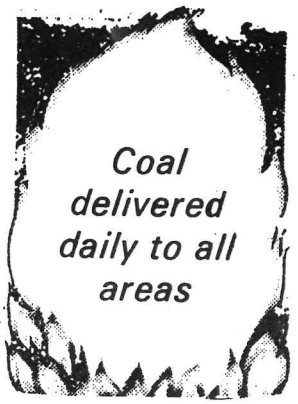



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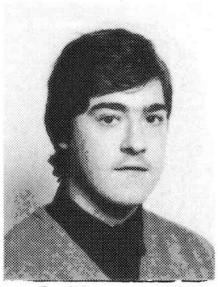
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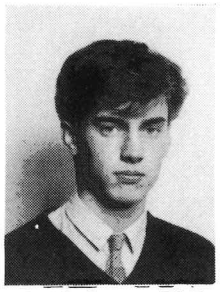
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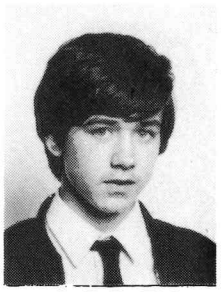
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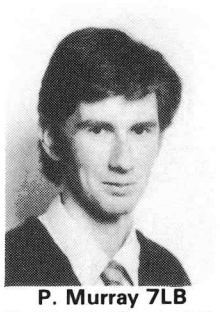
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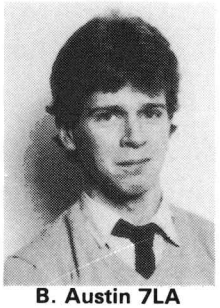
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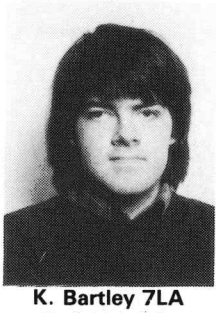
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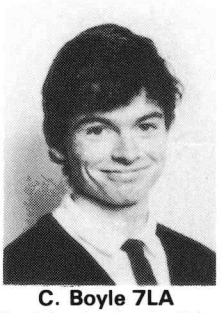
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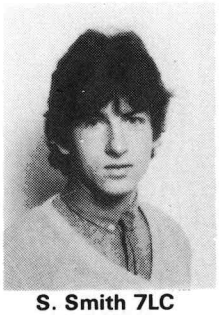
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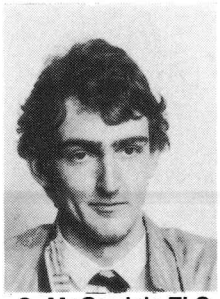
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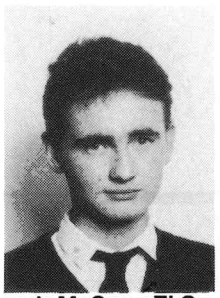
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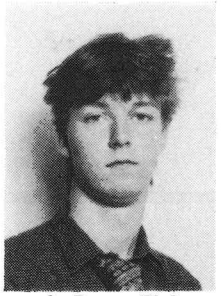
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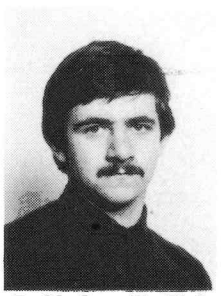
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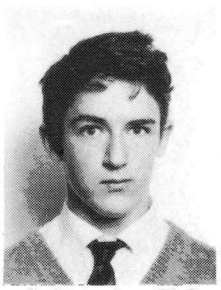
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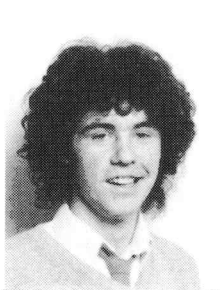
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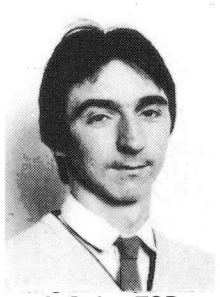
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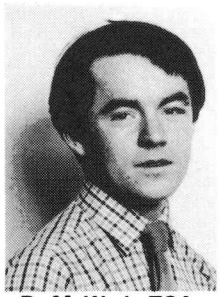
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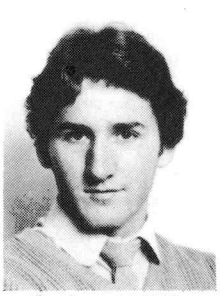
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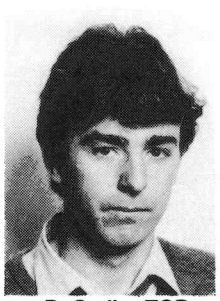


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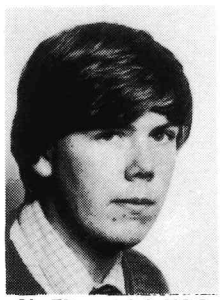
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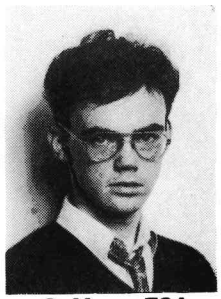
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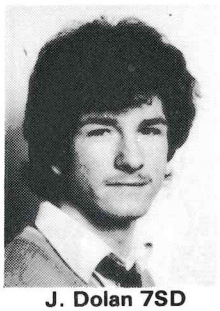
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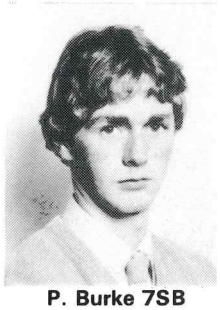
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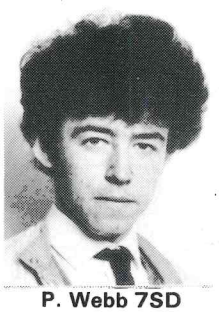
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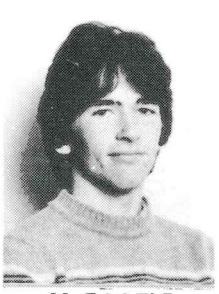
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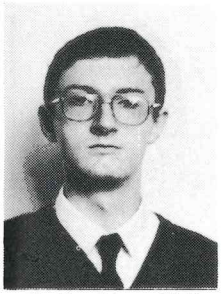
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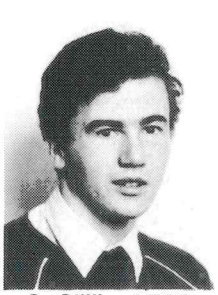
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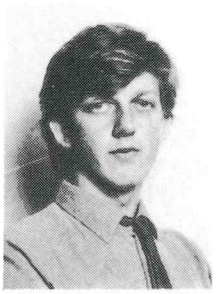
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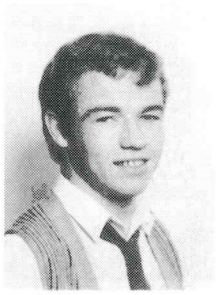
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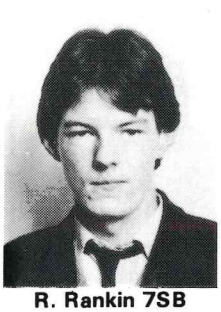
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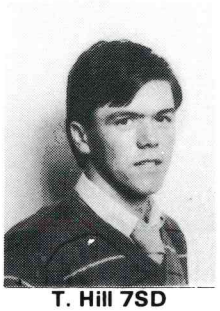
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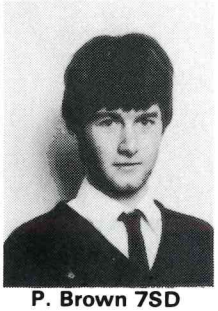
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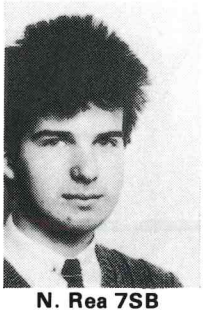
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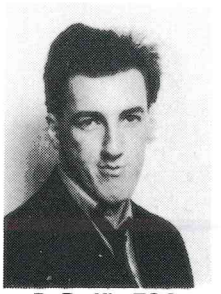
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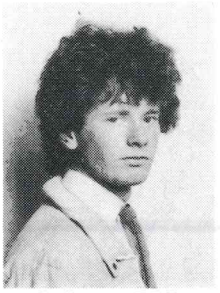
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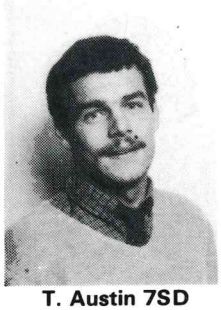
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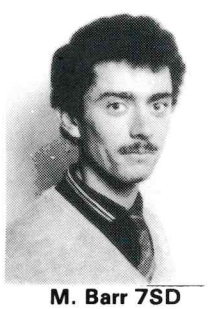
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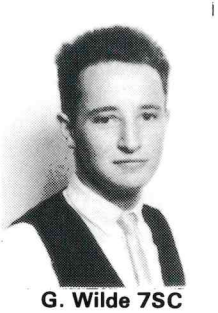
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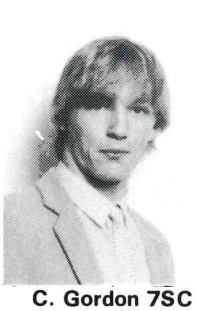
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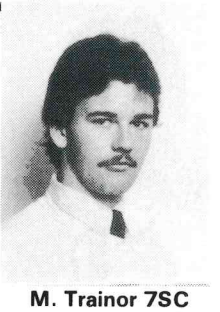
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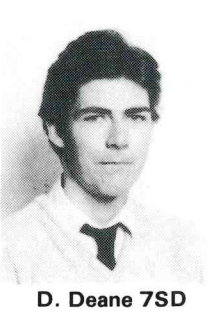
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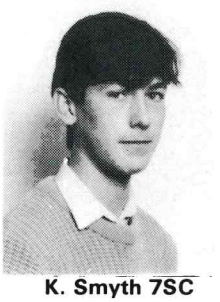
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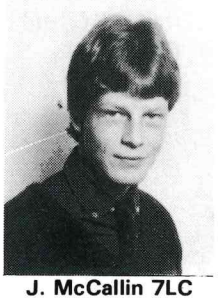
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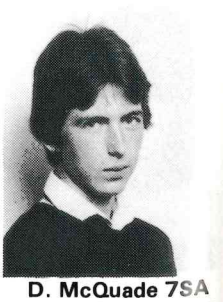
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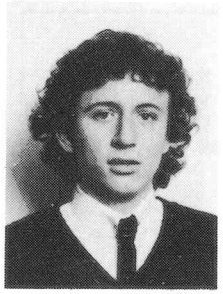
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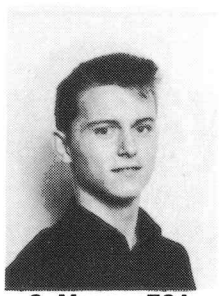
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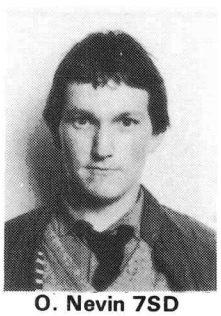
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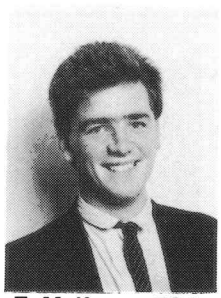
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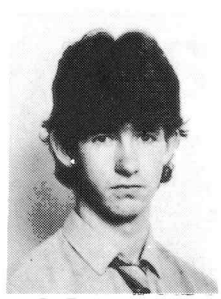
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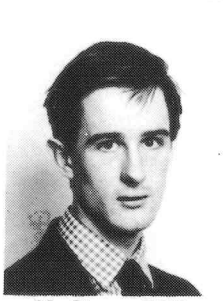
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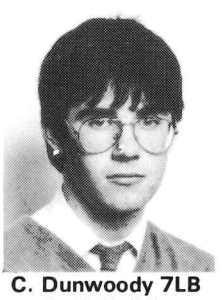
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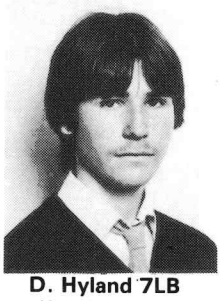
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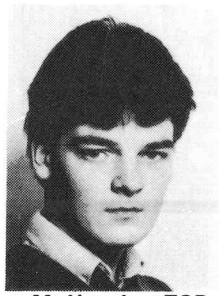
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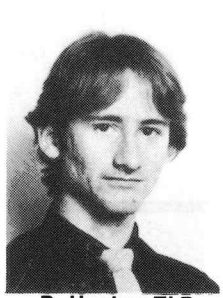
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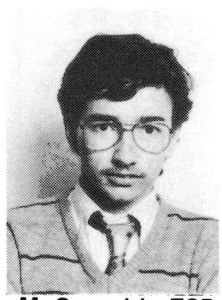
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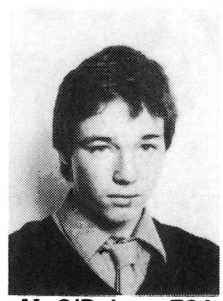
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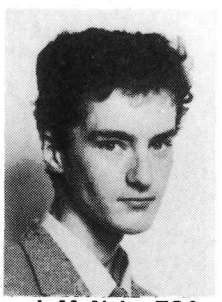
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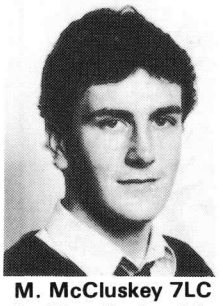
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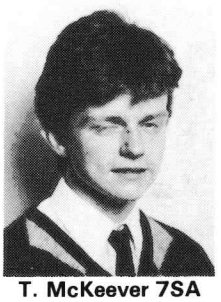
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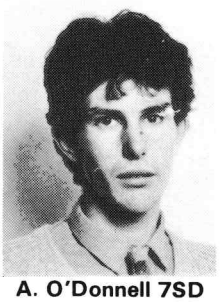
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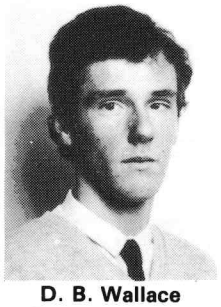
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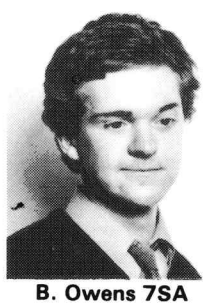
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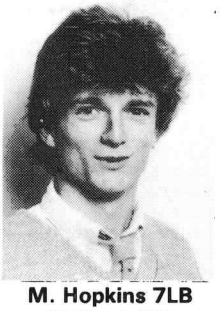
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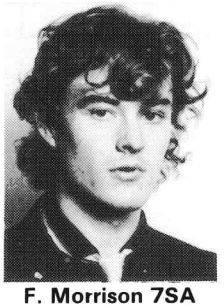
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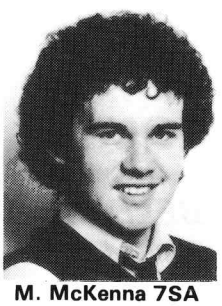
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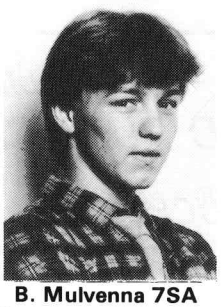
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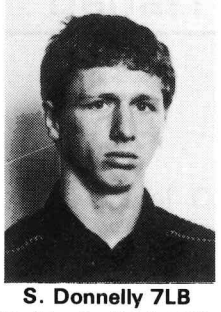
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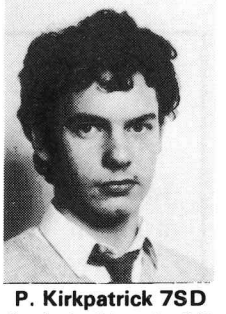
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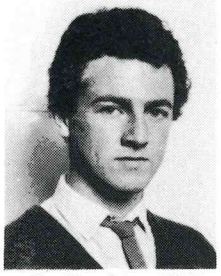
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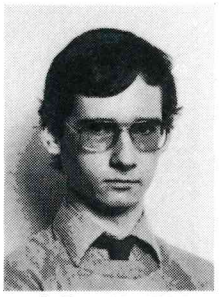
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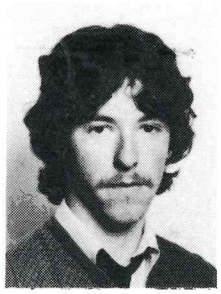
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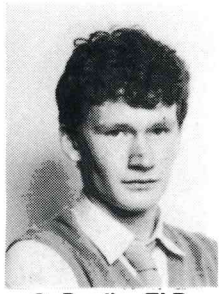
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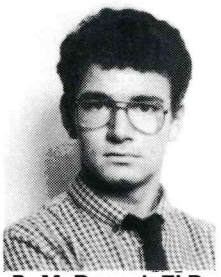
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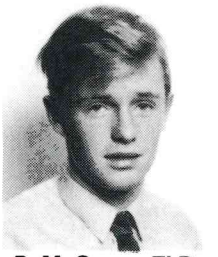
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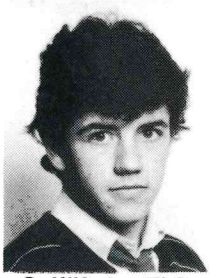
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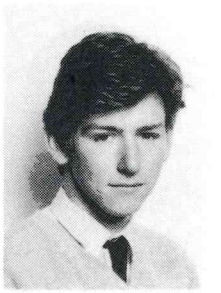
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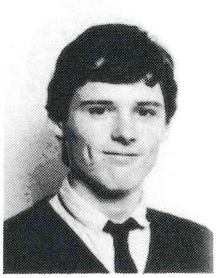
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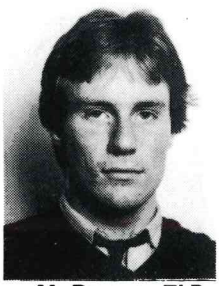
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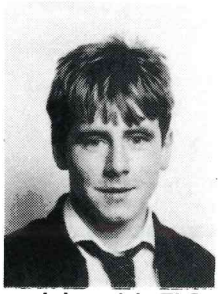
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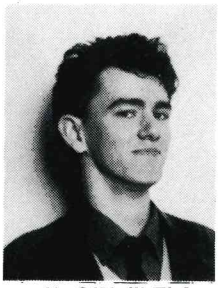
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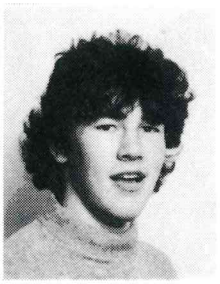
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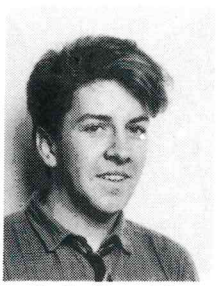
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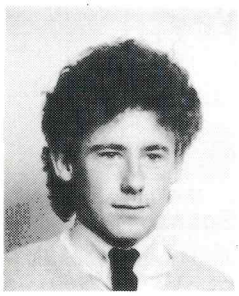
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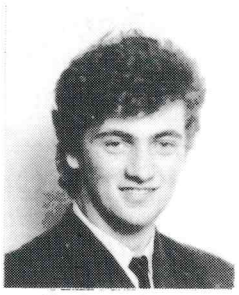
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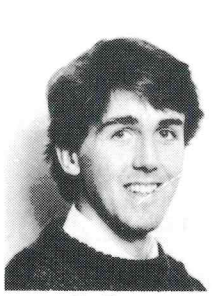
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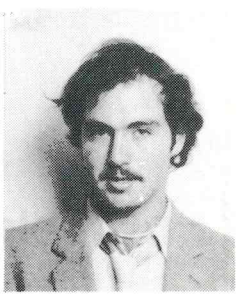
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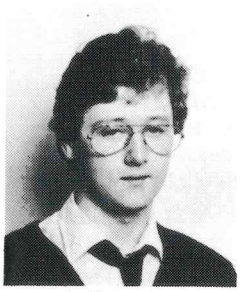

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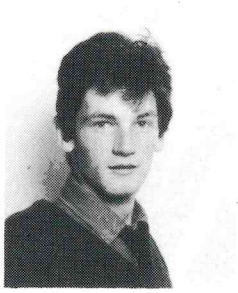

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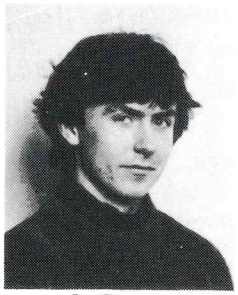

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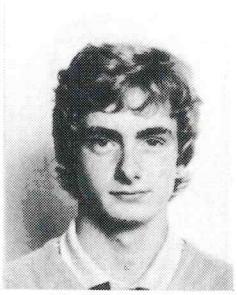

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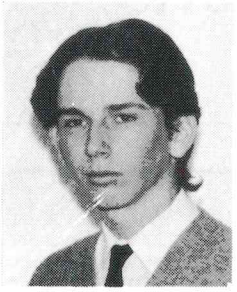

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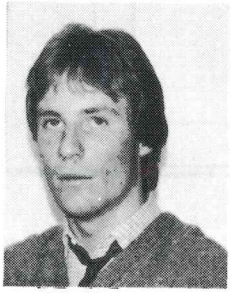

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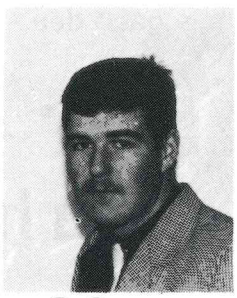

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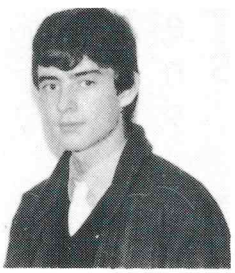

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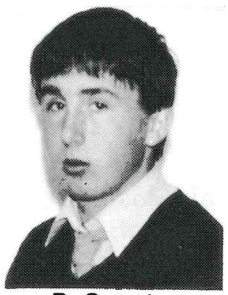

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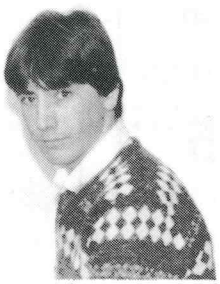

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*(All enquiries to The Headmaster)*

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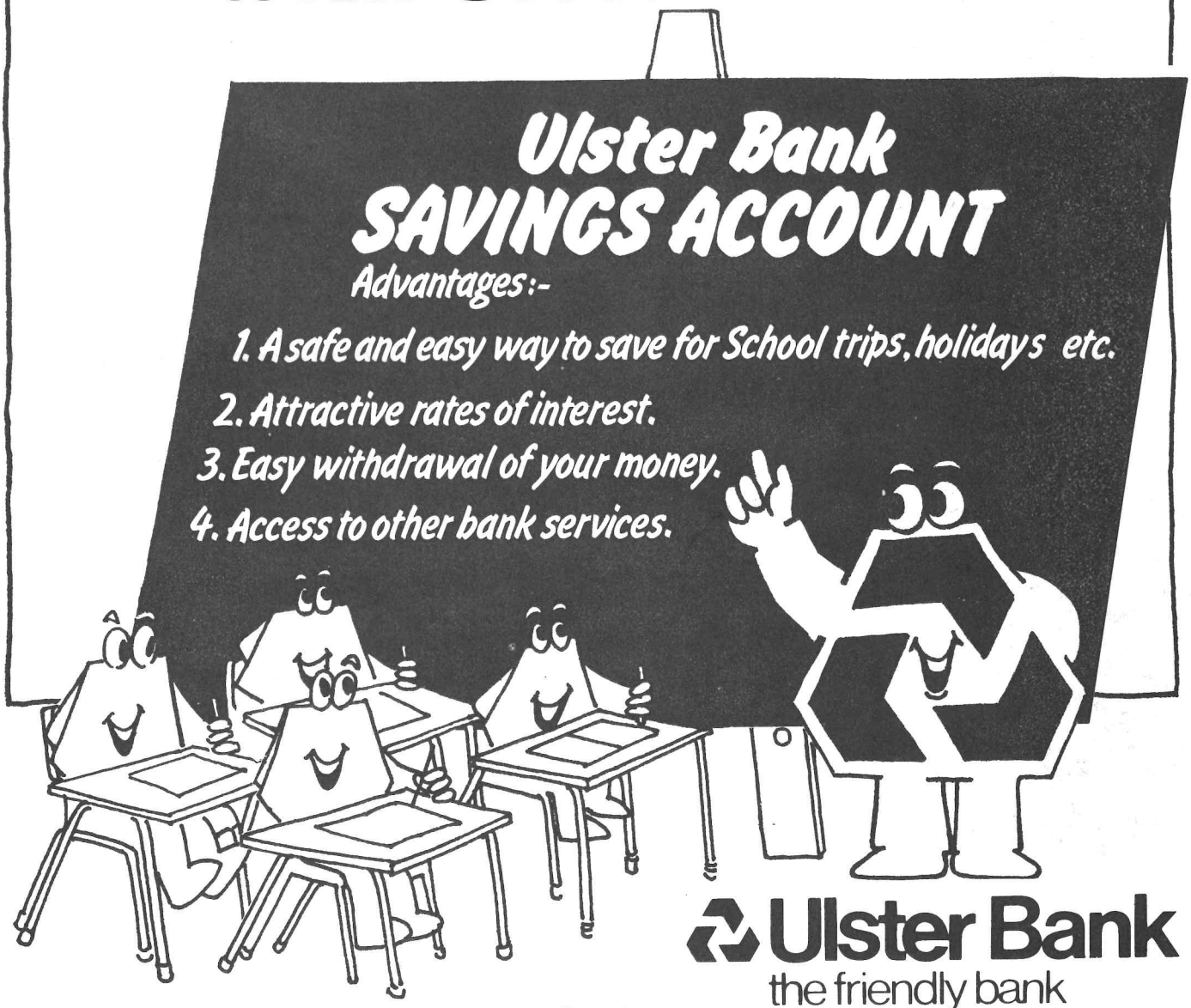


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