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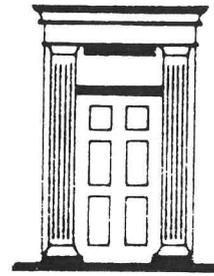
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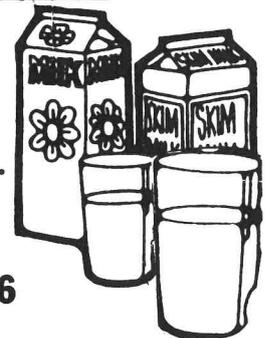
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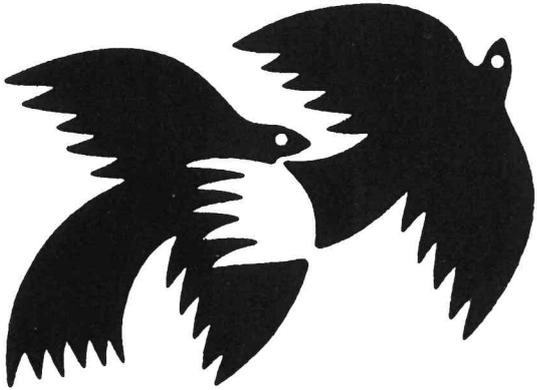
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Like it or not, the Year of 1992 seems set to go down in history as the Annus Horribilis. The media, at least, seems determined that this will be so. However, for many, 1992 was, in fact, a year of achievement and of pride, if for others, most certainly, it was a year of disappointment and even of deep sorrow. In St. Mary's our memories of the year that has passed inevitably bring us through the whole spectrum of feelings and emotions.

It was with a mixture of gratitude and regret, for example, that we said goodbye to several teachers. Mr. Hugh Heery, Mr. Joe Mitchell and Brother Nolan retired having between them given seventy-three years dedicated service to the School. Each was genuinely interested in every pupil that they taught and spared no effort on their behalf. Many are indebted to them. Many, too, are indebted to Dr. A. Mallon, Mr. P. Cassidy, Mr. J. McCann, Brother P. McAlevey and Mr. K. Morgan, all of whom, for other reasons, departed the staff. It is always disappointing to lose teachers of their proven calibre, character and commitment. Yet, we were lucky to have had them even if it was in some cases for a short period only and St. Mary's will continue to benefit from their collective contribution for a very long time to come. On behalf of the whole School community, may I wish them well in their new positions and wish Mr. Heery, Mr. Mitchell and Brother Nolan happiness and good health in their retirement.

In taking their leave of us these teachers will have noted with some satisfaction that examination results here in St. Mary's in 1992 were as good as ever. Overall passes at A-Level and GCSE rose, in fact, by between one and two percent. The following top class performances highlight the overall standard: at A-Level Gary Doherty achieved four A grades; Aaron Boyle achieved three A grades and one grade B; Peter Rogan achieved three A grades and a large number of students achieved two A grades along with another grade or grades.

At GCSE Level Donal Deery achieved ten A grades, Ciaran Austin and Brendan Breen both achieved nine A grades and five of our students, Michael Corbett, Donal McLornan, Laurence Lambon, Nicholas McGeagh and Michael O'Brien, achieved eight A grades and two B grades. Congratulations to these pupils and to all pupils who took official examinations, they all deserve great credit, as do their teachers.

Prizegiving Night, held on 29th September this year, was the occasion on which we celebrated these results and all the other academic and non-academic activities that go on in St. Mary's each year. Our Guest Speaker this year was one of our past pupils, Paul Clarke (Journalist and Broadcaster). It was a particular pleasure to have one of our own Alumni honour the staff, pupils and his old Alma Mater on such an important occasion and Paul carried out his brief with the greatest sincerity and warmth. It was in no small measure due to him that the evening was so enjoyable and such an outstanding success.

The *Edmund Rice Perpetual Trophy* was presented to Gary Doherty as 'Best A-Level Student' while Donal Deery was awarded the *C.B.P.P.U. Gold Medal* for 'Best GCSE Student'. Other awards presented on the night are detailed elsewhere in this Simmarian

I would like to thank those members of staff who worked behind the scenes over a long period of time to ensure that the Prizegiving ran smoothly and was a pleasant memory for all those A-Level students who have now left and are attending universities, etc. throughout Ireland and Britain and for the GCSE students who are now undertaking their A-Level studies.

The *Junior Prizegiving* afternoon was enjoyed by all the Third Form students whose results proved entirely satisfactory with many pupils distinguishing themselves over the full range of subjects.

1992 was the year in which Quantum Enterprises, the Mini-Company in St. Mary's took first prize in the prestigious *Young Enterprise Company Competition* for the Midland Bank Awards. The competition involved over twenty-seven thousand young people in Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom, forming one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six businesses. Quantum Enterprises won their way through the Belfast Local Area Board Competition, the Northern Ireland Divisional Final and the National Final which was held in the Barbican Centre in London on the 2nd of July. They went forward to the European Competition which was held in Malta and again impressed the judges and performed with distinction. Their achievement was considerable, to say the least, and must rank as one of the School's major successes in recent years. Tremendous credit is due to the large number of people who contributed.

We can be equally proud of other pupils and teachers who represented the School during the year, some of whom also returned as winners. Cormac Ua Bhruadair was the Northern Ireland winner of the *Rotary Youth Leadership Competition*. We were section winners in the *Aer Lingus Young Scientist of the Year* Competition and finalists in the *B. T. Academic Decathlon*. School teams took part in two industrial competitions, *Vision 91* and *Worknet* and the *Industrial Society Competition* which was sponsored by Shorts. Clearly, there is no limit to what pupils can achieve when they are presented with the opportunities and they put their minds to it.

In the sporting arena, of course, boys in St. Mary's were again giving of their best and everyone who participated in sport in the School has to be congratulated. Sport, of course, is not just about winning but some measure of success does encourage and it does make it easier to motivate. The past year did bring notable performances of which we can all be proud. In water-polo, Colm Laverty, Neill McMahon, and Gerard Finn represented Ulster at Senior Level having helped the School win the Canada Cup and then go on to become All-Ireland Senior Champions.

Junior pupils, in particular, did the School proud in hurling and Gaelic Football. The First Years were Belfast Champions and Ulster Champions in hurling and Belfast Champions and Ulster Finalists in football. We also took the Third Year Belfast Football

Championship and the Fifth Year Belfast Football Championship. The Second Years were not to be outdone and they carried off the Ulster Colleges Hurling Championship. It came as no surprise when a number of boys from St. Mary's were chosen for Antrim hurling and football panels and when Damien McGreevy, Denis Smyth and Robert Clarke were selected for the Ulster Colleges Senior Hurling Team.

Daniel Armstrong won an Antrim Championship in handball and was an Ulster Finalist. Seamus Twomey and Seán Devine were Antrim and Ulster Champions and were All-Ireland Handball Finalists.

Paul McVeigh was selected to represent the Belfast and District Schools Football Association under-15 level. This represents a considerable milestone in his sporting career and hopefully a stepping stone to greater honours.

The School Ski Teams were not content simply to win the Ulster Schools Championship - the Reserve Team underlined the School's strength in this sport and actually took third place in their class. The School has now been chosen to represent Ulster in the British Championship.

In February the School was honoured by a visit from Barcelona Olympic Silver Medallist, Wayne McCullough. Wayne spent most of a day going round the School chatting to various groups of boys and giving them the opportunity to see a real Olympic medal.

In December, we had the School's production of "Oliver". It was magnificent. Accolades abounded and many who saw the show were simply astonished that what they had seen was a school production achieved outside of school time over the course of just one term. No amount of praise is too much for those who were involved and I am sure that *The Simmarian* records for us all the details of "Oliver", our latest stage triumph. Participation in events like it are always among the memories of school that last long into adulthood. They also bring to the fore a variety of hidden talents, build teamwork, establish pride and loyalty and plumb unfathomed depths of energy and enthusiasm.

The opening of *Dún Mhuire, the Christian Brothers' Centre for Personal Development* was a landmark event in 1992. The Centre is primarily for the use of pupils and parents of St. Mary's and of Christian Brothers' Secondary. It adds a whole new dimension to activities in both schools and underlines the community character of education today. In this academic year, for example, no less than eight courses are on offer to parents in the evenings. Included among them is a University of Ulster Extra-Mural Course in Family Studies. Today's parents, as much as their children, are deserving of opportunity and support and Dún Mhuire is a creative and positive recognition of that fact.

Inevitably, the year brought with it sorrow and many families associated with the School experienced bereavement. The death of Seamus McAughey, a junior pupil, was a particular grief and was very deeply felt by everyone. As we continue to mourn Seamus, may we keep him, his parents and family and all our bereaved families in our prayers.

"Ní dhéanfaidh mise dearmad orsta go deo
Féach, tá tu greanta ar bhosa mo lámh agam." (Isaiah)

May we continue to remember deceased teachers as well. This year, in fact, ended sadly with the death, after a long illness, of Brother O'Dwyer on Christmas Eve. His association with St. Mary's spanned twenty-eight years prior to his early retirement due to ill-health. He will be remembered, I am sure, with affection by his many pupils.

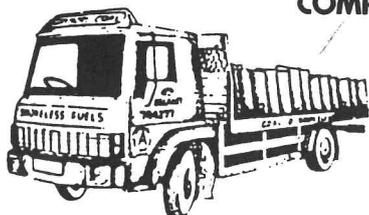
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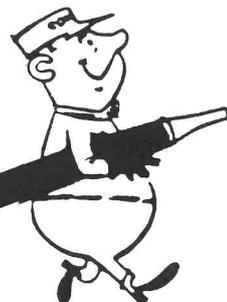
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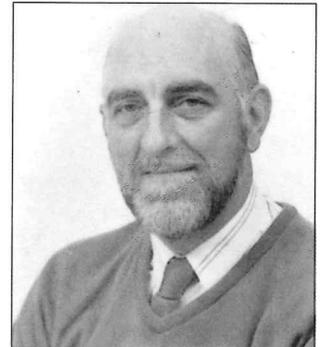
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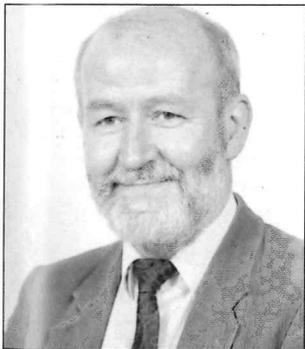
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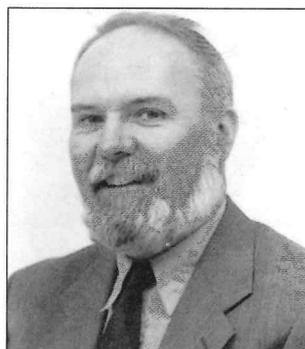
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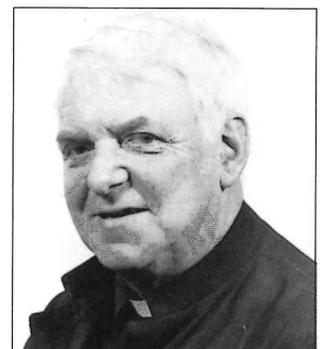
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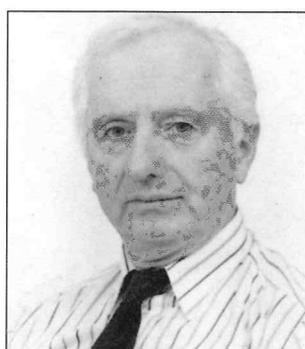
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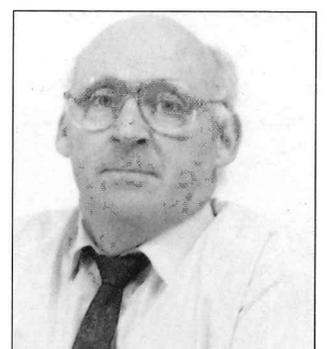
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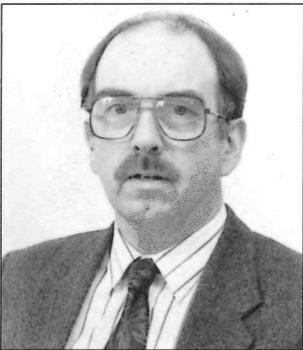
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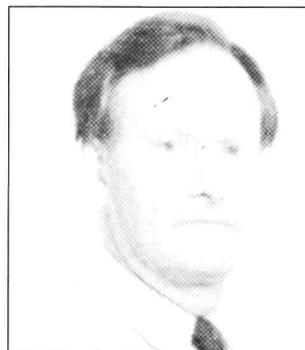
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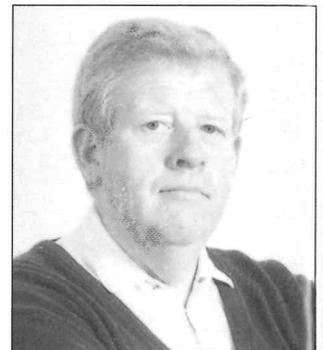
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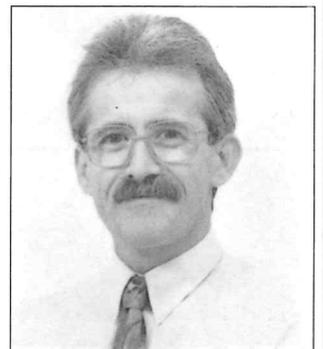
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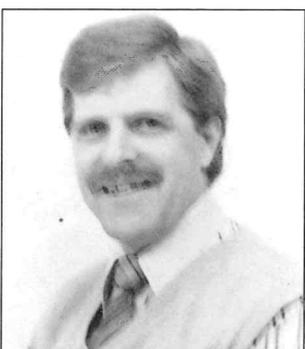
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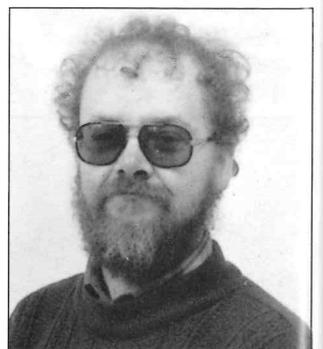
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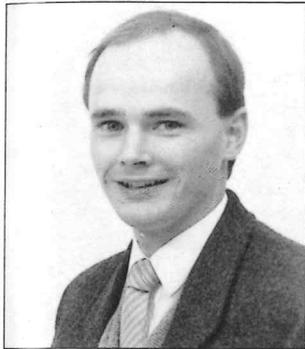
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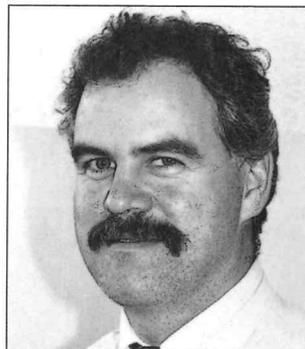
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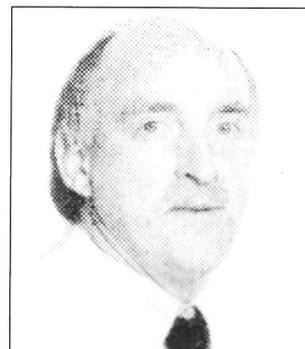
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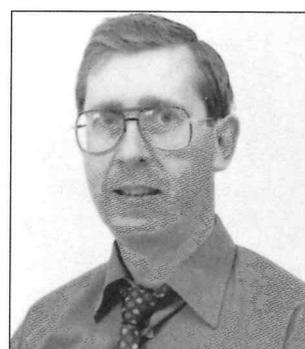
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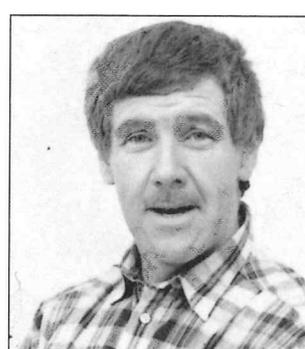
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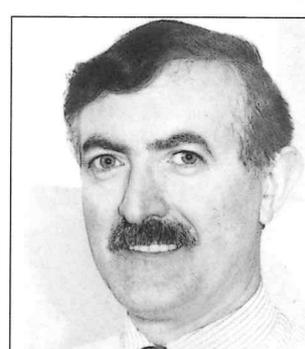
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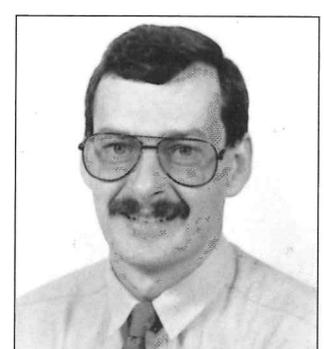
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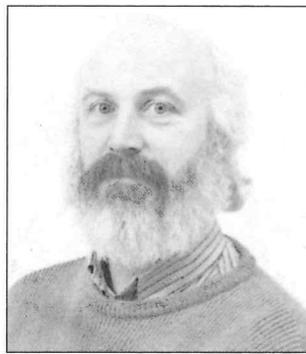
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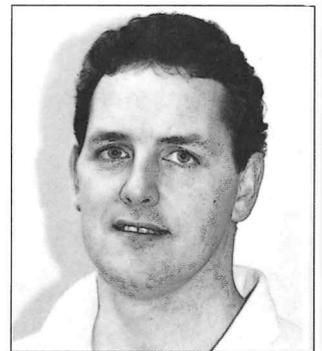
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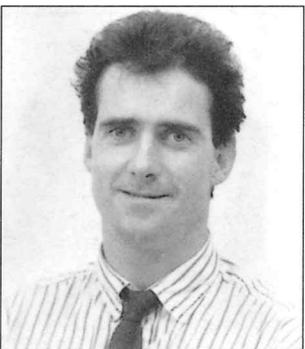
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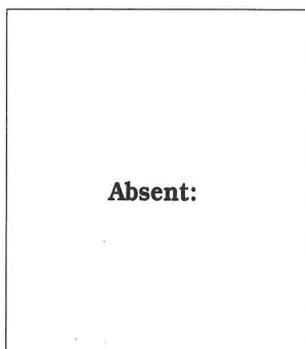
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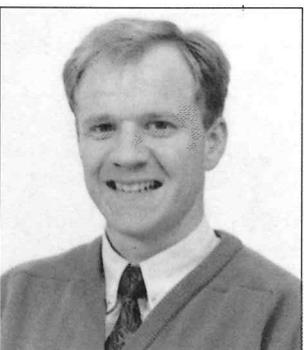
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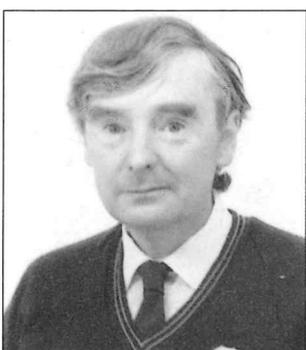
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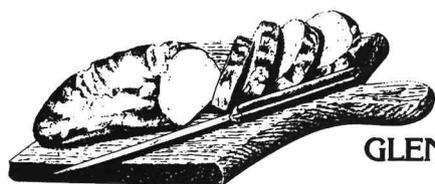
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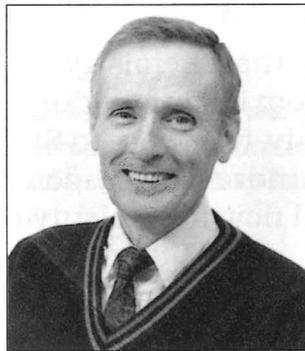
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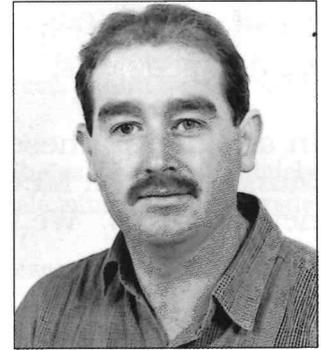
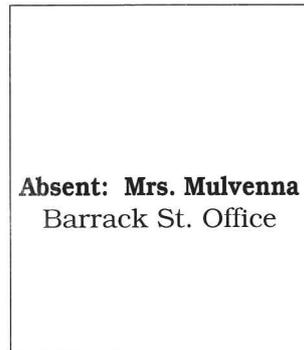
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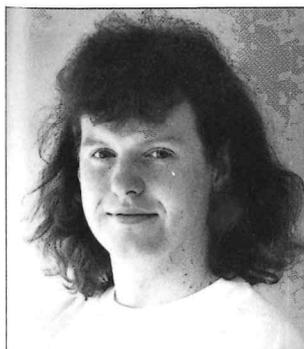
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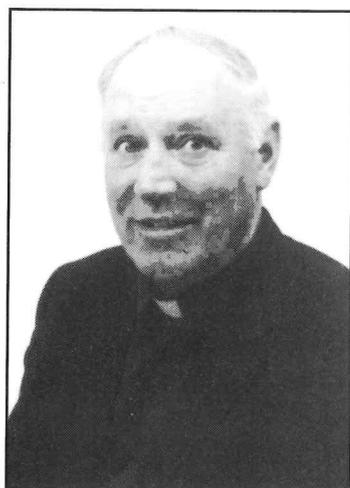
GOODBYE

St. Mary's said farewell to eight colleagues during the course of the last academic year. **Bro. Nolan, Hugh Heery** and **Joe Mitchell** have all left to enjoy their well-deserved retirement having, between them, given more than ninety years of service to the teaching profession all of them in Christian Brothers' Schools.

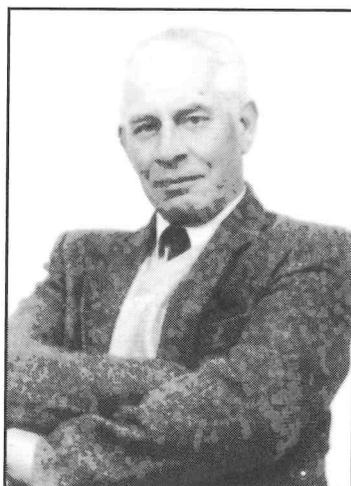
Bro. Nolan actually served two long terms with the Chemistry Department in St. Mary's and will be remembered by the many pupils whom he taught during those two terms. Mr. Heery was a Mathematician who gave over twenty-five years to St. Mary's and he, too, like Bro. Nolan will be kindly remembered by the hundreds of students who had the privilege of being in his classes. Hopefully both men will now have plenty of time at their disposal to improve or lower their golf handicaps. Mr. Joe Mitchell was a devotee of the Irish Language and he instilled this devotion and enthusiasm for our national tongue among the many students who passed through his classes. While Joe has officially retired, he still makes frequent visits to the school to assist in the Irish Department. This, of course, means that he can still be found, though much less frequently, working at the photocopier!

To all three we extend our wish that they will have many long years to collect their well-earned pensions!

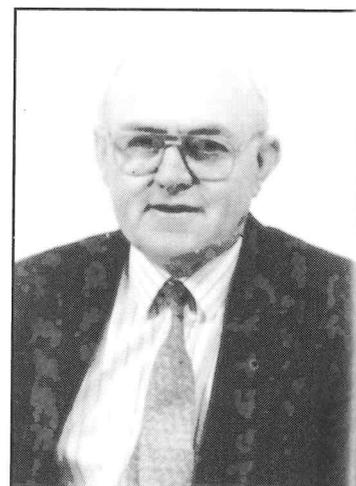
In addition to these retirements, St. Mary's said farewell to **Bro. P. McAlevey, Mr. K. Morgan, Mr. J. McCann, Dr. A. Mallon** and **Mr. J. McCann** all of whom have gone off to new pastures. We wish them well in their new positions.



BRO. NOLAN



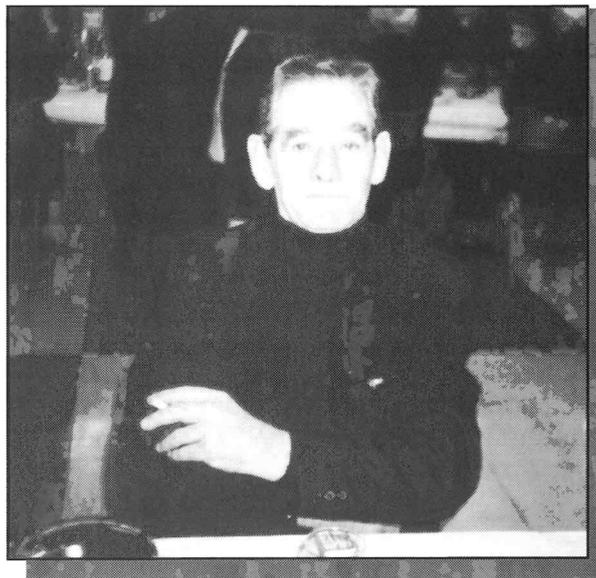
HUGH HEERY



JOE MITCHELL

Rev. Brother O'Dwyer

Born in Boyle, Co. Roscommon in August 1914, Brother O'Dwyer entered the Christian Brothers novitiate in Baldoyle in May 1929. His work with the Brothers took him to the various Christian Brothers missions in India. From 1933 to 1938 he was in Simla and then he spent two years in Shillong and Asansol. The war years found him working in Calcutta from where he returned for a short spell to Simla located in the foothills of the Himalayas. His last spell on the Indian mission field was again in Calcutta before he returned to Ireland in 1948. He spent the last forty-four years of his life in Belfast, many of them as a teacher in St. Mary's. He died in Baldoyle on Christmas Eve, 1992.



Brother Dwyer will always be remembered by his many former pupils and friends as a kind, generous and conscientious teacher. He had a quick mind and a wide and deep knowledge of both the Classics and History.

It is, perhaps, not well known that his main interest was his garden at the rear of Airfield House where he spent many happy hours tending his flowering shrubs and trees. In recent years he suffered from very severe arthritis

Gerry McShane

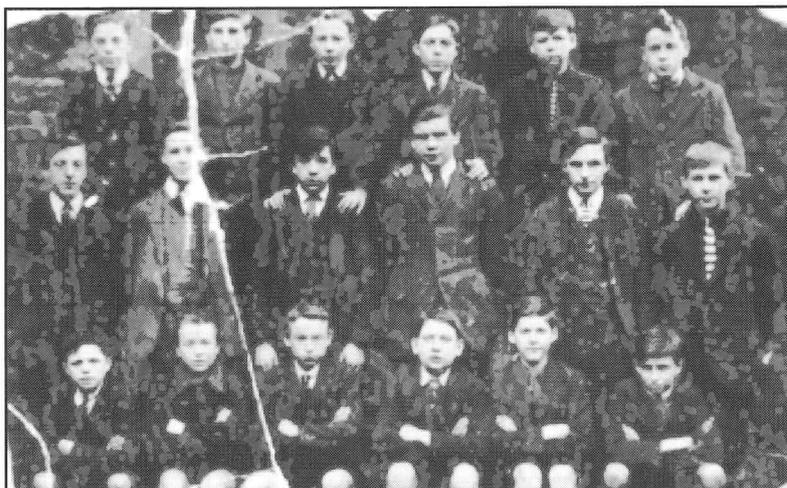


Patrick Gerard McShane of Slievemoyne Park who died recently was St. Mary's oldest surviving past pupil. Born in March 1905, Gerry began his schooling in Oxford St. Primary School in 1910 and later attended Donegall Street. From here he went to St. Mary's in Barrack Street around 1917.

After leaving school he served his time in J & J Hunter's Wholesale Wine and Spirit business. In the mid-1950s Gerry opened his own wholesale wine and spirit trade which proved to be a thriving concern. He retired in 1977.

May He Rest in Peace

The school photograph shown here was taken in Barrack Street around 1920 and if any of our readers recognises anyone in it we would be grateful if they would contact the school.



Séamas MacEachaidh

Shuigh sé ansin, agus peann ina láimh aige, súile dírithe ar an obair a bhí os a chomhair. Chan obair s'agamsa a bhíodh ann i gcónaí, nó oibrí cíocrach a bhí sa ghasúr seo agus mura bhfaigheadh sé a shá uaim, chumfadh sé obair dó féin as a dhomhan mhór de shamhlaíocht. Ag tarraingt pictiúr, pictiúir a bhí fréamhaithe san obair ranga a tugadh dó, ab é an tasc breise seo. Nó tasc a bhí ann, mar bhí sé ag cur a insint féin, a anama féin, ar na smaointe a luigh fá chónaí sna foclaí a bhí léithe aige. Ba chuma Rang Teagasc Críostaí nó Rang Gaeilge a bhí ann, nó ag caint ar Rann na Feirste, idir dhaoine agus thithe, chonaic na súile sin léaráid a chuir beocht agus solas i ngach focal dár léigh sé nó dár chuala sé. Bhíodh sé ag síorchuartú pictiúr a d'fhóir do fhírinne na bhfocal sin.

I bhfírinne na haighe
Tá oileán séin,
Is tusa tá ar marthain ann
Is triall fád dhéin.

Tá an Fhírinne sin ag an ghasúr bheag anois. An gasúr múinte, mánla sin a tháinig aníos as Bunscoil Phobal Feirste i bhFhómhar na bliana 1990 agus a d'imigh uainn anuraidh.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

Seosamh Misteáil

Seamus was a lively energetic boy. He had a bright vivacious face - eyes dancing in his head with merriment. He was good crack, always talking, laughing, cheering people up. Nothing ever daunted him; he would often say, "It's alright daddy/mammy, I'll make a cup of tea."

He was sensitive to the needs of others. He was very protective of his brothers and sisters. He celebrated the happiness of others. He adored his parents and his best friends were his sisters Orla and Aisling and his brothers Micheal and Tuathan (whom he named). He telephoned Micheal from the Gaeltacht to sing "Breithla Shona Duit" non-stop until his money ran out. He was big-hearted and generous.

He loved his country, the Irish language and all things Irish - history, folklore, old sagas. He played the tin whistle and was about to start learning the uilleann pipes. He enjoyed all sorts of music but lively reels, jigs and marches were his favourites. He played hurling for St. Paul's.

He was totally in his element in Donegal. He went to Rannafast in July 1991 and again in 1992. He was a house captain (an honour for one so young) and he was one of the "characters" of the course. He was a good ambassador for his school and town and a source of pride for his parents. He kept in touch with friends

whom he had met in the Gaeltacht and in his own words "hoped to see them in R.N.F. in July 1993." He will be sorely missed. He achieved a lot in his thirteen short years and those who knew will not forget him.

His friends, classmates, team-mates and teachers extend their sincere sympathy to Seamus' parents, Seamus and Marian, his sisters and brothers: Orla, Aisling, Micheal and Tuathan.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam uasal

A MHUIRE NA nGRÁS

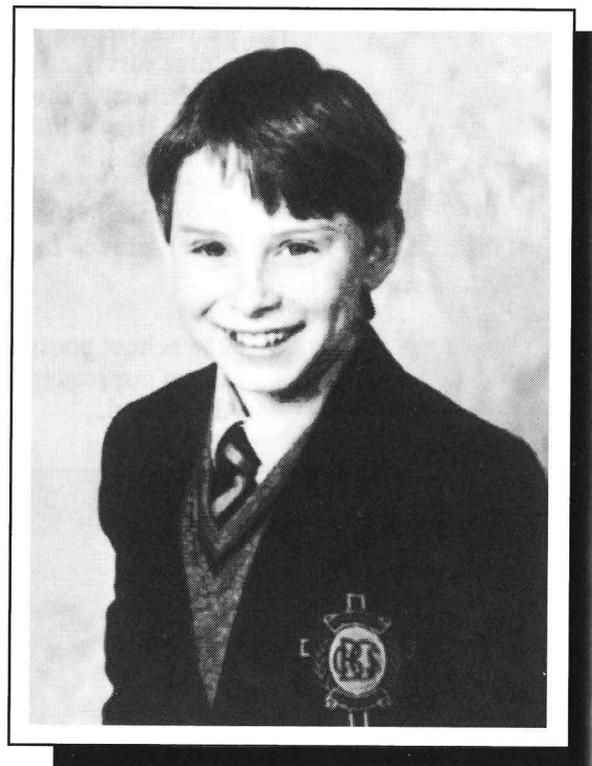
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Go sábháilidh tú mé
Ar muir a's ar tír,
Go sábháilidh tú mé
Ar leic na bpian.

Gárda na n-aingeal
Os mo cheann,
Dia romham,
Agus Dia liom

Séamas Mac Eachaidh



PRIZEGIVING NIGHT

St. Mary's annual Prizegiving took place at the end of September last. This year's Guest Speaker was Paul Clark, a past pupil now working as journalist and presenter with Ulster Television. Among the capacity audience were the School Governors and the Principal Teachers from contributory Primary and Secondary Schools.

In the course of his address, Bro. Gleeson, Headmaster, referred to the need for young people to be aware of and uphold their values in a world increasingly influenced by the media and less influenced by the home, church or school. It was important, he said, to be aware of one's rights but it was equally, if not more important, to be aware of ones responsibilities:

Each one of us bears responsibility for the shape of things to come - and this is especially true of the young and gifted...This responsibility we cannot avoid; nor cannot it be taken for granted that should we fail to shape a future that acknowledges our beliefs and values someone else will do it for us. Change is inexorable. The challenge is to influence its direction. Invariably, the catalyst of change is the media, so it is the media that provides the context of this challenge for us.

Referring to some of the criticism levelled against the media, or the worst excesses of some sections of it, Bro. Gleeson reminded his audience that "to create a society in which the demand for excess in the media is decreased, our beliefs and our values as Christians and as Catholics need to be held firmly and fearlessly expressed." People need to be educated through our schools so that they can fulfil this responsibility and speak clearly and without ambiguity.

Turning his attention to education, Brother Gleeson referred to the fact that Catholic education a la the Christian Brothers Schools is diminishing because the number of Brothers needed to service existing schools is insufficient and other Orders were encountering similar difficulties. Thus it was essential that the vacuum created be adequately filled by those who speak most passionately of their concerns and who argue most clearly for their convictions.

Young people must be prepared to get involved in the media and in the means of mass communication and to influence from within their thrust and direction. Young people must maintain an interest in education and in the schools in which they themselves were educated, if they wish to present their children with the opportunity of a similar education. Young people must take choice seriously and must be prepared to be held accountable for their choices.

Brother Gleeson went on to infer that based upon their results, those students in attendance at this ceremony appeared to be well equipped for the future challenges which he had just outlined. St. Mary's had delivered good results again this year and he was particularly heartened by the fact that in every instance the results had superceded the good performances of previous years. This, he said, was ample testimony to the hard work and honest endeavour of both the students and their teachers.

T•H•E S•I•M•M•A•R•I•A•N

Mr. Clarke in the course of his address outlined some of the hazards and difficulties which faced today's journalists especially those in television who must stringently uphold impartiality. Television broadcasting, he said, was a privilege, but re-echoing the remarks of Bro. Gleeson, he emphasised that that privilege also carried with it responsibility, hence the need for honesty and impartiality. Television, by its very nature, had to serve the entire community and had a responsibility to that community.

Speaking to the students, Mr. Clarke pointed out that:

Education is like a map. Since we are not born with knowledge, we are not born with maps either. We have to make them and the making requires effort. The more effort, the larger and more accurate the maps will be. Too many do not want to make this effort and thus their maps will be small and sketchy, their views of the world narrow and misleading... The biggest problem in this map-making process is that if these maps are to be accurate, they must be revised continuously.

He advised his audience against complacency or settling for mediocrity.

Always aim high, always strive to utilise your potential to the full and seize opportunities when they present themselves...

And when times become really tough and the world appears to be closing in around you, do not despair, instead pray. "When your knees start knocking together, kneel on them."

Mr. Clarke concluded his remarks with a quotation from Mother Teresa, "Never be ashamed of Jesus because Jesus will never be ashamed of you."

After all the prizes had been awarded Gary Doherty, on behalf of the Class of '92, gave the valedictory address. In a most entertaining speech (regarded by pundits, who notice these things, as the best ever) he thanked anyone and everyone involved in his time at St. Mary's - and some who most definitely were not involved, even Mr. Eastwood got a mention as did Santa Claus though he would not be recognisable to the most of us "tall, blonde, female and has a Galway accent!".

In concluding his comments Gary reiterated a familiar feeling experienced by many before him though seldom expressed in such eloquent style:

It seems tonight that we, my colleagues and I, are leaving St. Mary's behind. But we cannot. St. Mary's has helped to make us what we are. It will always be a part of us and we shall always be proud to have been a part of it.

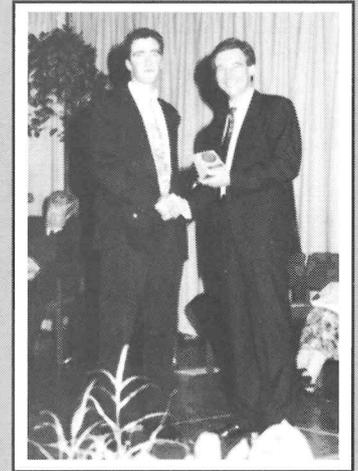


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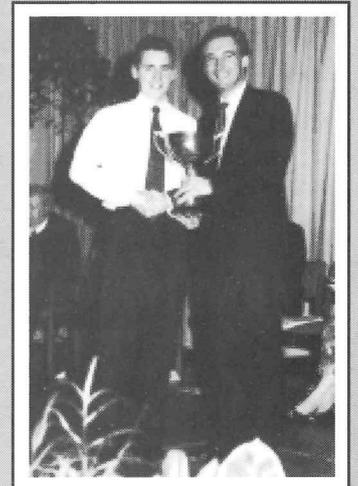
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Best 'A'-Level Student Gary Doherty
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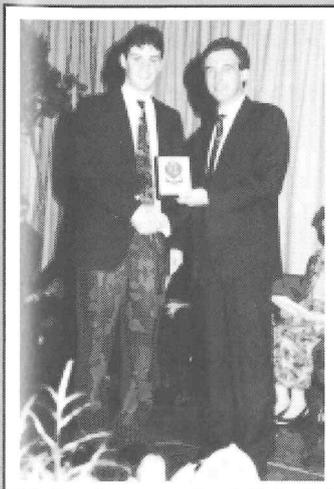
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(St. John the Baptist P.S.)
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(St. John the Baptist P. S.)
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(St. Joseph's P. S., Crumlin)
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(Holy Child P. S.)
- Irish Paul Campbell**
(St. Paul's P. S.)
- Italian Aaron Boyle**
(St. John the Baptist P. S.)
- Art Joe Trainor**
(Holy Child P. S.)
- Music Kevin Donnelly**
(St. Joseph's P. S. Crumlin)
- Drama Cormac Ua Bruadair**
(Bunscoil Béal Feirste)



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PAUL CLARK PRESENTS GARY DOHERTY WITH THE EDMUND RICE GOLD MEDAL FOR THE BEST 'A' LEVEL STUDENT. GARY OBTAINED 4 GRADE A'S AT 'A' LEVEL TO ADD TO THE TEN GRADE A'S HE ACHIEVED 2 YEARS EARLIER AT GCSE. GARY IS NOW READING MEDICINE AT Q.U.B.

PAUL CLARK PRESENTS DAVID JENKINS WITH HIS AWARD FOR HIS WORK AS R.A.Y. GROUP LEADER



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Brendan Breen

(St. Nicholas' P.S., Carrickfergus)

Mathematics

Donal Deery

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Science

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French

Donal McLornan

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Spanish

Kristian Kinnaird

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German

Declan Cooley

(Therese de Lisieux P. S.)

Italian

James Wilkinson

(St. John the Baptist P. S.)

History

Michael Corbett

Ciaran Austin

(St. John the Baptist P. S.)

Geography

Niall Lenaghan

(St. John the Baptist P. S.)

Religion

Philip Cullen

(St. Joseph's P. S., Ballyhackamore)

Technology

Brendan McKee

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Theatre Studies

Damien Ferrin

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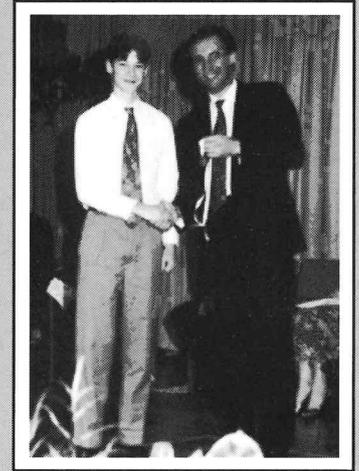
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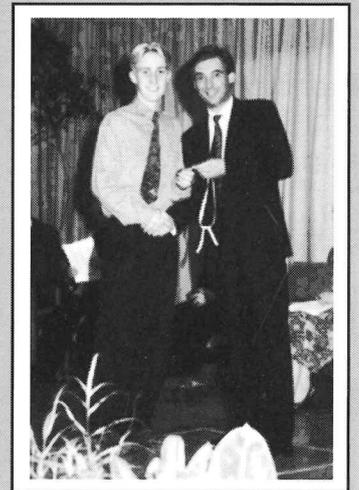
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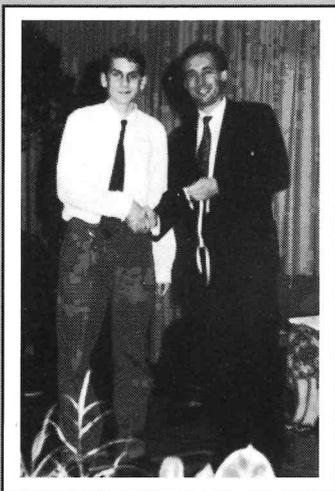
(St. John the Baptist P. S.)



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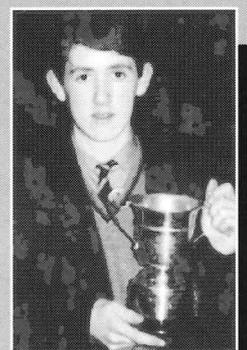
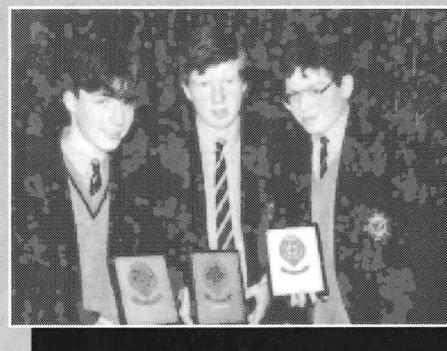
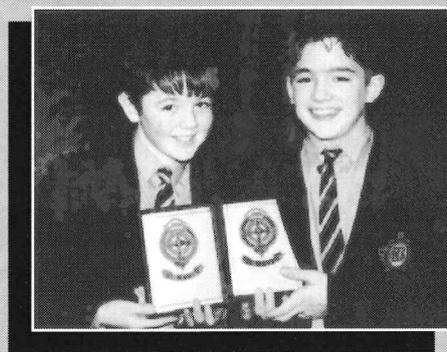
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The results of the present Fourth Form in their Junior examinations were most encouraging. 76% of the Year Group secured a pass rate in all thirteen subjects while 88% passed twelve subjects. Special reference must be made to the eight boys who scored 10 Grade A's and the five who scored 12 Grade A's. Pride of place went to Brendan Magee, John McIntyre and Gerard O'Connor who succeeded in securing an A Grade in all subjects.

The cast of prize-winners were:

German	Francis D'Arcy	4A
Irish	Paul McVeigh	4F
Italian	Paul McVeigh	4F
Spanish	Brendan Magee	4A
French	David McGuigan	4C
English	Conor Gannon	4C
Geography	Conor McCullagh	4C
History	Kieran Laird	4E
Religion	Francis Flannery	4B
Drama	Joseph Comerford	4C
	Thomas Gorman	4D
Music	Ronald Kane	4A
Art	John McFall	4F
Science	Gary Caldwell	4A
Mathematics	Paul Deeds	4B
Technology	Christopher Scannell	4E
Footballer of the Year	Patrick McIlvenny	4D
Hurler of the Year	Robert Gamble	4A
Most Consistent	Francis D'Arcy	4A
	Colin Magee	4A
	Diarmuid Bunting	4C
	Desmond Donnelly	4C
	Rodrigo Patane	4E
	Martin Lambon	4F
	Stephen Sloan	4F
	Daniel Smyth	4F
Outstanding	Brendan Magee	4A
	John McIntyre	4B
	Gerard O'Connor	4F
	Gary Caldwell	4A
	Paul Deeds	4B
	Conor McCullagh	4C
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CAREERS REPORT

In keeping with tradition, most of our entrants to Higher Education have taken up courses at either Queens University or the University of Ulster.

A larger number than usual, (seven), have gone to southern institutions, three to Trinity College, three to U.C.D. and one to the Accountancy and Business College. As in previous years, a number has also gone to a variety of universities across the water including the prestigious Cambridge University and Imperial College, London. Among courses being pursued are Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Law, Engineering, Business, Computers, Music, Zoology and a host of others. A full list is appended to this report. The list of graduates is a testimony to the endeavours of our past pupils and we wish our last year's leavers equal success.

Much emphasis is currently being placed on preparation for life after school and we, at St. Mary's, are aware of the importance of this aspect of school activity. Individual guidance is readily available from the Careers Department and an officer from the Training and Employment Agency is also linked with the school for this purpose. This officer gives a series of career-specific talks to the Fifth Form students. Careers education is now one of the compulsory cross-curricular themes in the common curriculum. This is supplemented by careers work in Third and Fourth years and a careers module is taken by all Sixth Year students. Careers literature is available for consultation and a computer programme with print-out facility is located in the library.

Our work-shadowing programme for Sixth Year students again took place and a wide variety of occupations was sampled. Hospitals, law practices, newspapers and television and computer companies were popular choices but students also shadowed pilots, publishers, fashion designers and engineers. There were also a number of other relevant seminars/courses which students attended throughout the year. There was a Chemical Engineering three-day course at Queen's University, a Medical seminar at the Royal Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, a Physiotherapy Day also at the Royal, and a Law seminar at Methodist College. Six students attended a residential management course at Stranmillis College. One of our students, with ambitions in the engineering sphere, was selected to attend a N. I. S. T. R. O. work week while another student with an interest in business careers took part in a Study Week (visiting various business institutions) organised by the Rotary Club.

Other activities which contributed to careers education included the Young Enterprise Company, which emerged as U.K. winners, Industrial Society days which included mock interviews and business simulation activities, and student participation in a wide variety of competitions and award schemes. Currently there is considerable emphasis placed on the importance of career related attributes such as leadership skills, communication skills, the ability to work in a team, etc. Many of these can be delivered through subjects on the curriculum but we feel that there is also a need to provide additional opportunities for their development.

Much of the focus in St. Mary's is towards Higher Education and the majority of our pupils attend for seven years. However we also provide an opportunity for an appreciable number of pupils from secondary schools (mainly, but not exclusively, from C.B.S., Glen Rd. and C.B.S., Hightown Rd.) to come to us in Sixth Form. Many of these students have performed excellently. For those of our students who do not wish to continue their studies after their GCSE examinations we seek to offer appropriate guidance.

LEAVERS 1992

Blaney, Kevin	Strawberry Hill, London,	Teacher Training
Boyd, John	Portadown Tech. Coll.	H.N.D. Business
Boyle, Aaron	Trinity College, Dublin.	Law
Boyle, Joseph	Queen's University	Computers & Bus.
Brady, Aaron	Queen's University	Pharmacy
Cairns, Christopher	Queen's University	Biology
Campbell, Paul	University of Ulster	Psychology
Carabine, Vincent	Queen's University	Economics
Carroll, Lee	University of Ulster	Sports Studies
Conlon, James	University of Ulster	Combined Humanities
Connolly, Martin	University of Ulster	Transport Studies
Crossan, John Paul	Queen's University	Mechanical Engineering
Curley, Kevin	Queen's University	Social Sciences
Doherty, Anthony	University of Ulster	Marketing & Bus. Admin.
Doherty, Ciaran	University Of Ulster	Institutional Management
Doherty, Donal	Queen's University	Financial Management
Doherty, Gary	Queen's University	Medicine
Donnelly, Kevin P.	University of Ulster	Business Administration
Donnelly, Kevin G.	Queen's University	Music
Donnelly, Mark	Trinity College, Dublin	Modern History
Fitzpatrick, Kevin	Manchester Polytechnic	Landscape Design
Fitzpatrick, Seamus	Liverpool University	Economics & Bus. Man.
Fleming, Vincent	University of Ulster	Music
Frawley, Cormac	Trinity College, Dublin	Business Administration
Friel, Colm	Queen's University	Biology
Gault, Paul	Queen's University	History
Gilliland, Paul	Dundee University	Medicine
Gorman, Kevin	Manchester University	Economics
Gough, Rory	Queen's University	Food science
Hunter, Sean	Queen's University	Computer Studies
Irvine, Gary	University College, Dublin	Commerce
Jenkins, David	University of Ulster	Nursing
Kane, Peter	Queen's University	Civil Engineering
Kelly, Ciaran	Accountancy & Bus. Coll., Dublin	Business Studies
Laverty, Colin	University of Ulster	Applied Economics
Lavery, Conal	University of Surrey	Drama
Leydon, Michael	Queen's University	Computer Studies
Long, Eamon	Queen's University	Computer Studies

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Loughran, John	Queen's University	Economics
Magee, Damien	University of Ulster	Combined Humanities
McCallin, Andrew	Queen's University	Architecture
McCann, Mark	Queen's University	Computer Studies
McCarron, Jonathan	Queen's University	Electrical Engineering
McCarron, Paul	University of Ulster	Sociology
McCleave, Gerard	University of Ulster	Applied Economics
McCluskey, Stephen	University of Ulster	Sports Studies
McConway, James	University College, Dublin	Medicine
McGibbon, Paul	Queen's University	Philosophy
McGlade, Michael	Rupert Stanley College	Art Foundation
McGowan, Aidan	Queen's University	Food Science
McGreevy, John	Queen's University	Electrical Engineering
McHenry, Daniel	Queen's University	Economics
McIlmurry, John	University of Derbyshire	Combined Arts
McKay, Joseph	Queen's University	English & History
McKenna, Anthony	Belfast Inst. Fur. & Higher Ed.	B Tec Art & Design
McKeown, Kevin	University of Ulster	Combined Humanities
McKinney, Michael	Queen's University	Social Sciences
McMahon, Neil	Queen's University	English
McManus, Conor	Queen's University	Political Studies
McNally, John	Queen's University	Pharmacy
McNally, Michael	Queen's University	Zoology
McQuillan, Daniel	University of Ulster	Geography
McVeigh, Mark	Queen's University	Computer Studies
Mooney, Kieran	Queen's University	Political Studies
Moore, Barry	University of Ulster	Bus. & Man. Studies
Moore, John	Cambridge University	Mechanical Engineering
Mullan, Stephen	De Montford University	Architecture
Mulvenna, Eamon	Queen's University	Mechanical Engineering
Murphy, Brendan	University of Ulster	H. N. D. Computers
Murphy, Patrick	Imperial College, London	Chemical Engineering
Murray, Matthew	Queen's University	Physics
Neeson, Ciaran	University of Ulster	European Bus. Studies
Neeson, Patrick	Queen's University	Economics
Nugent, Gerard A	Queen's University	Computer Studies
Nugent, Gerard J.	Queen's University	Law
O'Doherty, Luke	Queen's University	Computer Science
O'Flaherty, Kier	University of Ulster	History
Polley, Ciaran	Queen's University	Physics
Reilly, Andrew	Queen's University	Social Sciences
Rice, Colm	Queen's University	Dentistry
Rice, Eamon	Queen's University	Medicine
Rogan, Peter	University College, Dublin	Commerce
Russell, Brian	University of Ulster	Retail & Dist. Man.
Sheridan, John	University of Ulster	Combined Humanities
Smith, Simon	Queen's University	Law
Taylor, Gareth	Queen's University	Bus. Admin. & French
Trainor, Joseph	Queen's University	Aeronautical Engineering
UaBruadair, Cormac	University of Ulster	Combined Humanities
Walker, Christopher	University of Ulster	Combined Humanities
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BOYLAN, Michael	B. Sc.	Biochemistry
BOYLE, Martin	B. Sc.	Bus. Admin. & Computer Science
BRADLEY, Dominic	B. Eng.	Chemical Engineering
BROWNE, Paul	B. Sc.	Economics & Accounting
BURNS, Paul	Grad. Dip. C.A.D.	Engineering
BURNS, Samuel	B. Sc.	Computer Science
BYRNE, Peter	Cert. in Fire Safety	Architecture
CARVILLE, Kevin	D.A.S.E.	Education
COLLINS, Anthony	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.	Medicine
CORR, Steven	B.A.	History & Politics
CORRIGAN, Emmanuel	B. Eng.	Aeronautical Engineering
COSGROVE, Christopher	M.S.Sc	Organisation & Manpower Studies
CROSSAN, William	M. Sc.	Manufacturing Engineering
CRUDDEN, Malachy	M. Ed.	Educational Management
CUMMINGS, Carl	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.	Medicine
DAVEY, Patrick	B. Mus.	Music
DOHERTY, Aidan	P.G.C.E.	Education
DONALDSON, Michael	B.D.S.	Medicine
DONNELLY, Mark	M.B., B. Ch., B.A.O.	Medicine
DORAN, Niall	Dip. in Mental Health	Medicine
DUFFY, Ciaran	B.A.	Social Anthropology & Sociology
DYNAN, Michael	B.A.	English & Scholastic Philosophy
FINNEGAN, Robert	B. Eng.	Electrical & Electronic Engineering
FINNERTY, John	M. Med. Sc.	Dentistry
FITZPATRICK, Eamon	B.A.	Modern History
GILMORE, Paul	B. Sc.	Information Management
GOUGH, Francis	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.	Medicine
GOUGH, Sean	Ph. D.	Pure & Applied Physics
GREEN, David	B.A.	Information Management & English
JORDAN, Paul	B.A.	English Language & Literature
KEARNEY, Philip	B. Sc.	Economics & Social Sciences
KELLY, Mark	B. Sc.	Geology
KENNEDY, William	B. Eng.	Electrical & Electronic Engineering

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KILLEN, Edward	M.Sc.	Computer Science & Appliances
KINNAIRD, Paul	B.A.	Business Admin. & French
LACEY, Terence	Cert. in Prof. Legal Studies	Law
LAVERY, Francis	M.S.Sc.	Irish Studies
MALLON, John	Grad. Dip. in Opto-Elect. Information	Science
McALLISTER, Patrick	B. Ed.	Education
McCAFFREY, Conor	LI. B.	Law
McCANN, Edward	B.A.	Psychology
McCLEAN, Peter	M. Sc.	Accounting
McCLEMENTS, Brian	M.D.	Medicine
McCLOSKEY, Mark	B.A.	Politics & Scholastic Philosophy
McCORMICK, Conor	B. Mus.	Music
McCORMICK, Gareth	B. Agr.	Agriculture & Food Science
McCULLOUGH, John	B. Eng.	Aeronautical Engineering
McELEVY, Eamon	B.A.	Economics & Social History
McGARRY, Patrick	B. A.	Geography
McGINLEY, Patrick	Cert. in Social Welfare	Law
McGRADY, John	B. A.	Psychology
McGUINNESS, Michael	B. Sc.	Economics & Social Sciences
McILROY, Stephen	B. Sc.	Molecular Biology
McKAVANAGH, Malachy	B. A.	General Studies
McKENNA, Michael	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.	Medicine
McKENNA, Rory	B. Eng.	Electrical & Electronic Eng.
McLISTER, Robert	M. S. Sc.	Irish Studies
McLOUGHLIN, Cormac	M. D.	Medicine
McMAHON, Damien	B. Sc.	Accounting
McSHERRY, Paul	B. Eng.	Mechanical Engineering
McVICKER, John	Dip. in Mental Health	Medicine
MEEHAN, Mark	B. Agr.	Agriculture & Food Science
MONAGHAN, Carl	B. Sc.	Pathology
MONAGHAN, Patrick	M. Ed.	Educational Studies
MULHOLLAND, Daniel	D.A.S.E.	Education
MULHOLLAND, Martin	Dip. in Comm. Studies	Agr. & Food Sciences
MURRAY, Kevin	Dip. in Adv. Architectural St.	Engineering
NEESON, Eamonn	B. Sc.	Psychology
NETHERCOTT, Raymond	M.B., B. Ch., B.A.O.	Medicine
NUGENT, Kevin	B. A.	History & Politics
O'NEILL, Hugh	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.	Medicine
O'NEILL, Malachy	B. S. Sc.	Econ. & Social Sciences

O'REILLY, Gavin	B. A.	English & History
PARKER, Vincent	B. A.	Hist. & Social Anthropology
PENDLETON, Thomas	B. Sc.	Chemistry
PEOVER, Stephen	M. S. Sc.	Irish Studies
RICE, Leo	D.A.S.E.	Education
SAVAGE, Manus	M. Sc.	Computational Science
SAVAGE, Owen	Ph. D.	Science
SAVAGE, Paul	B. Sc	Pharmacy
SEWELL, Francis	B. A.	English & Russian
SHEEHAN, Ciaran	B. Sc.	Econ. & Social Sciences
SLOAN, Robert	M. Ed.	Physical Education
SMITH, David	Graduate Dip. C.A.D.	Engineering
SMYTH, Anthony	M. Ed.	Educational Studies
STEELE, Declan	B. A.	Psychology
TEGGART, Thomas	M. Sc.	Clinical Psychology
TORNEY, Peter	M. Med. Sc.	Psychotherapy
TUMELTY, Brian	Dip. in Schol. Phil.	Arts
TUMELTY, Stephen	Cert. in Prof. Legal Studies	Law
WATSON, Lawrence	B. S. Sc.	Politics & Human Geog.
ZUBIER, Francis	M.B., B. Ch., B.A.O.	Medicine

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ADAMS, Austin	H. N. D.	Maths., Stats., & Computing
ADAMS, Fionntan	Cert. in Found. Studies	Mathematical Studies
BEGLEY, Jonathan	B. Sc.	Comp. & Info. Systems
CORBETT, Conor	Cert. in Found. Studies	Art & Design
CORMICAN, Mark	B. Tech.	Electrical & Elect. Eng.
CREAGH, Michael	Cert. in Found. Studies	Art & Design
DAVIDSON, Daniel	H.N.D.	Chemistry with Physics
GLENNON, Michael	B. Sc.	Comp. & Info. Systems
HANNA, Ciaran	H.N.D.	Civil Engineering
HOLBROOK, David	H.N.D.	Computer Studies
KEENAN, James	B. Sc.	Community Youth Work
LUNDY, Paul	B. A.	Hotel & Tourism Management
McALLISTER, James	B. Sc.	Sociology
McAREAVEY, Liam	H.N.D.	Design Communication
McKNIGHT, Brian	H.N.D.	Computer Studies
McLAUGHLIN, Peter	Cert. in Found. Studies	Art & Design
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EDITORIAL

The telephone rings in the Fostering Office at Social Services, Cupar Street. The social worker speaks "I need a foster home for two children aged 4 and 2 as soon as possible". The Fostering Team look at the number of foster parents who are available at the time. Will the children have space? Would they fit in with the foster parents' own children? Will their own parents be able to visit? Is there enough equipment? - e.g. beds, cot, pram etc.

A phone call is made - The foster parent says "Yes. We will take the children. What time can we expect them? - I'll go and get the room ready now". The social worker breathes a sigh of relief when she is told that Mrs 'A' will take the children. All is well in this case and our aim in the Fostering Unit would be to have foster homes available for every child who has to come into care. That is why the recruitment of foster parents is so essential. Social Services always need more foster homes.

The demand is for families who can take children for a short space of time as well as offering their home for a much longer period. Social Services would want to reunite children with their families wherever possible but often this would take a number of years. Sometimes this cannot be done and the young person has to remain with foster parents until he or she reaches their 18th birthday.

Fostering can be challenging and rewarding. Courses are held to give people who are interested some idea of what is involved in caring for other people's children. Assessments are carried out by a social worker to find if people are suitable to do this task. This entails finding out about their background, their present lifestyle, their ability to cope, and their attitudes. Police checks are carried out and two personal references are taken as well as a full medical being done by the general practitioner.

This is John and Helen's Story

Our family are now grown up and living away from home except for David. He's 13 years of age. My husband and I had thought of fostering for a long time and now that we have plenty of time on our hands, we thought that we could offer children love and security at a period in life when they need help, while being in care of Social Services. It has proved to be a challenge but also very rewarding



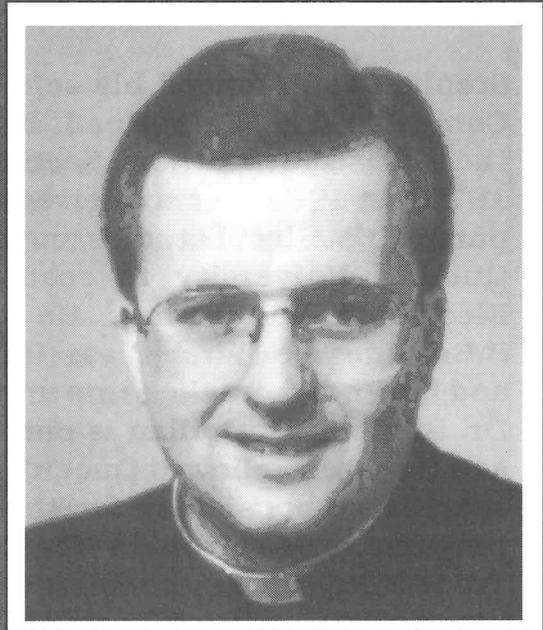
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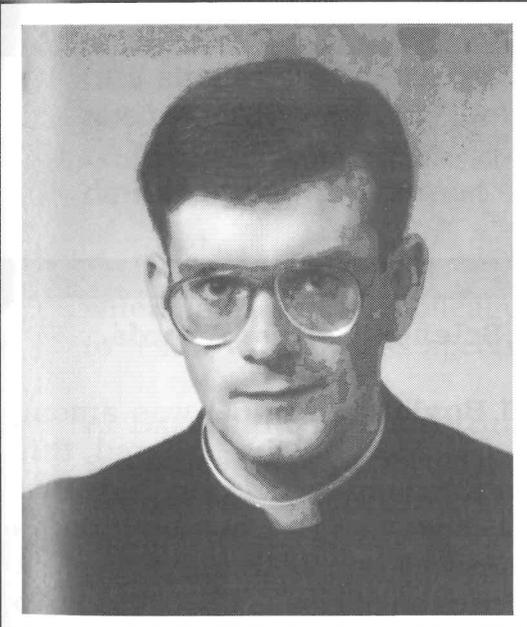
Fr. Timothy was born in Sacred Heart parish and later moved to the parish of the Holy Family, Antrim Road. He first attended Edmund Rice Primary School and after spending four years in C.B.S., Hightown Road he came to St. Mary's C.B.G.S. where he took his A-levels in Mathematics, Physics and Economics. He then began his training for the priesthood while attending St. Mary's Teacher Training College. He continued his training for the priesthood in St. Patrick's College Maynooth and was ordained in St. Peter's Cathedral by Bishop Anthony Farquhar on Sunday, 14 June, 1992. Presently, he is completing his postgraduate studies in St. Patrick's College.



Father Michael Spence

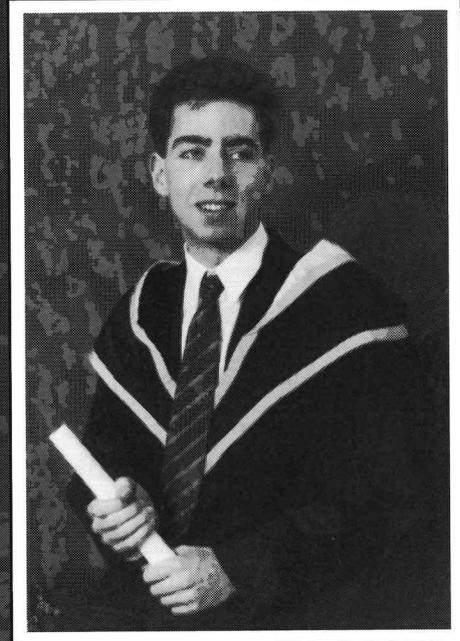
Father Michael Spence, a native of St. Agnes' parish, Belfast, was educated at St. Finian's Primary School and at St. Mary's Christian Brother's Grammar School. He took A-Levels in Mathematics, Economics and French and left St. Mary's in June 1983. He went to Queens University, Belfast and completed his studies for the priesthood at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Father Michael was ordained for the Diocese of Down and Connor on 21st June, 1992 in St. Agnes' Church by Bishop Patrick Walsh. He is at present completing his postgraduate studies in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

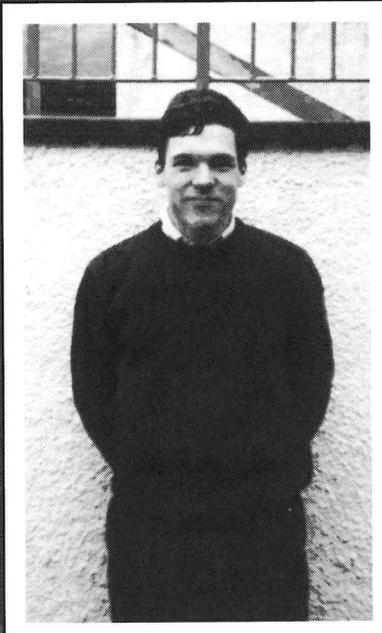


Stephen McQuillan B. Eng., PhD, AMIEE

Stephen commenced his school career in St. Comgall's P.S., Falls Road, before moving to the Christian Brothers Secondary School in 1979. In 1984 he transferred to St. Mary's to pursue his A-level studies and subsequently to Queen's University to read Electrical and Electronic Engineering. He was awarded his B.Eng. degree (First Class Honours) in 1989 and his Ph.D from the same university in 1992. Dr. Stephen McQuillan is currently employed as a research Fellow at Queen's University with specific responsibility for the design of high performance circuits for Digital Signal Processing - the key enabling technology of the nineties. In addition to publishing his work in engineering journals, he has presented his research at international conferences in Canada, the U.S.A. and the U.K.



The Fifth Young Science Writers Awards.



In February 1992 **Niall Boyle** then in 6G was among twenty entrants from St. Mary's who entered this competition and contributed an article on a recent important scientific discovery. The competition is sponsored by the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Among the prizes on offer was £500 and a trip to America for each category winner and £250 for each runner-up. Among the judges was the famous Professor heinz Wolff (of 'the Great egg race' fame).

Niall's article won through the many primary rounds and eventually reached the final where he received a letter of commendation. Well done Niall. Perhaps first prize will be yours next time!

Miss T. McCann

FOOTBALL CARBON

The carbon molecule is the basis of all life. For ten thousand years chemistry had only two forms of pure carbon, diamond and graphite. But what science could not believe existed had been found, a new form of pure carbon and, as happened so often in the past, it was discovered by accident.

What could a new form of carbon mean? New chemistry? New materials? New engineering? The irony was that it was discovered by physicists and not chemists!

The discovery stemmed from the study of the death of stars and the birth of planets. Professor Harry Knoto of the University of Sussex, using stardust, was trying to form clusters of carbon as they occur in space. The contents of the dust can be deduced from its absorption bands - and there is only one which has not been identified, the diffuse interstellar bands.

Professor Don Huffraan of the University of Arizona went to Germany to yet another academic, Professor Wolfgang Kratscherner, who was engaged in a similar study - i.e. to vapourize some graphite and obtain an U.V. absorption spectrum. Not very surprisingly, they did not obtain the results which they had expected. Instead of a smooth curve they got a double hump, the Carmel spectrum.

Knoto's pursuit of his objective took him away from Germany to Texas where, along with a colleague, he vapourized silicon and then proceeded to test it with a mass spectrometer.

At Exxon, the oil consortium (of Alaskan oil pollution fame or infamy), scientists there were carrying out similar tests and were receiving a most unusual mass spectrum. Unexpectedly they were getting mass spectrums of big clusters of Carbon 60. However, they did not endeavour to seek a cause for this phenomenon and abandoned it.

Some eighteen months later, having globe-trotted in the meantime, Professor Knoto returned to Texas and Exxon and in the process of investigation made an amazing discovery. Carrying out similar experimental tests as before but on this occasion they did not ignore the strange results. Instead, as often happens, they sought to find an explanation for the phenomenon which they were finding. What was so special about this unusual, yet stable, cluster, C⁶⁰?

Carbon is one of those elements which scientists know how it is bonded. In diamond, each end of a bond is terminated with hydrogen so that when

you rub your fingers across diamond, you are actually not touching carbon but hydrogen. The major problem was that no hydrogen was observed in the results so this gave rise to the question, how was it bonded?

One image came to mind - the Buckmaster Fullers Dome which appeared at Expo '67 - this was a geodesic dome. But was this not made of hexagons? Another notion was the stardome which was made up of hexagons and pentagons.

Experiments were done and it was revealed that hexagons, side by side, made a flat surface leaving edges. Hence pentagons were added. The test worked - 60 points, 60 carbon atoms. What was this new shape to be called? In came the mathematicians, and their answer: "Its a soccer ball boys, you've got a soccer ball." (Americans do not know very much about soccer- hence the scientific interest in the leather-coated sphere). However, this was only theory and, therefore, some tests had to be made.

They had the root with the C^{60} in it but how were they going to remove it? In retrospect, quite simple; add benzine and dissolve it, a process whose origin lay in the idea of a student at Sussex University. Professor Knoto, and his co-scientists in Texas, now had C^{60} and in the process had shaken up an ancient scientific belief.

All over the world, as the discovery was made known, different scientists embarked on research to develop carbon - working out its properties, its dimensions and its possible uses. Thus was born a whole new world of technology.

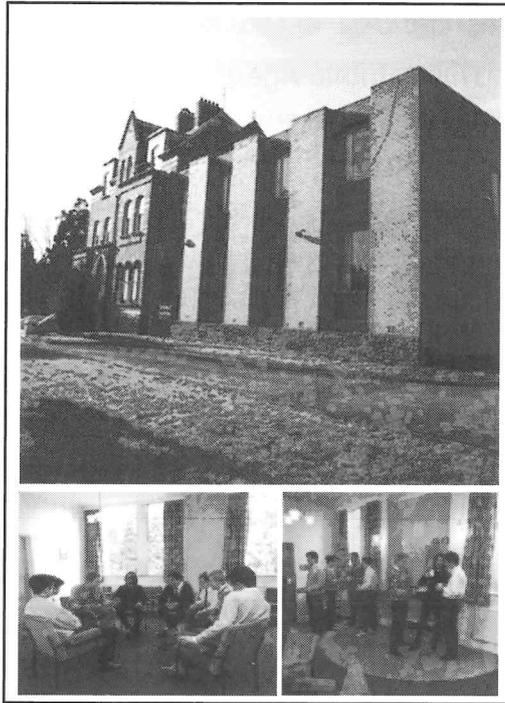
Some five years prior to this very significant discovery a certain Professor Orville Chapman 'prayed' for a miracle in the form of C^{60} : "If God would give me the grace to make one molecule what would it be? Ultimately, I decided, it would be a Carbon sphere; I chose C^{60} ." The scientific community reacted with laughter. Who is laughing now!

Niall Boyle 7G

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- Through educating Irish people as to our duties in justice towards the poor and on the need for fundamental change in the world.

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Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich

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Bishops of Ireland on the setting up of Trocaire, 1973.

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Bishop Cahal B Daly, 1983.

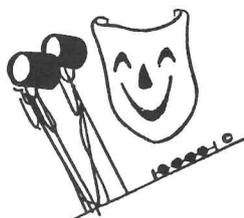
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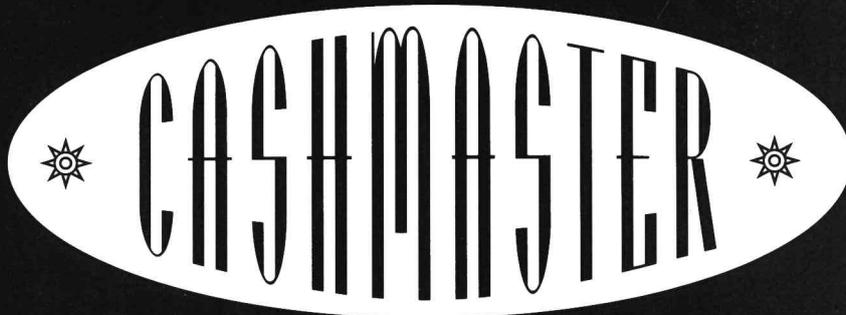
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A group of 66 boys left Larne on the evening of Holy Thursday bound for France. None of the eight teachers that escorted the party spoke fluent French but Mr. McClean aided by Mr. O'Prey managed to communicate with the French when necessary. The journey from Larne to Stranraer lasted about two hours where we were met by our luxury double-deck coach which was to take us on the long journey to the south east coast of England. This coach was to be our "home" for most of the next five days.

After around ten hours of travelling during which time three individuals graphically and very dramatically showed what they had consumed earlier by way of confectionary, three stops and a couple of videos we managed to arrive in Southampton.

We boarded the ferry which would take us to Cherbourg. Among the attractions on this finely apportioned ship was a casino which greatly delighted **Neil McIlroy**. However, by the time we set sail from Southampton most of the party was suffering from varying degrees of fatigue and settled back for a well earned sleep.

Not surprisingly this five-hour crossing of the Channel passed by quickly. Somewhat refreshed we boarded our coach and set out for our destination at **Granville** where we arrived in time for dinner that evening. Having dined to our satisfaction we got our sleeping accommodation sorted out and practically all of us availed of an early night. (Actually, we were given very little choice in the matter!)

We were awakened early next morning and had our first authentic French breakfast after which we were off to view the world famous **Bayeux Tapestry**. We were fascinated by this nine hundred year old colourful piece of evidence which told of the Norman invasion of England in 1066.

After a picnic lunch we returned to our centre where we found plenty to amuse us in the games room before our evening dinner. Later we went into the town centre and most boys headed straight for the pizza parlour; as yet, few of us had developed a palate for French cuisine.

On our second day we were taken to **Mont St. Michel** which proved to be a high point on our itinerary and one which everyone enjoyed. For three hours were allowed to wander around this uniquely attractive village which clung to the rock almost appearing to defy gravity. Though by no means a cheap place to shop most of the party came away with numerous bags full of souvenirs. On our return journey we stopped at a mini-market and where we replenished our depleted stocks of sweets and drinks.

On the following day we were off on the road again, this time to a World War Two museum and we followed a similar itinerary on the fourth day of our visit to Normandy, this time to **St. Mère Eglise**.

Most of our evenings were spent in the local town and on the beach where we endeavoured to show off our limited football skills.

On Day Five we set out for home but not before we paid a final visit to a "Hypermarche"

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where we were able to dispose of our remaining francs by buying some presents. The journey home was undoubtedly long but nothing could diminish the enjoyment and pleasure of this school visit to Normandy. We are deeply indebted to **Mr. McClean** who took on the responsibility of organising it and we are grateful to all those other members of staff who escorted us. France had been a great trip!

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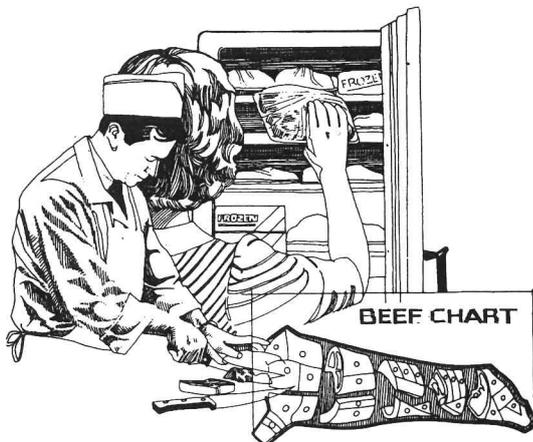
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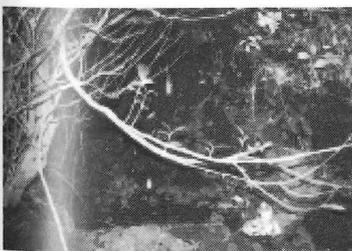
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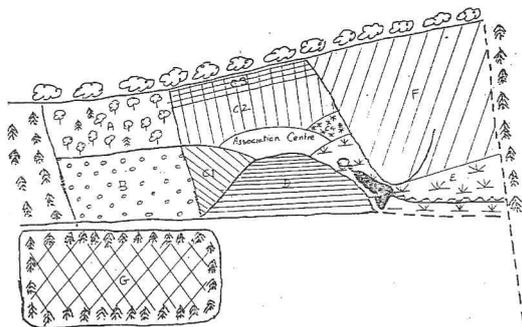
AN OVERGROWN PATH



PART OF THE SMALL STREAM WHICH RUNS THROUGH THE GARDEN



AN ORIGINAL PATH SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE UNDERGROWTH ON EITHER SIDE



The garden to the rear of Airfield House used to be very well maintained by Bro. O'Dwyer (R.I.P.) Unfortunately due to ailing health over the past few years this task became too much for him and as a consequence it has become terribly overgrown. Paths which once existed are barely recognisable due to the very thick undergrowth.

However under the leadership and initiative of **Mr. McAuley, Mr. Harte and Dr. Donnelly** it is hoped to restore this garden to its former beauty. These three teachers along with a posse of young and eager helpers will strive to cut back the 'jungle' and establish a mini botanical paradise which will cater for both staff and pupils from several departments within the school.

The **Geography Dept.** has already given the project tremendous assistance by producing a scaled map of the area which covers some 2000 square metres. Dr. Donnelly established contact with and enlisted the help of **Mr. Jim Mallon** of **Colin Glen** who has provided sound advice and expertise. Through him we enlisted the assistance of **Marenco**, a local company, which came and tested the stream which runs through the area.

Now that all the preliminary tests have been carried out we are now ready to start work on the garden. If all goes according to plan with the garden management scheme the following will all feature highly: (i) planting approximately 100 trees of different species including ash, oak, beech, birch, alder and hazel; (ii) a butterfly garden which would include a wide variety of plants and shrubs; (iii) a colonisation area; (iv) an area devoted to meadowland; (v) a woodland area which would maintain the present trees; (vi) a herb garden; (vii) a pond and wetland area; (viii) a cultivated area; and (ix) an Association Centre which would be located in the middle of the garden. Such a centre would provide an amenity area where groups could meet and discuss work and/or further development.

With such plans in store it is little wonder that the entire project is generating great excitement and enthusiasm among the pupils and it is our fervent hope that many more students will become involved in the project.

Martin Rea and Sean Pól McGreevy

WHAT WAS QUANTUM ENTERPRISES?

Quantum Enterprises was a Young Enterprise Company set up in St. Mary's in September 1991. The company ceased trading in April 1992. Membership of the Company was composed of 16 Lower Sixth students whose academic studies covered almost all available A-Level subjects offered by the school. Quantum Enterprises prided itself on being a truly European Company!

The Company had one Managing director and Secretary with the remaining members occupying clearly defined and agreed positions within the Company. Each member had a contract which stipulated terms of employment and the tasks to be completed in at least one aspect of production.

Among the products manufactured by Quantum Enterprises were customised seasonal mugs, live wire detector and a cookbook entitled "101 Magic Mouthfuls." The production processes for these products utilised fully the Art, Computer and Technological resources of the school.

A distinguished panel of judges drawn from some of the most influential companies awarded Quantum Enterprises first prize in the U.K. final for demonstrating their superior business acumen, management structure, team spirit and opportunistic marketing techniques. From London the team went to Malta to compete in the European final where they took a most creditable second place.

TRIUMPH OVER ADVERSITY

Despair, despondency, horror, public indifference describes the prevailing mood of the Minico circa November 1991. The eventual triumph of Quantum Enterprises was unprecedented in its scale and merited all the energy and enthusiasm of all those involved.

At the start of the academic year, company discipline was a somewhat abstract concept alien to the membership of Quantum Enterprises. Meetings were characterised by yelling, screaming and generally unruly conduct most unbecoming of a company which had aspirations to achieve something positive. Even Mr. McBarron's gravely spoken words, "Seriously now, seriously now," could not in themselves stop the rot.

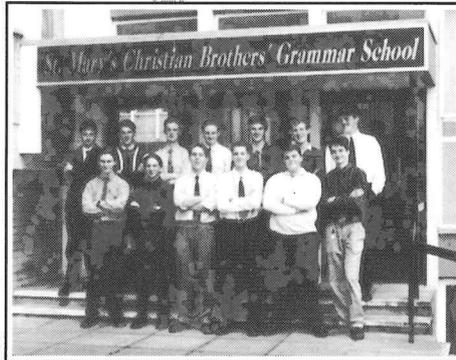
Some bright spark suggested that it would be a good idea to sell customised mugs. However, in spite of his confidence to the contrary, this was not regarded as such a good idea at all! Producing the mugs proved to be as easy as telling Madonna to put her clothes on! The mugs flopped and morale, never high, was virtually shattered.

The company was in enormous trouble. Finances were firmly rooted in the red while at least two hapless Minico members were the recipients of letters which contained the dreaded words, "We regret to inform you that your employment with this company has been terminated." Indeed, if only the truth were known, all of us ought to have been sacked.

It was largely due to the determined initiative of **Paul Mooney** that Quantum Enterprises rose, like the proverbial phoenix, from the depths of despair (and even worse, the depths of debt) to the dizzy heights of success. The company, due to the earlier 'bright idea', had a very large amount of unsold and unsellable white mugs, but this clever little fellow suggested filling them with sweets. Coming up to Christmas this really was an inspired piece of business acumen. As well as disposing of excess stock, the suggestion actually brought in money, sufficient, indeed, to drag Quantum Enterprises into the black. Profit!!

Entering 1992 all the gloom had not dissipated. We were still in some difficulty. A live-wire detector was created with some degree of success; business cards also sold reasonably well. An anti-dog device was abandoned on the advice of the R.S.P.C.A. The company was struggling for its survival. What was needed was one great product, something that prove to be both aesthetic and a commercial success. Enter **Mr. B. McLoughlin**.

"A cookbook! Get out of it!" reaction from Quantum staff at this increasingly frantic at straws. So it was that we cookbook, it was worth a go what could be called brain-exaggeration). Full-blooded turn lofty ambitions into



THE SUCCESSFUL QUANTUM ENTERPRISES TEAM

"Wise up!" "Get a grip." Initial was less than enthusiastic but stage we were prepared to grasp undertook to produce a since no better idea arose in storming sessions (wild determination was essential to practical reality.

Earlier in the year, during days, **Niall Fleming** had company but now his artistic design a cover which would be striking in its simplicity. He did a wonderful job.

Quantum Enterprises' dark taken his departure from the skill was very much needed to

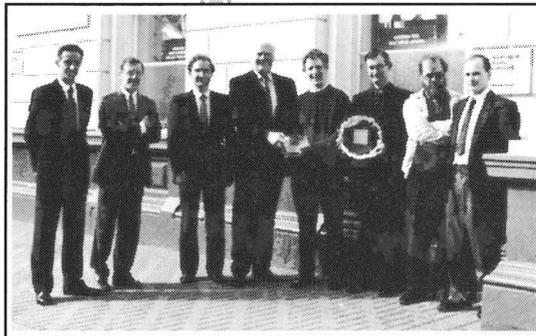
Thanks largely to the efforts of **Paul de Ornellas** recipes were procured from various sources. Parents submitted formulae for a wide variety of culinary delights whilst **Mark McLaughlin** toiled away at complex calorie charts in addition to his considerable task of balancing the Minico's accounts. Ronan Press of Lurgan, which prior to this had never encountered anything quite like **Paul Gray**, tendered a very reasonable printing price. Local prestigious companies were induced to take advertising space in the cookbook. Thanks largely to the success of the latter, production costs were practically accounted for thus allowing a cover price of £2. The cookbook sold and sold. (It became a sort of mini best-seller).

The soaring sales figures brought in considerable amounts of much-needed cash to fill the coffers of the once indebted Quantum Enterprises. But making money was of only secondary importance. The over-riding objective was to win the local competition for best company. Opposition was tough - Methodist College, Victoria College and Corpus Christie College would prove difficult obstacles to overcome. At the final showdown, seeing the high profits and the apparent affluence of company members plus our exciting and professional display, the judges had little hesitation in declaring Quantum Enterprises as worthy winners. It was only the beginning!

Our sights, once virtually non-existent, were now set on the Northern Ireland final which took place at the Ulster University at Jordanstown. While not going there simply to make up the numbers we did not expect to win this champion among champions tournament. Included in our display was an horrendous green mould, a gimmick, which excited considerable interest among the judges who were very impressed not just by our product and sales figures but also, and more importantly, our ability to explain our business concepts both formally and informally. Much to our own surprise, though not to anyone else's it seems, Quantum Enterprises had conquered Northern Ireland.

B.B.C. T. V. news recorded our success and homes throughout the province were treated to an exuberant **Michael Hayes** proclaiming, "...ecstatic...we're gonna go to Britain and do our best for Norren Ireland." He was referring to the All-Britain Young Enterprise Final. This represented the pinnacle of young business achievements. From among original line-up of two thousand starters, one thousand nine hundred and ninety- nine would be also rans, and one winner would emerge as supreme champion of Britain. Surely not a company, initially r e l u c t a n t l y , cookbook dreamt up Tuesday afternoon.

Six leading company for Quantum Among the aides a most professionally fantastic display support of Brother



staff. Back in Belfast the other Minico members woke up to a radio announcement stating that St, Mary's Minico had won the British Young Enterprise competition. A momentous achievement!

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figures carried the flag Enterprises to London. brought with them was prepared slide-show, stands and the moral Gleeson and all the

From London it was on to Malta. A British company had won the European final on the previous two occasions and it was most unlikely that they would be awarded the hat-trick. And so it was! A Swedish company selling boxer shorts proved successful and Quantum Enterprises had to settle for second place on this occasion.

Undoubtedly we were disappointed though we ought not to have been. Ours was certainly a rags to riches tale though we cannot, in truth, claim that we have all lived happily ever after!

Quite rightly, members of the Quantum team have milked their success as has the school, and N.I. Young Enterprise. Certainly, membership of Quantum looked splendid on several U.C.C.A. forms and no doubt it will re-appear on future C.V.s. The entire episode was a wonderful experience which none of us is ever likely to forget. It is our fervent hope that this year's Young Enterprisers, operating under the name of Pulse, can emulate our achievement.

In many ways, Quantum Enterprises involved the whole school either directly or indirectly and consequently there is a very extensive thank-you list. Hopefully we have omitted nobody. We thank you for your support, encouragement and forbearance:

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Mr. F. Woods,
Mr. O. McCann,
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None of it could have happened without our chief mentor and motivator, **Mr. Hugh McBarron** whose encouragement, criticism and expertise proved invaluable. Everyone of us fortunate enough to have been involved in Quantum Enterprises is deeply appreciative of his generosity of effort, more than he will ever realise.

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A SENIOR INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE.

Our Fifth Form Industrial Conference was extremely useful to the students largely because it was arranged around the theme of 'Job Interviews' and at this time we were all approaching our sixteenth year and thus eligible to apply for work.

The conference opened by asking us a series of questions about the criteria that an interviewer or potential employer was seeking in an applicant. Much emphasis was placed on the importance of the original application form; for example, a neatly typed application was regarded as more convincing than a handwritten one. We discovered that among the topics which were likely to be on the interviewer's agenda were hobbies, interests and sporting pursuits though we were at a loss to know why these, seemingly irrelevant matters, were stressed. However we were enlightened by **Michelle Burgoyne**, the Director of the Conference, who informed us that from our answers the prospective employer would ascertain how a potential employee spent his leisure time i.e. was he active and lively or was he just a "couch potato."

Having undergone various preparatory exercises we were "ready" for the "mock interview". The conference delegate assigned to each group had the onerous task of interviewing each group member. A would-be interview room was set up and each student submitted an application for a specific job in which he outlined his abilities, aptitudes and suitability. Initially, this seemed to be a simple enough exercise but when it came to my turn for the interview disaster struck. Firstly, I forgot which post it was that I had applied for and during the interview I stared at the ground and twiddled my thumbs and fidgeted about. Not very impressive! I blurted out my various academic qualifications in Chemistry and Biology. This might have sounded impressive except that the job specification clearly stated the company was seeking a Physicist. Not altogether surprisingly, I was unsuccessful on this occasion. Even I would not have given myself a job on the basis of this performance!

Coincidentally, on that same day I received an application form from Dunnes Stores in reply to a request which I had submitted some time previously. I used my new-found skills in compiling my application, filled it out neatly and sent it off with more than a little confidence. After a week or so I was rewarded with an interview. This time I would not make a fool of myself.

I presented myself neatly attired in a suit, kept constant eye contact with my interviewer and clearly articulated my responses providing further elaboration where it was necessary. Success! I was taken on as a Dunnes Stores employee, perhaps not the most glamorous form of employment but at least I had proved myself on this occasion. The Fifth Form Industrial Conference and my participation in it had stood me in very good stead.

The Sixth Year conference had a different theme and was based on the topic of 'Business and Commerce.' It was arranged differently from previous years in that the "poster exercise" (not the most inspiring activity at 9.00 a.m.) was abandoned and replaced by a more meaningful and practical exercise - construction of a gas platform. Impossible

T•H•E S•I•M•M•A•R•I•A•N

though it might appear, the objective was to construct a relatively cheap model, using only straw and pins, which could support a house brick. And we managed to achieve it. It is amazing what can be done when there is a degree of competition and pride at stake.

In the afternoon the activity involved participation in a "business conference" in which each group member played the role of a manager from various departments within a specific business. Each of us was given a different scenario to act out and various arguments arose between different managers with regard to budgetary requirements, sales targets and marketing strategy, etc. It all seemed very realistic to those of us engaged in this activity and we actually managed to get a sort of glimpse of the managerial world and the responsibilities that go with it.

The Fifth Form Conference was beneficial in its own away and proved an ideal preparatory course in utilising ones skills in applying for managerial positions and performing well in an interview situation. The Sixth Form Conference continued on from the previous one in that it aimed to prepare one for the trials and tribulations of a manager when you became one.



5TH FORM PUPILS AT THE INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE MAKING OPPURTUNITIES

These conferences have always been very worthwhile exercises and even though we, as students, approach them somewhat negatively at first, we do gain positively from them. Many thanks are due to **Mr. McGettigan** who takes on the daunting task of organising these conferences. Thanks, too, to the many delegates and company representatives who give of their time and expertise so that we

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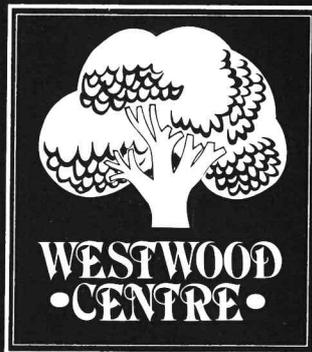
This one-hour multiple choice test paper is held annually on the first Tuesday in February. It is open to pupils in Third Form and below in schools throughout the United Kingdom. This year St. Mary's took part for the first time and we had 49 pupils among the 85,000 entrants from some 1250 schools. The paper consists of mathematical problems which are not technically difficult but are designed to make pupils



L-R : SEAN CROOKES, PAUL DEEDS, JOHN McINTYRE, DANNY SMITH AND DENNIS CORMICAN RECEIVING THEIR SCHOOLS' MATHEMATICS CERTIFICATES WITH MR MICHAEL CRILLY

think. The top 36% of participants receive a certificate (Gold for the top 6%, Silver for the next 12% and Bronze for the next 18%.

Twenty-five of our pupils received certificates with five getting Gold, six getting Silver and 14 getting Bronze. This year, four out of the five Gold certificates went to Barrack Street pupils and the certificate awarded for the best entrant from the school went to John McIntyre also in Barrack Street.



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BARRACK STREETS' HALLOWE'EN BAZAAR for SOMALIA

Class **3F** organised a re-cycling bazaar in aid of Somalia and it proved to be a wonderful morning in Barrack Street.

The function was to take place on Thursday 29 October, our last day before our mid-term holiday. Of course we had been collecting for weeks beforehand. Parents were amazingly generous in giving so freely, especially during these lean recessionary times.

Someone's dad started the ball rolling by donating a brand new swivel chair which we offered on a ballot and banked £50 in the process. Very popular, too, was the ballot for whisky and wine the prizes for which were, again, very kindly donated. Together with other games these ballots raised over £90 before the bazaar proper had started.

The morning itself was one of blue October skies and sunshine (a rarity indeed in 1992) and proved the ideal weather for the sponge throwing and penalty kick competitions organised by **Mr Quigg**. Not surprisingly these proved very popular with the students especially with Mr. Quigg the target in the 'stocks'. The bazaar itself offered a variety of fund-raising activities such as 'lucky dips', computer and guessing games and stalls of practically every description - toys, bric-a-brac, books, records and tapes, food and fancy goods.

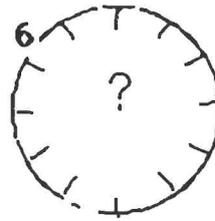
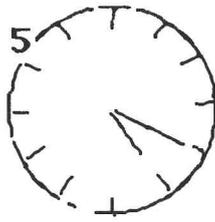
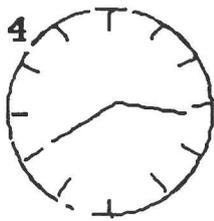
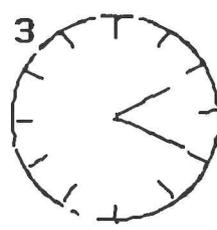
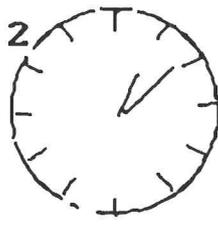
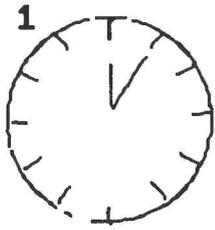
The atmosphere was festive and the boys really enjoyed themselves. In addition, **Mr. McClean** had allowed a 'non-uniform' day - at a price - and the proceeds of this venture went to the Christian Brothers' Zambian Missions. The proceeds from **Mrs. Tohill's** 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' plus the aforementioned non-uniform enterprise raised over £100. The entire morning raised the sum of **£260.48** in aid of the Somalia appeal.

All in all we really enjoyed ourselves, and all the boys are to be congratulated for their great efforts and very mature behaviour.

Thanks to all parents, staff, and, especially, the boys themselves.

Mrs.Kate Canavan

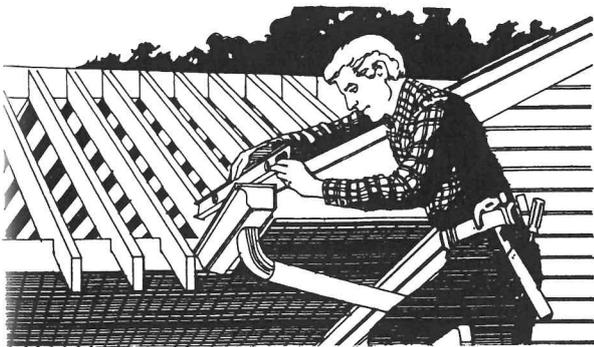
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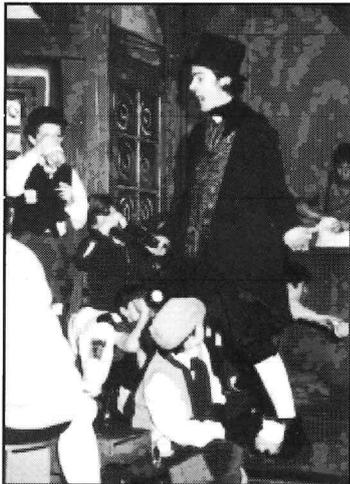
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OLIVER!

As probably everybody knows by now the big dramatic event of the year in St. Mary's was the staging of the musical OLIVER!. It would have been a major undertaking for any professional company but undaunted by the massive challenge which lay before them the Drama Department set to work on auditioning the massive caste in mid- September. That it was a success was due in no mean part to the dedication and commitment of **Mrs. McQuillan, Mr. Tracey, and Miss McCann** who managed, after very long and arduous hours of rehearsals, to caste and choreograph over 100 enthusiastic students.



DECLAN MORNS AS BILL SYKES, LAYING DOWN HIS VERSION OF THE LAW

Of course no stage show is complete without the backroom staff and the help and assistance which was given by other members of staff and some past-pupils was indispensable. The Art Department was responsible for the sets used and they were also heavily involved in the greatly over-worked area of make-up. Of course, there could not have been a 'musical' as such had it not been for the sterling work of the Music Department under **Miss Gibson's** baton.

Among other departmental skills called into use were Biology (the rat came from there!), Science and Technology (a whole plethora of gadgets emanated from the E-Block!) plus the various individual talents supplied in great measure by the likes of **Mrs. Woods, Miss Wilson, Mr. D.**

Rice, Mr. J. McAuley, Bro. Kelly, Mr. L. McAleese, Mr. J. Heaney, Mr. P. Barry and Bro. Carlin.

This certainly was a team effort. There were quite a number of "chiefs" but they were necessary when one considers that there were over a hundred "braves" to be looked after, organised and costumed and told to 'belt up' every so often, every so very often! To the unacquainted casual observer, rehearsals appeared to be organised chaos with shouts, squeals and growls punctuating the general din that seemed to pass unnoticed.



DAMIAN FERRIN AS FAGIN

It is quite amazing the verve and enthusiasm that some students work up when they become involved in the 'school production'. It is as if they become intoxicated by the very thought of performing on stage - hence the very keen competition among them during the auditioning period. Often one sees young boys begin something exciting with great gusto but when the initial attraction wears off so too does the gusto. Not so The Show. They give it their all.

They endure hours and hours of rehearsals, doing and re-doing the same thing - maybe it is only strutting around the stage once (i.e. if you are unlucky!) or nodding ones head on cue (if you are even more unlucky!) - but they tenaciously stick to it. As one teacher so elegantly put it upon seeing a rather young Thesbian running down to the office to get some running repairs to his off-the- shoulder dress , “if only the wee knacker showed as much energy and urgency in his schoolwork, he’d be a star pupil.” But then that is the lure of showbiz and stardom!

Sometimes on these the caste take all the to forget about the have a very important an unenviable one. It leave their children, younger ones, up to rehearsals and come four hours later to many a mum, and who is pestered by a this, that and the same. But on the public performance



FAGIN (DAMIAN FERRIN) GIVING SOME OF HIS BOYS A TALKING TO

neatly falls into place and on the subsequent nights when it falls even more neatly, professionally, into place all the very hard work done by all of those involved is seen to have been worthwhile and all the hardship and worry is forgotten.

big occasions when plaudits, it is too easy parents. They too role to play and often is they who have to especially the the school for back some three or collect them. It is occasionally a dad, young son to get him other and to do the night of the first when everything

The school ‘musical’ has become a major event in the school calendar as evidenced by the huge numbers who attend it. Had it run for a week, the Assembly Hall would have been full each night, such was the demand for tickets. That the school ‘musical’ has established a niche for itself can be judged by the fact that no sooner had the final curtain fallen on this year’s production than speculation began as to what would be staged by St. Mary’s in December 1995. Any ideas?

Individual Perceptions of the show.

‘Oliver’, it must be said, is an old-fashioned musical. It is no longer what might be called ‘de rigueur’. At the risk of sounding pedantic, it is ‘old hat.’ They don’t make hats like they used to! In honesty, I freely admit that I would not have chosen ‘Oliver’

as this year's musical production. So what's new? Nothing. I simply enjoy my role as the 'fly in the ointment', 'the spanner in the works'. Nevertheless it was a joy to view a phoenix rise from what appeared to be a messy pile of ashes.



DAMIAN TRAINOR, SEAN GREEN, NIALL Mc MORROW AND DECLAN MORRIS IN A SCENE FROM OLIVER

My personal image of 'Oliver' is that the old McQuillan-Tracey magic of weaving an Indian rug from barber shop cuttings was never more evident. I have often said, though never publicly, that the capacity of teachers involved in this sphere of education to produce life in a dead horse with a seemingly inexhaustable amount of energetic flogging makes me sick! Education is seen at its most worthwhile, creative and aesthetically pleasing. To watch young minds and personalities develop before your eyes is a lovely and pleasing phenomenon.

Judging by the public response to 'Oliver', I would suggest that the memory of the show will persist in the minds of all those involved in its production as clearly as it has done in the minds of those who viewed it. The professional quality of every little aspect of the production will make it difficult to surpass. The enthusiasm and skill of all the cast, the craftsmanship of certain 'lead' performances and the quite luminous, almost physically tangible talent of others; the sweeping and panoramic image of a stage set that would do justice to many a professional production; the proficiency of the young orchestra in mastering a difficult score; the technical skills of Miss McCann's



THOMAS GORMAN AS THE ARTFUL DODGER

choreography and last, but not least, the withering but still brightly lit elements of those two 'old stagers', Mrs. McQuillan and Mr. Tracey. Their names enter the pantheon of such greats as Rodgers and Hart, Bernstein and Sondheim, Gershwin and Gershwin.

My genuine regard and appreciation for all concerned affords me the opportunity to say that I was glad to be wrong again. Against what appeared to be insurmountable odds, intransigence and apathy, the young cast defeated the 'odds', rose proudly to the occasion and proved that talent can overcome any obstacle.



DAMIAN TRAINOR AS OLIVER & SEAN GREEN AS NANCY

Thomas Reilly, Lighting Engineer in the school production of 'Oliver'.



Charlie Bates played by Joe Comerford 4C

It was my good fortune to have successfully negotiated the auditions for this year's musical production and to have been chosen for different roles as a baker, a citizen of London, as well as the orphan Charlie Bates. Though Charlie was not a major character, playing him was fun. He was a villain in his own right being a leading member of Fagin's pick-pocketing team. The character suited me and it allowed me to indulge my love of acting and dancing. Like all the members in this year's cast, I found the show a most rewarding and enjoyable experience. Hopefully in years to come I can look back and say that my career in drama started with 'Oliver' in 1992.

What Seán Campbell 5H thought:

It has been shown once again that there is no such thing as an amateur production in St. Mary's. This fact at least was clearly evident in the stage set which would have done justice to any theatre.

Characterisation was very well organised with the older boys, having more experience, taking the principle roles and the juniors playing in the chorus. Although difficulties were certain to arise because of having so many female characters in an all-male production, the situation was always handled well with the effectiveness of the superb costumes.

The music was rich and rewarded all the hard work and effort put in by all the pupils and staff of St. Mary's, especially the production team of Mrs. McQuillan and Mr. Tracey.

'Oliver' revealed itself to be one of the finest school production alongside 'Jesus Chtrist Superstar' and 'Guys and Dolls'. it was a thoroughly enjoyable performance and its success might be reflected in the fact that each show was fully sold out. It was a remarkable show of which any professional company would have been proud.

'Oliver' as seen by 'Oliver' alias Damien Trainor 1C

It all began during my first period of drama in St. Mary's. Mrs. McQuillan announced that auditions for the school musical, 'Oliver', would begin on September 7. I became very excited by the very thought of it. Electricity seemed to be running through me from head to toe.

At last the big moment arrived and my dad left me up to the school and I nervously approached the hall. Instructions rang out from Mrs. McQuillan and we were marched from the hall to the canteen area where we watched a video of 'Oliver'. While this was going on, Mrs. McQuillan along with Mr. Tracey selected various boys to be auditioned. I was one of them! When it came to my turn to approach the grand piano I realised only then that I was auditioning for the principal character.



As part of the selection process we had to sing together in unison and then do a solo performance. After several of these sessions the choice eventually came down to two boys - and I was one of them! The final element in this audition was that each of us had to sing solo on stage. I was successful. I was so excited that I could hardly wait to tell my parents!

Rehearsals began immediately; Monday and Thursday night and four hours on Sunday afternoons. Even though the rehearsals were exhausting for all of us they proved to be worth all the energy expended. The performances went very smoothly and, on the final night, we received four standing ovations.

I am very glad that I had the good fortune and the opportunity to play the title role in the musical 'Oliver' in my first term in St. Mary's. Little wonder then that I shall not forget my first year in St. Marys.

"Show of all Shows"

St. Mary's reputation in the drama department is outstanding. With shows such as 'Jesus Christ Superstar' and 'Guys and Dolls' they have swept the board. These previous performances executed by a cast of under eighteen-year olds were very professional. This year was no exception, in fact popular belief suggests that 'Oliver' has been the most successful production yet, surpassing the expectations of pupils, teachers and audiences.

Damien Ferrin was cast in the role of Fagin, the chief protagonist, and he delved deep into this fiendish character and delivered a truly great performance. His created nuances and on-stage improvisation, along with his amazing singing voice, established a very credible character indeed.

Oliver was played by **Damien Trainor** who gave a highly commendable performance and expressed a very good sense of group interaction and, despite his very young age and inexperience, he adjusted easily to the role of one of the leading characters and provoked an intimate empathy with the audience.



BROTHER GLEESON & MRS McQUILLAN WITH THE ORGANISERS OF THE PENSIONERS WHO WERE ENTERTAINED BY A FREE EVENING AT 'OLIVER'

Other leading roles were Widow Corney played by **Eamonn Connolly** and Mr. Bumble played by **Niall O'Hara**. This couple provided a thoroughly amusing and talented performance and deserved their reward of audience participation in the form of sympathy, laughter and the occasional advice to Widow Corney as to what she should do with her handbag!

Declan Morris gave an intimidating portrayal of the frightening Bill Sykes. He displayed a great grasp of this character, articulating his feelings with expert facial expressions and perfect vocal range and projection: being calm when necessary but also giving vent to a tremendously loud and unnerving voice on reaching the climax of tension.

On the whole St. Mary's have again presented a masterly adept production of one of the most famous musicals ever scored. Mr. Whitehead, assisted by Mrs. Woods, strove to create his most challenging work of stage-art yet, and succeeded in establishing a very accurate and extensive set for the directors to place their chief players around.

Mrs. McQuillan, Mr. Tracey and Ms McCann worked long and arduously to perfect the on-stage performance and along with Mrs. Gibson and Ms. Wilson in the orchestra gave the public a performance long to be remembered as "the Show of all shows."



BROTHER GLEESON & MRS McQUILLAN WITH SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CAST

Aidan Farnan 6F

Making-up in 'Oliver'

Late in November, Mrs McQuillan invited me to assist the staff with the make-up for the various characters in 'Oliver'. I agreed but I had no idea what I was letting myself in for.

On the opening night I arrived at the school with my white overalls and was shown to the dressing room. It was absolute and total bedlam. There were boys everywhere. Boys jumping on tables, boys crawling on the floor, boys running, boys chasing, boys sitting, boys standing and all of them were shouting at the tops of their voices.

I donned my overalls and started to work. I was told to apply basic make-up and, with the help of a sponge, I soon had them all looking like Red Indians. Final touches to lips, eyes, cheeks, and beards were made by teachers.

Order had been restored where earlier there had been chaos. Soon all were called to their places on stage and silence fell in the dressing room. We all sighed with relief! Then we dashed up to the hall to see them on stage. They looked wonderful.

Miss K. Tracey



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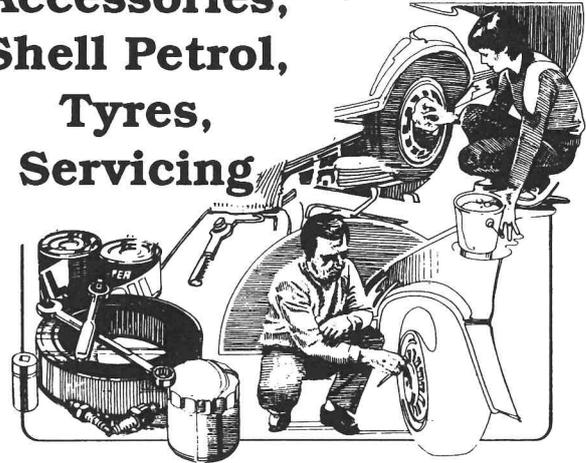
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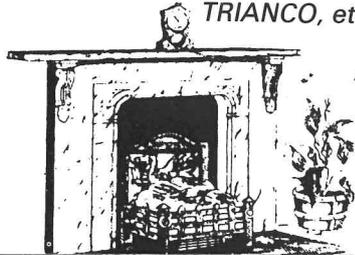
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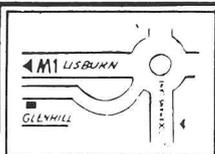
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THE CHESS CLUB

A rekindled chess club started again in September 1991 under the watchful eye of Mr. Armstrong. The club meets every Wednesday after school in Room N 31. All members, new and old, are welcome to play. This supposedly "boring" pursuit amassed quite a following and this led Mr. Armstrong to enter a team into Div.4 in the Ulster Schools Chess League.

The internal school league was a hard fought affair for one of the six prestigious representative places on the school team. Eventually a team was confirmed comprising **Simon Kennedy**, **Mark O'Donnell** (Capt.), **Seamus Wilkinson**, **Niall Lenaghan**, **Sean Linton**, **Damien Coyle** and **Kenneth McCartan** (sub). Among the opposing teams were Bangor Grammar, Friends, Larne and Our Lady's and St. Patrick's College and at the end of the match series St. Mary's emerged victorious and were presented with the Division 4 Cup. Special praise is reserved for **Sean Linton** who not only displayed impressive skills on the board, but the team were especially appreciative of his company and 'school-bag' art-work while travelling to and from matches!

The Junior Champion in 1991/92 was **Sean Pól McGreevy** who played outstandingly to master **Paul Linton**. These two players proved a stern test for some of the senior players on occasions. One such "Senior" was Niall Lenaghan whose loquaciousness proved his undoing and his ego was dented, though only temporarily. There was always a good attendance from the Juniors including those dedicated players from the Barrack St. section of the school. There seems little doubt that the future of chess in the school is secure for the foreseeable future.

This year **Mr. Armstrong** has been joined by a new enthusiast, **Miss McHugh!!!!**

The club is now bigger than ever and three teams have been entered in the U.S.C.A. These include a Junior team in Division 6 and two senior teams in Divisions 4 and 2.

The title of Most Improved Player must go to **Chris Gallagher** who braved 'thousands' of defeats last year. The "King of Strategy" is back with a vengeance this year and has made his way on to one of the school teams though he still has a lot to learn.

The chess club also attracts the 'harder' men (as they would have us believe!) There are now an appreciable number of footballers and hurlers in the chess ranks. Their names will not be mentioned for safety reasons but we all know who they are *****

All the members of the Chess Club would like to express their appreciation to Mr. Armstrong and to Miss McHugh for providing supervision and transporting us to and from our matches. Thanks to Bro. Carlin for supplying the refreshments.

Mark O'Donnell

FOURTH YEAR DEBATING CONTEST

In early May last year Mr. Campfield organised a debating competition for Fourth Formers. The first debate of the series was held in P33 on a Tuesday after school. The motion before the House was "School is a waste of Time." The group of eight who had volunteered to participate were divided into two four-man teams, one proposing and the other opposing the motion.

On the chosen afternoon, an extremely nervous and white-faced octet prepared to do verbal battle. **Gerard McVeigh** was unfortunate enough to be the first of the 'orators' to enter the fray in front of a crowd of somewhat rowdy Sixth Formers who showed no leniency towards or sympathy for any of the speakers. Gerard unleashed a barrage of quick jokes and one-liners which elicited loud sarcastic laughter from the scoffing multitude. At least they were awake and aware of the attempts at humour! I had the good fortune to be speaking last so that gave me valuable time to learn from the experience of those who preceded me and sort out a few points. Thankfully, I survived with my pride intact. Following the speeches, the gallery and Mr. Campfield huddled together, occasionally gesticulating animatedly and pointing at one or other of us. This was the nerve-racking experience for eight would-be debaters every week until the top six finalists eventually emerged.

The final was arranged for the Edmund Rice chapel which provided space for the large horde of Sixth Years who wished to attend. Paul Connolly, Gerard Magill and Kevin de Ornellas were determined to exercise their powers of interruption to the full (I suppose one might call this 'audience participation'!) The Motion for this prestigious final was "This House supports Euthanasia". Once again it was **Gerard McVeigh** who opened for the proposition amid excitement, tension and an air of expectancy. Gerard put on a masterful display and it was a pleasure to sit back and listen to the oratory of **Patrick Murray, Micéil Brennan, David Robinson** and **Paul Lynn**. Frequently, the speeches were punctuated by alleged 'points of information' or 'points of order'. Even though he was not on the platform, Paul Connolly endeavoured to dominate proceedings! My own speech appeared to go on for ever as the audience refused to allow me the courtesy to continue unless I gave immediate answers to some rather tricky questions.

Eventually the debate ended, the ordeal was over and the audience huddled to decide our fate. Meanwhile, the debaters, sitting patiently with frayed nerves, reciprocated congratulations among themselves. The adjudication seemed to take an inordinate amount of time but a result did emerge. It seemed that it was the ability to take and deal with 'questions from the floor' (i.e. Paul Connolly and Kevin de Ornellas!) which proved to be the determining factor in a very closely contested debate. Conor McKenna (that's me!) was adjudged to be the individual winner and along with his team-mate David Robinson also won the team event for Class 4C.

This debating competition was a gruelling exercise but it was a most enjoyable and rewarding experience. Special thanks to Mr. Campfield for undertaking the organisation of the event and for supervising the entire proceedings.

Conor McKenna 5C

THE SCHOOL BANK

Just as Andersonstown has a branch of the Northern Bank, St. Mary's, being a community in itself, is afforded a branch.

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A TRIP TO CALLAN

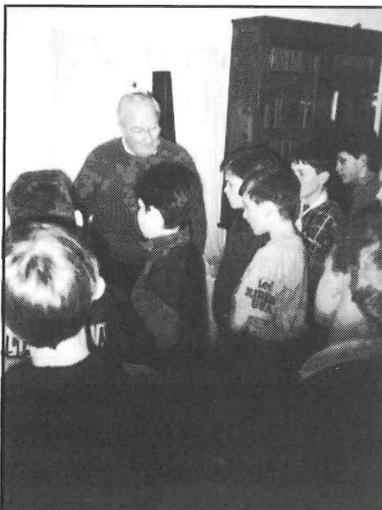
It was a somewhat dull Thursday morning when the annual school trip consisting of fourteen first year boys and two teachers departed from Airfield House. Despite the dull day the atmosphere on the minibus was lively and loud (Mr. McCann thought it was too loud!) Our two chaperons were Mr. Sheerin and Mr. McCann who had the exhausting and unenviable task of looking after us for the next two days. Our first scheduled stop was the shopping mall in Dundalk. This was a most welcome and necessary stop, for the supplies of crisps, drinks and sweets which our generous parents had given us had run out. Fully stacked up with our confectionary we headed on for our next destination which was the ILAC Centre in Dublin.

Upon arriving, we eagerly (maybe too eagerly) invaded Burger King for the inevitable 'burger and chips' washed down by large helpings of coke. After we had satisfied our hungry appetites we were free to explore the shopping mall and give our stomachs a chance to recover. It also gave our two escorts an opportunity to have rest in relative peace and quiet. Then it was back to the bus for the long journey to Kilkenny.



THE GROUP BEING SHOWN AROUND THE HOUSE IN CALLAN

The long day's travelling took its toll during this part of our excursion and our eventual arrival at the Youth Hostel located in **Foulksrath Castle** was as welcoming as it was relieving. We



BRO McCARTHY HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF THE ARCHITECTURE IN THE HOUSE AT CALLAN

unloaded our gear and sorted out the sleeping arrangements and carried out an initial exploration of our temporary 'abode'. After taking some more light refreshments we went out for our dinner to a restaurant in Kilkenny city. We rounded off our evening with a game of snooker and made the amazing discovery that there were no budding stars of the green baize in our midst! Then it was back to the castle and bed.

Next morning we were awakened at the ungodly hour of 6.30a.m. by the voice of **Martin Rea** coupled with the continuous squawking of the crows outside our window - the latter were more pleasant to listen to! Despite requests from our teachers to go back to sleep we stayed none-too-quietly awake. Eventually we got breakfast before setting out for **Callan**, the focal point of our sojourn to this part of Ireland.

A TRIP TO CALLAN

On arriving at Callan greeted by one of the gave us an he took us on a tour Edmund Rice, the Christian Brothers. departed for **Sion** where we built by the Christian most interesting was the Church coffin lies behind a



"SPOT THE BALL", FOOTBALL MATCH IN PROGRESS IN THE GROUNDS OF FOULKESWRATH CASTLE

we were very warmly resident Brothers. He interesting talk while of the home of founder of the Afterwards we Waterford and **Mount** visited the first school Brothers. One of the places which we saw where Edmund Rice's glass partition.

From Mount Sion we set out for **Tramore** where we visited the arcades and a variety of other entertainments as well as the beach. Still full of energy (much to the dismay of our two teachers!) we returned to Kilkenny and here we ended an action-packed day with a visit to the cinema.

Next morning after breakfast we loaded up the minibus and set out on the long, long journey back to Belfast.

This was indeed a most enjoyable and informative trip. Fourteen or so lucky First Years, will get the opportunity this year. No doubt they will enjoy it just as much as we did. Thanks Mr. Sheerin and Mr. McCann for being such tolerant escorts, but as football referees you have both been reported to FIFA!

Gareth Huston 2B

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*In continuous waves of
Gush and guzzle
It fell and crashed
And tumbled. As it
Slid over the smoothed
Rocks at the summit and
Fell to its death at the
bottom of the valley.
On spiked stone
It died in a sparkling
lather and slowly
Passed away, down
The stream.*

by Ben Clarence 4A

THE START

I was very worried,
I hurried,
To be early for my first day at school.
When I got there, I had a scare,
It was only Sean Fox's face!
It was a good day,
We had a lot to say
About our name, old school and hobbies.
At the end of the day,
It was okay,
Better than I thought, anyway.

Sean Campbell 2B

THE WINTER IS BACK

The winter is back, hip, hip, horray!
"Snowball fights," the children say.
Boys with snowballs in each hand
Say the snow is under their command.

After school the teacher's pet
Gets blattered with snowballs and he is wet.
"Ha ha ha," the children shout,
"There you go you little tout."

Old people feel down in the dumps
Children collect the snow in great big lumps.
Icicles on the children's teeth
Snowballs in their hands beneath.

Winter is good, winter is cool,
Not a season for a swim in the pool.
Before going out get wrapped up well
Get ready for the winter spell.

Ronan McHugh 1E

WINTER MAGIC

Fingers tingling,
Snowball throwing,
Snowmen forming,
Great excitement,
All on a winter's morn.

Cars skidding,
Adults frowning,
Snow plough heaving,
Filthy pavements,
All on a winter's morn.

Gerard Armstrong 2A

SNOWBALLS

I love it when that time comes around,
When snow starts falling on the ground.
And everybody is freezing cold
Both the young and the old.

I enjoy it when the snowballs go flying
Across each other's heads
Especially when you hear the thud of
A snowball hitting a victim.

It's class whenever you hear the cheers
Of rewarded snowball shooters
When they hit the enexpecting prey
And bring him to the ground.

The sun comes out and the snow goes away.
That's the end of the fun for another day.
The time has come and gone away,
Now we'll have to wait for another day.

Mark McDonald 4A

A FOURTH YEAR'S WINTER

Autumn sets in.
God's autumnal paint flickered over
The landscape. Eager schoolboys
Have leaf-fights in the lane.
In class, pupils stare out windows.
In vain,
The teacher's shout.
Oh, what a pain.

Excitement flows throughout the school,
Snowflakes fall upon the yard.
Snowballs fly, pretty but hard.
The snowball connects with an
Ice-cold ear.
Great balls of fire!

A bunch of second years huddled
In a corner. Reload and charge!
The flock of lambs scatter,
But to no avail.
They cannot avoid the thunderous hail.

Micheál Maguire 4A

OUT OF THE SILENT PLANET

An eerie green glow emanated from the monitor screen in the office. This apart, the room was pitch black. A casual observer would have failed to have noticed anyone in the room. Dressed completely in black, it would take a very observant person to see Svenn. In fact the only thing that gave him away was his pale face in the dark silhouetted room. He moved across the room to type on the computer keyboard in the corner. This activity was followed by a loud screeching sound; a file was being printed. It read:

23/10/2118

Classification factor A+++

- NO PUBLIC - NO PRIVATE - NO PRESIDENTIAL.

To Whom It May Concern.

This file contains the details outlining the reason for the resistance and the programme upon which we are about to embark. If our operation is successful then the above classification will be null and void. If not, we are doomed!

In 2116 a huge meteor crashed onto the earth with the most devastating consequences. It sent a cloud of dust and rock fragments into the Clarke belt and this later formed an impenetrable blanket round the earth. The consequences of this phenomenon were many. As this blanket was located in the Clarke belt, some 32,000 km above the earth, it destroyed all communications satellites and this blocked inter-planetary communication between earth and the colony on Mars. Furthermore, it initiated a chain reaction of sudden climatic change which resulted in a new ice age due to the sun's rays being blocked almost completely by the space debris which is now in orbit around the earth. As a consequence, the average amount of daylight in a twenty - four hour period has been reduced to a paltry thirty minutes.

This dealt a very severe blow to the earth's already fragile ecosystem. Many species of plants were doomed to extinction which in turn caused breaks in the food chain. Indeed, at one time it appeared that the very existence of mankind was similarly doomed. However, as with most disasters, there is always something or someone who can convert problems to profit. The group which profited out of this disaster was not mankind in general (it seldom wins) but a small Icelandic company. Its fortune lay around the fact that Reykjavik, the city in which it was based, was a veritable hotbed of volcanic activity. The company, Icelandic Power International, (The Company), now had exclusive control over the entire Geothermal resources of the earth and therefore now had control of all the heat and electrical power on what remained of the earth. Due to the unprecedented environmental problems created in the wake of the meteor crash this meant, basically, that The Company controlled the world!

As if there were not enough problems, there were more. The Company began to like the idea of exercising its supreme power on earth as illustrated by the fact that free enterprise has been banned and an extremely tight military dictatorship has been rigorously imposed such as that which hitherto existed in Stalinist Russia. The Company has come along way from its inauspicious origins in 1993.

Originally, it was established under a franchise from the Icelandic government to explore the potential of harnessing Iceland's massive geothermal resources and to supply them freely to the world "FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND" which became the motto of the new enterprise.

Hence the resistance. We are here with the specific objective of restoring control to the people; restore democracy and basic human rights. We are the last hope!

We genuinely believe that we can reverse the damage already inflicted by extreme natural forces, end the ice age and in the process terminate The Company's reign of global power. It is our belief that by destroying the main pumping station in Iceland a chain reaction would be initiated by allowing the spread of heated water out on to the surrounding

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countryside which in turn would begin the process of re-heating this part of the world at least. This, of course will not solve all our problems, just one. However, we believe that once we have restored power to the people we can then decide what to do next.

Svenn Lehto Nordic Resistance.

FILE END.

Svenn skimmed over the contents of the file, saved it on to a disk and proceeded to shred the paper file. He then produced a small pistol from his jacket pocket and pointed it at the bin underneath the shredder. Slowly he depressed the trigger: a small blue gas flame spat from the barrel of the gun and soon caught the shredded paper which burst into flames. He put the gun lighter back into his pocket and grunted.

The office door opened and a tall, wiry man exited into a long bright foyer. He was completely attired in black clothes including leather jacket. He was a pale-faced individual with shoulder long blonde hair punctuated by black streaks. This was Svenn Lehto.

He walked briskly down the foyer and, picking up an attaché case from a desk by the door, he exited. As he walked onto the street a grim expression crossed his face. A passing car hurled slush from the roadway onto his feet. He hailed a taxi but there was no one to hear his call. Shrugging his shoulders, he looked to the west and the office buildings in front of him. Then he looked to the east but saw only the frigid wastes of what was once the Baltic Sea, for this was Stockholm in Sweden, or what was left of it.

Checking his watch he realised that there were only twelve minutes of sunlight left in this day. He set the alarm to tell him when there were only two minutes left and then he began to walk hurriedly east into the empty wastes.

A short while later the alarmed watch beeped. Stopping in his tracks he put his hand in his jacket pocket and produced a small torch which he switched on. Momentarily pausing, he carefully scanned the environment. To the east darkness could be seen encroaching rapidly on the Baltic Sea glaciers upon which he was standing. To the south, on the horizon a small black structure could just be seen. With this in view he pointed the torch precisely at it and began to run towards it. The coldness of the area could easily be seen to be getting to Svenn. Although he seemed to be normally attired, he was wearing cold-protecting undergarments. However, at -20 degrees this was not nearly enough and his only hope was to get to a place of warmth soon. For him, this homely place was to be a small, sparsely furnished house which he reached in about thirty minutes, although by the time that he got there he was near to exhaustion as a result of having had to run almost the entire distance.

As he approached the door it opened and when he entered it closed behind him. As he sat down he brushed the snow and ice from his clothes and onto the floor. He then proceeded to warm himself by a small coal fire that was situated in the centre.

While sitting there he noticed a slight movement in the corner. It was his associate, Tuomo Anokas. Svenn recognised the outline of his body and so took no action against him. However, he was totally oblivious to the fact that somebody was approaching him from behind.

“Where the hell have you been?” asked an agitated voice from behind him.

Totally shocked with surprise, Svenn jumped out of his seat.

“What...Who...,” he stuttered.

“Who do you think? It’s you sister,” came the reply.

“What do you want?”

“Are you deaf? I want to know where you were. I was worried.”

“Well, my darling sister, you need not have worried. I was just finishing some business in Stockholm. Are you satisfied now?” Svenn replied caustically.

“Okay,” replied Johanna Lehto, stepping out of the light. She was tall and thin like her brother, but not wiry like him.

“Tuomo, Svenn is back,” she called out while she brushed her light fair hair over her shoulders.

“I know,” said a deep and foreboding voice. “I heard him come in. Svenn, did you get the file finished?” he asked.

“Yes,” replied a rather bleak Svenn.

“And you are totally sure that it is secure from The Company?”

“Positively certain,” Svenn responded.

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Then Johanna broke back into the conversation, "So are we ready to go then?" she inquired.

"No," replied Tuomo, "not until we get the Fax from the group in Oslo."

"When is that due?" asked Johanna.

"Two hours ago. I fear the worst, they must have been captured."

"Oh God, I hope not," exclaimed Johanna.

"We all hope not," added Svenn.

"Look," said Tuomo, "we can't sit around talking all night. We should try and grab some sleep now and if we get the Fax the bleeper will awaken us."

The group then retired to their respective bunks. Around 2.00a.m a Fax document came through. The bleeper on the machine had failed to waken them. The Fax was simple and straightforward. It read:

DANGER - WE HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED! WE CANNOT HELP YOU ON YOUR OPERATION.
WE HAVE TO COVER OUR TRACKS. GOOD LUCK.
I. BODEWES - OSLO.

When they woke up it was 5.10. Svenn checked the fax machine and he noticed the document hanging out of the back of it. He read it aloud to the other two. When he had concluded, there was an uneasy silence. Tuomo was the first to speak.

"We have to go on. We've put too much work into it to quit just now."

"Are you mad?" shouted Svenn, "there's only three of us!"

"Look, there's nothing else that we can do."

"I'm going out for awhile," said Johanna and with that she walked out and got into a snow mobile which was fully kitted out with survival equipment. The two men sat down and pondered what to do. There was a cold silence in the room.

After about half an hour of this, the rumbling of several engines could be heard. This was quickly followed by sirens and then the sound of many voices outside the house. Then there was silence momentarily before a muffled voice speaking very loudly through a hailer, "We know that you are in there, your friends in Oslo informed us. If you come out quietly you will not be harmed."

Clattering noises could be heard from within as Svenn and Tuomo, belatedly recognising what was happening, began to barricade themselves in. After all of their hiding and secrecy the real enemy had betrayed them; the enemy within!

"Anokas and Lehto, we know that you are in there. Come out, we promise you that you will not be harmed. You have five minutes before we storm the building."

The real conspirator watched from afar. Johanna Lehto had orchestrated the entire plot. She had been at one time the most loyal of the resistance fighters but just a month prior to this event she was approached by a senior member of The Company and they bought her soul. Everyone, it seems, has a price.

Four minutes passed and then the door of the house was opened. Svenn Lehto, seeing the futility of putting up a token fight, came out with his hands high above his head and he was followed in similar fashion by Tuomo. Their surrender was greeted by around fifty secret and special policemen who worked for The Company and each of them was armed with a state of the art phaser weapon.

The chief of police approached them.

"Checkmate. The resistance is at an end."

"More like stalemate," replied Svenn, "you can't buy all of us. There are bigger and better resistance groups than this one. Ultimately we will win!"

"We shall see, we shall see." mumbled the police chief.

The two men were arrested and later they were sentenced to life in the underwater prison, Aquatraz. Johanna was given an award for her loyalty. However, the story has only just begun.

Jason Walsh 4F

CATS

Killer cats are dangerous beasts.
 Upon hamsters, mice, and rats they feast.
 This morning when I got out of bed
 I wearily shook my sleepy head
 And looked out of the window
 And there on the road
 Was a dirty great cat with a brick as its load.
 Someone had hit it, now it was dead,
 Lying there lifeless, breezeblock in head.
 Sometimes I pity those killer cats
 Feasters on hamsters, mice and rats.
 But pity's short-lived
 As they jump for the kill.
 Of hamsters and mice they take their fill.
 So from this little story
 I think you can tell
 Cats aren't only cute,
 But killers as well.

Gary Campbell 2A

Please Explain

Have you ever tried explaining
 A sundial to a bat,
 Or taught a muddy little brother,
 The usage of a mat?

Have you ever tried explaining
 A desert to a fish,
 Or found a single wishing - well
 In which you didn't want to wish?

If you have succeeded,
 Then please explain to me
 Why is it always sunny at schooltime
 And rainy after three?

Neil Ryan 3E

ASCENSION DAY

*But I'll be damned,
 Built the debt,
 bet I'll be damned.
 Get hard hit, to sin, to sail.*

*Bed on my back.
 Dealt my hell,
 dealt my months of May.
 Bed on my back,
 depart on my ascension day.*

*Farewell. Farewell
 three seasons wrapped
 Too lax to lapse so soon.*

*Shake my head,
 turn my face to the floor,
 Dead to respect.*

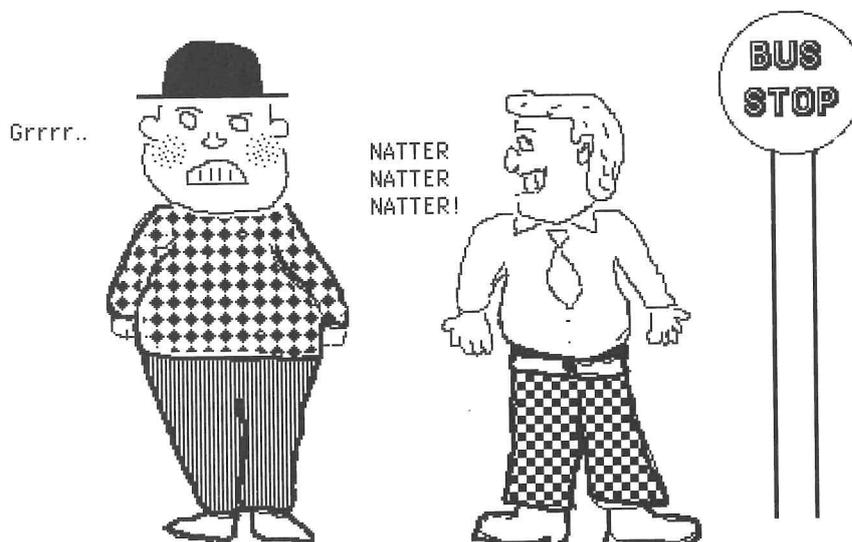
*Well aren't you success.
 Slow to bleed
 apologies met.*

*Well aren't you suspect.
so effortlessly blessed.*

Barry McManus 6H

THE CREATURE

There's a creature that we know.
A creature which we dread,
It stalks the street,
Picks its victims,
Then it **PREYS**.
It may come in any shape,
Or in any size,
The creature could be fat,
The creature could be thin.
It sneaks up behind you,
Then with a grin,
Lifts its head,
Opens its mouth,
You slowly turn around,
You know it's got to you,
Then it talks, talks and talks,
It's crafty as a fox,
The creature's name? The **CHATTERBOX**.



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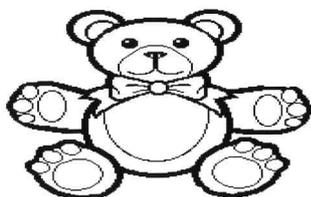
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A Great Loss

I had a little teddy bear,
Jimmy he was called.
With a string coming from his back
And his fur was going bald.



But I still loved that teddy,
He was everything to me.
I'd take him in to bed each night,
To keep me company.

And then there was a tragedy,
A disaster to mankind.
I woke up one morning
And poor Jim I could not find.

In panic I went to find my parents
In the kitchen drinking cups of tea.
"Come quick," I said, "I've lost poor Jim
Can you help me find him, please."

We searched throughout the house
Under beds and then behind.
And though we tried our very best,
Poor Jim we couldn't find.

And so poor Jim is missing
Until this very day.
His disappearance is a mystery
That simply will not go away.

Adam Fitzsimons 2E

A SCHOOL DAY

The school bell rings and the
day begins, perhaps not too
exciting.
Maths takes the smile from my
face, it is not too
inviting.
A little ray of sunshine comes. I'm
off to something more
exciting.
The thought of tasty cakes and
sticky buns sets my tummy
rumbling.
The afternoon rolls slowly by
during History and Science.
A sharp bell sounds and I'm
off again.
A brisk jog after a hard day's
slog. Thank goodness I'm off
to get my dinner!

Gareth Huston 2B

November

November comes
And November goes
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.

With night coming early
And dawn coming late,
Ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.

The fires burn
And the kettles sing
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring.

Brendan Moss 3E

The Wrath of Bart Simpson.™

He is a little boy who travels by skateboard and wears shorts.

He says. "Yo, radical, eat my shorts, don't have a cow, man."

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Peter Corscadden 4D

Parent's Sayings

My mum sometimes says:

"Shut your mouth and eat your dinner!"

Which I regard as quite impossible.

And sometimes she says:

"Do you know what a knife and fork are?"

I am fourteen years old and learned that years ago.

If I climb a ladder and try to retrieve a ball from the gutter,

She shouts:

"If you fall and break your legs, don't come running to me!"

As if I would, or could, do that.

If it rains and I start to go out,

My dad says:

"You're not going out 'til you've done your homework!"

And I answer: "I've done it." He says:

"You're still not going out!"

I just don't understand adults sometimes.

Neil Ryan 3E

THE DARK

The Dark is all around us.
It comes like a malignant shadow,
You cannot hide from it,
It always finds you.
It travels with the night
And flees at dawn.
Cats are creatures of the Dark,
They hide in deep shadows
And pounce on their prey.
Eventually the Dark will find you
And cover you with its nightmare.

Damien McKenna 2B

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THE RAID

It was a cold, grey winter's day when it happened, just a normal day, people walking along the streets, wrapped up in coats and scarves, keeping warm and doing their daily shopping.

Suddenly, without any warning, three jeeps and landrovers, some green and others grey, came rattling down the busy street, belching out clouds of black smoke from their dirty exhaust pipes, making the street smell like a factory chimney stack.

The brakes squeaked and screeched as the machines came to a halt. The back doors swung open and four or five soldiers, all dressed in green combat jackets, came pounding out on to the ice-covered pavement.

The noise gradually grew louder as more and more people gathered around only to see the door of No. 27 being smashed open by a lone soldier with a large sledge-hammer, who, with one last swipe, sent the green-painted door crashing against the inside wall of the dark hallway.

For a moment there was an eerie silence, a silence which seemed to endure for a very long time. Then there was a loud crash, as if china had been broken. The woman of the house came stumbling through the doorway, in floods of tears, into the arms of a neighbouring friend. "They're pullin' the place apart," she wailed.

The crashing and banging from within was deafening and the distressed woman carried on sobbing uncontrollably. As she listened to the terrible noise, the policemen and soldiers came striding out one by one, ignoring the onlookers around the door.

Quickly, they climbed into their jeeps and slammed their doors closed. Then the machines, coughing and spluttering as they were started up, drove off down the street and disappeared from view around the corner.

As the woman entered her ransacked home, she broke into even greater paroxysms of tears on seeing the state of the rooms: chairs kicked over, television and glass cabinets smashed and floorboards ripped up. Her once very neat home was now in a total mess. A neighbour came in to comfort the poor woman as she sat on the edge of her bed with her face buried in her hands agonising, "Lord, why me? Why have they done this to me?"

Eventually, many of her neighbours, only too familiar with this sort of carry-on, rallied round to help tidy up the mess that the soldiers had made. Within a few hours the place was back to almost normal, but the poor unfortunate woman was left with a most unpleasant memory.

J. Diamond 2E

“THE REAL WORLD”

Reporter **Kevin de Ornellas**

A group of 7th Year students have been working on a newspaper which is designed to raise the importance of the Third World as an issue. Since the projected price is set at a token 10p it is hoped that as many pupils as possible will purchase a copy.

This school-based newspaper newspaper will contain puzzles, news, competitions and a review of events during 1992. One of the highlights is an exclusive interview with Bro. Gleeson in which he speaks out about religion, school policy and virtually everything else that effects the school. Undoubtedly this interview will open a few eyes and, hopefully, a few minds.

Among the students involved are **Kevin de Ornellas, Anthony McArdle, Paul O'Hare, Mousey Farrell, Colm O'Hara** and **Cathall Mervyn**.

The brainchild of Mr. Breen, Dr. Donaldson, and Mrs Marshall this new addition to the news-stands should be available in April. Every new publication is geared to a specific audience and is usually targetted after considerable market research. The latter has not been undertaken on this occasion because we believe that the Third World does not need market research, instead it needs understanding and help. Hopefully you will agree and therefore give this project your wholehearted support.

The Garden of Tyrone

The blissful scent of the sweet summer air bestows an aura of serenity upon the garden of Tyrone and the maddening pace of everyday life is readily forgotten. But there is a stain on the roadside that renders forgetting impossible, a mark of tragedy in the hot summer sun. The flowers still grow, colours bright and vivid, the lush green grass, soft and cool underfoot. But here, too, lies a family's broken heart, consoled only by the gorse bush and heather.

A young man slain, shot as he strolled. Of the garden will he see no more, nor the family that he loved.

Peter Corscadden 4D

SIXTH YEAR POLITICS

1992 was certainly not an 'annus horribilis' for St. Mary's Politics students. Political excitement reached a fervour during the year with elections occurring on both sides of the Atlantic together with a multitude of scandalous episodes ranging from ace-Chelsea supporter, David Mellor to an array of Royal difficulties - Charles and Dianna, Andrew and Fergie, Edward and God knows who. All of these events ensured that aspiring pundits were fed with an unrelenting series of 'world exclusives' and talking points.

Even more important than John Major's triumph in April, using, or returning, to soapbox oratory, or the dubious return of Albert Reynolds to power in the Dáil, using charisma (!) or the election of Hilary Clinton to the White House - sorry Bill Clinton - was a coach trip to Dublin. Around fifty students paid a visit to the Dáil, that wonderful bastion of Irish democracy. Significantly this impressive edifice did not inspire nearly as much of the spoof as the Paisley tape wich received an airing on the way to Ireland's capital!

Earlier in the year a group of intrepid Simmarian political students attended a debate at Lagan College. Whilst here they met representatives from most of Northern Ireland's political parties. Ian Paisley Junior of the D.U.P. pleaded for an identity card system, Gavin Adams stressed that he was no relation of the famous former West Belfast M.P. while Dessie O' Hagan of the Workers Party found it difficult to stress anything in particular.

The study of Politics in St. Mary's, always popular, is increasing in popularity judging by the sizes of the Upper and Lower Sixth classes. Undoubtedly two of the reasons behind this increase in numbers is the robust approach approach of Mr. Keville and the enthusiasm of Mr. Perry.

Kevin de Ornellas

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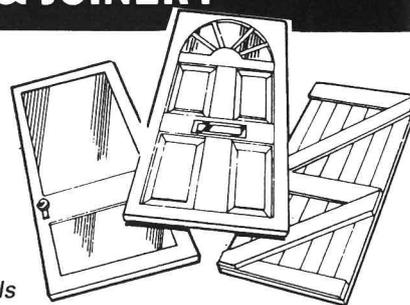
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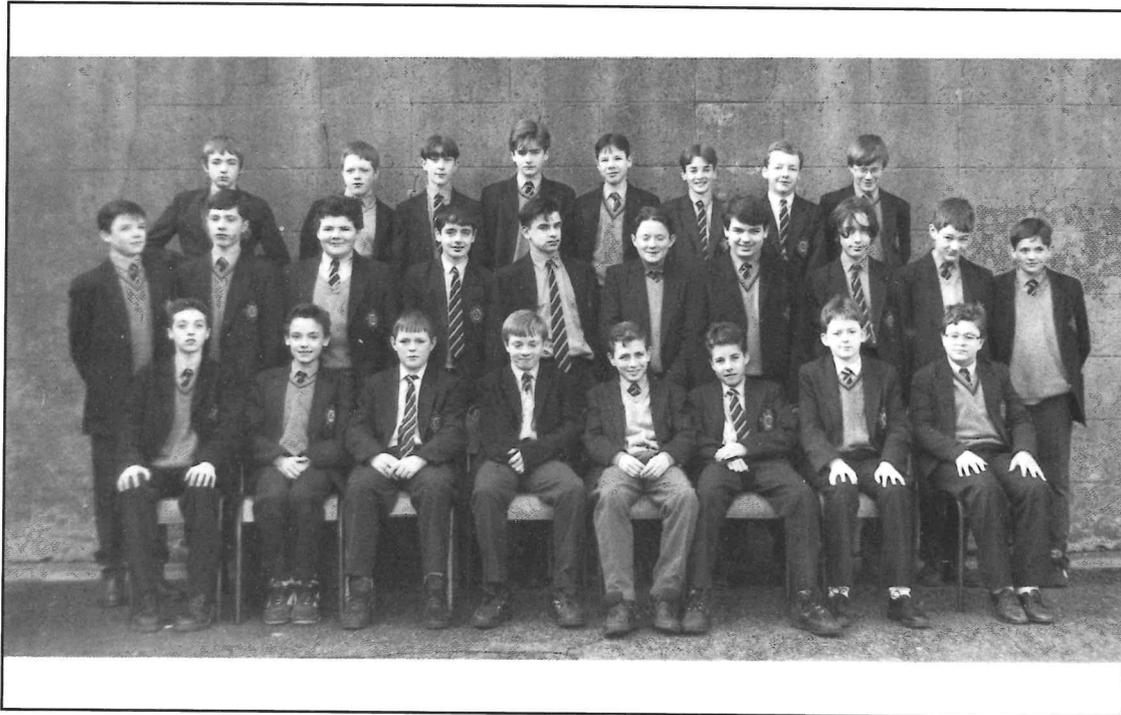
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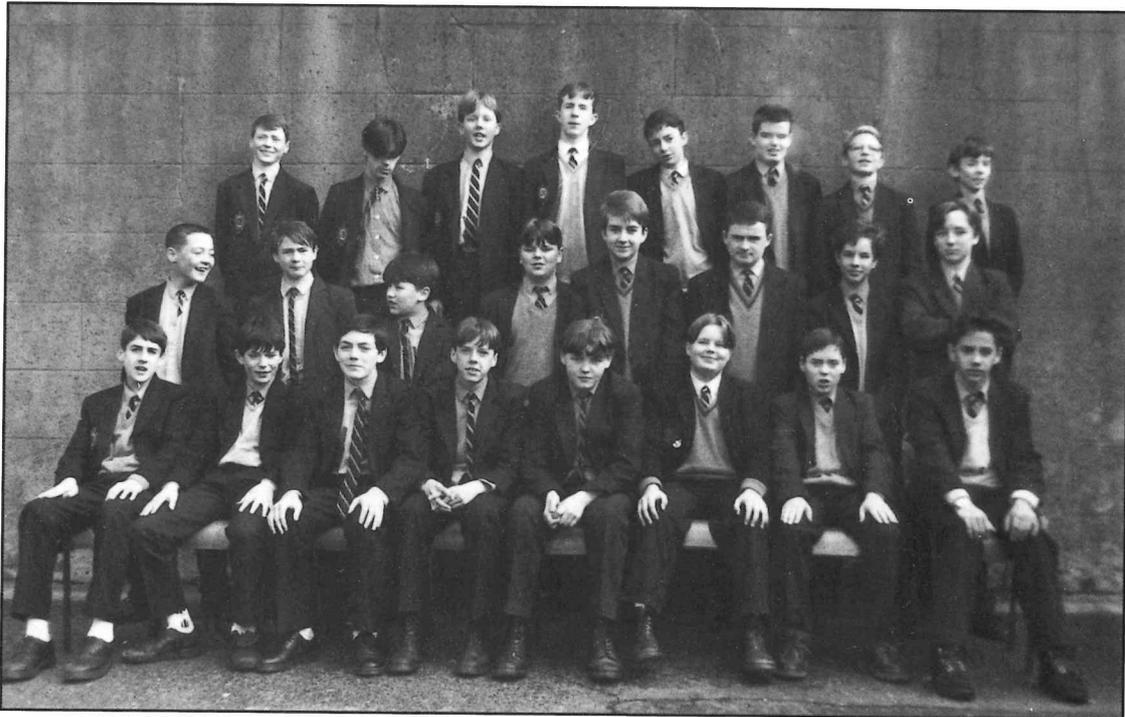
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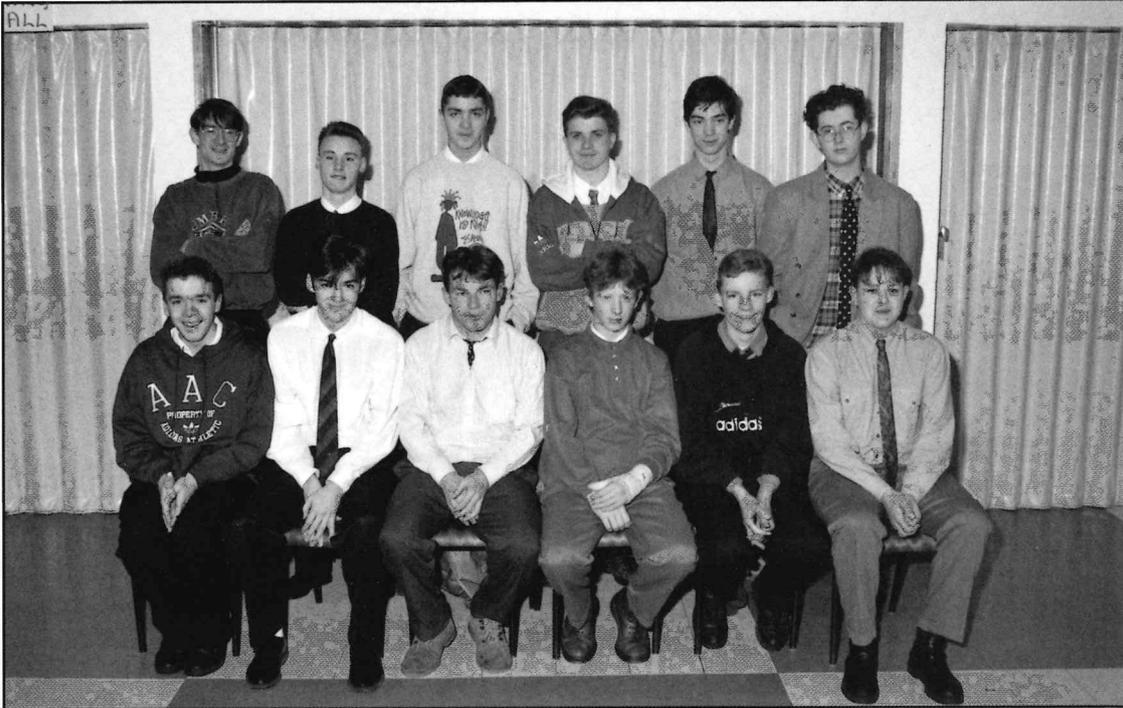
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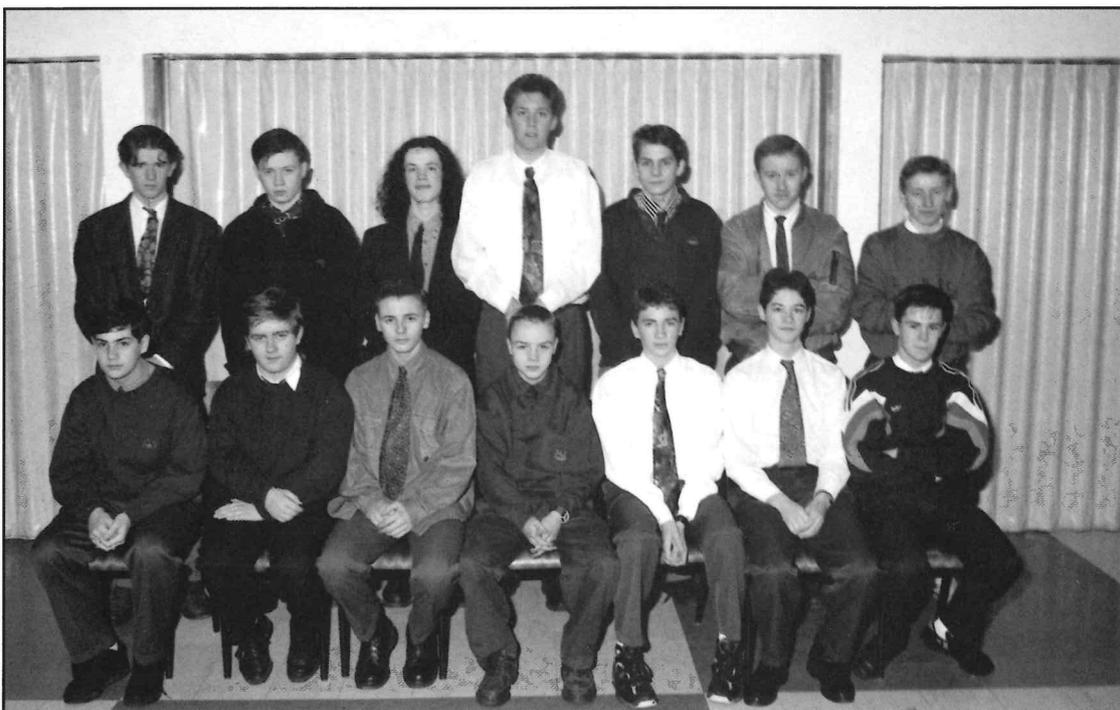
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Front (L to R) P. Toal, J. Crangle, E. Smith, N. Drain, M. Scannell.
Middle P. Kelly, M. Woods, S. McDermott, P. O'Reilly.
Back M. McKenna, D. Ferrin, D. O'Donnell, D. Murray, P. Wilkinson, S. Gallagher.
Absent C. Shannon.

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Front (L to R) B. Burns, M. Dornan, D. Bryans, B. Donnelly, M. Gilliland, D. Deery, N. Lenaghan.
Back A. Farnan, J. McArdle, M. Corbett, W. Laverty, C. Austin, B. Kelly, C. Long.
Absent: M. Gordon.

6G



Front (L to R) D. Armstrong, M. McGuinness, P. McLean, N. Cullen.
Middle B. McKee, M. Meehan, J. Arthurs, M. McAnespie, M. Malone.
Back N. O'Neill, L. McDonnell, M. McGibbon, L. McDonnell.

6H



Front (L to R) K. McManus, D. Mullan, G. Morgan, B. Mullan, C. McKenna, S. Toal.
Middle P. Wallace, G. McCloskey, S. Magee, B. McManus, S. Wilkinson, S. McCann.
Back O. Bellew, S. Doherty, M. McGivern, S. Devine, D. Morris.

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Front (L to R) A. Weir, J. Ferris, L. Gargan, D. Agnew, J. Stewart.
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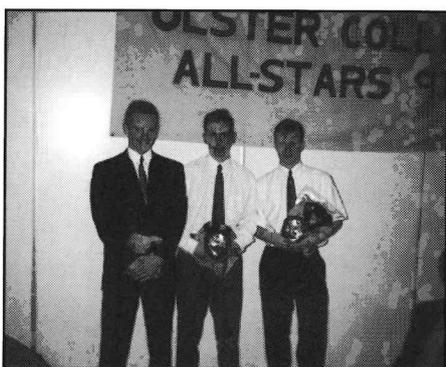
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 Back M. Tierney, F. Maguire, B. O'Neill, D. Carlin, S. Willoughby.
 Absent: T. McGuckin, C. Tolan.

HURLING ALL-STARS 1992

Beaten semi-finalists on a cold, wet October afternoon, a sour memory of a year which had promised so much, was unlikely to be the ideal preparation for a match, competing against the best college hurlers in Ulster.

All-star trials have been held for the past six years and provide an opportunity for the Ulster Colleges Council to honour those pupils from different schools who distinguish themselves as players of skill, strength, vision and self-control.

Between September and March, any player who is dismissed during a game is automatically debarred from being nominated for an All-Star trial. This is only fair in view of the qualities outlined above, which are rightly deemed necessary to attain such an honour.



ALL STAR DINNER 1992
L-R JOE BOYLE, DAVID SMYTH &
DAMIEN MCGREEVEY

The trial match involves two teams chosen from the top thirty colleges' hurlers. The all-star selection is based on a player's performance during this trial game.

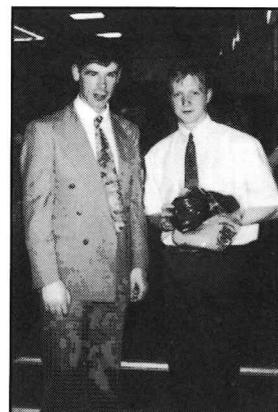
After the disappointment of defeat in the Mageean Cup the prospect of salvaging something from an unfruitful year and the possibility of revenge on the perpetrators of that defeat proved to be more than ample motivation.

The structure of the trial was interesting in that no-one was in direct contact with the person competing with him for that particular place. For instance, the two opposing full-backs would never have had to compete for the same ball. So, in addition to concentrating upon outplaying your marker, one was always conscious of the need of trying to out-shine your opposite number on the opposing side.

It came as more than a pleasant surprise when Mr. McGettigan told me that I had been selected as an Ulster Colleges All-Star.

Although the all-star awards have been in place for six years, this was the first year that a formal presentation dinner was held. And so myself, **Joe Boyle** and **Damien McGreevy** made our way to Armagh. After the dinner, the guest of honour, Greg Blaney, presented each of us with a plaque and an Ulster jersey.

Looking to the future, I hope that many more of St. Mary's students will succeed in achieving All-Star awards in either hurling or football.



GREG BLANEY WITH
GUEST OF HONOUR
DAMIEN MCGREEVEY
ALL STARS DINNER
1992

David Smyth

FIRST YEAR FOOTBALL

In the weeks of training building up to our first match there was tremendous competition for places on the school team. Of the fifty boys who set out in pursuit of these places only twenty would be successful in being chosen for the team squad. Mr. Austin was in charge of the school team and he was the team selector. The team chosen for the first match was as follows:

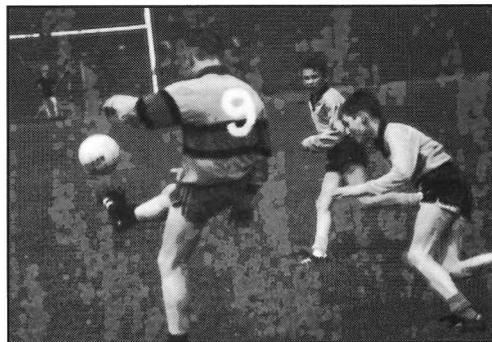
T. Tracey, B. Kelly, H. Kennedy, S. Fox, J. Devlin, P. Denvir (Captain), G. Ward, J. Dornan, L. McGonagle, P. Kelly, C. Mallon, D. McKernan, R. McHugh, C. Magee, C. Shortt, D. Rooney, E. McGlone, J. McCallin.

Our first match was away to C.B.S., Hightown Rd. This particular game did not prove a difficult obstacle to overcome once we got our game together. **G. Ward** had a brilliant game for us and ended up top scorer on the day, closely followed by **L. McGonagle**. St. Mary's were the easy winners by 5-10 to 2-3.

La Salle were our next opponents and we had home advantage. This proved to be a much better game from our point of view with all members of the team putting in a first class performance. Among the excellent contributions made, **C. Sweeney** and **P. Denver** deserve special mention. On the day, La Salle were totally out-played and out-classed as the scoreline of 6-13 to 1-3 would suggest.



1ST YEAR BELFAST SCHOOL WINNERS '92, PRESENTATION SHIELD TO P. DENVER (CAPT) 1C WITH A PENSIVE MR AUSTIN ON THE RIGHT



G. WARD 2A, AT THE FINAL AGAINST HIGH TOWN ROAD C.B.S.

Our third tie was 'away' to C.B.S., Glen Rd. on the all-weather pitch. This proved to be our closest match yet. Our prospects were not helped by a very poor start when we were caught napping on a few occasions but our defence was making a valiant effort to withstand the onslaught of the C.B.S. boys. In spite of their best endeavours we went into the half-time interval four points in arrears. However, after an 'ear-warming' team talk from Mr. Austin we produced much better football in the second half and we must have seemed like a totally different team. Our forwards, once given a supply of the ball by the midfield players, took some excellent scores from play. Within ten minutes of the restart we had overhauled the deficit and went in to the lead - a lead which we retained until the final whistle. Final score, St. Mary's 3-9, C.B.S. 2-5.

So far then we were undefeated and in the final we resumed 'hostilities' against C.B.S., Hightown Rd. The latter's only defeat was in their opening match against us but they had improved considerably in the meantime, so we expected a tough match. We had to be at our best - and we were. Out of all the matches in this league we appeared to have reserved our best performance for this final. Right from the start we took the game under our control and all aspects of our game were sound from the goalkeeper up to the full-forward. Indeed the forwards had a field day and we ran out most convincing winners in what proved in the end to be a one-sided match.

The Belfast First Year Football league was a most enjoyable experience. As another celebrated sportsman might have said, "Thank you very much Mr. Austin."

J. Devlin 2D

It's good to be a First Year

It really is good to be a first year pupil in St. Mary's because of the many sporting activities in which one can participate while at the same time making good friends. For example, last year I was involved in the Hurling team and was fortunate to win a number of medals.

There were a number of inter-class competitions held during the first and second terms which were used as a means of selecting school teams for different competitions later in the year. My class, 1D, proved superior to all the rest and a number of my classmates as well as myself were chosen later in the year to represent the school.

What could be called the serious competition began during the third term with the First Year Belfast Schools Blitz in Hurling. St. Mary's had two teams entered which reflected the abundance of talent among the First Year ranks. I was a member of the 'B' team managed by Mr. Cassidy while the 'A' team was under the careful and watchful eye of Mr. McToal.

The 'A' team's first game was against old rivals La Salle but they proved no match for our boys on this occasion and from here they went on to account for CBS, Glen Rd. These two victories assured the 'A' Team of a place in the finals where they again met La Salle. After their initial encounter with these opponents the 'A' squad were extremely confident of victory. However, La Salle did not prove so easy on this occasion and St. Mary's had to battle all the way. The star players on the day were **Gareth Ward** (Captain), **Patrick Kelly**, **Hugh Kennedy** and goalkeeper **Gareth Bellew**.

Meanwhile on a neighbouring pitch, the 'B' side were also in action. Our first match, in which I played at centre half-forward, was against St. Malachy's College but this proved to be a walk-over - literally, because they failed to field a team! These were easy points and in our next game we came up against Rathmore and recorded a high scoring easy victory. We were also victorious in our next game which was against Corpus Christie College. These victories gave us a deserved place in the final against CBS, Hightown Rd. whose players were very big.



ULSTER COLLEGES 1ST YEAR HURLING
WINNERS ST. MARY'S C.B.S.

This final was an exciting tie and Hightown Rd. had the better of the first half and were leading by 3-4 to 1-4 at the interval. After a "dressing down" by our coach, Mr. Cassidy, we got our act together in the second half and began to pick off several scores from play. About ten minutes from the end I scored a goal from the 21-yard line which put us into a four point lead. Further scores were exchanged but the four-point margin was retained to the final whistle. The final score was St. Mary's 4-10, CBS, Hightown Rd 3-9.

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This victory was certainly a team effort in which all of us played our part but among those who excelled, especially in the second half were **Conor Hawking, Bill Kelly, Eamon McGlone** and **Seán Campbell**.

We assumed that after these two competitions were out of the way that this was the end of our school hurling season but we discovered that we had been entered for an Ulster Colleges Blitz tournament on the Saturday after the start of our summer holidays. However, we made the necessary sacrifice!!!

Not surprisingly, the competition was much more difficult on this occasion but both our teams, the 'A' and 'B' sides reached their respective finals. In some ways it was like old times for the 'A' squad because they met La Salle for the third time and made no mistake. Playing some excellent hurling and with **Patrick** and **Seán Fox** and midfielder, **Stevie Donnelly** in terrific form the St. Mary's boys ran out comfortable and convincing winners.

While this match was in play the 'B' Team was not idle. They, too, had reached the final in their section and were up against St. Michael's College, Enniskillen. Our passage to the final had not been an easy one but this was due mainly to the poor quality of our hurling and our inability to take our scoring opportunities. However, in the final, everything seemed to go right for us from the start and we disposed of the Erneside school with relative ease. **Conor Hawking** was again our star player but he was closely assisted by **Gerard McNally**.

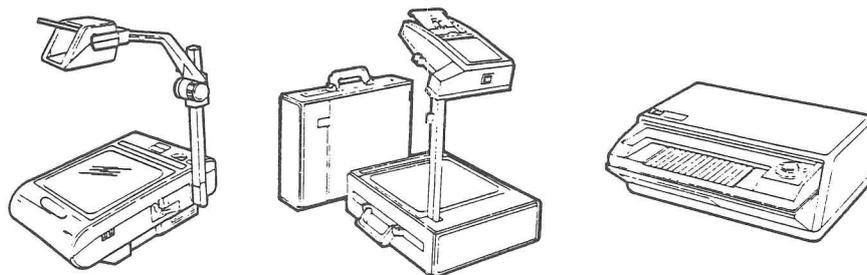
Yes, it is (or has been) good to be a first year in St. Mary's, especially if you are a keen hurling fan like me!

Seán McManus 2D

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HANDBALL AT ST. MARY'S

Whenever handball at St. Mary's is mentioned, one's mind automatically turns to a group of rowdy VII Years, fighting each other to get their hand to a soggy tennis-ball during a cold, blustery lunch-time and perhaps during a "not-so-lunch-time." The main names which immediately spring to mind include Smickers "You're not in", Hillisy "Get the backstanders", Teddy Ruxpin "I'm not going out", and Anto "I'm not going out if he's not going out". (Yes another one!)

The hype of a lunch-time game of 'handball' has become too much for some people who have since left in search of other challenges during their forty- minute lunch break. Mr. Vertico himself, Gerdy "King of the Mountains" (or so he would have us believe) is but one of these 'deserters'.

Noel Heaney is one of the many 'seekers of fame' who used all his resources (including bribes, thank you very much) to obtain a few precious words to his credit. But who could honestly dream of writing about handball in St. Mary's without mentioning our Noel's "SMASHING" overarm?!

If this is your conception of handball in St. Mary's? Then you are on the wrong track altogether. The School actually does have a senior handball team and, no, they do not meet every lunch-time behind the gym. The team is made up of three Sixth Years and a Seventh Year who have been training together since late 1991. With the players competing on a regular basis in the A.I.B. Ulster Handball League for their respective clubs, training for the school team was put on hold during the early part of the season.

However daily training was resumed over Christmas with all four of us pursuing the same goal. The four students presently comprise the two doubles teams in the Final of the Antrim U-19 Handball Championships. **Seán Devine** and **Seamus O'Tuama**, already boasting last year's U-17 Ulster title, make up one of the partnerships. **Raymond Herron** and **Daniel Armstrong** comprise the other team and will prove to be strong opposition to Messrs. Devine and O'Tuama. (Stop Press! The opposition was not strong enough; Seán Devine and Seamus O'Tuama won the title!)



ULSTER HANDBALL CHAMPIONS SEAN DEVINE & SEAMUS O'TUAMA

Training with the School under the expert guidance of teacher-cum-handballer, **Mr. Charlie Monaghan**, recommenced after the Christmas holiday in preparation for the Ulster Schools Handball Championships. The team can expect very tough opposition from Michael Finnegan of St. Patrick's College, Cavan, Ulster G.A.A. Writer's Handballer of the Year, who was defeated in the semi-final of the World Championships in America. Omagh C.B.S. boast Conor Curran, younger brother of Ciaran, the recently crowned World Champion. Yes the opposition will be tough but we are confident that we will regain the coveted title of Ulster Champions which last came to St. Mary's in 1985 which was the last year we entered this competition.

Raymond Herron 7D

The Golf Society

Golf? Dead easy. Head down, nice and easy. *PING* - the sound of boron- assisted metal on lithium - 250 yards, pitch, putt and a gimme.

At least that's how the ancient game looks when watching school-boy golf - where 5 and 6 handicaps are the norm.

We did not expect prizes then, as we did battle with more fancied opponents at the Ulster Schools Championship at Armagh, the Golf Foundation Team Championship at Lisburn and the Newry and District Championship at Warrenpoint.



THE UNDER 15 TEAM WHO COMPETED IN THE NEWRY AND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP AT WARREN POINT
L-R D. McGEAGH, G. McLARNON, J. FLYNN AND A. SLOANE

However there were some excellent individual performances in the Ulster Schools League against Sullivan Upper at Holywood, Newtownabbey College of Further Education at Balmoral and in the fog against Castlereagh College of Further Education at Fortwilliam. **Brian McCann** and **Joe O'Connor** were ever-presents on the team, ably assisted on occasions by **Donal MacManus**, **Jim Johnstone**, **Gerard Mulholland** and **James McCann**.

The future 5 and 6 handicappers have been catered for, too. At present over 36 pupils have had the opportunity of eight lessons from Eamonn Logue at the Knockbracken Golf Academy. Some of the pupils taking lessons have been given a chance to prove themselves on the course. The school's own junior championship was won by **David McGeagh** with 43 points at Balmoral playing off 21. He was pushed all the way by **Ronan Murphy** and **Anthony Donnelly** with **Niall 'Hooker' O'Hara** and **John 'Birdie' Egan** taking prizes as well.

An under-15 team of **David McGeagh**, **Gareth McLarnon**, **Aidan Sloane** and **Johnny Flynn** competed in the Newry and District Championship at Warrenpoint.



JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPION
1992, D. Mc GEAGH

This competition was played in the form of a Greensome. The team was divided into pairs - both players drove off, picked their best drive and completed the hole shot about, recording the strokes. No account was taken of handicap and the winning under-15 pair in this competition had an amazing score of a one under par 70! School-boy golf can be a very humbling experience indeed!



THE UNDER 18 TEAM WHO COMPETED IN THE NEWRY AND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP AT WARRENPOINT
L-R G. MULHOLLAND, J'O CONNOR, B. McCANN AND J. McCANN

P.S. For those members of staff recently smitten by the game - a ***gimme*** is when a ball resting very **close** to the hole is conceded by your **opponent**!!!!!!!

WATER POLO IN ST. MARY'S.

The 1991/92 water-polo season for St. Mary's started with a disappointing all-Ireland U-16 schools tournament in November. **Mark McLoughlin** and **Canice Sheppard** were the only senior players eligible to play and they had to lead a weak and inexperienced team. Having reached third place in this competition in the previous two years, St. Mary's, on this occasion, failed to reach the knock-out stages. In the current season many of the players are showing maturity and our hopes of success are much brighter.

However, if the U-16s failed to make a significant impact, the U-19s provided ample compensation. They dominated the Ulster and Irish Schools championships for the second year in a row retaining both titles.

The Irish Cup in April St. Mary's achieving a convincing victory over **Marian** (Dublin) by the margin of 13-1. Next they disposed of the **Abbey** (Newry) 7-0 and defeated **Gormanstown** (Meath) 5-1 in what was regarded as St. Mary's best performance in the championships. This victory had as its reward a place in the semi-finals against the old rivals **Malachy's** who proved no match for our students, going down by the scoreline of 9-0.



PAUL CLARK (UTV) PICTURED WITH ST. MARY'S SENIOR WATER POLO SQUAD WHO WON THE GALLAGHER TROPHY AND CANADA CUP FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

last commenced with convincing victory by the margin of 13-1. the **Abbey** (Newry) 7-0 **Gormanstown** was regarded as St. performance in the victory had as its semi-finals against **Malachy's** who our students, going

Gormanstown, on home territory, did not give up and knocked out La Salle in the other semi-final after a tough encounter thus setting up a return match with St. Mary's in the final. This match ended in a 3-3 draw and in extra time a goal apiece was scored so that the match eventually had to be decided on penalties. Each team had three penalties and **Gormanstown** opted to go first and scored at their first attempt. **Damien Coyle** equalised for St. Mary's. This tit-for-tat trend continued with other goals for St. Mary's coming from **Gerard Finn** and **Neil McMahon**. The teams entered a sudden death competition when the scores stood at 7-7. **Gormanstown**, with intense home support, again went first only to see **Canice Sheppard**, deputising in nets, make a magnificent save to tip the ball wide.

This left St. Mary's with an excellent chance to retain their title. The **Gormanstown** crowd were so deafening in support for their heroes that the supporters from the Belfast schools was almost unheard as they tried to urge on the St. Mary's boys and especially **Colin Laverty** who was about to take his shot. With his goal a memorable final was brought to an end and St. Mary's were once again triumphant.

T•H•E S•I•M•M•A•R•I•A•N

St. Mary's success was based on the very solid defensive work of **Gerard Finn** and **Mark McLoughlin** with **Cormac Frawley** in nets. The midfield was dominated by **Neil McMahan** while in attack, St. Mary's top scorers were **Colin Lavery**, **James McLoughlin** and **Frank McGurk**.

The following month found us embarking on the familiar trail of the Ulster Cup - a competition which is organised on a league basis. St. Mary's scored comfortable victories over St. Mary's 'B' (6-2), St. Malachy's (9-0) and La Salle (4-2) before collecting the title by clinching a 3-3 draw against Abbey CBS.

The credit for St. Mary's success is not only due to the team members but also to their coach, **Mr. Jim McClean**, under whose guidance the school has won the Ulster title five years in succession and contested three All-Ireland finals with victories in two of them. In this remarkable run, the St. Mary's senior team has remained unbeaten for almost three years!

However, this year our squad has been depleted by the departure of some of our senior players and thus it is essential that we rebuild our side. Anyone interested in taking up water polo, age is no barrier, is actively encouraged to do so. The teams always need a strong pool of players.

Training for the team takes place in the school pool every **Tuesday** and **Friday** after school.

Colin Lavery

SKI TRIP '92

I remember in September '91 Mr. Perry was looking for deposits for the ski trip in 1992. It felt like an eternity away. But on a cold February morning we assembled at Aldergrove airport. One could feel the excitement among pupils and teachers alike.

That was when I knew that the fun was about to begin. Although we were only going for a week, some of the pupils had enough luggage to support a North-Pole expedition! Having completed the process of checking in it was time to say goodbye to those worried parents, especially mothers, who did not seem too



"FOOD FOR THOUGHT"? SOME MEMBERS OF THE SKI PARTY RELAXING AFTER A HARD DAY ON THE PISTE!

reassured by the fact that at the end of the week their "wee" son would be able to ski down about 8000 feet of mountain!

On arrival, after a somewhat "quiet" flight, shouts of "Gee, Mickey, 'mere and luk at the snow," and "Please remain in your seats until the aircraft has stopped," (not Mr. P.) could be heard over the plane.

Having survived a coach journey, courtesy of "Lada Coach Tours", we arrived at our hotel

high up in the Rila mountains of Borovets. By that time, all that I wanted to do was crawl into my bed.

Next morning I had visions of being back home as Mr. Perry was trying his 'how hard to kick a door' experiment.

As we met our ski instructors, a sort of communications problem arose since the phrase "Hey there big fella, show us how to stick these things on your feet," proved more than a little problem for our Bulgarian instructor. However as the week progressed such problems tended to disappear. In fact some of the boys even returned home half-fluent (not affluent!) in Bulgarian. Nor was this the only noticeable change in the boys who went on the ski trip. Prior to their departure for the Rila slopes most of the party had only skied a few times on a dry slope. By the end of the week one could clearly see the marked improvement in each boy as their new-found confidence allowed them to ski the mountains without any fear. Even "wee" Joe Edwards who, despite a leg injury, still managed to fly the plane home!



OBVIOUSLY ALL THE FUN IS NOT ON THE SLOPES! WHO IS THE "FOOL" IN THE MIDDLE?

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the entire group to thank Mr. Perry and the other teachers for what was a very well organised and most enjoyable ski trip. Thanks too, to Bro. Gleeson for giving the extra few days off school which made it feasible for this trip to be undertaken and to all the teachers for their help and friendship throughout the week in Borovets.

James Crawford 6D

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D. Bannon 7A
St. Anne's P.S.



G. Doherty 7A
St. John the Baptist P.S.



C. Donnelly 7A
Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.



K. Donnelly 7A
St. Paul's P.S.



G. Garland 7A
Holy Trinity P.S.



M. Hayes 7A
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L. Johnston 7A
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G. Kane 7A
St. Kevin's P.S.



J. McGrattan 7A
St. Oliver Plunkett P.S.



P. McNulty 7A
St. John the Baptist P.S.



M. O'Connor 7A
St. John the Baptist P.S.



B. Reynolds 7A
Holy Trinity P.S.
Absent: **E. Creen**



C. Carberry 7B
St. Gall's P.S.



G. Connolly 7B
St. Teresa's P.S.



A. Cox 7B
Good Shepherd P.S.



J. Farrell 7B
St. Paul's P.S.

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D. Gough 7B
St. Paul's P.S.



M. Hall 7B
C.B.S. Glen Rd.



J. Hamilton 7B
C.B.S. Glen Rd.



A. Kelly 7B
St. Finian's P.S.



D. Kennedy 7B
St. Teresa's P.S.



C. McGoran 7B
St. Oliver Plunkett P.S.



K. Sansome 7B
St. Aidan's P.S.



P. Sweeney 7B
St. Anne's P.S.

Absent: **V. Grant,**
P. Moan,
B. Sansome



K. deOrnellas 7C
St. Gall's P.S.



J. Devlin 7C
St. Anne's P.S.



M. Donnelly 7C
St. Bride's P.S.



A. McArdle 7C
St. Oliver Plunkett P.S.



M. McGarrity 7C
Ballymacward P.S.



S. McGeown 7C
St. Bride's P.S.

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Vere Foster P.S.



M. Midgley 7CS.
St. Finian's P.S.



S. Mulgrew 7C
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J. Murphy 7C
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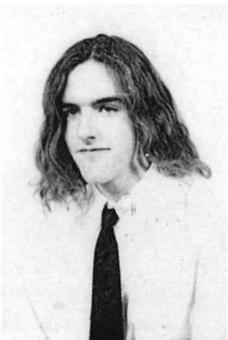


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P. O'Hare 7C
Good Shepherd P.S.

Absent :
G. Magill



S. Farrell 7D
Rathmore Grammar Sch.



A. Glover 7D
St. John the Baptist P.S.



G. Hanna 7D
Vere Foster P.S.



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S. McCorry 7D
St. Gall's P.S.

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D. McTaggart 7D

Holy Child P.S.



P. Mooney 7D

St. Bride's P.S.



K. O'Donnell 7D

St. John the Baptist P.S.



E. O'Loinsigh 7D

St. Joseph's P.S., Carryduff



P. O'Neill 7D

St. Luke's P.S.



J. Wilson 7D

St. Teresa's P.S.

Absent :
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N. Murphy,
S. O'Prey.



B. Burns 7E

St. Colm's High Sch.



G. Connolly 7E

St. John the Baptist P.S.



P. Connolly 7E

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P. Campbell 7F
St. Finian's P.S.



D. Coyle 7F
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J. Muldoon 7F
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St. Joseph's P.S. Crumlin.



G. Shaw 7F
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S. Smyth 7F
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P. Teague 7F
Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.

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E. O'Donnell



N. Boyle 7G
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P. Connolly 7G
St. Gall's P.S.



S. Devlin 7G
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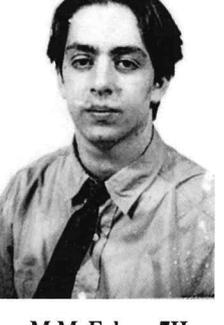


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 <p>K. Cash 7H C.B.S., Hightown Rd.</p>	 <p>D. Conlon 7H St. Luke's P.S.</p>	 <p>S. Corr 7H St. Gall's P.S.</p>	 <p>M. Crossin 7H St. Oliver Plunkett P.S.</p>
 <p>M. Higgins 7H Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.</p>	 <p>J. Laughlin 7H St. Mary's P.S., Divis St.</p>	 <p>M. McCarthy 7H C.B.S., Hightown Rd.</p>	 <p>M. McErlean 7H St. Oliver Plunkett P.S.</p>

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St. Colm's High Sch.



M. McKenna 7H
Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.



S. McKnight 7H
St. Colman's P.S. Eliza St.



D. Sweeney 7H
C.B.S., Trim



S. Teer 7H
Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.

Absent:
S. Carey



J. Connolly 7I
St. Finian's P.S.



G. Finnegan 7I
C.B.S., Glen Rd.



G. Gallagher 7I
St. Oliver Plunkett P.S.



S. Kennedy 7I
St. Colman's P.S., Lambeg



D. Kerr 7I
St. John the Baptist P.S.



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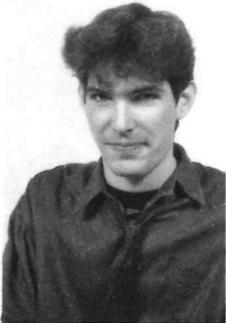


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 <p>M. Dougan 7J St. John the Baptist P.S.</p>	 <p>P. Gray 7J St. Luke's P.S.</p>	 <p>P. Hynes 7J St. John the Baptist P.S.</p>	 <p>J. Johnston 7J St. Bride's P.S.</p>
 <p>D. McLaughlin 7J C.B.S. Glen Rd.</p>	 <p>P. McShane 7J St. Gall's P.S.</p>	 <p>D. McVeigh 7J St. John the Baptist P.S.</p>	 <p>S. Moss 7J St. Kevin's P.S.</p>
 <p>J. Rafferty 7J St. Gall's P.S.</p>	 <p>P. Rainey 7J St. Anne's P.S.</p>	 <p>J. Sherry 7J St. Bride's P.S.</p>	 <p>P. Smith 7J St. Kevin's P.S.</p>

 <p>G. Stratton 7J St. Luke's P.S.</p>	<p>Absent: M. Begley</p>	 <p>Miss C. Whitehead</p>	 <p>Miss N. Crilly</p>
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