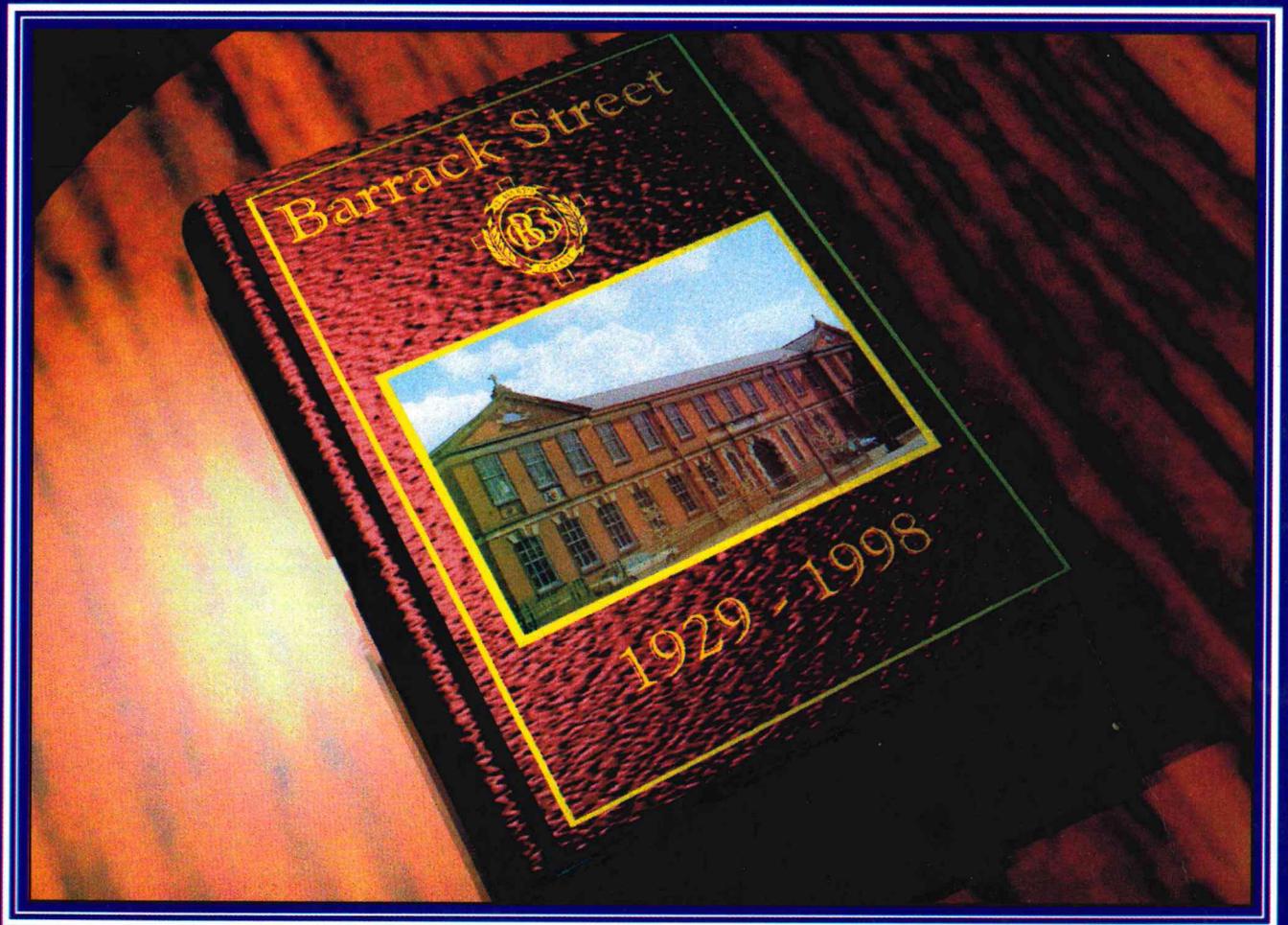


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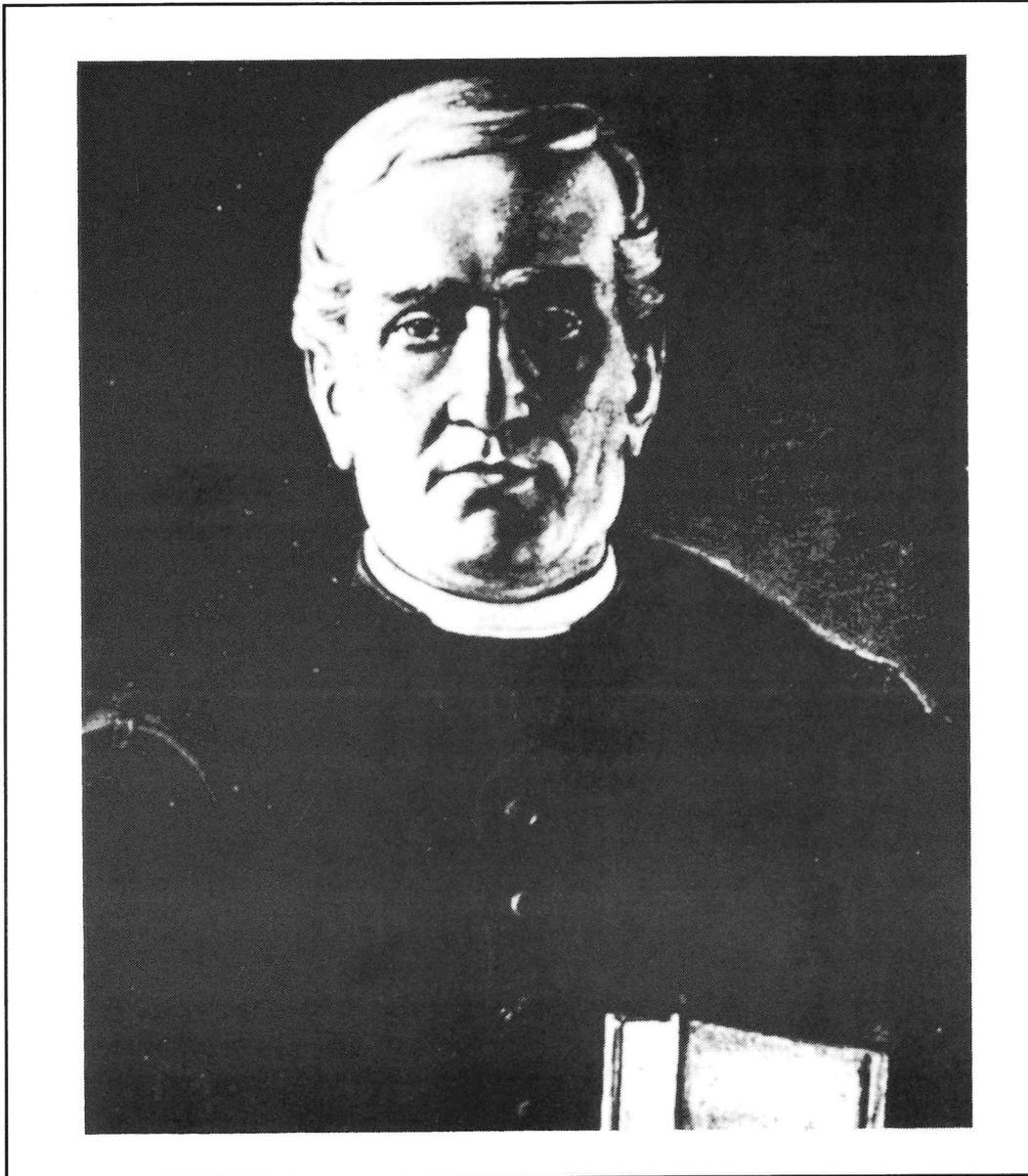
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Introduction

This year in St Mary's has brought tremendous change in many facets of the life of the school. For myself, as a new Headmaster, it has proved to be a busy but totally rewarding time and I trust this has been so for all the staff and pupils as well.

In October the new Edmund Rice Building and Phase One of the refurbishments were completed. This task, originally launched by Brother Denis Gleeson, now provides an excellent environment for the pupils and teachers alike and includes thirteen science laboratories and adjoining preparation rooms, five RE rooms, a new Technology suite and Art suite, a new sixth form study and common room and an ultra modern Lecture Theatre. The original building now houses a new library, computer suite, GNVQ suite, plus new geography, history and music rooms. All the above are fitted throughout with the latest technology.

Discussions are already underway with regard to Phase Two. This will modernise all other areas in the school not yet undertaken in Phase One.

The Official Opening of the Edmund Rice Building was marked with a Mass held in the Church of the Holy Spirit on 25th November for all pupils of the school. The Most Reverend Bishop Walsh, himself a past pupil, was the chief celebrant.

Fr. Raymond Mc Cullough and the school's RE department organised the celebration to perfection. The school choir, under the direction of Miss Morris, greatly enhanced the liturgy.

The following day Bishop Walsh performed the Official Opening and Blessing of the new accommodation. This was attended by all the staff, a large representation from the Brothers, the architects and contractors involved, representatives from DENI, including the Permanent Secretary, Mr P Carvill - another past pupil - and, representatives of many other schools and agencies associated with St. Mary's. The Trustees and Board of Governors of the School were officially represented by Rev Brother D. Gleeson and Rev Brother T Monaghan respectively.

At the beginning of the school year we were happy and privileged to welcome the following new members onto our teaching staff: Miss O Convery, Miss M Dickson, Mr M Greene, Mr J Gribbin, Mr M Laverty, Miss J Mervyn and Mr M Watson.

Also, Mr. D Finnegan joined the staff as the new bursar and Ms. M. Morris is our new telephonist. The input of all our new staff to the life of the school is proving invaluable.

There are many notable and significant events to be mentioned, both sad and happy.

This academic year saw the untimely death of a friend and highly valued member of our teaching staff - Francis Rice. Frank was a special person who will be remembered by his past pupils with great appreciation and affection. As a

member of staff he was always highly popular and gave freely of his time in assisting the Parents' Committee with their fundraising ventures. Frank is sadly missed by us all. His wife, Patricia, and his two children remain in our thoughts and prayers.

One of our past pupils, Gareth Wilson, who was studying at UU, died during this school year. The large attendance of his fellow past pupils and their participation in the ceremony at his funeral showed how highly they thought of him. We, the staff, were deeply saddened by his death and to all his family and friends, including his grandfather Paddy Wilson who is a member of the school staff, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Our longest serving caretaker, Mr Hugh O'Neill, retired at Christmas. Hugh worked on this site, firstly with the builders and then as caretaker since 1964. We wish him every happiness in his retirement and we miss his melodious voice around the yard and corridors.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to two very valued members of the office staff.

John McKenna, school bursar for thirteen years, retired on the last day of the financial year - his birthday! John's association with St. Mary's began when he walked through the gates of Barrack Street as a pupil in September 1945. We wish him every happiness during his retirement.

Mrs Mulvenna, who has been the stalwart in the office of Barrack Street for the past twenty plus years, is also leaving us. Betty's heart and soul is in the old school and I know that she will miss us, staff and pupils, as we will miss her. Again we wish Betty every happiness.

At the end of this academic year St Mary', Barrack Street will close and we will celebrate its long and proud history during the month of May. We will mark the occasion with a Mass, an exhibition and a dinner. For the exhibition many past pupils, teachers and Brothers have contributed or loaned memorabilia of all types.

Our Prizegiving this year was held on 17th December. The large attendance demonstrated the importance parents, pupils and staff attribute to this event. We were happy to welcome a well known past pupil, Mr Gerry Burns (Ombudsman), as our Guest Speaker. His speech was enjoyed and appreciated by all there. Mr Sheerin, as usual, had everything organised to perfection and Mr Jim Mc Clean was a willing and accomplished MC.

Our Junior Privegiving, which was held earlier that day, was another enjoyable event and was conducted very efficiently, thanks to the endeavours of the organiser - Mrs Devlin.

The word 'success' attached itself to the school's Young Enterprise Company several years ago and this year's com-

pany, Virtual Retail, is no exception with awards being heaped upon them even as I write.

With the school's hurlers taking so many places on the Bank of Ireland Ulster Colleges Allstars it is no wonder that the Mageean Cup has returned to St. Mary's for the third consecutive year. The efforts and dedication of pupils and PE staff, especially the team manager, Mr, Tony Austin, has been excellent.

Out of sixty four schools which participated in the Irish News Inter-schools Quiz the St. Mary's team, coached and managed by Mr. Tohill, reached the semi-final stage and the fact that most of the team are under age augers well for next year. Well done.

The above are only a few examples of the many activities and successes in which staff and pupils have participated. The time and effort given by all involved enriches the whole school community.

As usual, the pupils, staff and parents have raised a remarkable sum for charities in general and in particular for the Brothers' schools in Zambia and for Trócaire. The total for this year will be approximately £12,000!

We appreciate the greater and more varied involvement of the Parents' Committee and their contribution to and interest in many facets of the school community.

The previous Board of Governors ended their four year stint last December. Each member willingly donated a huge amount of time and effort to the school over those years and their generosity is greatly appreciated by the school community. One member, Mr. Jim Mc Keever, retired from the Board after almost twenty years service.

Last, but certainly not in importance, we officially bade farewell to Brother Gleeson, our ex Headmaster, and to Brother Carlin, our ex Vice Principal. The school continues to benefit from their tireless contribution, enthusiasm and commitment. Their going has left St Mary's, for the first time in its history, without Brothers on the staff but the ethos and vision inspired by Edmund Rice will certainly continue.

Our thanks and congratulations to Mrs D Tohill (Editor of the Simmarian) and to Mr. S. Smart, Ms.T. Thompson and Miss M Sloane, and the office staff for the production of this excellent publication.

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Staff and pupils alike were deeply saddened by the recent, untimely death of Mr. Francis Rice following a lengthy period of illness. Both as a colleague and as a teacher his loss is indeed a devastating one.

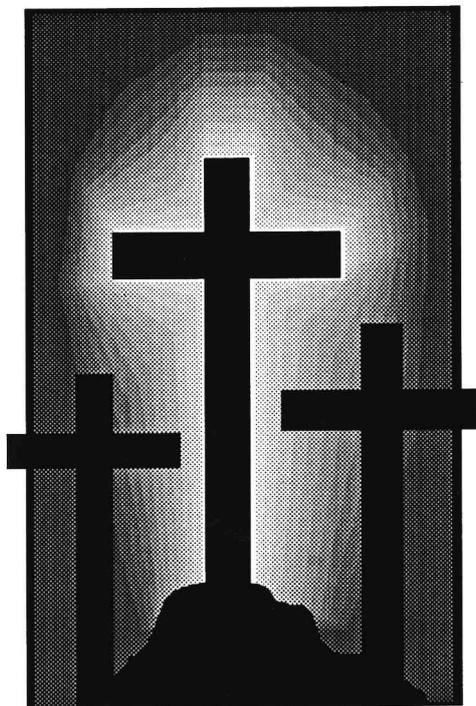
Frank, as he was affectionately known to his friends, began his association with St. Mary's as a first year pupil at Barrack Street in 1964. He completed his schooling in the newly opened Glen Road site before moving on to pursue his studies at both Queen's University and St. Joseph's Training College. It was to his Alma Mater that Frank returned in September 1976 to commence his professional life's work.

To describe Frank as one of nature's true gentlemen risks making use of a sometimes overworked cliché, though on this occasion such a description is an entirely fitting one. It is fair to say that he was held in the highest possible regard by all those with whom he came into contact at St. Mary's.

As a close colleague and friend of Frank for almost twenty years in the school's Geography department I personally have the fondest memories of someone who was utterly professional in his approach to teaching and who strived to achieve and maintain the highest possible academic standards. And yet quite apart from these qualities there was also Frank the person, a quiet, unassuming, courteous and kind man with a witty sense of humour. He possessed both a warmth and a sincerity in his dealings with people quite irrespective of their status, whether they were teaching colleagues, ancillary staff members or pupils.

The loss to St. Mary's caused by Frank's passing away has already been alluded to and it does indeed leave a gap that will be extremely hard to fill. However great though that loss is, it is nothing compared to what his wife Patricia, son David and daughter Rachel must now feel, for Frank was a man totally devoted to, and very proud of, his family. It is to them therefore and his wider family circle that we on the St. Mary's staff would like to extend our sincere sympathy. They can gain much consolation from the knowledge that Frank will never be forgotten by all those who were privileged to know him.

Eamon McFlynn



*Gareth Wilson, a past pupil and grandson of staff member Paddy, passed away this year.
This poem was written and read by a friend at Gareth's funeral.*

Gareth (our friend) R.I.P.

I just can't get it into my head
That Gareth our friend is dead.
Only a short time ago
We laughed together so.

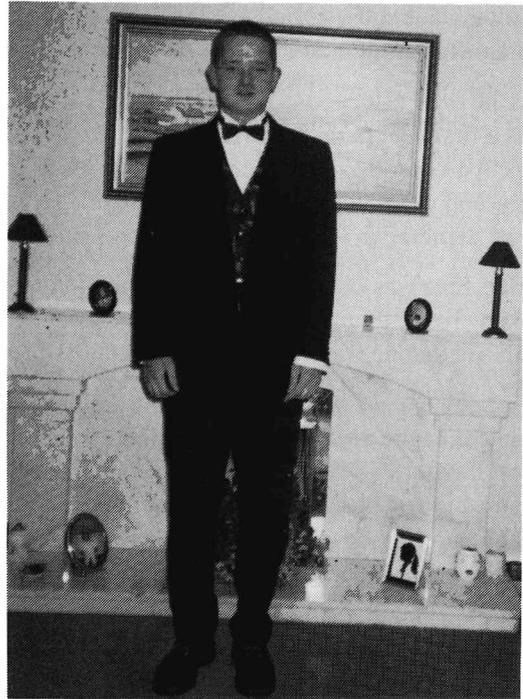
Your time with us was so much fun
Together with us, a lot was done.
I didn't know it would all soon end
Dearest Gareth you were our closest friend.

Life without you will seem so bleak
Your sense of humour, your tongue-in-cheek.

Up the Glen Road in those early days
We came to love your winning ways.
A gentle soul so full of life
A friend who helped in time of strife.

And now we face the days ahead
We'll try to remember all you said.
A special friend you were to all
You helped us up when we did fall.

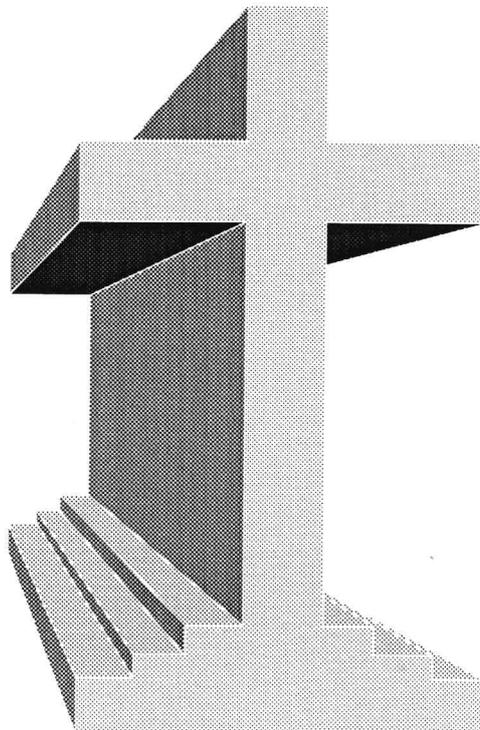
We have your memory, it'll shine so bright
Maybe it'll help us to do things right.
An uncertain future we now do face
Without your friendship and smiling face.



So now we say goodbye to you
Dear "Dubbs" it's hard to know what to do.
But we've got a feeling we'll meet someday
And all our troubles will go away.

Au Revoir.

J Mc Gill and Friends of Gareth.



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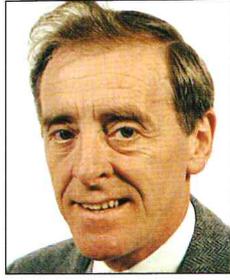
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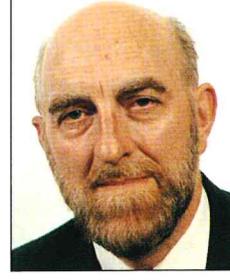
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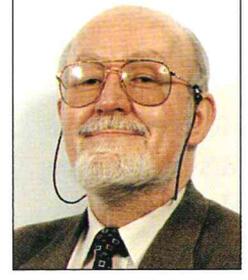
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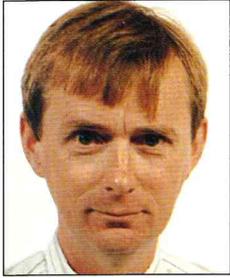
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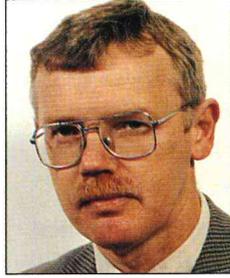
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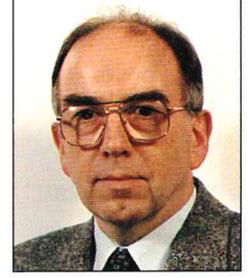
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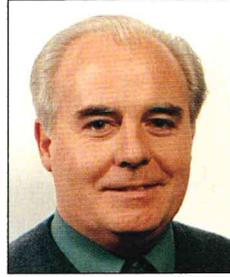
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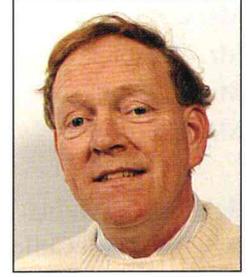
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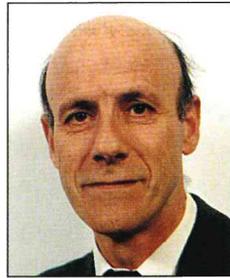
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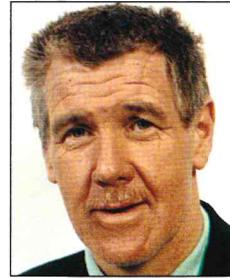
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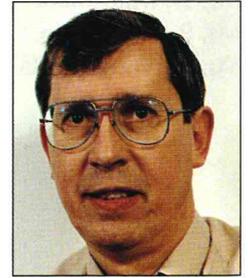
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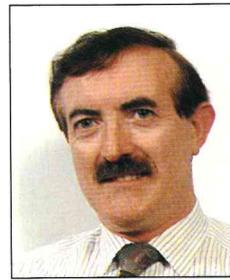
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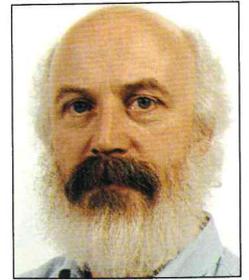
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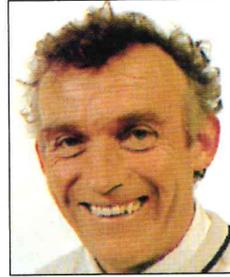
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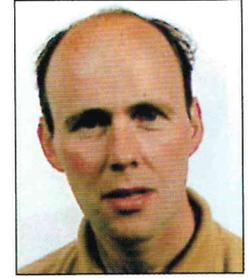
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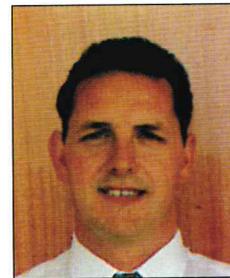
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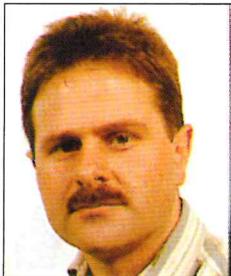
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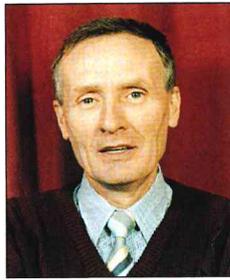


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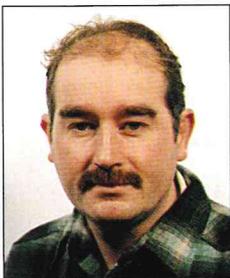


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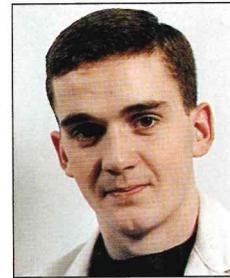
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Barrack Street

1929 - 1998



BARRACK ST.

- THE END OF AN INSTITUTION

This June 29th will be a sad but an historic day; it will be the last day after almost seventy years that St. Mary's C.B. pupils will attend class in St. Mary's C.B.S. Barrack Street because come September all our pupils will be educated on the one site for the first time in over thirty years.

The Barrack Street school was opened in 1929 to allow the Christian Brothers to offer a secondary education to those pupils who could afford and who were deemed capable of coping with an intensely academically centred post 14 years education.

While most primary school pupils at that time remained in primary school until they left at the age of 14 to seek employment, a few transferred at 11 to secondary grammar schools to pursue an education which they hoped would eventually secure for them a career in the professions or civil service. The Brothers in Belfast had by the mid 1920s three primary schools, St Mary's Divis St., St. Patrick's Donegall St., and Oxford St. plus a technical intermediate at Harding Street but had realised that there was as great a need for a secondary to which their more academically able primary pupils could aspire.

Therefore in 1926 the foundation stone for Barrack Street was laid on the site of an old Ragged school and mainly on land leased from R.B.A.I. Three years later in 1929 the new St. Mary's C.B. Secondary was opened and remained so for the following sixty-nine years.

Through its gates over those seven decades passed thousands of boys not only from Belfast but from its hinterland of South Antrim, North Down and North Armagh. Barrack Street like its great rival St. Malachy's College were the only two Catholic schools up until the 1970s to offer a grammar style education to boys. Indeed it was not only Catholic boys who sat in its classrooms; there were Jews also in its early years, not many but enough to give it a somewhat cosmopolitan, unorthodox and eastern exotic flavour. Some of them are still alive and living in Belfast yet, with fond memories of St. Mary's Barrack Street as have those Protestants who also attended in the first two decades.

However Barrack Street was established as an institution with a strong Catholic and Irish ethos for the children of the Catholics in the Northeast and so it remained. Many the successful student and eminent scholar it produced who went on to win distinction in his chosen career at home and abroad, whether it was church or state, business or public service, finance, medicine or law and many were the students who although they did not necessarily distinguish themselves publicly in later life, did make their own quiet dignified and invaluable contribution to society.



The pupils whether they liked it or not were steeped in Irish culture, some to drown, others to swim with ease. In sport also Barrack Street excelled whether it was swimming and waterpolo or Gaelic games and athletics etc., the Brothers and Lay Staff being strong disciples of the "healthy body healthy mind" school of philosophy, a tradition still adhered to today. When the festivities planned to mark the closure take place in May or June, many are the past pupils of all ages who will be keen to attend and avail of one last opportunity to stroll around the building and sit in the classrooms. What memories both pleasant and not so, will be conjured up - memories of tough teachers, sore hands and schoolboy pranks, of old friends and colleagues fondly remembered and some sadly missed, of classwork and homework, of rote learning alongside earnest, excited and enlightened discovery, of major successes and minor failures or minor successes and major failures, of long ago almost forgotten days when we were young and the world lay at our feet. Certainly I who have taught there for the past extremely happy and fulfilled quarter of a century will have difficulty stemming tears as I remember Bro. Walshe, Bro. Begley, Bro. Noel O'Reilly, Bobby McCargo and Sean Duggan along with four pupils who I taught who are now in more peaceful surroundings, I who in 1959 sat in Room 2 answering questions on Irish History at the Belfast Feis little realising that I would end up in the classroom next door teaching Irish History and preparing to close the School which I have grown to love. I therefore will toast St. Mary's, and its pupils and staff, past and present, alive and dead, and especially the Irish Christian Brothers whose vision and hard work made it all possible, and my one wish will be that Barrack Street remains open for another seventy years.

Jim McClean

(First and Last Lay Teacher in Charge).

Back to School

The night was getting longer
The air is getting cool
The days are getting shorter
I'll soon be back at school.

I'll say goodbye to summer
To days of fun and glee
I'll say hello to Autumn
It's back to school for me

Hard work and homework
Is now what lies ahead
Early morning rising
No more lying in bed.

School might even be better
I hope that it will be
The lazy days of Summer
Are over gone for me.

Joseph Donnelly 9G.
Barrack Street

Eyesight

My Irises unlike the flower are brown
They gleam in the sunshine reflecting
Colourful rainbows.

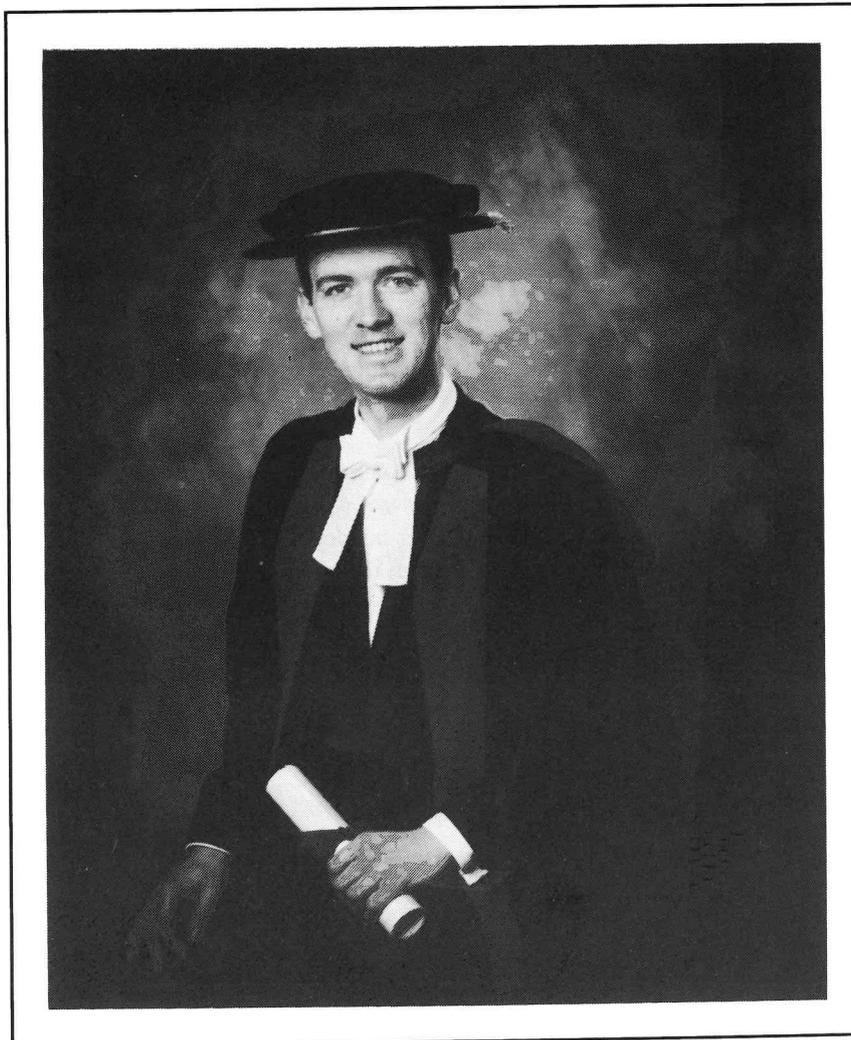
My lens are as powerful as a microscope
I can see for miles but if
They break I can't get them replaced.

My pupils are as hard-working as students
They never stop taking in the light
But if I look at the sun I see
Red and green pieces floating about.

But what else can I say if my eyes fail
It would be a flat and 2-D world
Always take care of your eyes
You'll regret having to be without them.

Colm Mc Nulty 8F
Barrack Street.

1st prize in Poetry competition for NI
Society of Optometrists



*Gabriel Rooney, a past pupil of Barrack St., received his Ph.D.
at Cambridge University last summer.*

Retirements:

John McKenna

When John walked into the school office he did not realise he was joining a unique family - our office staff.

He soon realised this and nestled into the role of father figure.

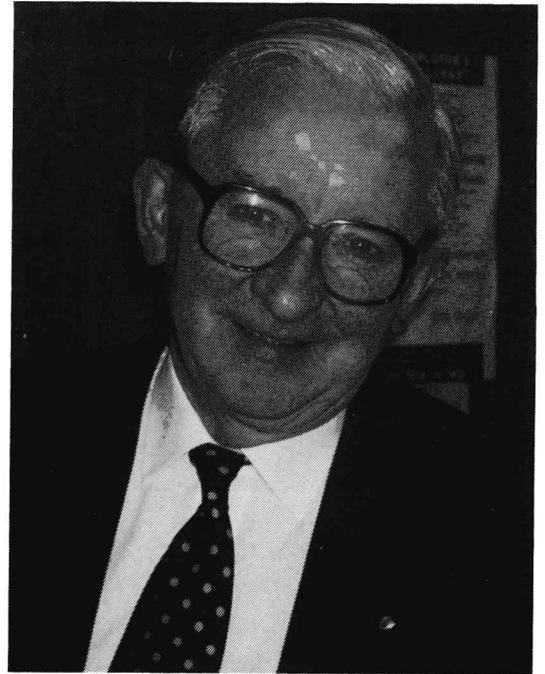
His office, for everyone, soon became the 'confessional', the bank, our dumping ground and, most important, (for those with the habit!) - the smoking room.

Probably without his cigs he would never have survived but he did and his example became an inspiration to us all.

The above says it all - that is our John - and there is very little more we can say, EXCEPT:

John we will really miss you, we hope you will have a room put aside in your home for us in our moments of stress, but most of all we wish you a wonderful life, every happiness, good health and every blessing.

(All your friends)



Hugh O'Neill

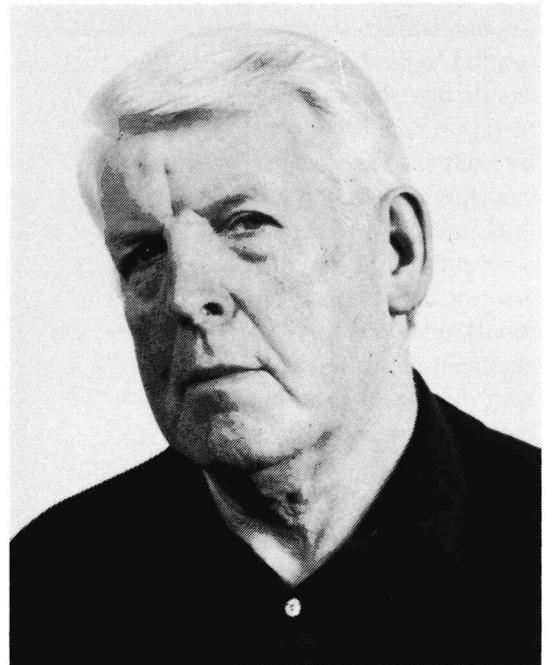
THE BEST CARETAKER IN THE WEST!!

I first met Hughie when the then Headmaster, Bro D. Mc Crohan asked me to call to Rossnareen Ave., and inform Mr O'Neill that he was to start as caretaker in St. Mary's.

To say that he was a character would be an understatement. He was a great worker and possessed enormous strength. A real Bull Terrier. His wit was tremendous - Benny Hill and Les Dawson rolled into one. I never needed a bleeper to contact Hughie. I would go into the corridors and listen for his whistling. He was always obliging and helped me and everyone else in many ways.

He is certainly missed in St. Mary's as he has the ability to brighten up any occasion - even Funerals.

I wish him many happy years of retirement and God's blessings on his wife Kathleen, his children and his many grandchildren.



We wish our congratulations and best wishes to all our pupils who completed their G.C.S.E. examinations in 1997.

G.C.S.E. Year Group - School Year 1996/1997

ANDERSON, Gareth	HUGHES, Gerard	Mc LAUGHLIN, Sean
ARMSTRONG, Conor	HUNTER, Paul	Mc LAUGHLIN, Stephen
AUSTIN, Gerard	KEARNEY, Gerard	Mc MULLAN, Matthew
BARR, Liam	KELLY, Neill	Mc NEILL, Jonathan
BELL, Gavin	KENNEDY, Desmond	Mc VEIGH, Brendan
BENNETT, Cormac	KERR, Peter	MEENAN, Christopher
BENNETT, Lawrence	LAGAN, Gary	MEREDITH, Seamus
BERNE, Steven	LAMB, Conor	MULDOON, John
BROWN, Gerard	LARGEY, Seamus	MULHOLLAND, Mark
BURNS, Damian	LAWLOR, Raymond	MURPHY, Martin
CALDWELL, Gavin	LOGAN, Stephen	O'CONNOR, Shaun
CAMPBELL, Stephen	LOUGHAN, Joseph	O'HARA, Aidan
CHRISTIE, Damian	LYNCH, Martin	O'HARA, Mark
CONNOR, Colm	MAGUIRE, Gerard	O'LOUGHLIN, Eoin
CULLEN, Peter	MALLON, Patrick	O'NEILL, Gerard
CUNNINGHAM, Terence	MARTIN, Ciaran	O'NEILL, Stephen
DARBY, Dominic	MATHEWS, Damien	O'RIORDAN, Ciaran
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DONNELLY, Anthony	Mc AULEY, John	REEL, Michael
DORAN, Barry	Mc CABE, Andrew	ROONEY, Aidan
DUFFY, Stephen	Mc CALLIN, Damian	ROONEY, Patrick
DUGAN, Vincent	Mc CANN, Donal	ROSBOTHAM, Michael
ELLIMAN, Sean	Mc CARTHY, Gerard	SAVAGE, Gareth
FARRELLY, Tomas	Mc CARTHY, Patrick	SCULLIN, Michael
FERGUSON, David	Mc CARTNEY, Martin	SMITH, Paul
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FERRIS, Kevin	Mc CRORY, Conor	TOAL, Paul
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FOX, Martin	Mc DONNELL, David	TRAINOR, Damien
GEORGE, Joseph	Mc GLENNON, Stephen	WALKER, Joseph
GIBSON, Paul	Mc GLUE, Ronan	WALLACE, Gerard
GILLEN, James	Mc GOURTY, Kieran	WALSH, Colm
HAMILL, Christopher	Mc HUGH, Ronan	WARD, Kevin
HARPER, Stephen	Mc KAY, David	WILKINSON, Anthony
HARTE, Neill	Mc KEE, Paul	CLARENCE, Jon
HENRY, Mark	Mc KENNA, Ronan	O'BRIEN, Christopher
HERRON, Ciaran	Mc KERMOTT, Eamonn	Mc ALLISTER, Matthew
HESKETH, Mark	Mc KINNEY, Daniel	
HILL, Daniel	Mc LAUGHLIN, James	
HONEY, Thomas	Mc LAUGHLIN, Michael	

Academic Awards at G.C.S.E.

G.C.S.E. Art

- **Liam Barr**
(Holy Trinity P.S.)

G.C.S.E. English

(The W. H. McEvoy Medal)

(The Serridge Shield)

- **Dominic Darby**
(Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)

G.C.S.E. French

(Rev. Bro. Nannery Memorial Medal)

This medal is dedicated to the memory of Bro. Nannery, a distinguished past teacher who gave significant service to pupils in St. Mary's throughout the '60's and '70's.

- **Matthew McAlister**
(Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Geography

- **Mark Mulholland**
(St. Oliver Plunkett P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Gaeilge

- **Martin Lynch**
(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)

G.C.S.E. German

(The Billy Adams Medal)

In memory of our deceased caretaker who served St.Mary's for over 20 years)

- **Damien Burns**
(Good Shepherd P.S.)

G.C.S.E. History

- **Terry Cunningham**
(St. Gall's P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Information Systems

(The Staff Memorial Medal)

- **Jim Gillen**
(St. Teresa's P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Irish

(The Joe Devlin Medal)

- **Kevin Ward**
(St. Luke's P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Italian

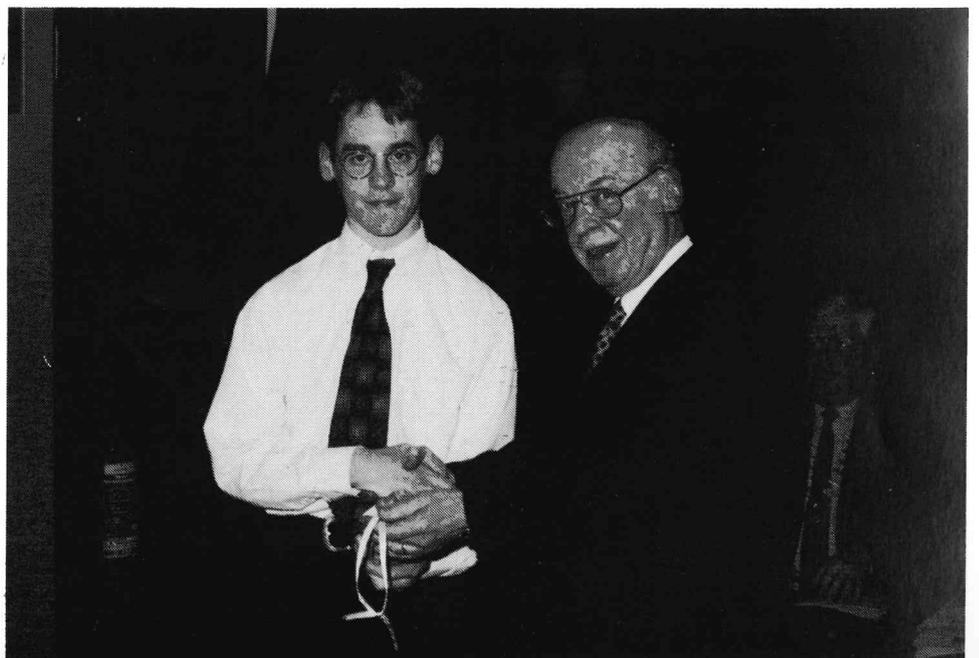
- **Michael Bennett**
(St. Colman's P.S.)

Triple Award - Science
Awarded to Gary Lagan



*Michael Reel receiving his
award for Single Award Science*

**Rev. Bro. Ennis Medal for
Mathematics**
Presented to Conor Lamb



G.C.S.E. Mathematics

(Rev. Bro. L. F. Ennis Medal)

Brother Ennis was a distinguished member of the Mathematics Department and also ex-Headmaster of St. Mary's and contributed significantly to the academic and sporting life of the School.

- **Conor Lamb**

(Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Music

- **James Meredith**

(Good Shepherd P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Physical Education

- **Terry Cunningham**

(St. Gall's P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Religion

(The Kevin Dunne Memorial Medal) (Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)

This medal is dedicated to the memory of a pupil who died tragically in 1988 during his fourth year in St. Mary's.

- **Dominic Darby**

G.C.S.E. Single Award Science

- **Michael Reel**

(St. Teresa's P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Double Award Science -

Damien Burns

(Good Shepherd P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Triple Award Science

(D. J. MacRandal Medal)

Donated by the School Architect, a past pupil of St. Mary's.

- **Gary Lagan**

(St. John the Baptist P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Spanish

- **David McDonnell**

(St. John the Baptist P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Technology

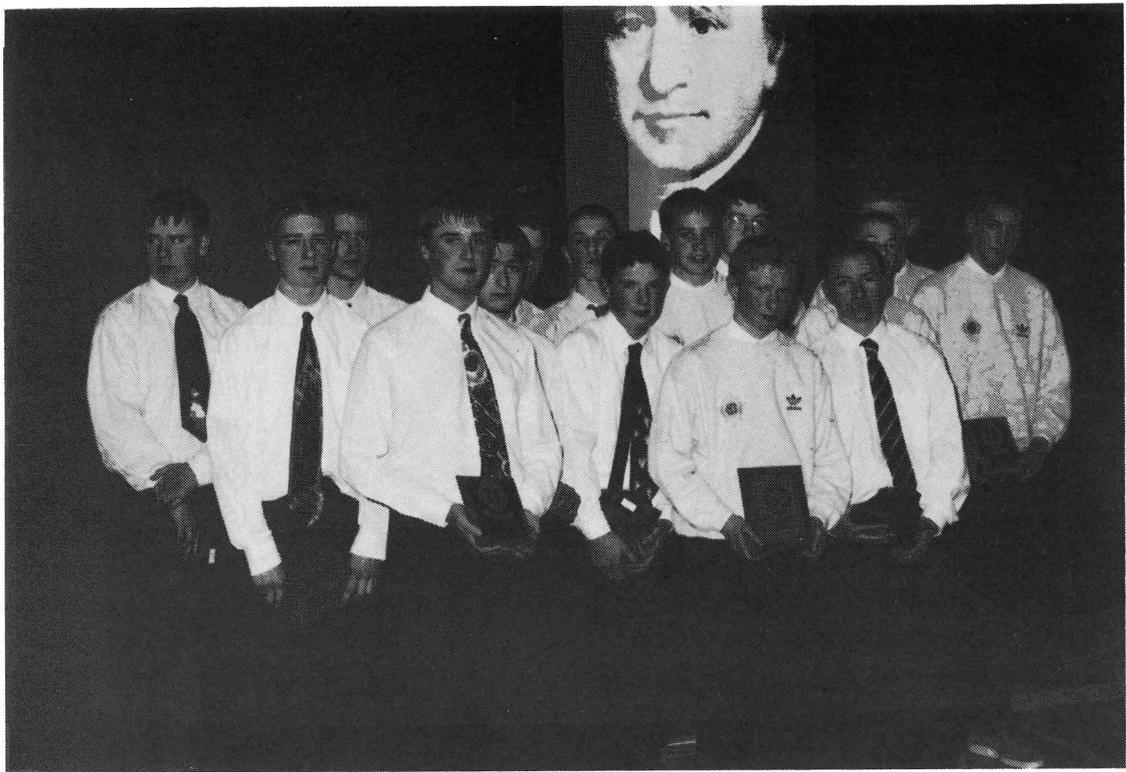
- **Liam Barr**

(Holy Trinity P.S.)

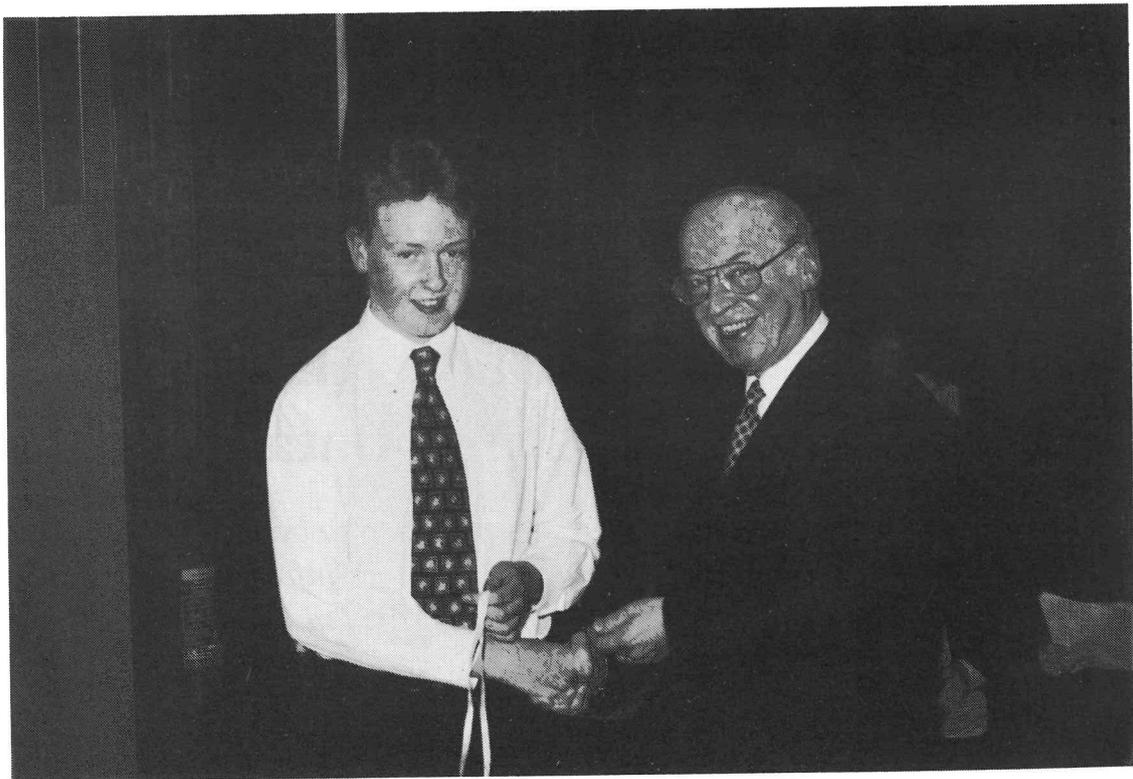
G.C.S.E. Theatre Studies

- **Martin Murphy**

(St. John the Baptist P.S.)



Outstanding G.C.S.E. performances



Martin Murphy - G.C.S.E. Theatre Studies

Outstanding Performance at G.C.S.E.

Cormac Bennett	- (Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)
Stephen Harper	- (St. Teresa's P.S.)
Ciaran Herron	- (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Gerard Hughes	- (St. Anne's P.S.)
Diarmuid McAuley	- (Holy Child P.S.)
John McAuley	- (Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)
Conor McCrory	- (Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)
Ronan McGlue	- (Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)
Michael McLoughlin	- (Good Shepherd P.S.)
Shaun O'Connor	- (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Eoin O'Loughlin	- (Holy Child P.S.)
Aidan Rooney	- (St. Mary's P.S.)
Michael Scullin	- (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Damien Trainor	- (Holy Child P.S.)
Colm Walsh	- (St. Anne's P.S.)

Attendance Awards

Terence Cunningham	- (St. Gall's P.S.)
Ciaran Herron	- (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Conor Lamb	- (Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)
Raymond Lawlor	- (Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)
Damien Mathews	- (St. Oliver Plunkett P.S.)
Ronan McGlue	- (Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)
Daniel McKinney	- (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Christopher Meenan	- (St. Teresa's P.S.)
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The Ford Perpetual Trophy

- **Liam Barr**
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The McGarrity Family Honda Trophy
(*Best Japanese student*)

- **William Larmour**
(Good Shepherd P.S.)

Father Sean O'Neill Memorial Cup-
(Presented by the Mervyn Family of Tornaroy whose son Thomas earned the highest marks in Religion in the inaugural year of the G.C.S.E. examinations)

Dominic Darby
(Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)

Best G.C.S.E. Student

C.B.P.P.U. Gold Medal 1997



Dominic Darby (Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)

Junior Prizegiving 1997

<i>German</i>	<i>Paul McKay</i>	<i>11A</i>
<i>Irish</i>	<i>Brendan Herron</i>	<i>11E</i>
<i>Italian</i>	<i>Christopher Walker</i>	<i>11D</i>
<i>Spanish</i>	<i>Christopher Morren</i>	<i>11B</i>
<i>French</i>	<i>Christopher Morren</i>	<i>11B</i>
<i>English</i>	<i>Christopher Morren</i>	<i>11B</i>
<i>Geography</i>	<i>Hugh Mullan</i>	<i>11B</i>
<i>History</i>	<i>Eamon Dickson</i>	<i>11A</i>
<i>Religion</i>	<i>Lawrence Rooney</i>	<i>11B</i>
<i>Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Michael McGuigan</i>	<i>11B</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Louis McVeigh</i>	<i>11H</i>
<i>Art</i>	<i>Robert McKnight</i>	<i>11B</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Paul McKay</i>	<i>11A</i>
<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Darren Hamilton</i>	<i>11B</i>
<i>Technology</i>	<i>Joseph McCluskey</i>	<i>11B</i>
<i>Football</i>	<i>Declan McLarnon</i>	<i>11G</i>
<i>Hurling</i>	<i>Gareth Clarke</i>	<i>11G</i>

Outstanding

<i>Eamon Dickson</i>	<i>11A</i>
<i>Colm Scott</i>	<i>11A</i>
<i>John D'Arcy</i>	<i>11A</i>
<i>Conor McKiernan</i>	<i>11A</i>

Most consistent:

<i>Barry Conlon</i>	<i>11A</i>
<i>Paul McKay</i>	<i>11A</i>
<i>Stephen Rice</i>	<i>11D</i>
<i>Christopher Morren</i>	<i>11B</i>
<i>Paul Feeney</i>	<i>11A</i>
<i>Stephen O'Hagan</i>	<i>11A</i>
<i>Antony Forte</i>	<i>11B</i>
<i>Darren Hamilton</i>	<i>11B</i>
<i>Cahal McEvoy</i>	<i>11B</i>
<i>Christopher Walker</i>	<i>11D</i>
<i>Brendan Herron</i>	<i>11E</i>
<i>Declan McLarnon</i>	<i>11E</i>



The Bobby McCargo Memorial Trophy

Francis McCrory



Left to right:
Declan McLarnon (Football Shield for Gaelic)
Darren Hamilton (Mathematics Award)
Christopher Walker (Italian Award)
Brendan Herron (Irish Award)
Gareth Clarke (McAllister Shield - Hurling Award)
Joseph McCluskey (Technology Award)



Left to right:
Christopher Morren (Spanish, French & English Award)
Louis McVeigh (Music Award)
Paul McKay (Science Award)
E. Dickson (History Award)



Left to right:
Stephen O'Hagan, Paul Feeney, Barry Conlon,
Darren Hamilton, Paul McKay, Anthony Forte,
Christopher Morren and C. McCrory
receiving their plaques for
"Most Consistent Students".



Left to right:
Eamon Dickson, John d'Arcy, Colm Scott, Conor McKernan
receiving their plaques for
"Outstanding Students"



Michael McGuigan, Hugh Mullan, Laurence Rooney
& Robert McKnight with the Principal Mr. K. Burke.

Leavers 1997

<i>Name</i>	<i>Third Level Education</i>	<i>Courses Being Followed</i>
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BAKER, David	U.U.	Economics and Government
BARR, Ryan	Q.U.B.	Agriculture
BENNETT, Conall	U.U.J.	American Studies
BLANEY, Conor	U.U.	Humanities
BOYLE, Paul	Cambridge	Engineering
BRADLEY, John	Q.U.B.	Pharmacy
BRODERICK, Damien	Q.U.B.	Environmental Planning
BURKE, Conor	U.U.	Sport and Leisure
CAIRNS, Patrick	Q.U.B.	Politics and Economics
CALDWELL, David	Q.U.B.	Information Management
CAMPFIELD, Conor	Q.U.B.	Environmental Planning
CANAVAN, John Paul	Q.U.B.	Scholastic Philosophy
CARSON, Arthur	Manchester	English
CARVILLE, David	Q.U.B.	Computer Science
CASEY, Paul	Q.U.B.	Biomedical Science
CASSIDY, Peter	U.U.	Law and Economics
COLLINS, James	U.U.C.	Biological Engineering
CONNOLLY, David	Q.U.B.	Information Management
CONNOR, John P.	Q.U.B.	Economics
CORMICAN, Denis	Upperban	HND Engineering
CULLEN, Aidan	Q.U.B.	Medicine
DEVINE, Daniel	Q.U.B.	Mathematics
DEVLIN, Anthony	Year Out	
DEVLIN, Kieran	Year Out	
DOBBIN, Sean	B.I.F.H.E.	HND
DONNELLY, Ciaran	Q.U.B.	Management and German
DONNELLY, Stephen	Q.U.B.	Electrical Engineering
DYER, Kevin	Q.U.B.	Psychology B.Sc.
FANNING, Colm	U.U.	Business
FARRELL, Sean	Q.U.B.	Archeology
FEE, Gavin	U.U.J.	Surveying
FISHER, Christopher	Southampton	Electrical Engineering
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FLYNN, Jonathan	U.U.	Transport
FLYNN, Martin	U.U.	Communication Studies
GALLAGHER, Ciaran	B.I.F.H.E.	Architecture
GAMBLE, Declan	U.U.	Sport and Leisure Studies
GAMBLE, Eamon	U.U.	Business
GREEN, Sean	Trinity College Dublin	Theology
GREGO, Kieren	U.U.J.	Hospitality Management
GRIEVE, Brendan	Q.U.B.	Information Management
HAMILL,	Christopher	Q.U.B. Information Management
HARVEY,	James	Q.U.B. Human Geography
HEANEY,	Kevin	U.U.J. Business
HIGGINS, Damian	Q.U.B.	Computer Science
HUGHES, Mark	Q.U.B.	Mech and Manu Engineering

JOHNSTON, Charles	Q.U.B.	Celtic Studies
KANE, Liam	Cambridge	Law
KEENAN, Gerard	U.U.	Government and Law
KELLY, Kevin	Q.U.B.	Pharmacy
KERR, Michael	U.U.	Banking and Finance
LAMB, Mark	Q.U.B.	Music and Computer Science
MAGEE, Paul	B.I.F.H.E.	H.N.D. Business
MAGENNIS, Conor	U.U.J.	Building Engineering
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McCALLUM, James	Q.U.B.	Celtic Studies and Maths.
McCANN, Kieron	Q.U.B.	English and Politics
McCANN, Richard	U.U.	Engineering and Business
McCARRON, Andrew	Q.U.B.	Zoology
McCULLOUGH, John	U.U.J.	Business
McDONNELL, Rory	Q.U.B.	Geog and Archeology
McDONNELL, Stephen	Q.U.B.	Geology
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McILROY, Neil	U.U.	Business
McILVENNY, Martin	Q.U.B.	Economics
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OWENS, Aidan	U.U.	Biomedical Engineering
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REEL, Mark	U.U.	Applied Psychology
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STITT, Ciaran	U.U.	English
TIERNAN, James	Q.U.B.	Medicine
TOMAN, Christopher	U.U.	Law and Economics
WILKINSON, Raymond	U.U.J.	Art

Academic Awards at 'A' Level

'A' Level Art

- Gerard Keenan
(St. John the Baptist P.S.)

'A' Level Biology

(The McClure Medal)

- Kevin Kelly
(Holy Child P.S.)

'A' Level Chemistry

- Aidan Cullen
(Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)

'A' Level Computing

(Flanagan & Jennings Medal)

Sponsored by St. Mary's Auditors

- Paul Boyle
(St. John the Baptist P.S.)

'A' Level Economics

(Ulster Business Equipment Medal)

- David McCabe
(St. Oliver Plunkett P.S.)

'A' Level English

(The Serridge Medal)

- Martin Flynn
(Christian Brothers' Secondary School)

'A' Level Geography

(The Northern Bank Medal)

- Neil Ryan
(St. Anne's P.S.)

'A' Level German

(The O'Prey Medal)

Sponsored by the retired founder
of the Department.

- Ciaran Donnelly
(Holy Child P.S.)

'A' Level Government and Politics -

(First Trust Bank)

John McAllister
(St. John the Baptist P.S.)

'A' Level History

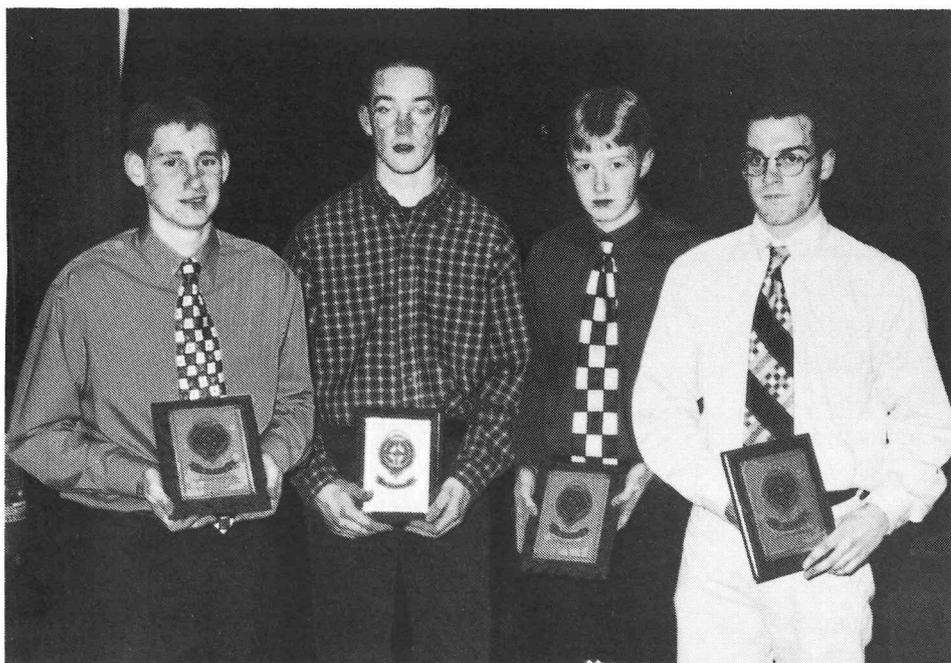
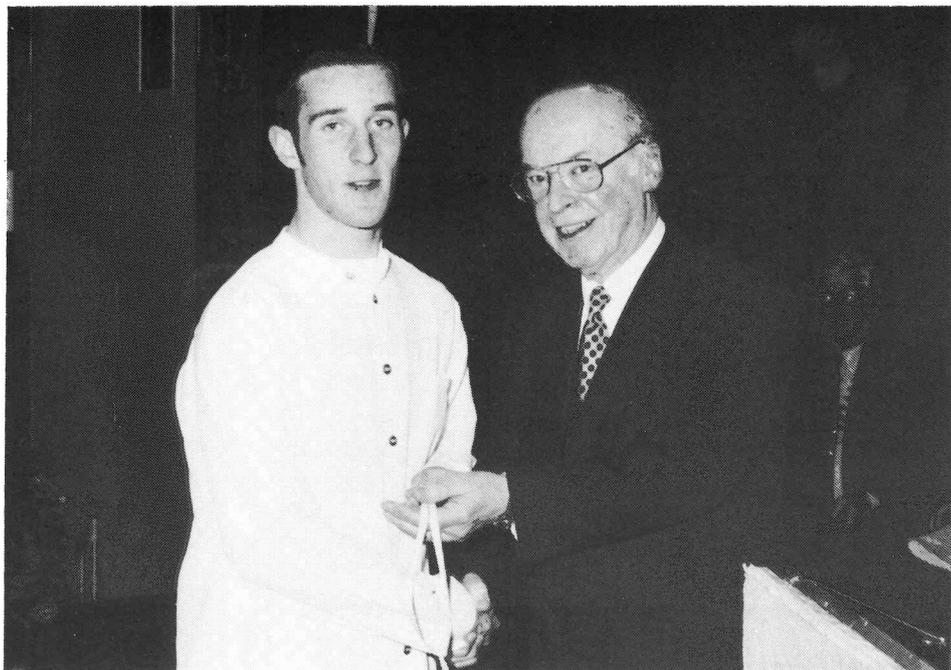
(The Bank of Ireland Medal)

- Liam Kane
(Good Shepherd P.S.)

'A' Level History & Appreciation of Art

- Luke Agnew
(Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)

*Neil Ryan
'A' level Geography prize*



Prize Winners

Martin Flynn



'A' Level Irish

(Cumann Gaelach Scoil Mhuire)

- **Declan Gamble**
(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)

'A' Level Italian

- **Gerard Keenan**
(St. John the Baptist P.S.)

'A' Level Mathematics

(The Rev. Bro. McGreevy Medal) (St. John the Baptist P.S.)

The name of Brother McGreevy was synonymous with the teaching of Mathematics in St. Mary's in the '50's, 60's and 70's. He was a man of great inspiration for both staff and pupils.

- **Paul Boyle**

'A' Level Music

- **David Carville**
(St. Anne's P.S.)

'A' Level Physical Education

- **Declan Gamble**
(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)

'A' Level Physics

- **Paul Boyle**
(St. John the Baptist P.S.)

'A' Level Psychology

- **Liam Kane**
(Good Shepherd P.S.)

'A' Level Religion

(The Brother Mallon Award)

Named after a distinguished former teacher and donated by an ex-pupil John Larkin, B.L., former Reid Professor of Criminology at Trinity College, Dublin.

- **Liam Kane**
(Good Shepherd P.S.)

G.N.V.Q.

(St. Mary's/B.I.F.H.E. Partnership Award)

- **Kevin Heaney**
(Corpus Christi College)

The Brother Monaghan Cup

(Presented to the outstanding pupil who entered senior School from our associated Secondary Schools)

- **Martin Flynn**
(St. Anne's P.S.)

Ancillary Staff Medal

*(Presented for outstanding achievement
on behalf of all non-teaching staff)*

**All five pupils achieved at least
three 'A' grades**

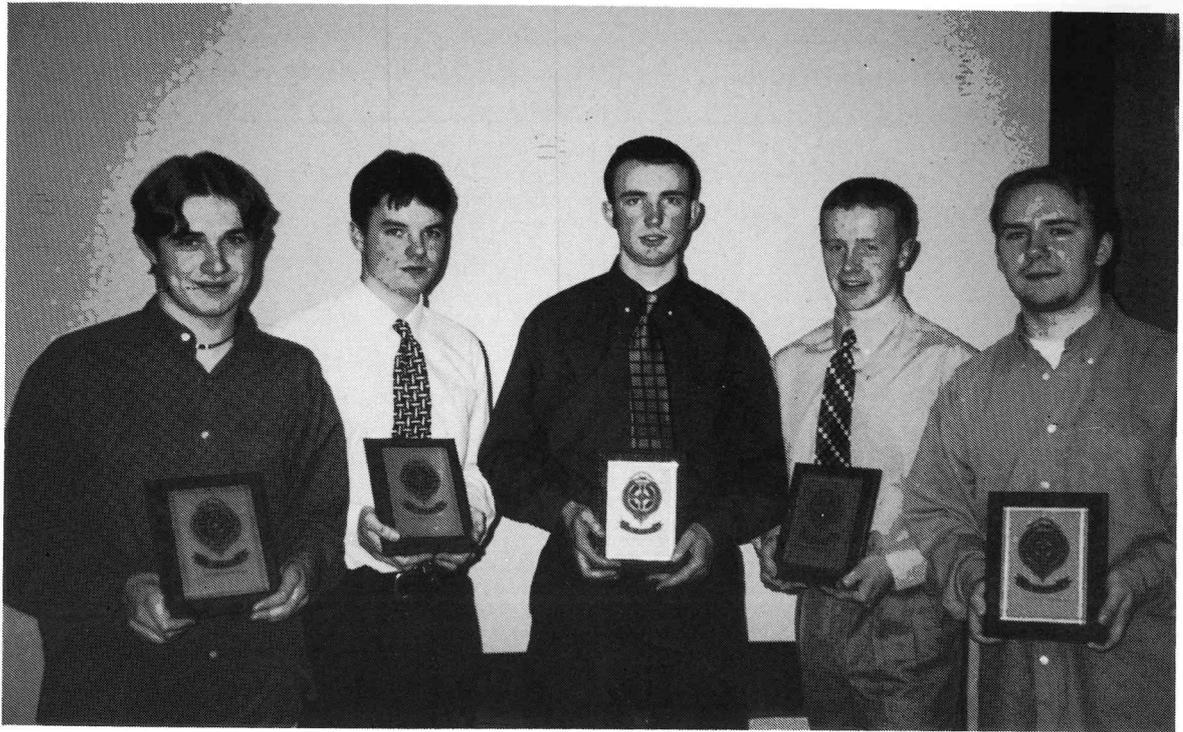
- **Paul Boyle**
(St. John the Baptist P.S.)
- **Aidan Cullen**
(Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)
- **Martin Flynn**
(Christian Brothers' Secondary School)
- **Liam McAuley**
(Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)
- **James Tiernan**
(Holy Child P.S.)

**Edmund Rice
Perpetual Trophy**
awarded to
LIAM KANE
(Good Shepherd P.S.)

Best 'A' Level Student 1997



Liam Kane



The "three A grade" students



Denis Cormican being presented with the Bro. Gallagher Perpetual Shield by Mr. John Cooley.

Academic Awards at 'A' Level

Brother Gallagher Perpetual Shield

*(Presented annually to the
Outstanding Member of the Ski Society)*

- **Denis Cormican**
(Ballymacrickett P.S.)

Bonn Sheamais Mhic Eachaidh

- **Criostóir Keenan**
(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)

Gerry Magennis Memorial Award - **Cormac McKenna**

(St. Patrick's P.S.)

Forresters' Medal

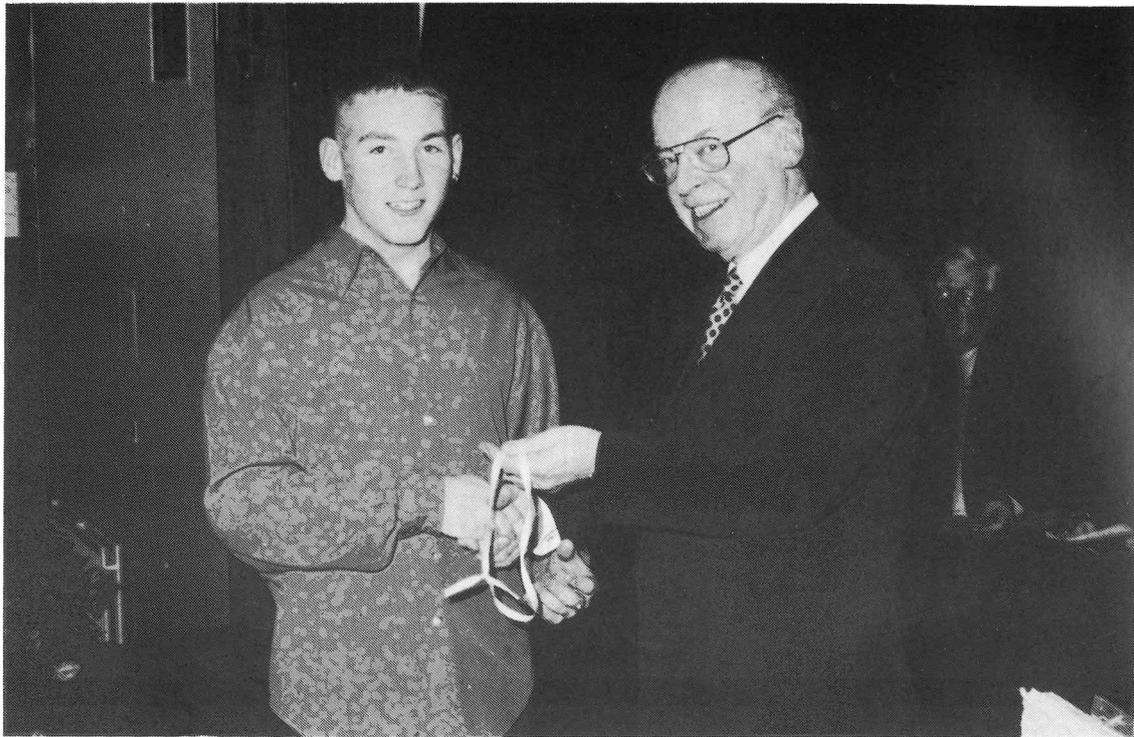
- **Declan Gamble**
(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)

Outstanding Performance at 'A' Level

John Bradley	- (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Kevin Dyer	- (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Christopher Fisher	- (St. Kevin's P.S.)
Kieron McCann	- (St. Gall's P.S.)
Conor McHugh	- (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Neil McIlroy	- (Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)
Martin Mc Ilvenny	- (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Neil Pimley	- (St. Anne's P.S.)

Attendance Awards

Conor Campfield	- (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Christopher Fisher	- (St. Kevin's P.S.)
Ciaran Gallagher	- (St. Teresa's P.S.)
Kevin Kelly	- (Holy Child P.S.)
Gareth McCallion	- (C.B.S., Hightown)
James McCallum	- (Holy Child P.S.)
Neil Pimley	- (St. Anne's P.S.)



Declan Gamble - Forrester's Medal



Outstanding 'A' level students

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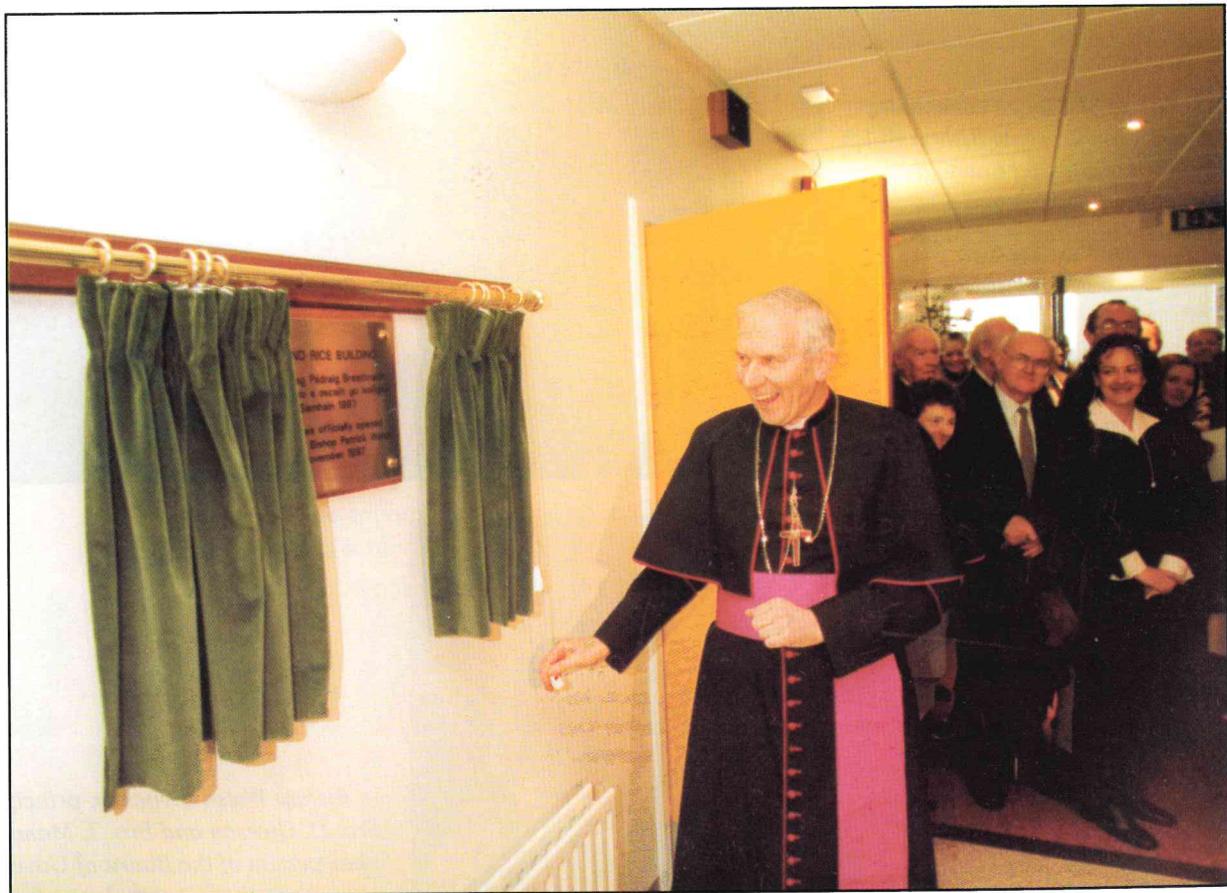
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Opening and Blessing of the Edmund Rice Building.

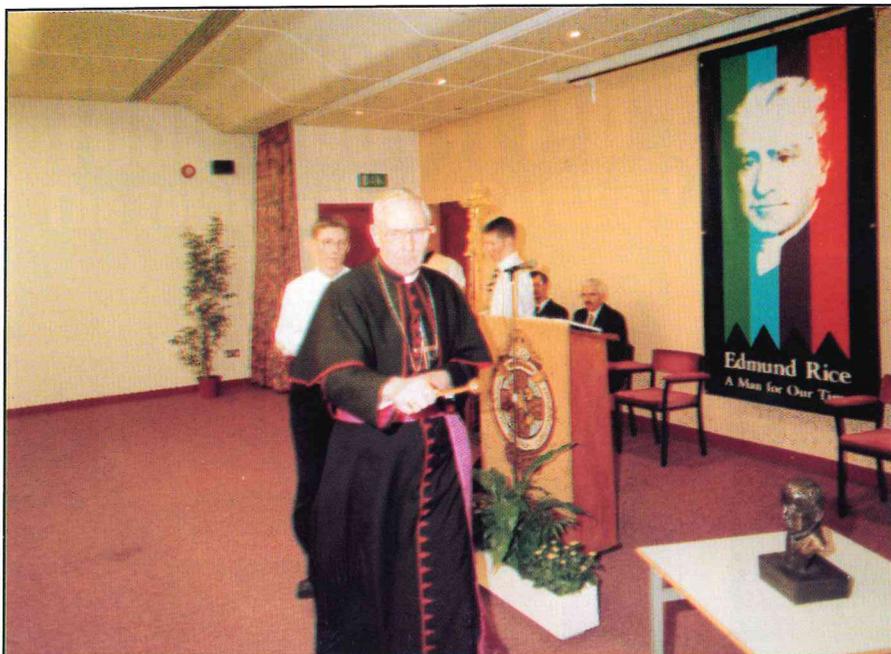
Tuesday 25th November 1997 was a memorable occasion for the teachers and pupils who assembled in the Church of the Holy Spirit for a special celebratory Mass for the opening of the Edmund Rice building. The choir and orchestra set the tone for a beautiful Mass of Thanksgiving, which Bishop Walsh had requested specifically for the pupils. As an ex-Barrack Street pupil himself, the Bishop spoke warmly of the Brothers and put into context the immeasurable good achieved for the Catholic boys by their experiences at St. Mary's. He reminded us that spiritual development was as important as our academic mission and his message reassured many of the values associated with St. Mary's.

The official opening on Wednesday 26th November was attended by representatives from parents and pupils, from DENI and BELB, from the Christian Brothers' Provincialate, Primary School Principals, Ancillary staff, School sponsors, School architects and builders and teachers present and retired. The Legendary J.M.Murphy, whose vision largely created the modern St. Mary's, was a particularly welcome guest as were all the other friends of St. Mary's who accepted our invitations. Everyone was pleased to greet old and new friends and this report ends with the words of the Principal on the building programme:

'It's about pride. Having a school that looks good is telling children they're worth something'.

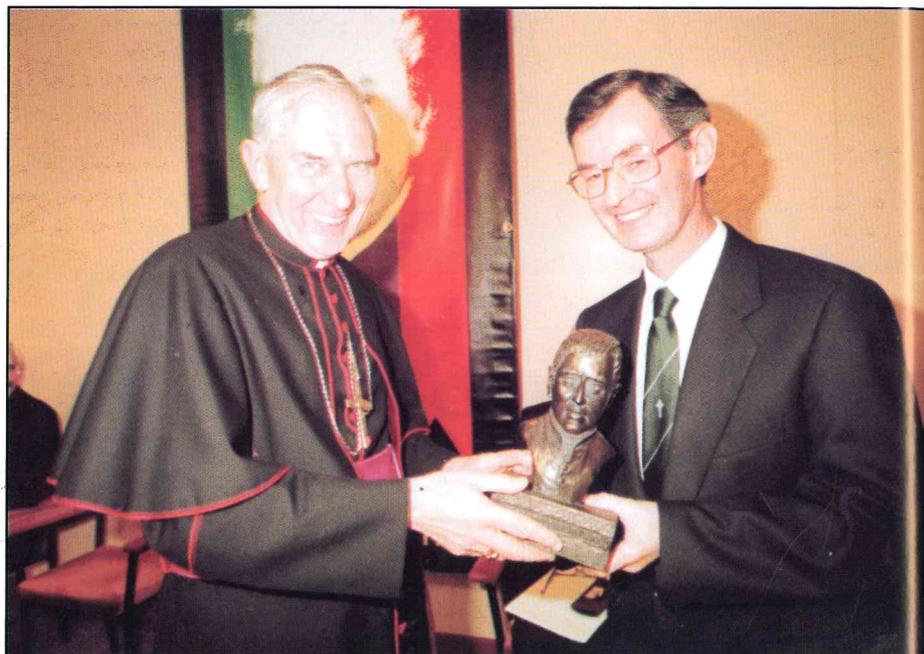


*Bishop Walsh unveils a commemorative plaque while Mr. McAuley, Miss McCann and retired teacher Mr. Joseph Mitchell look on.
The principal of St. Dominics anticipates comparable facilities for her pupils.*



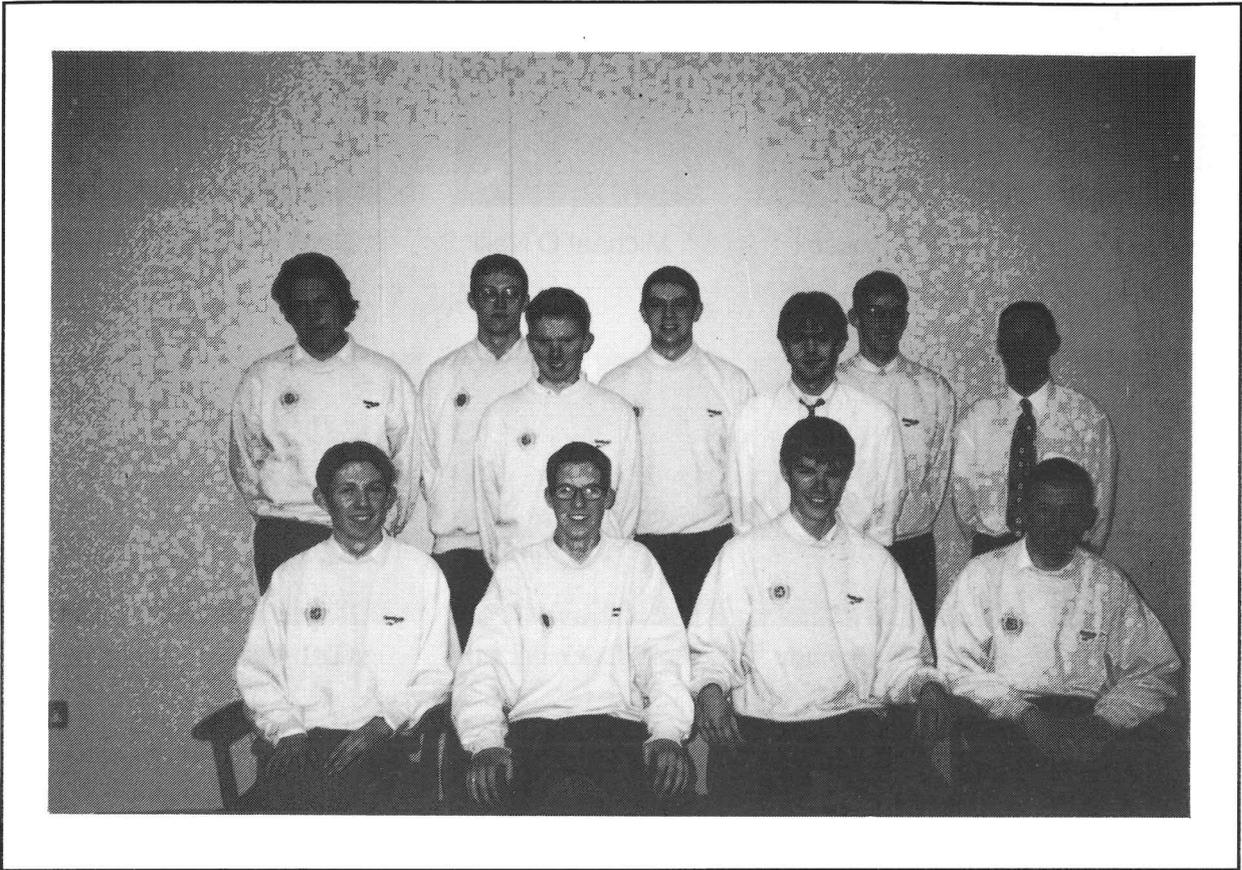
Bishop Walsh blesses the new building under the watchful eye of Bro. D. Gleeson (ex-principal), Mr. Carville (DENI), and two of our senior prefects Gareth Huston and Martin Morrissey.

On behalf of St. Mary's community, Bro. D. Gleeson presents Bishop Walsh with a bust of Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Brothers and after whom the new building was named.



Bishop Walsh invites ex-principal Bro. D. Gleeson and Bro. T. Monaghan, chairperson of the Board of Governors to inspect the plaque.

Senior Prefects 1997-1998



Back Row. L-R. K.McCartan, G.Mallaghan, C.MacManus,B.Gallagher,S.McErlean, C.Christie, S.Strain.

Front row. L-R. G.Huston, A.McCurry, A.Fitzsimons,M.Morrissey.

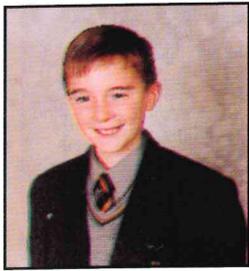
Other prefects included : B.Armstrong, D.McGarry, D.Beggs, P.O'Hare, J.O'Neill, R.Smyth, N.Boyle, J.Diamond & D.O'Neill

The New Bursar

This year saw the appointment of past pupil Mr Donagh Finnegan to the post of Bursar.
He has settled into the job with guidance from Mr. John Mc Kenna



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Gavin Forde



Keith Russell



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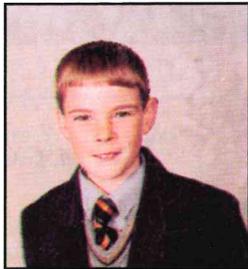
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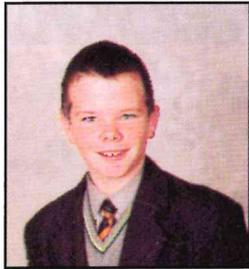
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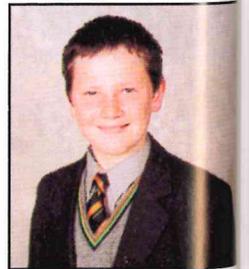
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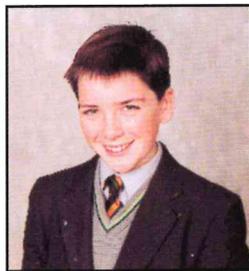
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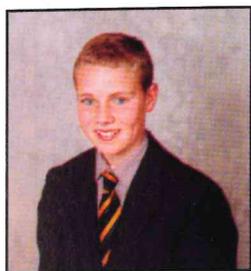


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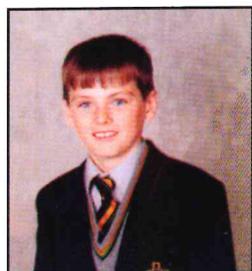


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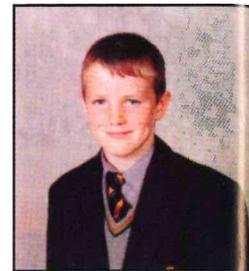
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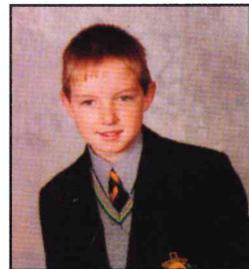
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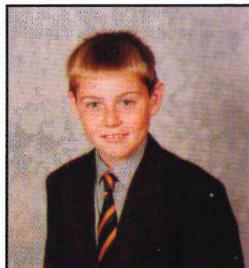
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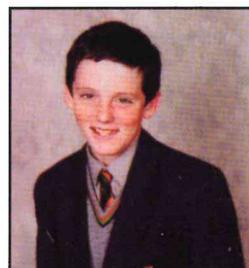
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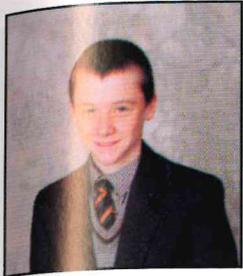
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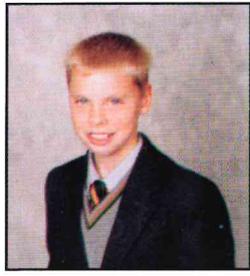
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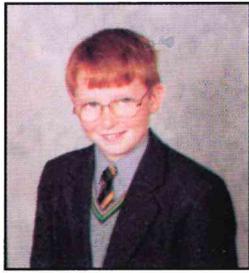
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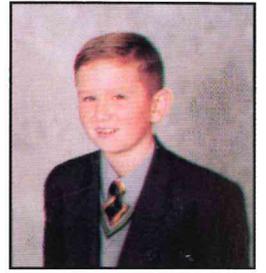
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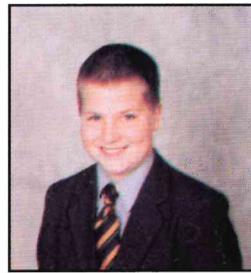
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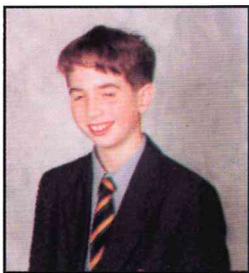
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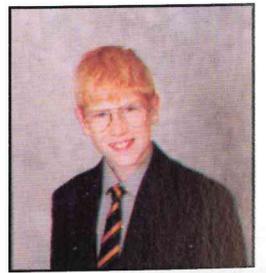
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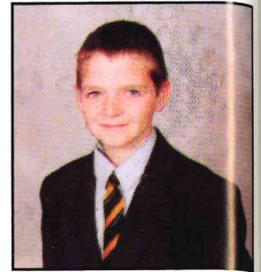
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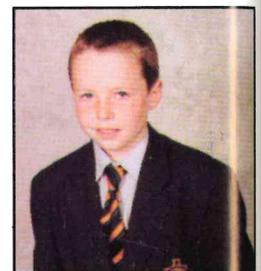
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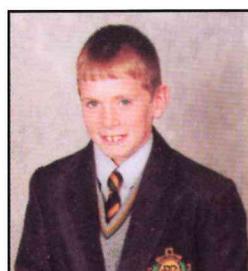
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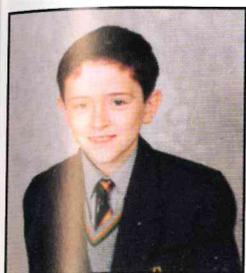
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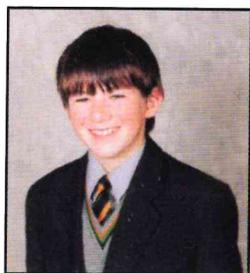
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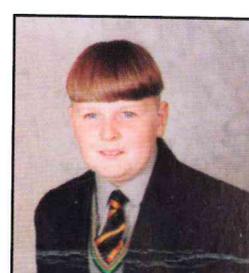
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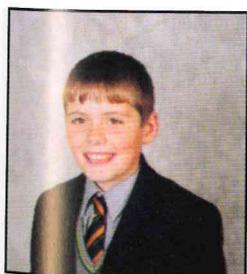


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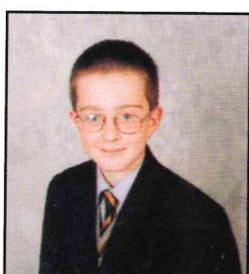


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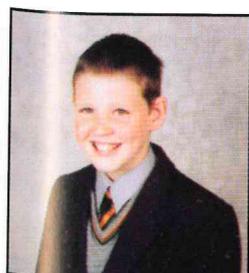
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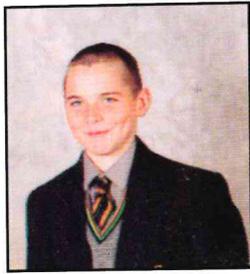


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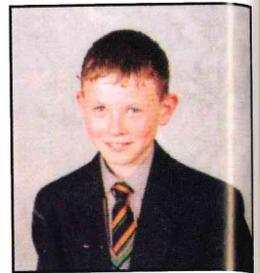
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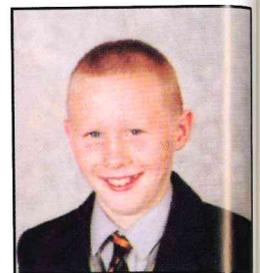
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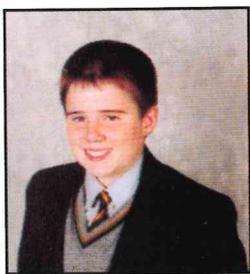


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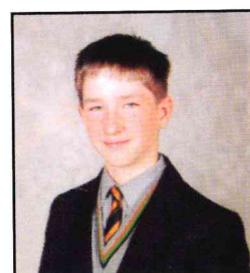
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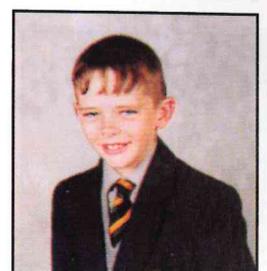
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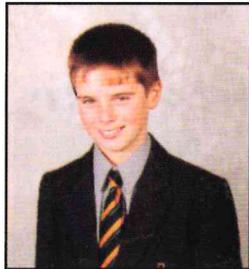
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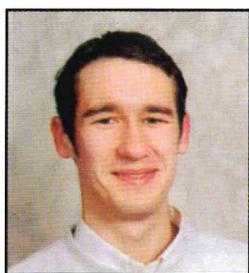
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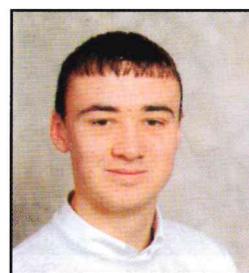
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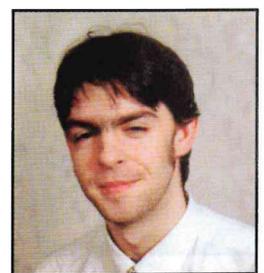
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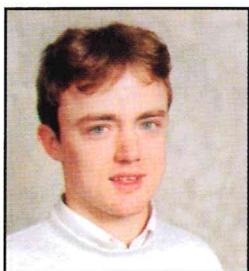
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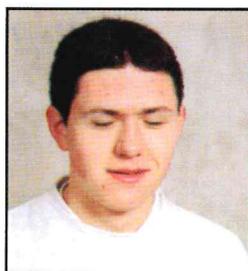
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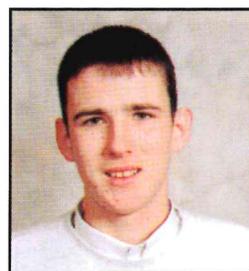
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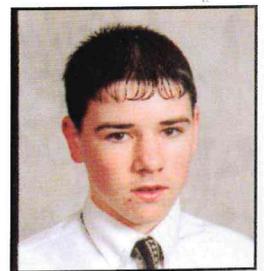
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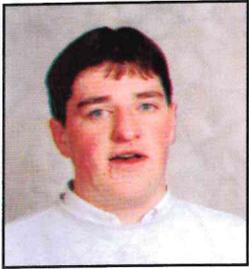


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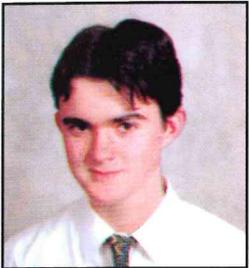


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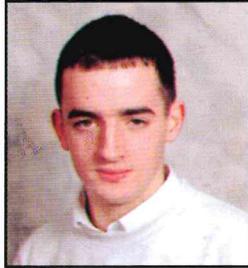


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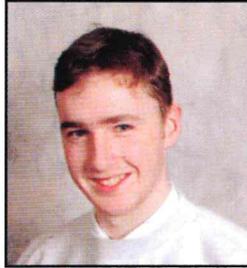
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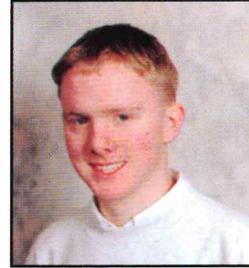
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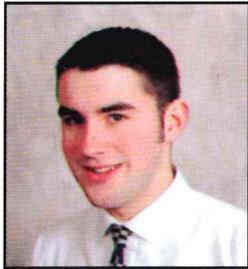
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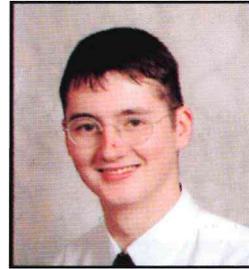
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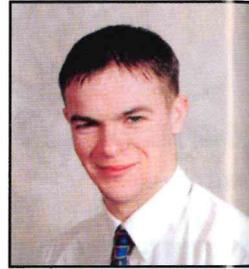
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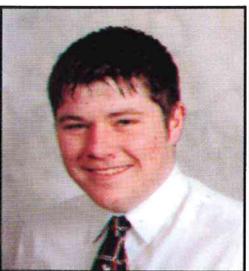
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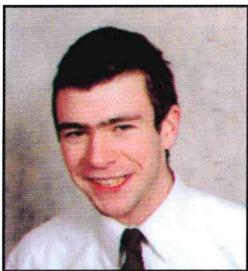
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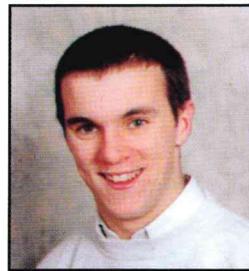
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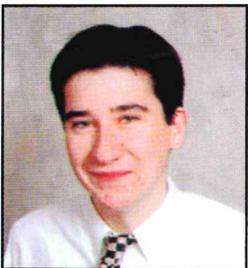


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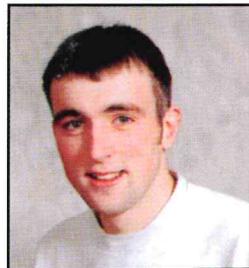
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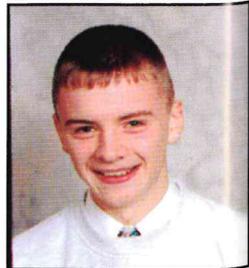
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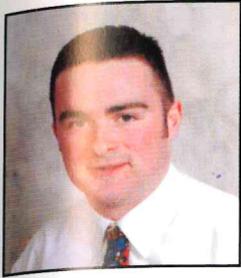


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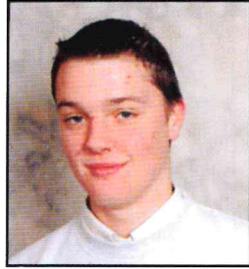


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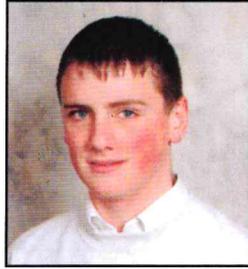
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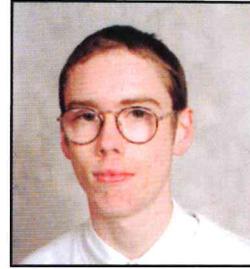
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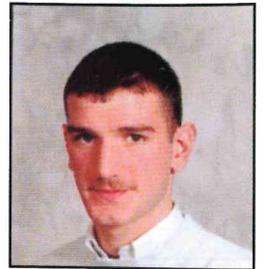
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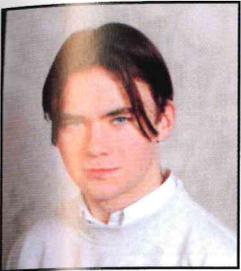


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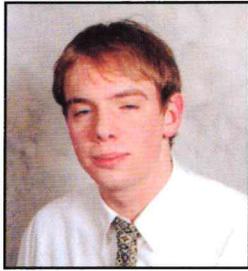
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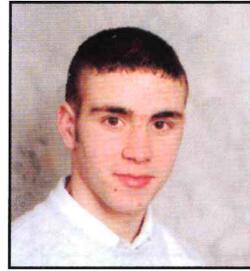
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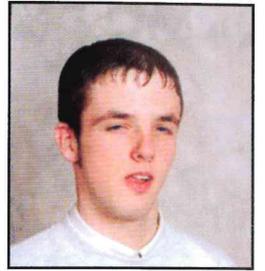
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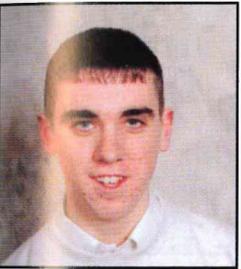


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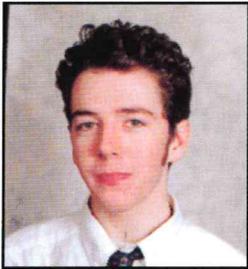
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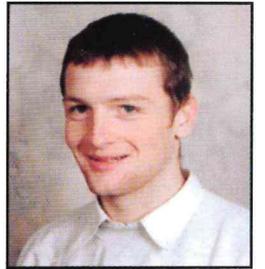
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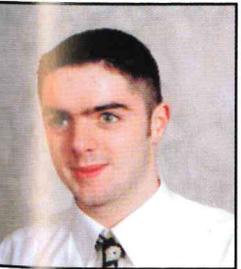
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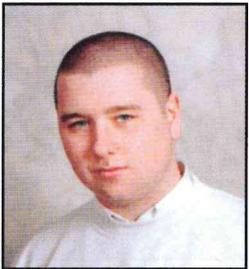
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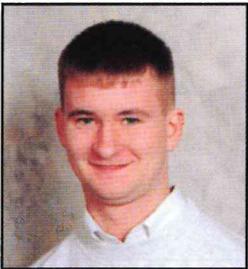
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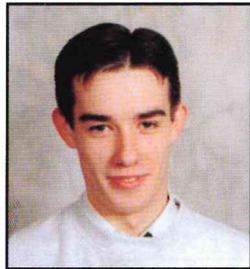
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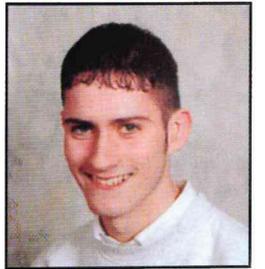
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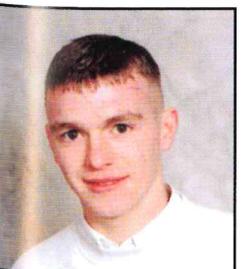
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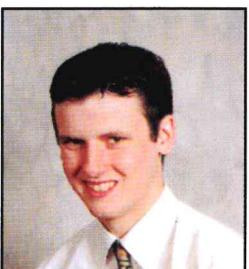
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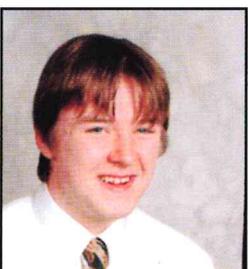
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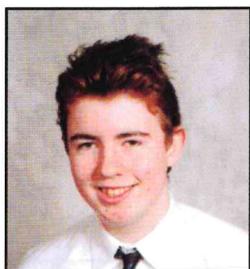
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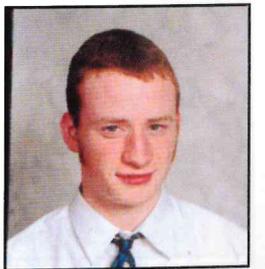
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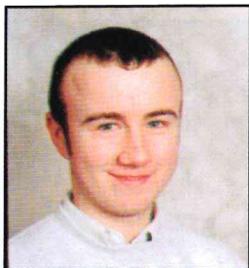
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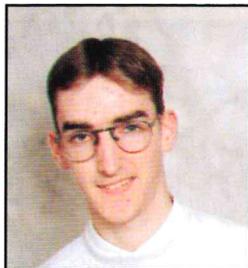
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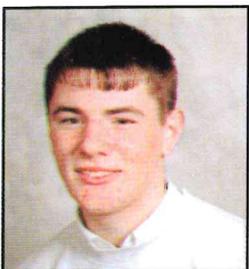


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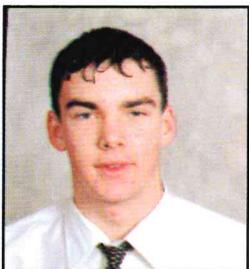


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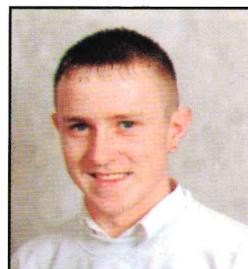
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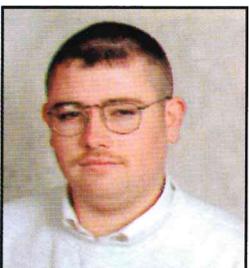
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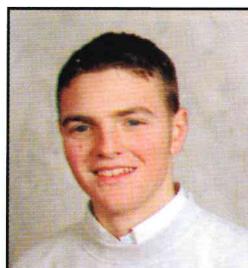
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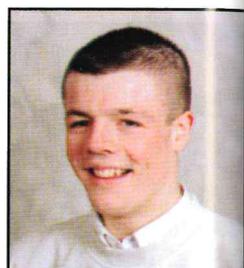
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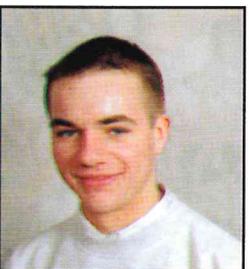
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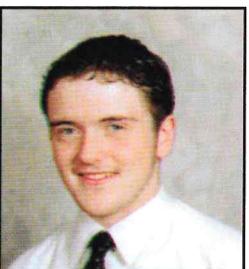
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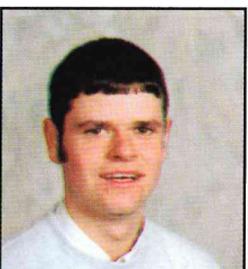
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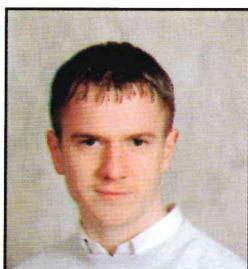
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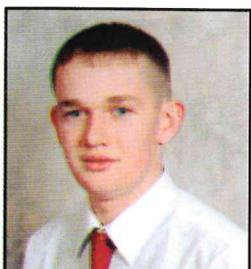
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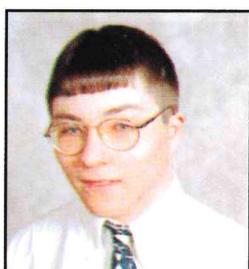
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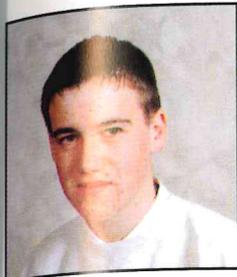


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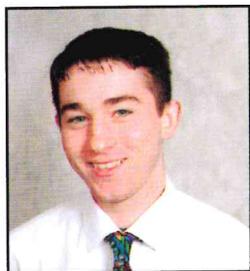


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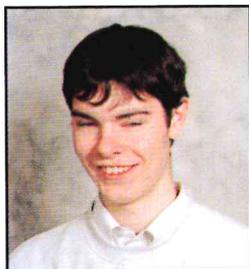
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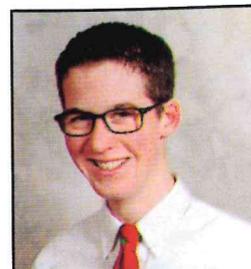
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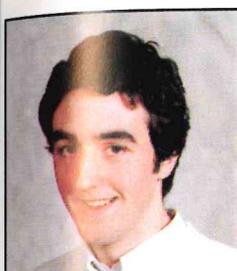
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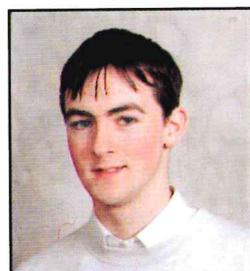
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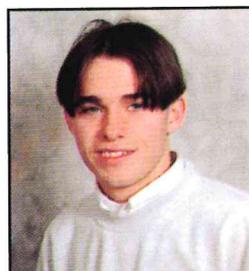
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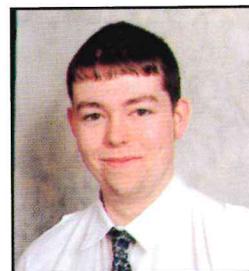
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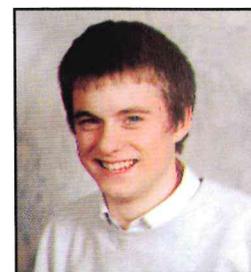
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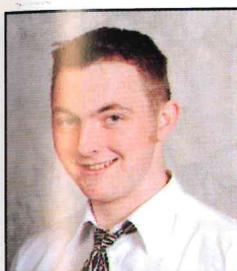
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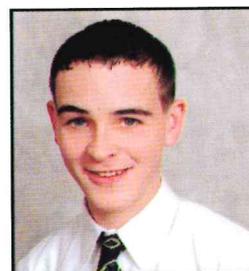
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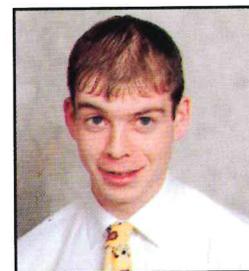
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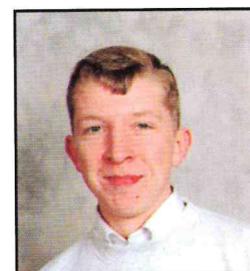


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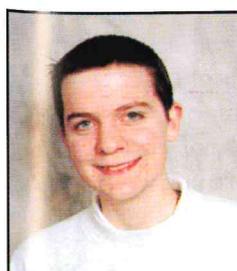
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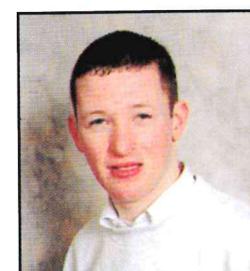
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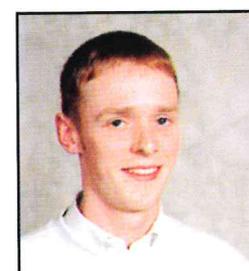
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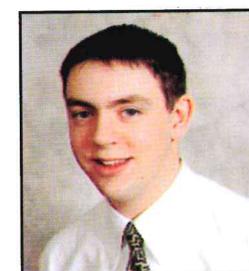
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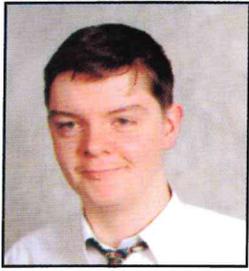


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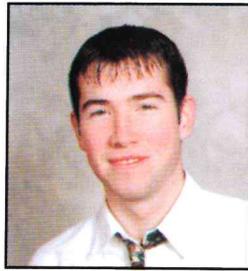
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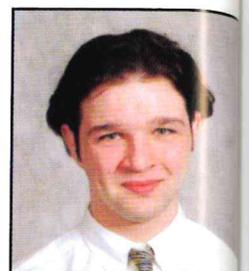
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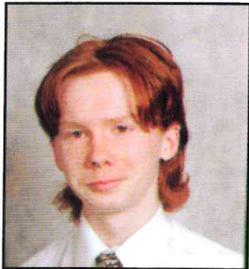
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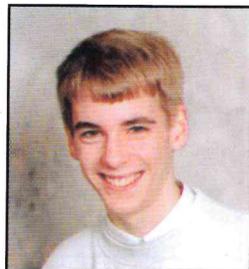
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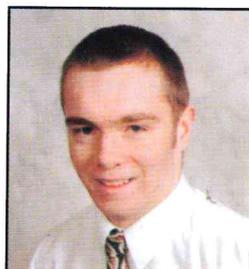
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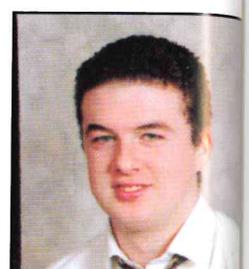
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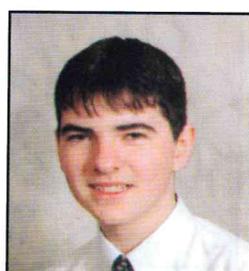
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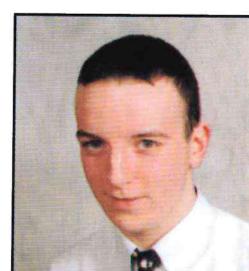
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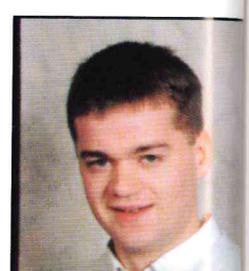
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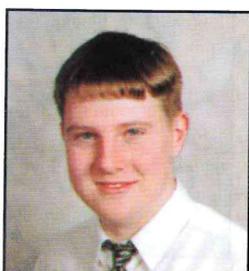
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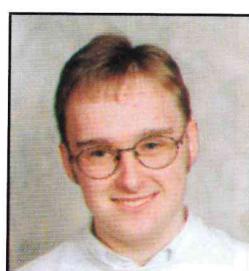
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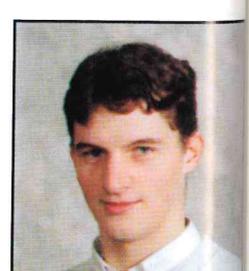
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Coca-Cola Factory

As we were studying Industries in school we decided to look at this more closely, so we went to the Coca-Cola factory in Lambeg. There are three types of industries, Primary, Secondary and Tertiary. The Coca-Cola factory is a Secondary industry, this means that it uses resources to create something. This factory does not just make coke but also makes Sprite, Fanta, Lilt and sometimes 7-UP. They make up to 1100 cans per minute and have a new machine that can make even more. In 1994 they opened a new bottling plant at a cost of #2 million. They have 350 workers employed at Lambeg each doing a different job. There is a well close to them and this is used as a source of water. They use 16000 gallons per hour.

Stephen Herdman. 9C.



POPULATION CONFERENCE

This conference which took place at Spires Conference Center, Belfast, was titled 'Planet without a Plan'. Many schools were present as it is relevant to part of the A-level geography syllabus. The aim of the day was to show the problems of a growing population in our world today. The guest speaker was Professor David Bellamy, the well-known Ecologist and Botanist.

The morning concentrated on how the population has changed over time in developing and non-developing countries and how it continues to change. The problem of a world with a population greater than its available resources was discussed. How to overcome this was also discussed in an engaging and sometimes humorous way by Professor John Guilleband. Then David Bellamy put forward his own personal view in a speech entitled 'World War 3'. Between break and lunch the speakers diversified more into aspects of child labor both in Belfast and overseas.

After lunch pupils from all the schools were offered the opportunity to debate and put questions to the opposing panels on the stage comprising of guest speakers and students from local schools and colleges. Many interesting questions were answered and some possible solutions to over population were discussed.

Overall the day offered information on the subject but also was interactive and engaging for the audience.

Michael Bennett 13C.

8B Claim Title

At the beginning of December Mr. Watson started a Year 8 Goegraphy quiz. Each class had 2 teams made up of 4 members and went into a knock – out competition. Each round was made up of a slide round of visual questions and general geography topics, including some of which were supposed to be covered in class!

At the end of the day the final was between **8B's** second team (they defeated the first in a tense derby semi – final) and **8E**.

It proved to be a game of 2 halves with nothing to choose between the two sides until a difficult capital cities round where **8B** really showed their worth.



*Top row - Mr. Watson, S. Rafferty, E.Doherty, K.McFall.
Bottom row - L.Boyle, R.Mallon, P.McLaughlin.*

GEOGERS!

GEOGERS is the Geography Department Bulletin which has been published since November 1997. It contains input from the staff and pupils in the department mixing articles on examination results and coursework advice with topical issues like El Nino and French cities hosting World Cup matches!

The editorial committee is made up of Hugh Mallan, Sean Conlon, Conor Brannigan, Barry Crookes, Damien Campbell and Gerard Mc Cartan.



FOURTH YEAR DEBATING CONTEST

February - March 1998

In February this year, Mr. Campfield, with his usual mixture of tactful, diplomatic entreaty and the veiled threat of coursework, coerced a small group of Year 11 students to metamorphasise from their mild-mannered selves into later-day John. F. Kennedy's', Martin Luther Kings' and even Bob Dylans'. These unwitting accomplices were to stand up in the Lecture Theatre and put their cases to the howling hordes that were ready to tear them limb from limb. In fact, the only seven people who ever attended are so placid and limelight intolerant that they wish from here on is to be referred to as Mr. A through to Mr.G.

So, the brave nine who eventually faced an audience of one (Mr. A) had to argue the motion that

"This house believes a woman's place is in the home".

With the customary blend of dry humor, rhetoric and improvisation, two vastly unequal teams fought a war of words in which the victim became Ciaran Morris, who held forth valiantly and admirably against all the points of information the opposition could throw his way. This debate was also memorable for the fact that it is probably the only time anyone has ever tried to make Martin Luther King look sexist.

The score ranged from 8.08 to 8.7 so Mr Campfield was loath to let anyone go. Little did we know that Brendan Green, the quoter of one thousand sources, would be absent with flu the next week and that another potential prize-winner, Eamon Dickson, would also not be present, opting instead for football training. Only seven of the original nine debaters turned up for the final where the motion before the house was that

"This house would emigrate".

This debate threw up the argument over whether or not a Sudanese peasant actually needs a scientific calculator. It was probably better than the last debate for the dual reasons that the orators had a greater understanding of the principles of a debate and that Messrs.B to G in attendance,(Mr. G was Mr. Tohill who helped Mr. Campfield in his final judgement).

Again it was a hard fought epic. Reason fought rhetoric while sense grappled with more out of context quotes. It was a masterful display and indeed a pleasure to listen to the polished, practiced phases of Pierce Gormley, a veteran of many class debates and Damien Campbell, who spent a great deal of time on researching his thoroughly rehearsed debate. Yet again, points of information resulted in witty off-the-cuff retorts or spectacular own goals.

Finally, the moment of truth arrived. Messrs. Campfield and Tohill huddled at the head of the room whispering animatedly and occasionally pointing at one or other of the

groups. All were described as naturals but some had to be more natural than others. Adjudged to be joint third naturals were Christopher Morren, who owes a dept of gratitude to his thesaurus, and Malachy Costello, who used rhetoric and wit to truly great ends. David Doyle was considered second most natural, some thanks due to Uncle Tom in Canada. The judges wisely concluded that Paul Mc Kay (that's me) was most natural, although they were dubious about my having quoted Bob Dylan twice saying things that were nothing to do with sexism or emigration. All of the most natural will be rewarded in the not so distant future.

Congratulations to all involved. Special thanks to Messrs. A,B,C,D,E,F,Campfield and Tohill. The bribes are on their way.

Paul Mc Kay. 11A.



Deutschfest '98

On Thursday, March 5th the hungry hordes of Year 10 German students descended upon S13 for the second annual Deutschfest (German festival).

Proceedings got underway with a quick bite to eat and before long the supplies of Salami, Wurst and Black Forest cheese were running very low, although it must be said that the Pumpernickle was not such a big hit with the men of 10E and 10G (Barrack Street). The main course was followed by very tasty 'Schwarzalderkirschtorte' or Black Forest gateau.

The main event of the evening was the German table quiz. All questions were in German (natürlich) and were asked by the very capable quizmaster Ralf, this years German assistant, and the marks were recorded by Paul Mc Kay 11A and Hugh Lullan 11B.

After a titanic (or should that be teutonic!!) battle, the winning team who collected a German dictionary each (excellent choice Mr Rasdale) was 'Die wunderbare Kinder'. The brilliant children being Damien Magee, Anthony Mc Mullan, Matthew Neill and Gerard Mc Nally.

This event was very enjoyable and well attended, hopefully it will continue on an annual basis.

WE STEM HORIZONS

(John O'Hare - 12B)

As a viola player in the City of Belfast Youth Orchestra (CBYO) last year I was lucky enough to be part of the orchestra that toured the eastern states of America. Rumours had began many months before heralding it as the most prestigious tour yet undertaken by the CBYO. For me this was a really exciting prospect considering that it was my first year with the orchestra and that I was one of its youngest members.

The group of 90 students aged between 15 and 22 together with 10 adults gathered at the School of Music in Donegall Pass on a scorching summer morning, 23rd August. The tour was to last two weeks and much to my disappointment I had to miss one week's grind of school and Mr Connolly's riveting form periods. After a drawn out flight we arrived in New York and transferred on to buses for the long journey ahead to our first destination, Worcester, Massachusetts. We arrived in the dead of night totally exhausted to meet our hosts. This was to be the first of three homestays, with people staying in pairs with American families.

The venues for concerts here were centred around Boston, the most memorable ones being Quincy Market and the Hatch Pavillion. Everywhere we travelled we were received with much acclaim, especially by Irish-American groups and the orchestra featured not only in papers but also on T.V.

Our second stop was Boyertown, Pennsylvania, a quiet area greatly influenced by the Amish Community who live nearby and who refuse to make any contact whatsoever

with the outside 'material' world. One venue here was Longwood Gardens and at night after our concert we had an opportunity to watch the Longwood Garden Illuminations, an overwhelming spectacle of lights, fountains and images projected into the sky.

The third and final destination was Washington DC. This was the longest part of the tour taking in a lot of sight-seeing and free time for us to enjoy ourselves. We performed at the Old-Post Office and also at the Celebrated JFK Centre as well as Capital Buildings where we met Senator Ted Kennedy. He gave us a tour of Capital Buildings which was televised both in America and back home. Everyone was amazed at how cheap food and clothes were and at the generosity of the host families. Many of the orchestra members and organisers returned home with the latest in American designer clothes, sports gear and footwear, purchased at a fraction of what they would have cost in Ireland.

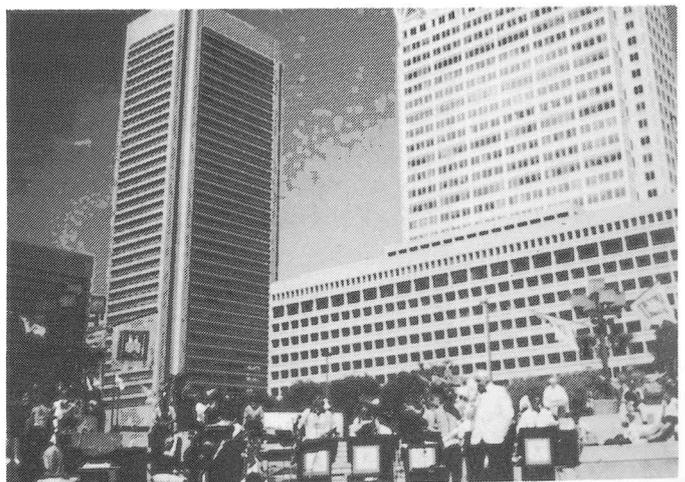
All in all there were 12 concerts, the last of which was held in the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore two days before our return.

We set out the following morning at 7 a.m. for New York, packing in a trip on the Staten Island Ferry and an extremely crammed shopping spree of the capital.

Although at times the tour was exhausting because of the heat and the number of engagements we had to fulfil it was a truly unforgettable experience.



John with Edward Kennedy at his offices in Congress.



'Jammin' with Frank Sinatra in Washington.

St. Mary's hits The Forte Crest Hotel

This was it, the night everyone had been waiting for - September 11th 1997, the social event of the year, St. Mary's formal. Mr Hegarty and the formal committee didn't let us down! All the planning, organising and preparation that went into this event made it a night to remember.

Limos of all ranges pulled up outside, with the passengers waiting anxiously for the chauffeurs to open the doors. Executive cars were spotless as they drove into the car park with their eager "Employers" in the back. One couldn't help thinking that this was going to be a night of elegance and sophistication until I saw someone arriving in an Apollo taxi!

Once the music started, it was the cue for Peter O'Hare to literally clear the floor and show everyone how it should be done! But the teachers were not to be out done, up stepped Miss "Ginger Rogers" Mc Cann and her dancing partner Mr G Quigg. The Derry man played a blinder and things got really interesting when Joanne and Mary from the office strutted their stuff on the dance floor.

Just as the party was getting into full swing, an anonymous pupil or guest set off the fire alarm, resulting in everyone having to evacuate the building and the Fire Brigade were called in. Boyfriends did the gentlemanly thing and offered their jackets to their partners, even if it did mean them sacrificing themselves to the elements. What they didn't know was that most of the girls were inside chatting up the fire fighters. After an outrageous forty minute sobering - up period a stampede was made for the bar.

Once again, Paul Morris was kept sober and busy with couples who wanted the occasion recorded on film. The quality of the photos were brilliant and deserved to be acknowledged. As the night wore on, everyone started the journey home, or to the local McDonalds restaurant, and the long arduous process of sobering up began...

By Chris Braniff 14F



SenSA Tion

The dawn of a new era.

The idea to launch the S.A.T. newsletter came about when students and staff saw an opportunity to gather and present detailed accounts of current projects in the Science and Technology departments to the whole school. The newsletters are packed with competitions, teacher profiles, news articles, school trips and trivia. If the success of this venture is to be determined by the enthusiasm of its editorial team, Conor Lamb, Christopher Trainor and Dominic Darby, with the guidance of Mr J Heaney, then we can expect to be enthralled and entertained by the next editions.

Issue one contained the following samples.

1) Seagate visit.

This was on offer for pupils who were interested in a computing/science/technology career to get an insight into the world of work. It was very good. Seagate produce parts for computers.

2) Dr Diamond Talk.

The Head of Research in Dublin City University came to talk about research as a career. He was welcomed by everyone especially since he used to teach here.

The Science and Technology department have been very busy:

3) The 6th & 7th years attended a lecture given by Seamus Kane, a past pupil who is now reading Food S.A.T in Queens University. They learnt that employers were now looking for more skills with people and computers. He'll hopefully return next year ; he gave them food for thought.

Coping with those deadly tests

Its hard trying to cope with the hassle of tests you sometimes feel you need miracles to help you revise. Therefore here are 5 good tips to help you study:

- 1) Only work for 40 - 45 min at a time
- 2) Get a place of study where you're comfortable
- 3) Use memory aids e.g. mnemonics.
- 4) Use mind map or wall chart summaries.
- 5) Say things out loud e.g. Orals.



VIRTUAL RETAIL

The 1997-1998 Young Enterprise Mini-Company

A momentous event occurred this year on March 5th. Virtual Retail's Internet guide "Download It Yourself" was published. This is a user-friendly no nonsense introduction to the phenomenon which is the WWW. After a few hours, users of this worthy publication will be indulging in global surfing to destinations they could previously only dream about.

Within one week of publication not only had over 100 copies been sold in the school and at Sligo Trade Fair but Easons had ordered a cool 300 for distribution throughout all of Ireland. This is only the tip of the iceberg. Many other bookshops and outlets are currently being targeted and the initial responses are so favourable as to suggest a second run of the book will be required. It is expected that "Download It Yourself" will eclipse all other St. Mary's mini-company productions - footstools, cookery books, language tapes - to name a few.

Time will tell if Virtual Retail will join the ranks of the great St. Mary's companies of the last eight years. It will not be

easy to follow in the footsteps of the 1992 UK National Final winners, mighty Quantum Enterprises, or the superlative Europhoria, UK Runners-Up in 1995, but, as they say, where there is a will there is a way.

The Virtual Retail team is:

Dan McKinney	(Del boy) Des Ferris
Michael Reel	Colm Connor
Ciaran Martin	Eamonn McKermott
Donal McCann	Michael Rosbotham
Liam Barr	Damien Trainor

The teacher advisers are:

Fiona (Cyberbabe) McKinney, Hugh (Hippy) McBarron and Oliver B. McCann

Virtual Retail wish to extend special thanks to Mr. Michael Crilly, Mr. Stephen Smart and the school caretakers for their assistance and support in making the book possible.

PERSONAL CAREER PLANNING

At the beginning of Lower Sixth, the students were asked to consider seriously future careers and how such goals could be achieved. At this time, I was uncertain as to what I hoped to do, possibly either Teaching or Law and I realised I had to look into these and other options in greater depth before such time as commitment to a particular choice was made.

The first opportunity to do so was afforded by the Research Module which was organised and conducted by Mr F Rice. Pupils were invited to reflect upon a specific programme of action which one would need to undertake, in terms of short-term, medium-term and long-term objectives. This pondered, the next step was to consider in detail specific careers, analysing them under such criteria as -

- what the job entailed,
- entry requirements for the profession,
- personal characteristics essential to the nature of the work,
- the opportunities and prospects should one choose a certain career
- related occupations to particular jobs.

Furthermore, students were referred to further information in terms of useful addresses or relevant further reading should a particular career create some interest. The completion of the module necessitated an evaluation of the professions reviewed and studied, rating them in terms of interest level and making conclusions as to whether I felt myself to be suited to them, and the end results were that I actually confirmed my initial interest in Teaching and Law as possible routes to take.

As I had not yet determined which I preferred, I chose to use Teaching as a basis for my work experience and I found this to be immensely satisfying in terms of the practical experience it allowed me and the confirmation of the career as a viable option in the future. However, further research into the profession, through people who are involved in it, saw my interest waning for it was suggested that the trend is for a rapid tailing-off of opportunities and, as such, it did not seem quite so inviting a proposition.

The majority of the choices I made on my UCAS form were for Law courses. Apart from a long-held interest in the career and family support for these choices, I found that the Open Day held by QUB was invaluable in finalising my decisions, for it helped to clarify the aims and focus of the Law course, as well as providing specific course details available nowhere else.

I am happy and confident with my choices and would advise younger pupils to make good use of the careers sections in the new Library.

(Gerard Armstrong - 14A)

Careers Report 1997-98

The personnel in the Careers Department consists of four teachers (Mr F Woods, Mr J Sheerin, Mr E. Collins and Mr L. Perry). However, other areas of teacher/pupil contact also deliver 'careers'; in December 1997, Mr L. McAleese organised a NISTRO Engineering Awareness programme for Year 10 students.

Our main role in the Careers Department is to raise awareness of the opportunities that exist and to promote various skills and qualities which give an advantage. It is not essential that a pupil has identified a specific career ambition, even by the time he leaves St. Mary's, but he should have used the resources available to educate himself about the various possibilities. At the time of writing, in early January, elements of the programme are still ongoing.

Junior School

By next year we hope that elements of careers guidance will be built into the Junior and Middle school and delivered by the form teachers through the Friday 'Form Class' period. As Third Year pupils approach their Options choices for GCSE, specific advice is offered to pupils and also to parents either at the Options meeting or at subsequent appointments. Mr Sheerin and Mr E. Collins, Head of Third Year guide this process.

Middle School

Mr E Collins organises the programme by which all Fourth Year pupils discuss decision making skills, changing work patterns, job groups and levels, and begin the process of accessing careers information. In May and June the Year Group meet with the officers from the Training and Employment Agency (T&EA) for the first time and go through an inventory procedure to determine their interests and suitability for certain careers. Our T&EA Officers are Jock O'Callaghan and Carmel Gates and their presence is an invaluable resource for the school.

In Fifth Year formal talks are given by Jock on specific career areas e.g. Engineering, Finance, Media, Health Sciences etc to which all Fifth Year pupils are invited. Guidance is also offered in individual interviews with Jock and Carmel. Our hope is that pupils will develop a greater awareness of career opportunities and their routes to attaining employment by the time they are 16. We are especially pleased with those who decide that St Mary's will no longer be an appropriate institution for them post-16 and who access information and advice, know the full range of their options and make an informed decision about their future.

Mr. Woods guides and assists Fifth Year pupils with Option Choices for Lower Sixth.

Upper School

Pupils in Lower Sixth are invited to attend a variety of events; the annual Careers & Higher Education Convention held at Methodist College, the Institute of Directors' Programme, Accountancy Workshops, Open Days at B.I.F.H.E. and Loughry College etc.

In liaison with 'Industry Matters', mock job interviews will be offered in May as will a Business Awareness Day; this has developed from our interview experiences with the 'Knights of St. Columbanus' last year. The Form Class Monitors will facilitate the preparation for the "Interviews". Each pupil will produce a Letter of Application, a completed Job Application Form and a CV. Lower Sixth pupils experience a Careers Module on UCAS preparation organised by Mr. E. Collins. Until his untimely death, Mr F Rice took a Module on Research Skills and his contribution will be badly missed. Sixth Form Pupils have the option of attending seminars during and after school in which past pupils detail their career routes.

Preparation for the "Work Shadowing" experience continues in the first and second terms with the Monitors in the weekly Friday Form Class. The set assignment is discussed in detail and advice offered. The Work Shadowing Programme will take place during February. During this week (Monday 2 February - Friday 6 February 1998). Last year 84% of students completed a placement. The follow-up assignment will factor in UCAS assessment by the school and other references. Work Shadowing for GNVQ pupils takes place in September 1998.

The Careers Library is open to all students and especially Sixth Year pupils for research and consultation. Mr Collins is working this year to establish new procedures for accessing the new career facilities available in the library. Private consultation is always available from Careers Teachers or as always, Jock and Carmel our Careers Officers from the Training and Employment Agency.

In May, Mr F Woods will organise talks by Admission Officers from Queen's University and the University of Ulster. Prospectuses for both universities are given to all students and further talks follow on entry to Southern Universities and other aspects of Further Education. Other prospectuses will be available for consultation. Open Days at QUB and UU will take place in early September 1998.

By the completion of Lower Sixth, pupils who positively engage in the Careers Programme will have had learning opportunities in work and interview experiences, developed skills in researching jobs and completing application forms, accessed Careers resources and begun their planning for the UCAS and Further Education route.

The names of those students who obtained places in Third Level education and those past pupils who graduated from universities in the last academic year are displayed in the booklets at Parents' Nights, Open Nights and other school literature. Many of last year's leavers performed with distinction and obtained courses of their choice. Liam Kane and Paul Boyle both seem to be meeting the particular challenges of Cambridge. In keeping with the historical pattern the majority entered Queen's University and the University of Ulster, some were attracted by courses in Dublin and in Edinburgh and some continued into Further Education Colleges. We anticipate similar success for Upper Sixth students.

The clear message from various contacts is that academic qualifications will not guarantee success in the job market. Pupils must take all opportunities in and outside of the curriculum to acquire the other attributes which will enhance their overall profile.

(A special word of thanks to Michael Bennett and Paul Hunter for their work as Career Librarians)

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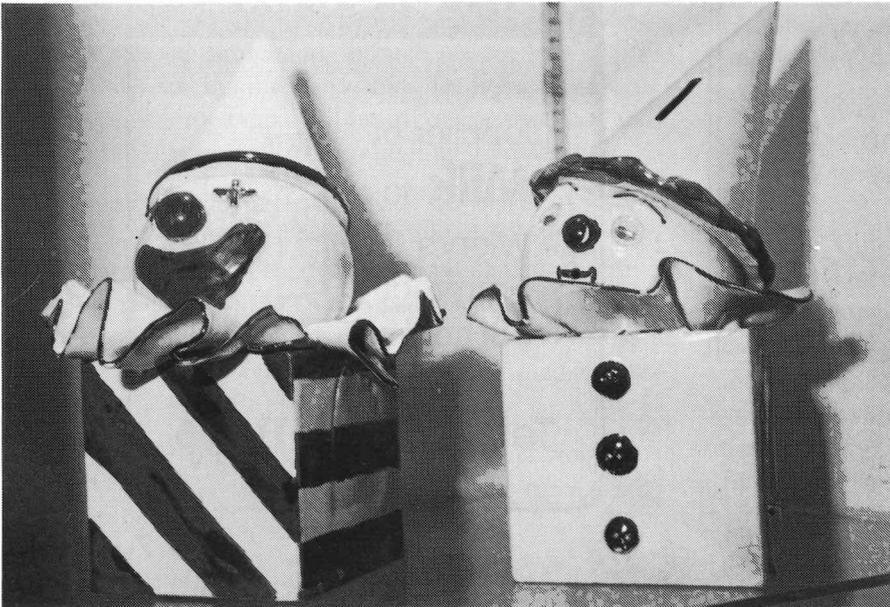
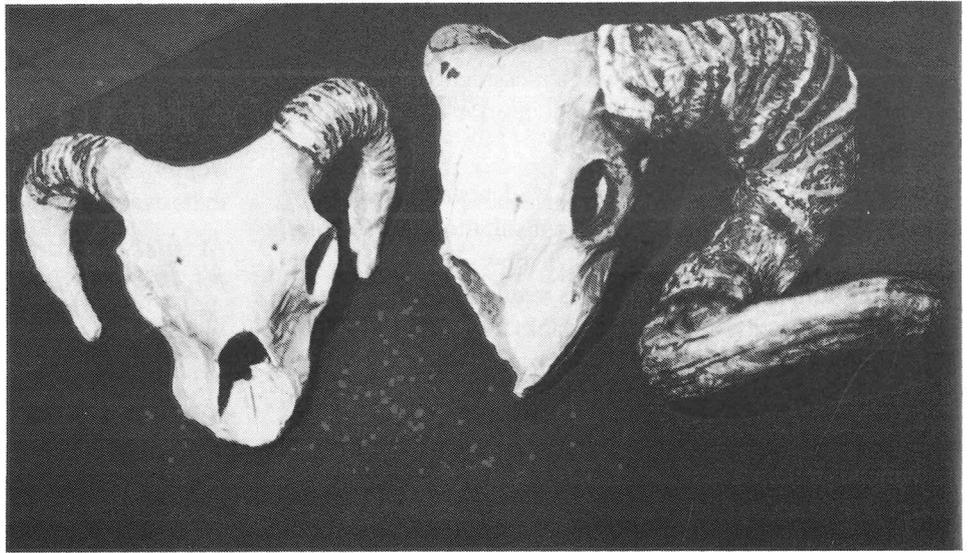
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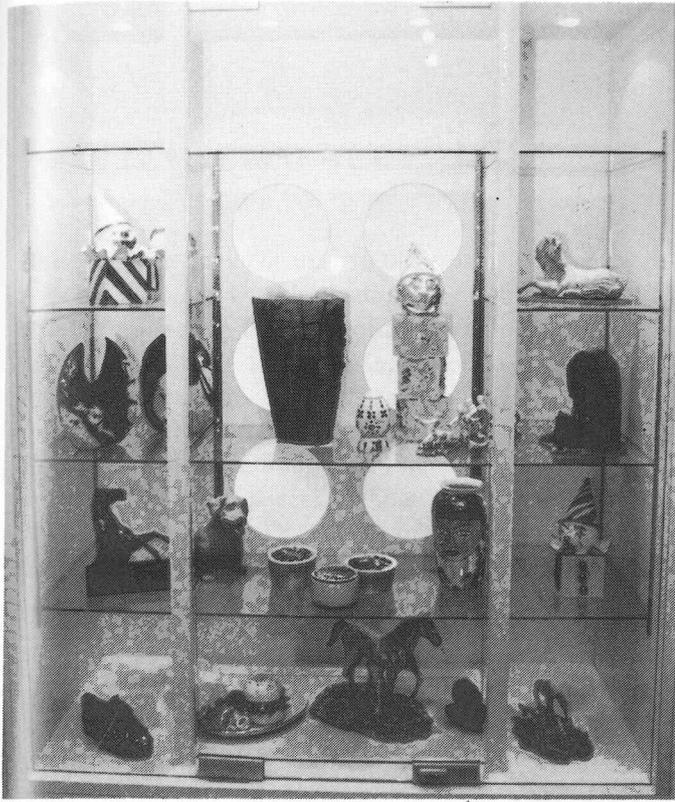


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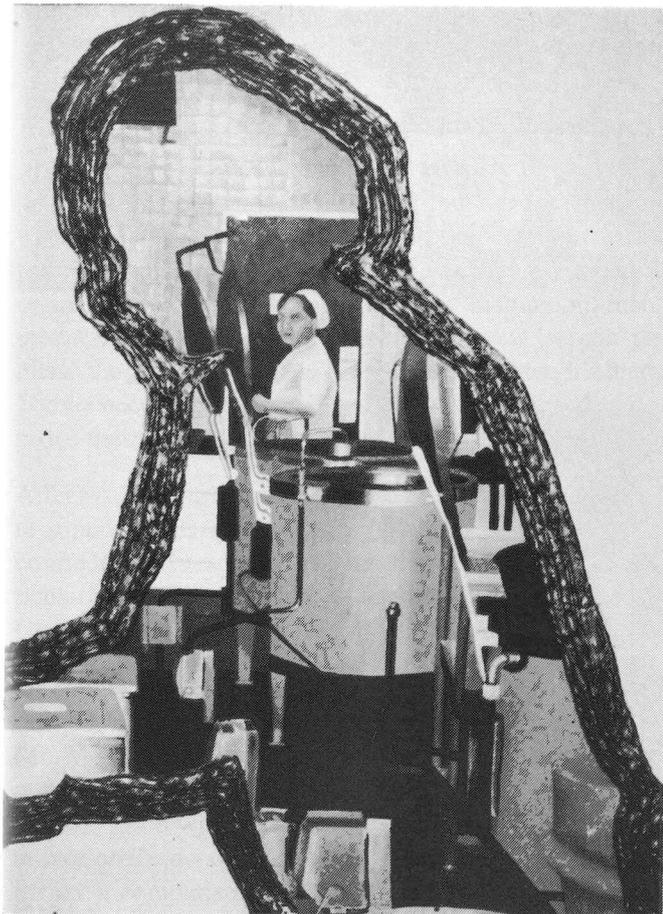
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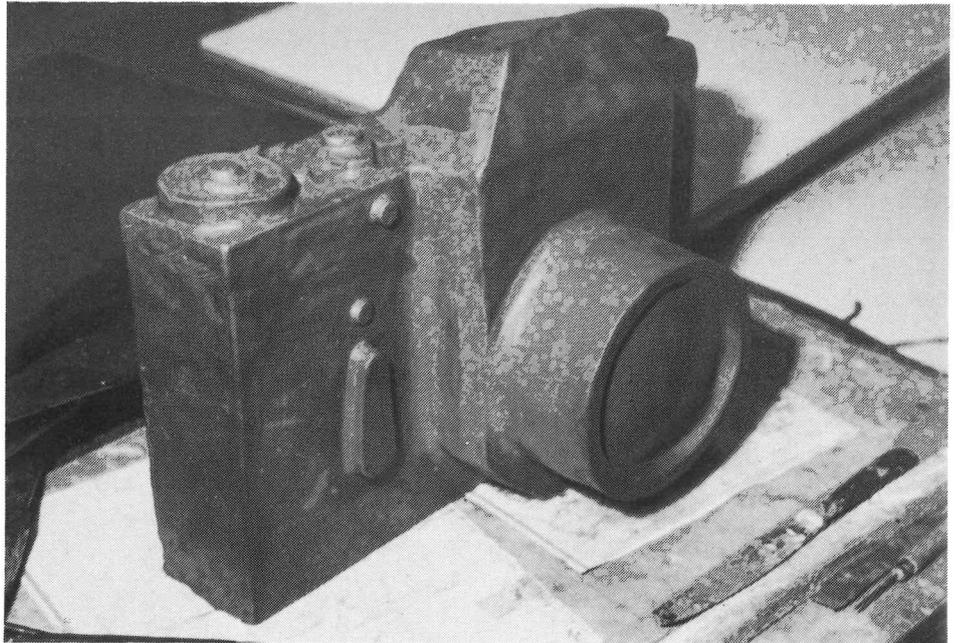


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SKIING

'LES ORRES 1998'

This year's journey began at 10.00am at Aldergrove International Airport. Our destination was to be the resort of Les Orres, deep in the heart of the French High Alps. It was invigorating if not surprising to feel such a spirit and atmosphere among the group so early in the morning. The thought of the week without their beloved ones was enough to drive some parents to tears, (some suggested tears of joy at the thought of a week without 'little Johnny' running rampant at home). A final check of the luggage, passports etc. and we were off.....

Thankfully there were no delays. We left Belfast promptly and took to the skies, (amid claims from one fellow to have spotted his house some 16,000 ft below). We arrived at Lyon as Scheduled and proceeded to our coach to embark upon a four hour journey to our hotel. Eventually we arrived at the hotel and despite a long days travelling enthusiasm was still evident. The group then sat down to a meal which was well appreciated by every member of the weary group. Such was the quality of the wine that it was compared favourably by one budding Egon Ronay as 'better than a Chinese', which he rated as his favourite food. After eating we retired for a well earned rest.

Next morning we commenced our course. It was only in the light of day we fully appreciated the spectacular scenery we found ourselves in. It was truly breathtaking and provided many a Kodak moment. Conditions on the piste were excellent throughout the trip. Our instructors were extremely professional and efficient as they reminded us regularly. Such was the quality of the instruction, many inexperienced novices (most notably the two 'senior' pupils in the group), improved dramatically. Although Alberto Tomba need not worry just yet, everyone managed to improve their skiing technique.

After many tiring days on the slopes we were always treated to superb meals at the Hotel. The staff were wonderful, courteous and responsive to our insatiable appetites, particularly Amber, the centre of attention for many aspiring Casanovas, Paddy Mallon et al.

Of course, after such a tough day skiing, the crowd naturally bayed for entertainment. Karaoke was delivered with Mr. Mc Gettigan providing a magnificent rendition of "I got you babe". The highlight on the entertainment scene was the disco where Mr. Quigg unleashed a vast array of moves on the dance floor, (indeed one of our French cousins drew comparisons with 'Jean' Travolta). Great crack was had by all, particularly Gerard Brown who had the fortune to meet an 'Irish Werewolf' in Les Orres. Other

activities included bum-boarding, pictionary and a quiz on a par with Mastermind.

It was with a heavy heart that we left Les Orres and our new friends. We said our goodbyes to the instructors and the hotel staff before heading home. The return journey was smooth and we arrived in Belfast right on schedule with many memories of what was a fabulous and unforgettable experience in numerous ways.

On behalf of all concerned, we would like to thank every member of staff for their hard work and dedication on providing us with the opportunity to experience the ski trip of a lift-time. There was of course the proverbial mountain to climb in terms of the administration work needed for the trip. Many thanks to Mr.L Perry, Mr. H McGettigan, Bro. Carlin, Bro. Gallagher, Mr. G. Quigg, Mr.B.O'Rourke, Mrs.F.Marshall and Ms.G.Curran.

A lot of work was put in to ensure this trip was one of the most successful in recent years. It was genuinely and gratefully appreciated by all the pupils who forward their thanks once again to the staff involved.

Gerard O'Neill 13C
Hugh Stewart 14E.



Italia '97

On February 13th, thirty-eight pupils of Italian and five teachers set off on an educational visit to Rome "La Citta Eterna" (the eternal city). When we had waved "arrivederci" to our parents we set off on our long journey. The crossing from Larne to Cairnryan was followed by a long coach drive to Dover. The coach had reclining seats and we had videos to make the trip more pleasant, but after a number of hours the seats became more and more uncomfortable. We made a couple of en-route stops at service stations to stock up on essential items such as drinks, sweets and crisps. The Dover to Calais crossing provided a welcome opportunity for sleeping, which most people took advantage of, but some still fought off tiredness. For them the excitement of the trip was too much.

On Friday the coach made its way from Calais through the French countryside to Switzerland. The sight of the Alps in the distance captured everyone's imagination. Our overnight stop was in Montreux in an excellent youth hostel on the shores of a beautiful lake. Although most of us collapsed immediately, some of us still had time to mess about and cover each other in toothpaste and shaving foam.

On Saturday morning we set off again for a memorable drive through the Alps. The scenery was magnificent and unbelievably picturesque. As we emerged on the other side of the Alps, we crossed the border into Italy. We eagerly awaited our first taste of Italian culture, its people and language. It was quite new for most of us but enjoyable for all.

On Saturday evening we arrived at our hotel, tired and hungry and were allocated our rooms. After a short walk we found ourselves in a typical Italian restaurant where we would be eating every evening. The food was delicious and the staff were extremely friendly towards our group.

Soon we were back at the hotel, which was beside an amusement arcade, and everyone went off to bed imagining what was in store for the next few days.

On Sunday we went to Mass in the basilica of the "Santa Maria Maggiore". The church was huge and very impressive. There were many statues and large paintings and frescos.

On Sunday afternoon we headed off to the "Stadio Olimpico" to see Lazio v Inter. The score was 2:2.

Monday to Wednesday we had walking tours of the city. We saw all the main attractions, including Anna Nicole Smith who was on a publicity photo-shoot, the Colosseum, the Forum, the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain, St Peters and some other of the most famous churches such as San Giovanni Laterano. Rome is a very interesting city and has many tourist attractions. We were all amazed by the amount of time and effort that was spent on making these and how well they turned out.

On Thursday morning before we left for home, we made a flying visit to the market place where everyone did a lot of last minute shopping. The most popular souvenirs were religious mementos from the churches and football flags and scarves from the Stadio Olimpico!

Over the nine days the only thing that spoiled it was on our way home when we stopped for something to eat in France the bus was broken into and some peoples bags were stolen.

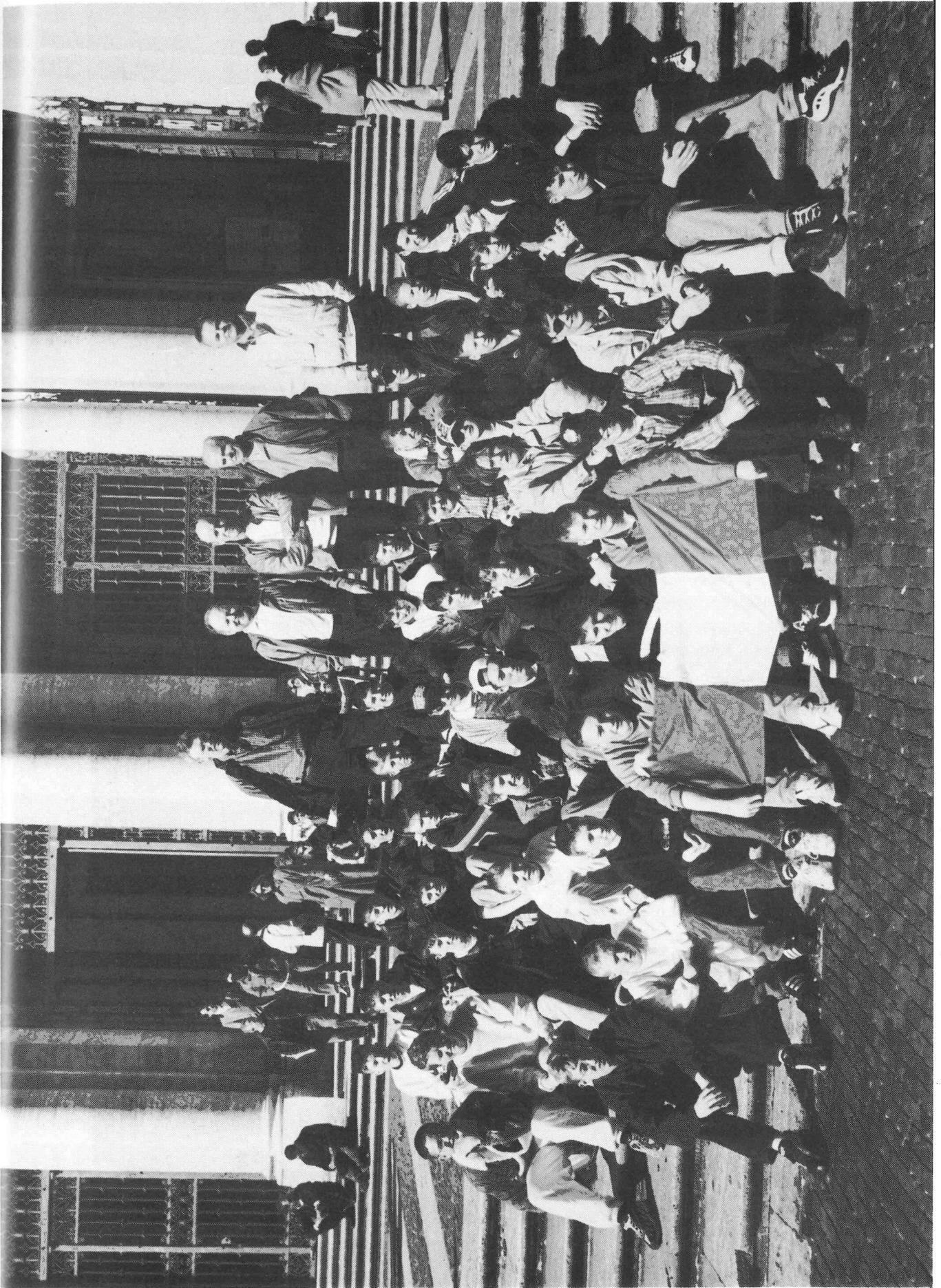
We would like to thank the two Mr. Cullens, Mr. Mc Flynn, Mr. Collins and Mr. Mc Cann for taking us on the trip!!!

Ciaran Cahill 11B

Christopher Duffy 11B



*A group of senior students
pictured in the Colosseum.*



Group photograph taken on the steps of the Basilica of "Santa Maria Maggiore" (Rome)



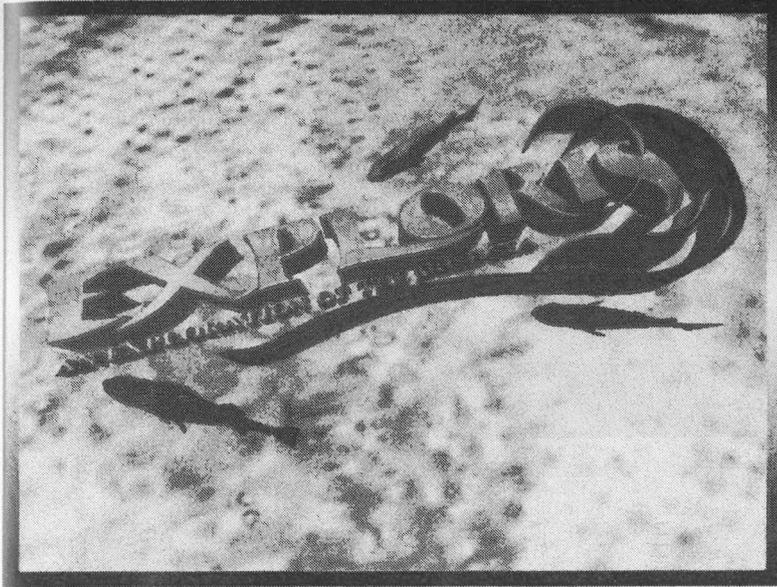
*Form 4 students with their G.O.M.L. certificates in Italian.
A. Forte, C. Conlon & D. Burns.*



*Form 2 students with their G.O.M.L. certificates in Italian.
S. Rainey, J. Webb, G. Black, P. Brady & C. O'Riordan.*

FIRST YEARS MEET FISH

Field Trip



Year 8 (Key Stage 3)



St. Mary's
Christian Brothers'
Grammar School

*Ms. G. Curran
Mrs. D-M Tohill
A. Fitzsimons 14F
S. Smart*

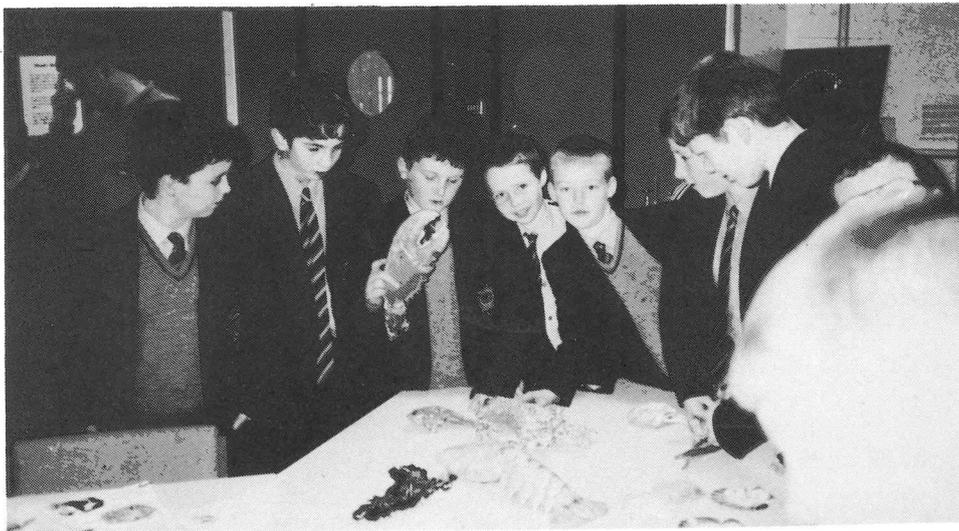
Although still recovering from the ordeal of moving into a new block, the ever exciting Science Department has been keeping up its reputation for combining education with entertainment by organizing several school trips to the impressive Portaferry Aquarium, Exploris.

Originally the brainchild of Mrs. Tohill, Ms Curran and Year 14 pupil Adam Fitzsimons, who is a part-time member of staff at the aquarium. The visit was designed to let the participating Year 8 students learn as much as possible while enjoying the day at the same time. To make sure that everyone had a valuable first-hand learning experience, education packs were designed by Adam, Stephen Smart and the two teachers that covered every part of the guided tour.

Fish questionnaires at the ready, Miss. Mc Cann, Ms. Curran and Mrs. Tohill took two Year 8 classes to 'test out' the value of an aquarium visit to the Key Stage 3 Science course. Arriving in Portaferry with high expectations, nobody was disappointed as we were greeted by seals, sharks, fish and lobsters amongst other exciting creatures. However, those more timid boys who were just there to look were in for a surprise as the tour guides revealed that touching the creatures was an important part of the tour! Fortunately there was nothing to worry about as sea-urchins, crabs and starfish were passed around and for the braver lads, there was a chance to try their hand at touching one of the aquarium's more friendly sharks.

All went well and no fingers were lost, much to everyone's relief. Indeed the visit was such a success that future Year 8 students at St. Mary's can now look forward to a trip to the Aquarium being one of the most interesting and valuable parts of their science course.

A.F.





I've spotted one!



Dr. E. McCaffrey and a school of small fry.





“To Planet Earth with Love from Chemistry”

**On Friday, 14th November 1997, thirty year twelve students attended a
demonstration lecture
given by the Royal Society of Chemistry as part of
*Chemistry Week.***

**The Royal Society of Chemistry is a group of industrial chemists
who publish the series of posters -
*‘Not all Chemists Wear White Coats’.***

These posters are in your science classrooms.

The demonstration lasted one and a half hours and essentially it was a
Chemistry spectacular,
a demonstration of all those chemistry experiments you would love to do but
were never allowed.

The lady giving the talk was a teacher with twenty years experience -
Dr Ann Hubbard.

Her assistant, John Hanson, has worked as a research chemist at Smithkline Beecham for over thirty years. He was part of the team responsible for the original penicillin work.

The experiments on view used dry ice and liquid Nitrogen and contained quite a few surprisingly loud explosions.

All of the year twelve students who attended thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Engineering Awareness Programme in St. Mary's

There were no men of straw among John Glenholmes' team of budding young engineers as he demonstrated his team's tower of strength to Mrs. Prue Campbell from NISTRO, in the final competitive event of an Engineering Awareness Programme, held on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th December 1997 in St. Mary's for year 10 pupils.



In teams of five, the task was to construct a platform thirty centimetres high with the minimum number of straws and pins and capable of supporting a brick for thirty seconds.

The Engineering Awareness Programme has been developed by Northern Ireland Science and Technology Regional Organisation (NISTRO) to improve the image of the engineering industry and help address the shortage of scientific and engineering related skills in the Northern Ireland work force by involving young people in relevant and meaningful activities with an industrial focus.

Key Stage 3 pupils had an enjoyable, informative and activity-packed day solving problems alongside professional engineers from many different types of industry.

There is little doubt that by the end of each day, the majority of pupils had increased their awareness of not only engineering as a profession but also the world of work prior to their deciding which subjects they should carry forward to Key Stage 4.

Many thanks must go to Mrs. Prue Campbell (the programme leader) who worked tirelessly each day and to the invaluable contribution of the sixteen engineers who participated voluntarily and without whom the programme could not have been delivered.

Many thanks to Senior management and ancillary staff who helped so much in the organisation of the two-day event and finally thanks to year 10 boys themselves for their display of courtesy, good humour and enthusiasm on the day.

Mr. L. McAleese

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A Level Biology

On Tuesday 23rd September the two A Level classes met together at their respective classrooms, all prepared to go to the seaside. Ryan Smith managed to turn up in designer clothing with his bottle of sun lotion while Micky Kettle turned up in his uniform. So instead of heading straight for Groomsport beach, the three bus loads of students arrived outside Iris's house for a second breakfast while Michael got ready for the trip.

We eventually arrived at the beach driven and supervised by our great leaders Ms Curran, Mrs Tohill, Dr Shannon, Mr Crudden and Ms Thompson.

The troops armed with ranging poles, measuring tapes and transect squares got to work on the beach. The aim was to examine the plant and animal colonisation in both an exposed and sheltered beach, yet Michael Kettle and Gareth Ward between them managed to extinguish half of the Limpet population by substituting them for a hurling ball. Jonathan Diamonds' white coat felt the full force of an overhead special from Micky.

After lunch, we moved to the second shore but trench warfare continued to rage as the group took part in new methods of limpet counting! At the end of our second experiment we all made the long walk back to base only to discover that someone had left behind some pieces of apparatus. Everyone trekked back to commence the search. A certain group of students managed to escape only to be recaptured by Ms. Curran. To occupy ourselves we decided to splash each other, unfortunately Ms. Curran got caught in the crossfire, which resulted in a long, silent journey for a stretch of the Bangor Road. Normality returned as we neared Belfast in time to meet the talent flocking out of St. Dominic's, St. Rose's and St. Louise's. We were the only ones smiling for the traffic jam the length of the Falls Road.

Sean Mc Manus.



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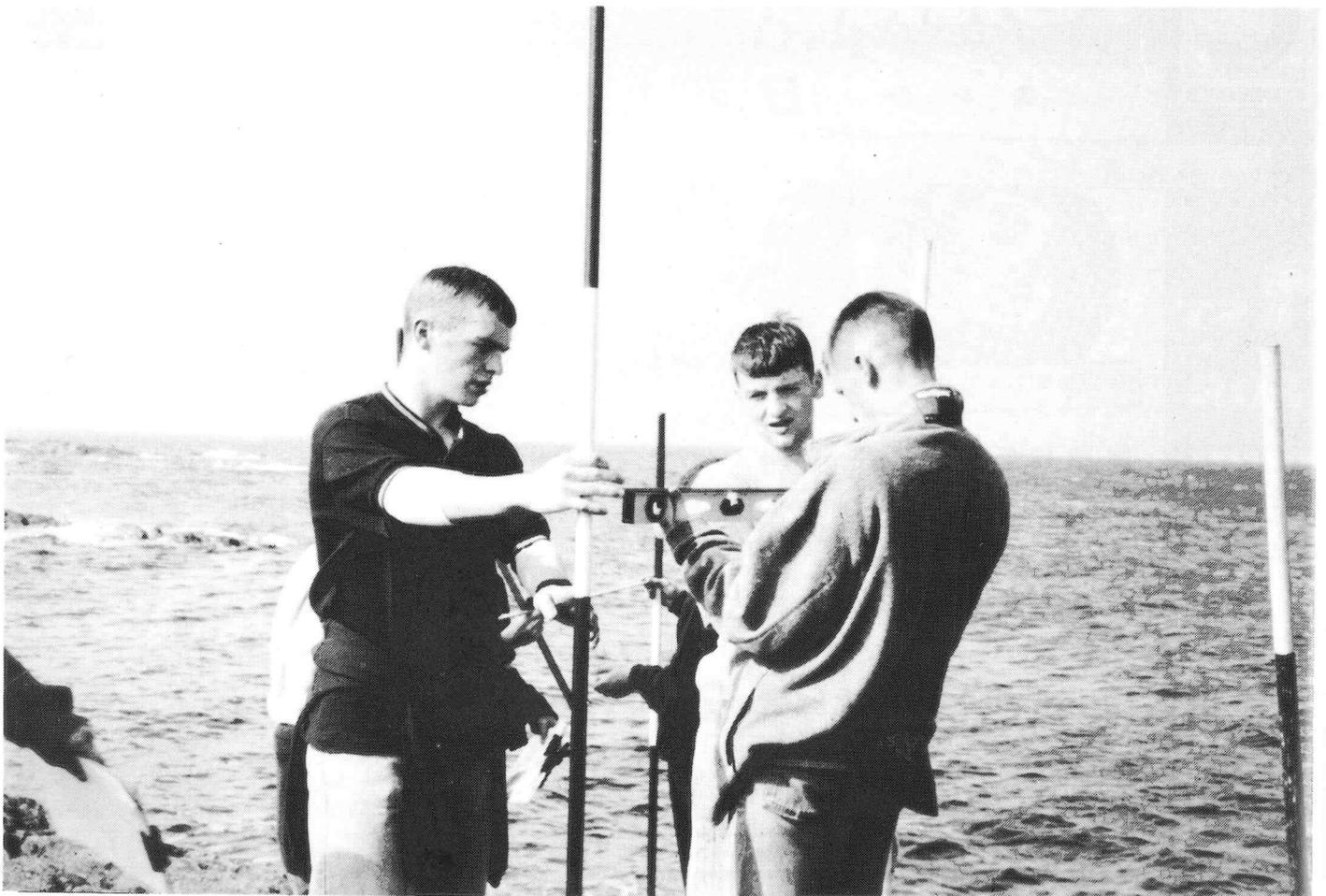


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Where did you get those boots again Miss?



I don't know how it works, it was just handed to me.

WATERPOLO

September 1997 marked the start of a new school year and the formation of a new St. Mary's Waterpolo team. With practice sessions for junior students held every Monday at 3.30, a group of around twenty pupils took up the challenge. Since those early days the junior squad under the guidance of Mr. Watson entered the under 15 schools tournament and are currently joint first with La Salle in the schools league. The junior squad remain confident of victory in the second round of the tournament.

Meanwhile, Mr. McClean's senior team have also experienced some success coming second and third in the under 19 and 16 all Ireland schools cup. Recent wins over St. Malachy's and La Salle in the Canada Cup could see the seniors' first outright win this year.

Good junior Waterpolo players this year include Pearce McCusker, Ronan Burke, Declan McKerr, Ronan McClean, and Michael McLaughlin.

St. Mary's Mageean Cup Hurling Team 1997-1998

St Mary's who have a great record in this competition in the recent past have started off with a positive attitude towards retaining their title. They prepared well for the qualifying stages of the competition, and got off to an exceptionally easy start being drawn against a weak Rathmore side. St. Mary's played extremely well but feel that this performance was boosted by the majority of the team because of the presence of television cameras. This match was won comfortably by St. Mary's.

St. Mary's next match was against big match rivals La Salle. This was the second home match for St. Mary's. They stepped up their performance for this game and came out well on top against a very young La Salle team.

A few weeks later St. Mary's played their first away game. This was to be a well contested game against St. Louis Ballymena. However St. Mary's proved too powerful for the country boys and St. Mary's came out with a comfortable victory. The next match, again an away match, would prove to be the toughest game of them all. St. Mary's travelled to the All Saints pitch in Ballymena to play a strong Garron Tower side. St. Mary's put in a tremendous performance and came out well on top. The final match of the qualifying stages was to be played against St. Pat's Maghera. This game was scheduled for Lavey in Derry. St. Mary's have met Maghera on several occasions down through the years in finals, so this would prove to be a fiercely contested match. It started off well and was a good contest but again St. Mary's finished strongly and won the game quite comfortably. After the qualifying stages were completed, St. Mary's finished top of the group with Garron Tower in second. When the qualifying stages were completed St. Mary's travelled to Kilkenny where they would compete with one of the top teams of Ireland. St. Mary's stayed in a hostel for the weekend and played Kilkenny

C.B.S on the Friday. This was a great game and St. Mary's drew on this occasion, which is a great achievement. They travelled home the following day with a great deal more confidence. It would be quite some wait for the Mageean semi-final so the superb managing trio arranged another trip down south, this time to compete against Callan C.B.S. Callan proved a very tough match and although St. Mary's competed well they were beaten by a strong Callan side. St. Mary's arrived home and put in more preparation for the Mageean semi-final. They were drawn against St. Louis Ballymena which would be a tough game. This game was to be played on the 7th March.

St. Mary's travelled to the venue at Queen's Playing facilities (House of Sport) where they played St. Louis Ballymena. This was to be the first of the semi-finals and a highly contested one at that. St. Mary's went out expecting a tough game as we realised St. Louis would be fit. They battled hard for the first half hour and for part of the second half, but a strong St. Mary's team overcame the St. Louis boys in the end by some 25 points. This ensured St. Mary's a place in the final on the 21st March where they play the winners of the other semi-final, which took place on 11th March, between Garron Tower and St. Pats Maghera. This proved to be a highly competitive game with the both sides playing extremely well. It was not as people thought, as it was a scrappy, low scoring game. Maghera did come out on top though winning by 04 - 08 to Garron Tower's solitary goal. So yet again St. Mary's are to meet St. Pat's Maghera in yet another hurling final.

MAGEEAN CUP FINAL

St. Mary's Belfast: 3-12 St. Pat's Maghera: 2-5

Before the final most neutrals and the media alike believed the match was going to be a one sided affair and Maghera were seen to have no chance. But within our own camp we knew that Maghera would be a big physically strong side who would be out to avenge their defeat in the MacRory cup final on the Tuesday prior to our match.

The final itself was not the best hurling ever seen in Casement Park but it was both exciting and enjoyable for players and spectators alike. We scored two early goals by Mickey Mc Cullough (2-4), and after that were always in the driving seat. The first half contained fine St. Mary's points from Eugene Mc Glone (0-1) and Gavin Bell (0-2) and saw Ciaran Magee come close to scoring with a spectacular sideline cut.

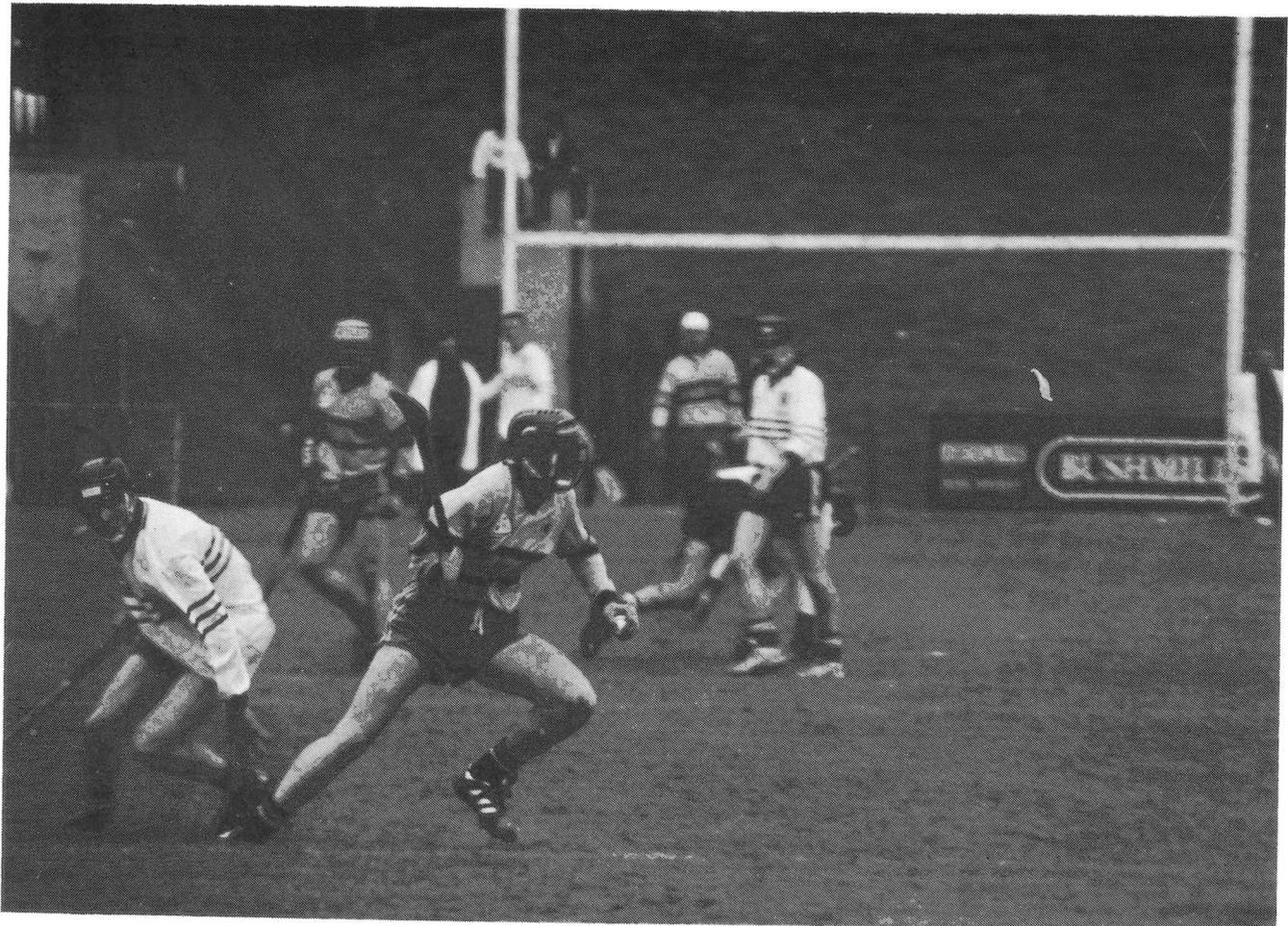
The half-time score was 2-7 to 1-2 for St. Mary's and a Kieran Mc Gourty goal early in the second half gave us a comfortable lead. However, we were never allowed to relax as a fighting Maghera team kept pressurising and attacking as we knew they would. But Mickey Kettle controlled the defence and the ever reliable full back line of Diarmuid Mc Auley, Gerard Mc Nally and Ciaran Herron ensured the Maghera scoring was kept to a minimum.

A superb long range score from Gareth Ward (0-1) and some quality moves involving numerous St. Mary's players highlighted an otherwise committed and dedicated team performance. Eamon Tones, Paddy Kelly, Sean Mc Manus and Gareth Bellew were among those who performed well and ensured St. Mary's captain Hugh Kennedy lifted the Mageean Cup and completed a St. Mary's three-in-a-row.

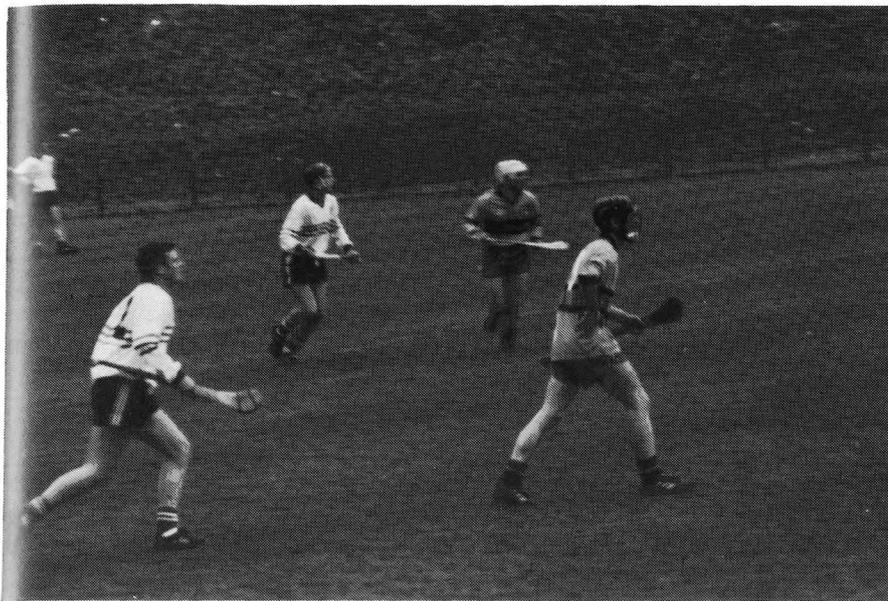
All credit must go to Mr Eddie Mc Toal and Mr Tony Austin who prepared us so well and made sure we were mentally and physically "up" for every match in the campaign - even if that meant giving up their own free time. They were assisted by Barry Armstrong, Raymie and the inspiring "Slasher" who always seemed to lift the team when necessary.

Next is the All-Ireland semi-final and under the guidance of Mr Mc Toal and Mr Austin we hope to proceed to the final of the Croke Cup - which has been our ambition since September.

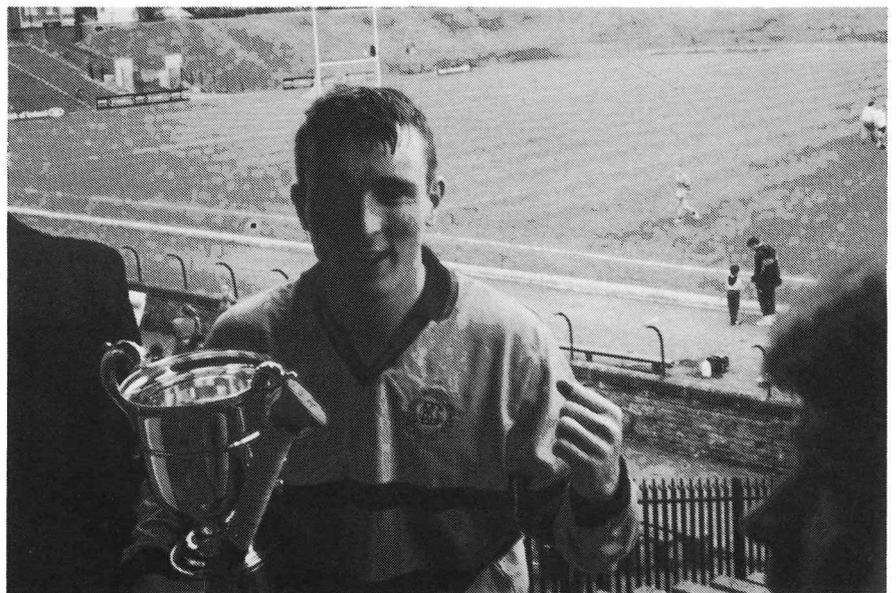
Ciaran Herron 13G



Mickey McCullough heads for goal.



Eugene McGlone strols to the ball.



Hugh Kennedy - success at last.

MacRORY CUP FOOTBALL

This year's Mac Rory Cup competition ran against an extended Mageean Cup campaign. With many of our senior players playing for both teams, the footballers suffered due to the lack of team preparation. The first match against St. Patrick's Cavan had to be won; however with conditions the worst ever St. Mary's went down by six points. The rest of the games were always going to be tough and despite the effort of Captain Gareth Ward, Lorcan McGonagle, Jim O'Neill, Ciaran Herron, Stephen McGlennon, Barry McNeill, Chris Sweeney, and fifth years Sean Kelly and John Joe Hartigan, St. Mary's did not register a win.

The Class League

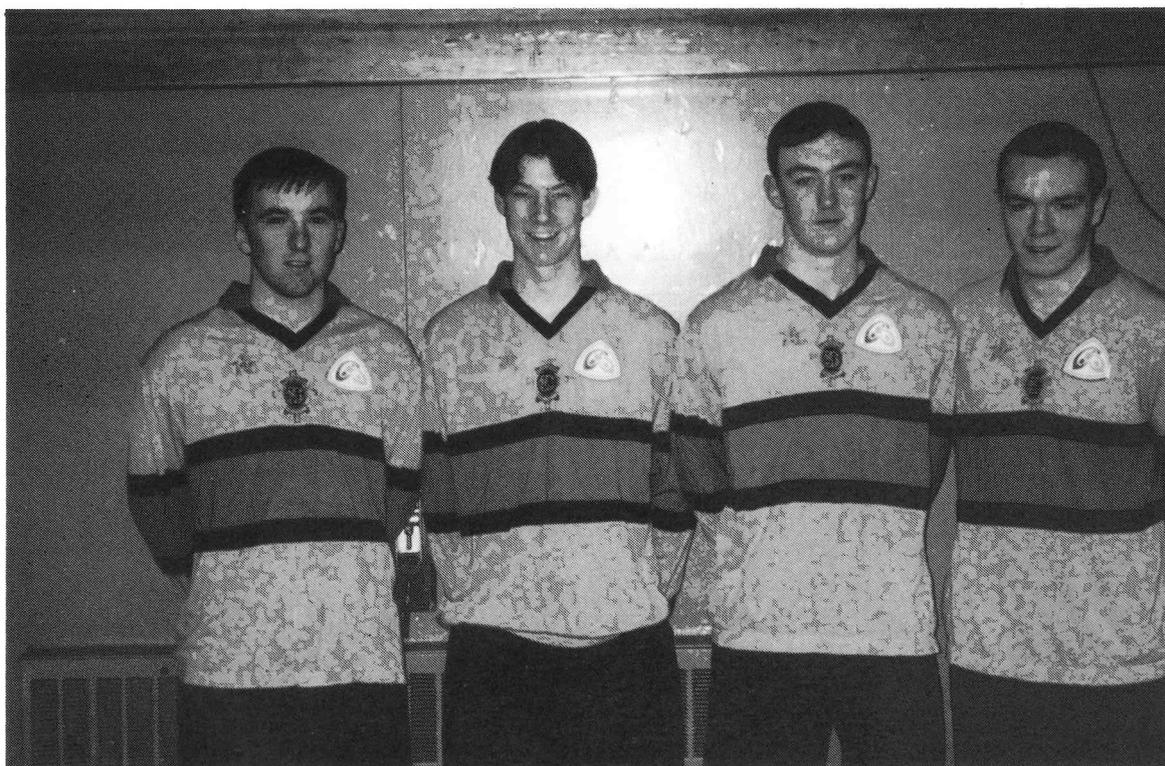
The Class League gives all Year 8 students interested in Gaelic football a chance to impress the manager. It also gives them a chance to get to know their classes better. Mrs Crudden, Quigg and Rasdale used this year's league to help them pick a First Year school team. We were very lucky this year to have Daniel, the Irish language assistant, to help us. Being from Cork he knows a lot more about Gaelic Football than our current Fermanagh contingent. Class 8B played very well and after a closely fought final with 8F they took the first year final. Michael Pollock and Eamon Doherty were very influential in the victory, even though they were up against a strong midfield pairing of Danny Collins and Finbar Maguire. As a result of the class league, two panels were chosen to represent the school. We have already had good victories over La Salle and CBS and are looking forward to competing in the Belfast League Cup and Ulster Colleges Blitz. Hopefully we will make it & League Cups in a row for St. Mary's.

Mr D. Crudden.

St. Mary's Bank of Ireland Ulster Colleges All-Stars



L-R: Sean McManus, Gerard McNally, Michael Kettle & Hugh Kennedy.



L-R: Ciaran Magee, Kieran McGourty, Gavin Bell & Michael McCullough.

YEAR 9 HURLING

The McNamee Cup team of 1998 showed excellent potential for a future Mageean and Forester's Cup side. The campaign was very successful, beginning with Portaferry where they won comprehensively. They then continued to progress smoothly to the knock-out stage, beating La Salle, Knock and C.B.S. overwhelmingly along the way. They then trounced St. Louis Ballymena 5-11 to 2-3 in the quarter-finals, before winning the semi-final in a similar fashion, with a 8-6 to 0-2 victory over St. Patrick's Knock. This set a meeting up with old rivals St. Patrick's Maghera in the final showdown. From the onset of the contest it was clear that St. Mary's would be too strong for their opponents eventually winning 6-5 to 2-2. This magnificent performance was crowned by gallant performances from Kevin McDonnell, Fintan Gamble, Gerard McGrath, Mark Austin, Sean McAreavey, Gerard Hamilton and team captain Michael Heron. However, it must be stated that throughout the campaign it was a team effort that enabled a successful defence of this prestigious trophy. A special thank you must go to the Manager, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. McGettigan and C. McKenna.

Declan Hughes
John Webb
David Ramsey
Aiden Gallagher
Damien Lavery
Thomas Coogan
Gerard Nugent
Conor McCabe

Kevin McDonnell
Paul McGrath
Mark Austin
Donal Magennis
Sean McAreavey
Conor McParland
Gerard Millen

Fintan Gamble
Michael Herron
Gabriel McComish
Paul Higgins
Gerard Hamilton
Colm McKenna
Dee Martin



Michael Herron being presented with the McNamee Cup for Year 9 Hurling by the Principal Mr. K. Burke



The Ulster Colleges McNamee Cup Winning Team

Paul Mc Veigh

Paul McVeigh is a past pupil who left the school in June 1994 to go across the water and become part of the squad at Tottenham Hotspur. While Paul was studying here at St. Mary's he gained excellent academic and sporting achievements. The standard of education that Paul received at St. Mary's was highlighted in his G.C.S.E. results, where he obtained ten passes including an A* in Sports Studies. Paul then left to serve a three year apprenticeship with Spurs. As his apprenticeship was coming to an end, Paul was uncertain about his future at the club, as no first team opportunities had arisen. Fortunately, due to a mass injury crisis at the closing stages at last season, Paul was given the opportunity to play in the last three games of the season. Here he rose to the challenge and proved he was capable of playing Premiership football. His first taste of Premiership action occurred during the game between Spurs and Liverpool where he appeared as a substitute for the final thirty minutes. His next two games were against Coventry and West Ham United in which he scored a goal in each.

This season has not been so successful for Paul with a management reshuffle and his own personal injury problems. Also, the fact that Spurs have made big name signings such as Ferdinand Ginola and Klinsmann has not helped Paul's cause any.

However, from all the staff and pupils here at St. Mary's we wish Paul all the best for the future.

By **Jim O'Neill**

HND Student Work Experience



YEAR 11 and YEAR 12 HURLING

According to team Manager, Mr. Austin, the U16 Forester's Cup Team showed a great improvement this year. The quality of the work put in, and the team spirit involved, was witnessed when they produced two wins out of their three matches against C.B.S., La Salle and Rathmore. The panel was as follows:

Gary McCullagh
Conor McMahan
Paul Rooney
David Ward
Brendan Quinn
Chris Scott

Declan McLarnon
Gareth Clarke
John Joe Hartigan
Francis Gough
Eamonn McManus
Martin McMahan

Brendan Herron
Kevin Gamble
Eamonn Toner
Cathal Kelly
Darren O'Hare
Alan Rainey

With only one team to qualify out of the group, the game against La Salle was going to decide the group winners. Despite leading at half-time St. Mary's were always going to be in second half trouble in this game due to the strong wind, and La Salle eventually ran out winners 6-4 to 2-3. St. Mary's star players on the day included: Darren O'Hare, David Ward and Paul Rooney. Working with the senior players all during the winter months has really improved the 5th year team. Many of the players can look forward to playing for the Mageean team next year.

An Cumann Gaelach

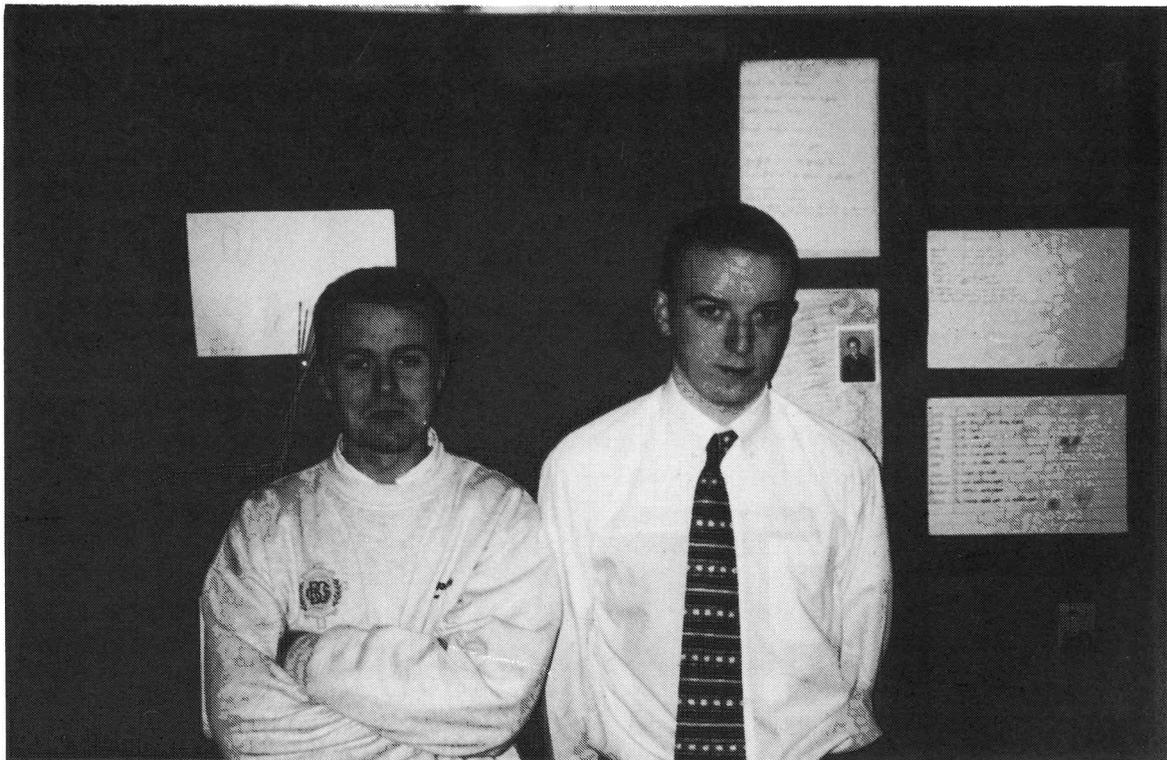
Congratulations to our 5th year quiz team: Joseph Connelly, (Pictured right)
D. O'Neill,
M. O Dufaigh,
B. O Coinn,
who took 2nd place in Gael - linn's inter - school table quiz.



Diospoireachtaí / Debates

Congratulations to the senior Irish debating team: Gearóid Anderson,
Caoimhín O Fearáin, (pictured below)
Diarmuid Kelly, (pictured below)

who on the first Monday after our Halloween break, brought Our Lady's and St. Patrick's Knock to submission in a fiery debate. The motion "We, the Irish, give our visitors a hearty welcome" raised some very delicate arguments but, none that could be defended or defeated by St. Mary's.



“Abair”: Public speaking in Gaeilge

On Friday November 28th the following 5th years represented the school in Gael - linn’s Public Speaking competition - “Abair”:

A.	C. Williamson	“An Stailc Ocras”
B.	M. O Dufaigh	“An Gorta Mór”
C.	E. MacManus	“Drugáí Sa Spórt”
D.	O. Coinn	“Drugáí”

C. Williamson took 2nd place with a 3 min. historical account of the hunger strike of 1981. He will now proceed to the Ulster finals in the New Year.

The Ulster finals took place on February 11th in Cultra and Caoimhin’s subject for oration was James Connolly. Caoimhin’s detailed historical account of Connolly’s life captivated his audience but unfortunately did not win him the title.

Trath na gCeist, Gael-Linn

Andersonstown leisure centre was the venue for gael - linn Irish quiz for Junior Schools and once again St. Mary’s took 2nd place.



The same venue saw our junior team: Conan Keenan,
J.J. Hartigan,
K. Willaimson,

defend the motion "Isn't it well for those people in the public eye?." Unfortunately St. Colman's Newry, who felt we were too hard on our celebrities, defeated us.

The senior team subsequently met St. Aodhán's, Cootehill in Dundalk in January with the motion, "We must go all out to conserve our natural resources." Unfortunately our endeavours to persuade the nation to act a little greener just weren't appreciated and Cootehill took the Ulster title

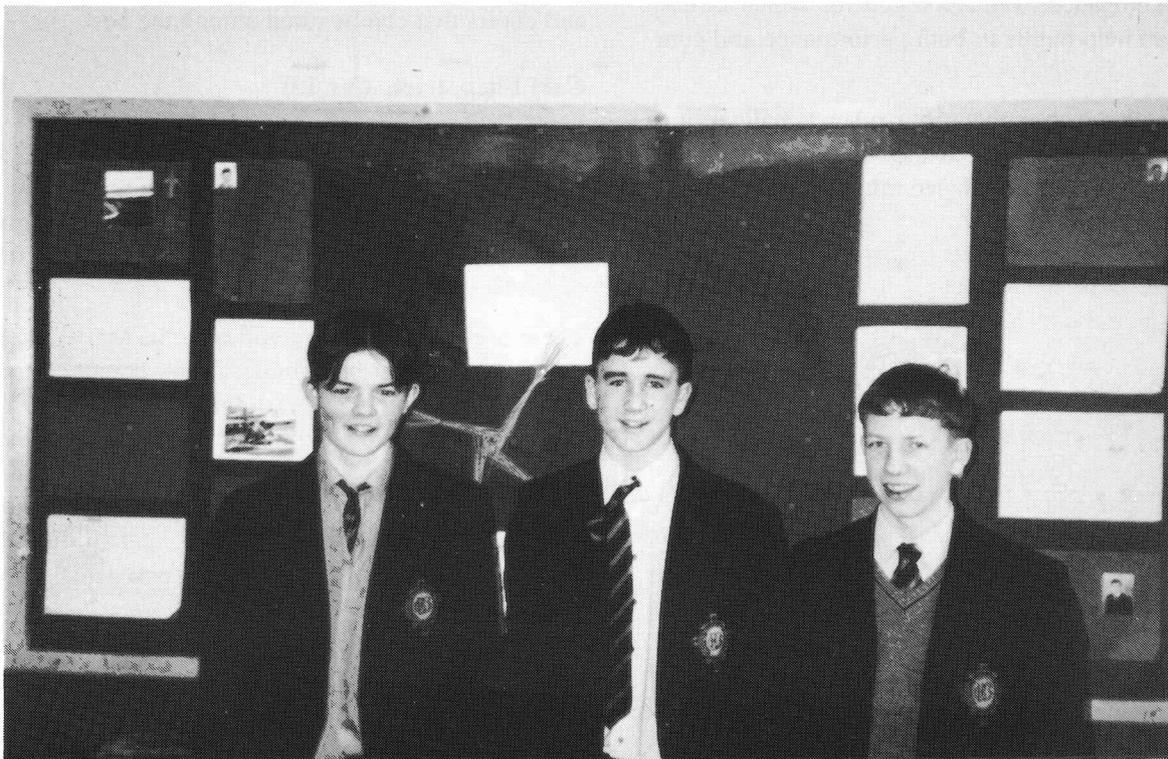
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Slogadh

Congratulations to the cast of "Idir Dhá Chomhairle Dhéag," who received a nomination to the regional finals with their one act play. The troop hit Dundalk Town Hall on November 16th and staged a show stopping performance.

Congratulations also to Ms Morris' and Mr Green's traditional group, who also received a nomination.

Saturday 7th of February saw the regional finals in Dungannon for both groups. and yet again success was theirs. Some of the cast members are captured below.



Music in St. Mary's

The New Music Suite

During the building of the E.R block and overall refurbishment of the school, the Music Department has undergone a series of changes. It is now a far cry from the dark days when the Music Department was a room and four practice cubicles. Back then non-musical pupils would have had little interest in music or what was going on and would not have cared to view it except on an excursion to the art rooms.

Now, under the supervision of Miss Morris, the new Head of Music, the old Art/Music Department has been transformed into one of the best music suites in N.Ireland. The new suite consists of two large teaching rooms, an ensemble practice room, a recording studio, a percussion suite and four practice cubicles.

The teaching areas both have their own PC, which employ such facilities as sampling, sequencing and other functions related to the recording and producing of Electro-acoustic compositions. Also within these rooms lie fifteen state-of-the-art, midi-compatible, Yamaha keyboards which are easy to use and can help pupils in both performance and compositions.

There is also a large ensemble room, where small sections of the orchestra (such as woodwind, brass and string ensembles) can practice at designated times during the week. There are many different ensembles in the Music Department, the guitar ensemble, the woodwind ensemble, the brass ensemble, the string quartet, the Irish traditional group, the rock group and the choir.

As part of the renovations the Music suite has received an influx of new instruments these include electric and bass guitars, acoustic guitars, violins, violas, tenor and alto saxophones, clarinets, trumpets and horns. The abundance of both classical and contemporary instruments gives pupils who wish to pursue the learning of an musical instrument the chance, where they may otherwise be financially challenged. In St. Mary's all pupils are encouraged to take advantage of the facilities but G.C.S.E and A-level students have the added liberty of the use of recording studio for the examination compositions. The recording studio can help pupils of examination receive optimum marks in that area of the exam.

The studio accommodates a PC with full sampling and sequencing programmes with the addition of a normal module and CD writer. The layout consists of a main performance room, where the walls and roof are designed with acoustic panelling for excess sound reduction, plus a sound proofed triple-glazed mixing room with a sixteen track-recording desk and DAT recording equipment for

perfect digital CD sound. An engineer will sit here in the back listening to the performance through monitor speakers and mix the levels to achieve a sound similar to that of any professional recording studio.

For those pupils interested in percussion/drumming there is a whole room devoted to percussion, comprising of a drum kit, congas, bongos and many other instruments related to percussion.

There are also four practice rooms for either private tuition or if pupils wish to practice their instruments during school, these are designated areas in which to do it.

It is hoped that the new music suite will attract more pupils into the wonderful world of music, and that the wide repertoire available will entice non-musical pupils to open their eyes and see how enjoyable and beneficial the Music Department can be for them, whether it be for personal satisfaction or examination purposes. Hopefully in a few years the pupils in St. Mary's will boast a variety of groups, bands and choirs that can be rated among the best.

Carl Fitzpatrick (Yr 13)

I love music. It is my favourite subject and hobby. I play classical guitar and bassoon in St. Mary's. It is good fun and also interesting. You make lots of friends from the ensembles and the choir.

There are a lot of new facilities in St. Mary's. Some of them are the recording studios, band practice rooms and two big classrooms. The equipment is all new. You can learn nearly every instrument if you want to and you can also join the school choir, folk group, rock band and many other ensembles. I am in the guitar ensemble and the woodwind ensemble. The good thing is that all these lessons are completely free. The instruments are free to hire.

You should take an interest in music. It is fun and really enjoyable. Don't throw away a good opportunity. Start now, it's not too late!!

Gavin Forde (8A)

Examination Music.

You may be a 3rd year, making your choices for your G.C.S.E exams and thinking "Do I want to do music?" "What does music involve?". Here is a breakdown of the course for you.

G.C.S.E has 3 main components; composing, listening and performing.

Composing is writing your own music, perhaps a song, symphony, duet or maybe just a solo piece for an instrument you choose. In composition G.C.S.E students have access to the school recording studios and the new PC computers where upon you can record compositions on to CD or tape.

Listening involves studying pieces of music of a wide variety of styles. Learning all the in's and out's of the music, just like learning about a book for English.

It involves listening to a tape in the exam and being asked questions about the music you hear. Don't worry if this sounds difficult, you get plenty of practice and will be an expert at the end of two years.

The practical exam is challenging. It involves taking lessons in a musical instrument and achieving a Grade 5 standard in that instrument. During the two years you learn about different kinds of music throughout the world and history. It is a most enjoyable G.C.S.E. and accommodates all tastes in music whatever they may be.

S. Meredith (Yr. 13)



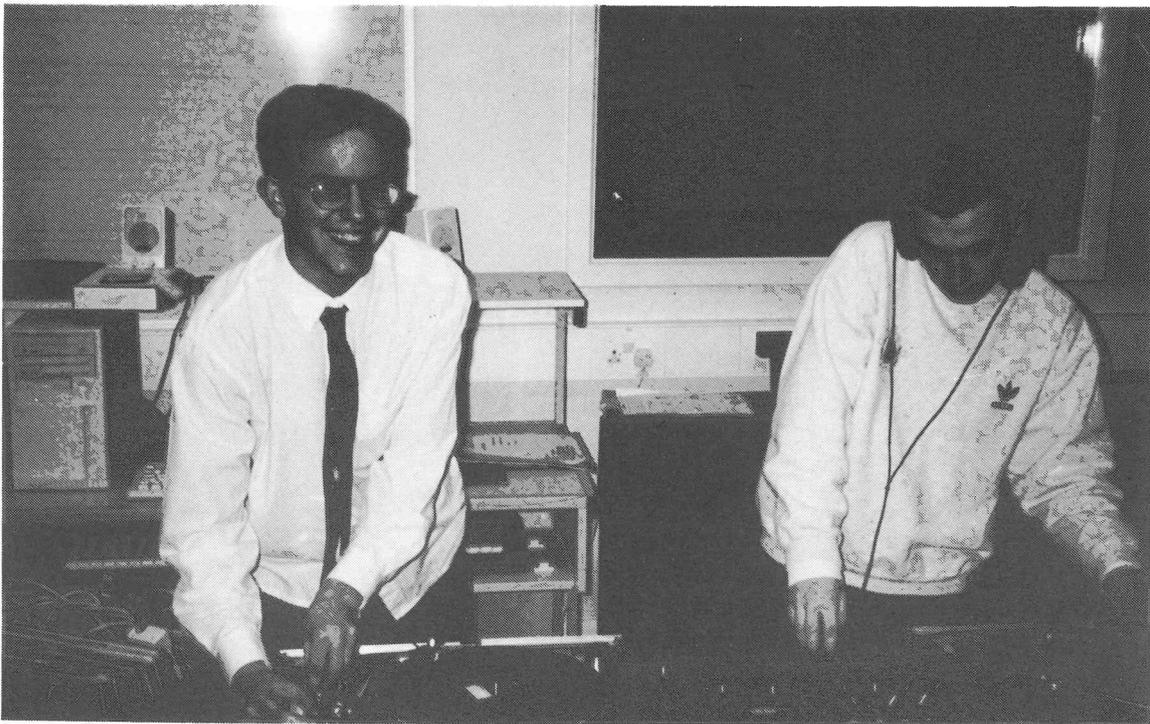
Christmas Carols hit the right note!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CHOIR

The choir have generously participated in numerous events this year; Carol Service, Easter Concert and School Mass. Their efforts at all of these events were greatly praised with comments like, "The choir were truly excellent".



They are currently adhering to a rigorous rehearsal programme (every lunch time and two days after school) in preparation for The Closing Barrack St. Mass and the end of year concert. Thanks for all your efforts boys.



Danny MKinney (Yr13) and Carl Fitzpatrick (Yr13) demonstrating their talents for 'mixing'.



Some of the pupils who attended the 4 week D.J mixing course given by Carl Fitzpatrick and Danny Mc Kinney.

The Irish Traditional Group

The Irish Traditional Group have done exceptionally well this year. They successfully competed in the Slogadh competition and have qualified for the All Ireland final (to take place in Wexford at Easter).

They have also performed at open nights and prize-giving night and more recently in the Bank of Ireland on St. Patrick's day.

Well done boys! Good luck for the final.

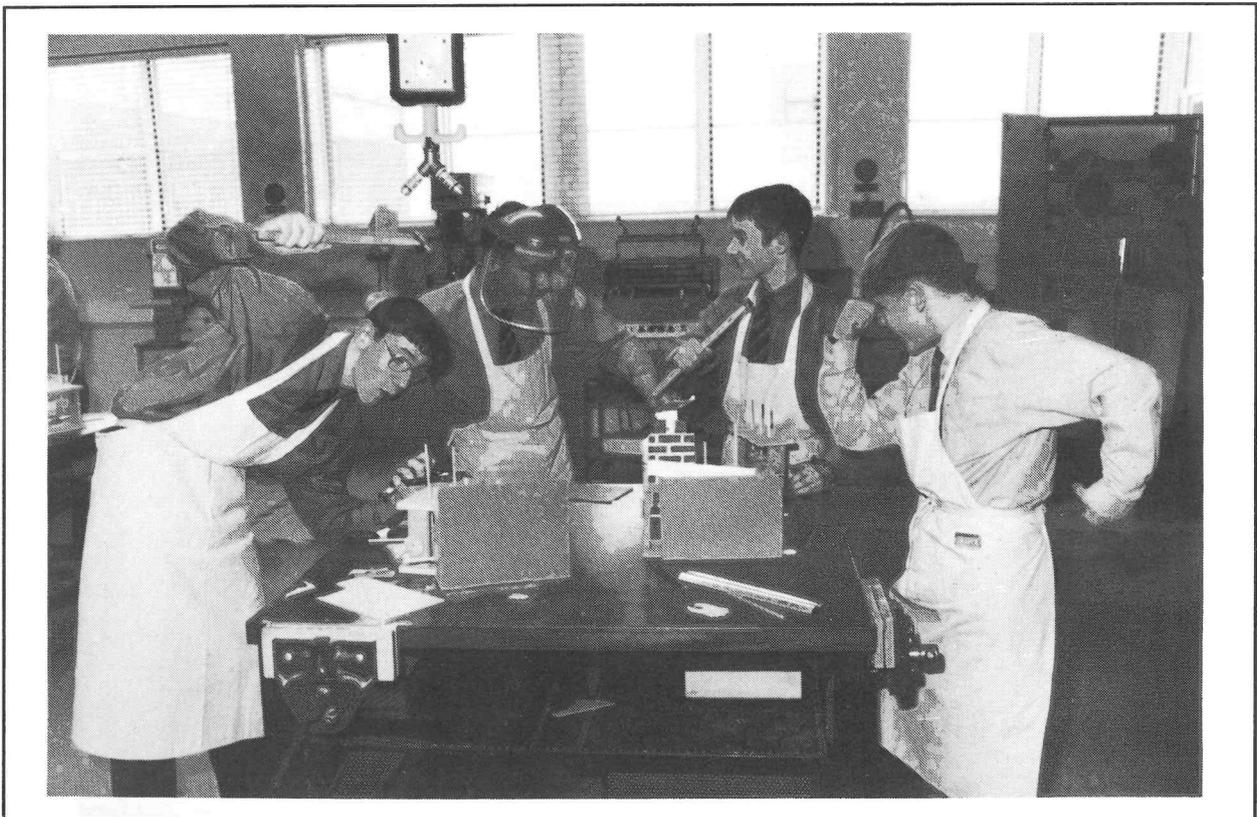


Left to right: Sean O'Kane, Frank McCallan, Gerard Millen, Stephen Flanagan, Patrick O'Hare, Stephen Downey, Anton Millen & Ciaran Doherty.

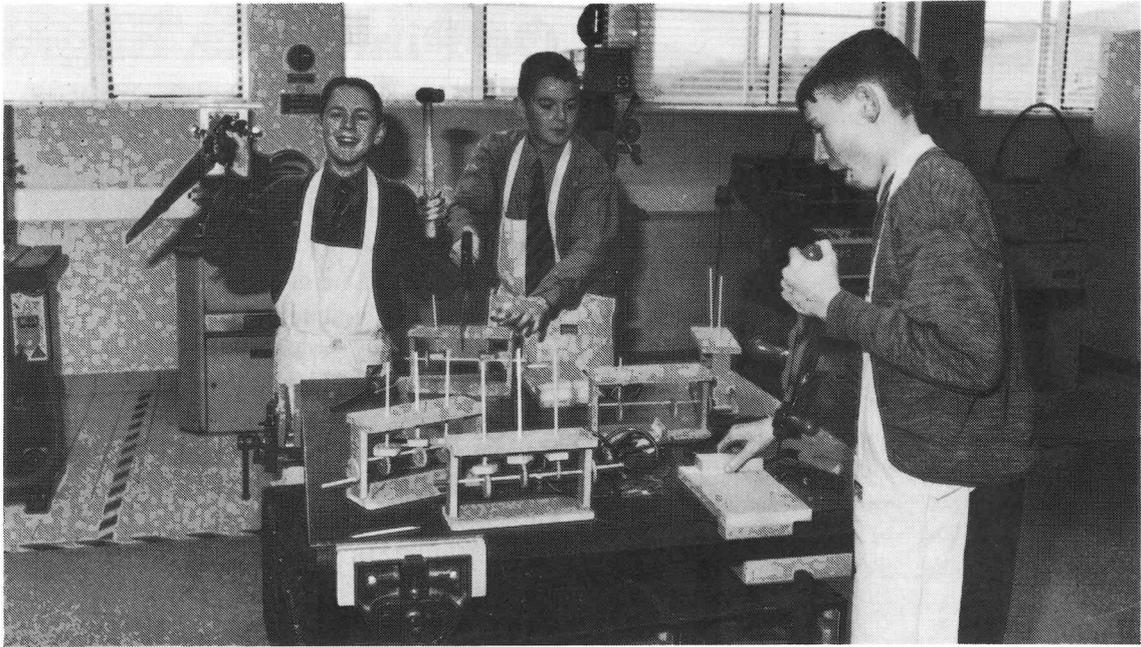
Technology



Three proud winners of the Technology & Design Departments competition. Congratulations to the boys, pictured with the Principal Mr. K. Burke, are John Mc Colgan 8B, Robert Simpson 8E and Liam Weir 8G.



Year 10 students demonstrate their newly acquired technology skills. Dressed to Drill!!!



The City

The people are like insects
And the farm animals are like small specks
in the fields.
The landscapes look like maps,
And the traffic on the motorways is like a
trail of working ants.
The moving trains are like roller-coasters in a fairground.
The buildings and houses are like miniature models of towns.
As night fall the streets lamps and motorway lights look
like fire flies.

Damien Johnston 8A



SPRING

Spring is a time of loving and nurturing,
Nature is rekindling its feeling of compassion.
The new-born lambs denied by their parents,
Looked after and cherished by their new owners.

The weather is getting warmer,
And the days longer.
Animals in hibernation,
Awaken from their deep, dormant, sleep.

The trees spark life,
As the buds begin to grow.
The birds in the air so free in flight,
Looking for a tall tree for comfort, warm and protection.

And the green of the fields start to show,
As the frost thaws and nature beneath the earth stirs and
lives once again.
As the warmth of the sun breaks through the darkened
sky,
It breathes New Life, New Hope, New Faith into the world
in which we live.

Gerard McDonald 10A

On Pink Rock Engraved

He was, who he was.
He didn't believe what they told him,
He'd climb a mountain, go round the world
To disprove them and their god.
And they were wrong
And he was right, he said,
"There's no doubt about it,
It was the myth of fingerprints:
that's why we must learn to live alone".

He came, shouting, to the shore
Immersed in torturing his local lore
Calling out to the drowning wave
That was filling in his salty grave.

He was singing - on his knees
His anthem of salvation
Crunching, falling by degrees
Hell and of heaven, white to black
United in one final damnation
Diverse in one final attack.

He fell, and downcast eyes
Saw him move in bloody circles
Till the angelic horde took him
Beyond pink horizon
Beyond even the moon.

Then spoke his mother Earth,
"I will write his eulogy
For I am the One who gave him his birth
And all I've created returns unto me".

"From dust were ye made, and dust ye shall be".

Paul Mc Kay 11A

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Belfast 3000 AD

I look out the window as an aircar flies past, giving me a fright as I fall back on to the table knocking the glass of water off, but it doesn't hit the floor, instead it just floats. That's what's good about up here, along with many other things. Who would have thought it, living on Mars. I hear it took them over 1,000 years. I think I'll go back to Earth today.

The technology is brilliant, we still have that old stuff like Jumbo Jets, high speed trains and cars. The other modes of transport are incredible. Those aircars can go at a top speed of 510 mph, but that's slow compared to the Hover Trains, at top speed of 1,200 mph, but the Speed Plane can go at a speed of 1,500 mph. That would get you home in 5 minutes. I think I'll use the rocket bike to get home. It should take about 20 minutes.

Now I'm entering the earth's atmosphere. Aliens. Well they did come but not to destroy us but to have peace between us. They're not unlike us, they have a language, one head, two legs, two arms.

My home, Ireland, has made peace between Catholics and Protestants. The country is ruled by both the English and the Irish, which suits all of us.

Our coal and oil ran out ages ago, so now we use gas. The gas comes from here and Mars. The gas from Mars is very good for burning.

I was in Mars for the new millenium celebrations, and they were brilliant. The number of parties was astounding. I wonder what it was like here on Earth.

Dermot Monaghan 10A

Tree

I'm a tree, standing tall, through day and through night.
Many a blizzard, rainstorm and hail I've had to fight.
My branches shaking the hand of God,
my roots deep in the soil.
My bark protecting me from all,
stone, mud and even oil.
Year by year I've watched my
leaves grow green, yellow then brown.
And when they're gone, I am left,
with nothing but a frown.
I often wonder what it would be like,
to wonder wild and free.
I know that out there,
there are so many things I've yet to see.
I've seen lumberjacks come,
and seen the look upon their face.
I hope I don't become wood, on someone's fireplace.

Anthony McCann 9E



The Beach

As the harsh glare of the Mediterranean midday sun pounded down on the placid waters, the beach before me was a hive of activity. Framed in the distance by the picturesque Pyrenees, although slightly obscured by a heat haze, the esplanade of the golden sands stretched into the distance and on the horizon, sailboats bobbed and swayed on the infinite ripples of the deep blue water.

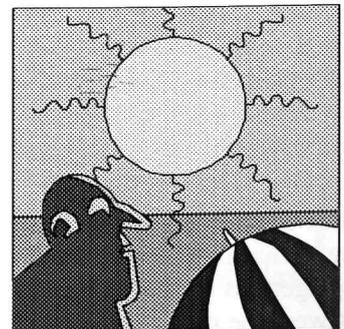
Closer to the shore, a cool sea breeze whispered inland, bringing relief to those not accustomed to such oppressive heat. Some of the braver tourists, and the die-hard tan fanatics exposed all to the unrelenting rays, and continued to baste themselves in sun lotion, turing occasionally, like pigs roasting on a spit. In the distance, a speedboat roared, and a lone parachutist descended gracefully from the blue dome above and in the midday heat, the sand spat flames at tender foreign feet.

Myriads of parasols united along the shoreline, forming a multicoloured canopy under which sat many flustered mothers, watching their gambolling children with hawk-like eyes, lest they stray too far form the nest. Kites were flown, balls kicked, sandcastles erected and in turn destroyed. Powerwalkers paraded endlessly up and down the beach, 'strutting their stuff' and everywhere the babble of foreign tongues was carried on the air. Further along the beach, those parched from the ferocious heat swarm around the refreshment outlet, and once served, can be seen gulping their desserts tenaciously before the sun has time to wage war on their frozen tastiness.

As the day wore on, the aroma of chargrilled meat was detectable and thin palls of white smoke ascended skyward from the barbecues until caught on currents of air. They disappeared into oblivion. As the sun is now lower in the sky and has relented its barrage on the beach, an air of relaxation engulfs the coast as the heat seems almost bearable now and people move with a little less urgency in their stride. The parasols are retracted and the balconies of the countless hotels which adorn the seaside are now laden with salt sodden towels and bathing costumes of varying colours and degrees of modesty.

And as the sun plunges into the ocean transforming it to a deep crimson the first rays of pale moonlight bathe it in white light, only a few remain here on the shore, their conversations amalgamating with the musical lapping of the sea to form an almost hypnotic chorus which lulls the world to sleep.

Francis Drain 11D



How good's your head?

Would you be able to describe an everyday object accurately? What does the head of a penny look like? In 1979 this question was put to a number of people. To make things easier they had a choice of 15 coins, of which only one was correct. Fewer than 50% of those asked correctly identified the coin. It seems that even though we use millions of pennies in our life time, we never pay attention to specific details. Perhaps this is because we only need to remember its size and colours to identify it from other coins.

This ability of remembering the details of a coin, may seem insignificant, but if you can't recall what a penny looks like in detail, what chance is there of you remembering something important? For example if you saw an armed robber would you be able to pick him or her out of a line up? In August 1979, in America a Catholic priest was positively identified by several witnesses as the "gentleman bandit", so called for his polite manners. There was an extremely high possibility the priest was spared when the real robber turned himself in. The man was identified as the real robber by his ability to recall details only the true robber would have known.

The priest was lucky. W. Jackson was convicted for the raping of two women after being positively identified by the victims. One of the victims said she had absolutely no doubt about her identification. Even though Jackson had an alibi, he spent 5 years in prison for crimes he did not commit.

The importance of an eyewitness testimony is even more apparent when you take into account the findings of the Devlin committee (1976). They analysed over 2000 identification parades from England and Wales during 1973. 45% of those led to a chosen suspect of whom 82% were convicted. In 350 cases the eyewitnesses identification was the only evidence of guilt and still 74% were convicted. That means 259 people went to jail because somebody said they were guilty.

These findings along with several other studies led to the publication of the Devlin Report which recommends that trial judges be required to instruct the jury that it is not safe to convict an EWT alone, except in exceptional circumstances (all 259 of them) or when there is substantial corroborative evidence.

It appears that an identification by a witness carries little weight. But what if a witnesses testimony for events? Loftus argues that EWT in court cases is highly unreliable. Her research strongly suggests that the form of question put to a witness can greatly influence what they remember. These questions are known as leading questions. Leading questions can be used to introduce new information or alter existing information in the witnesses memory, the classic being, "have you stopped beating your wife?"

Loftus conducted a study in 1974 investigating the influence of changing a single word in certain critical questions or judgement of speed. The critical question was, "how fast were the cars going when they"? this was followed by one of several words; hit, smashed, collided,

bumped or contacted. The different words gave different implications regarding speed and force of impact. The results showed this with an average speed estimate for; smashed = 41 mph, collided = 39mph, bumped = 38 mph, hit = 34 mph and contacted = 32 mph.

To find out if the wording of the question had actually changed the person's memory, she asked a group of people to estimate the cars speed for the 'hit' and 'smashed' questions. One week later she rested the witnesses with a new set of questions. The critical question was if the witness had seen broken glass or not. If the wording of the earlier question really did influence the subject memory, it was possible they would remember details not shown on the video, but were consistent with an accident at high speed.

The results showed 32% of 'smashed' witnesses reporting to have seen non-existing glass against 14% of the 'hit' witnesses. Clearly the answer to the broken glass question was determined by the earlier question speed.

While it seems there is not such thing as a good witness, are some more reliable than other? For example are males more reliable than females? This question is one which has been tackled by Clifford and Scott. They conducted a number of studies into the reliability of males and females in both violent and non-violent situations. They found males to be better at remembering details of an assailant compared to females in a violent situation only. In a non-violent situation no difference was found. So it sees that males make better witnesses. Yet why should there be no difference in a non-violent situation when there is in a violent one?

This is where our psychology coursework comes in. Our psychology coursework was an investigation into whether females had better perceptive abilities than males. The practical part of the study was carried out in a busy Belfast city centre, just weeks before Christmas.

The study was carried out by an experimenter and a confederate (an ally of the experimenter). The confederate approached a member of the public and asked him/her the time. On answering the confederate would vanish into the crowd. The member of the public then carried on with their business. A while later they would be stopped by the experimenter. The person was informed that a psychology experiment was in progress and promised that all their information would remain confidential. To those who agreed a series of questions were asked, relating to the appearance of the confederate eg 'what colour of hair did he have?' A total of 30 people, 15 male and 15 females were questioned. The results showed that on average females were more perceptive than males. This indicates that females would make better witnesses to detail than males in a non-violent situation.

Much research is still being conducted on this very important practical application of memory - eye witness testimony. It is undoubtedly a fascinating and complex issue.

Gerard Mallaghan 14I & Kieran McCartan 14A

As I Look Down on Belfast

As I look down on Belfast from the night sky,
as dark as a dungeon,
I see the City Centre buildings, rising up like stalagmites.
Royal Avenue is a honeycomb of lights and
Late night shoppers as busy as bees.
Castle Court is a great big shopping mall,
with street traders
Like merchants at its doors.
City Hall is the seat of power in the city,
with the council seated under its green dome.
At the Docks, Samson and Goliath stand tall, like pillars
At Belfast Lough, where ships are coming and going.
The Waterfront Hall is like a penny lying by a stream.
In Great Victoria Street, the Grand Opera House is an
Architectural masterpiece, the modern Europa Hotel like
a skyscraper reaching for the heavens.
As I look down on Belfast,
from my seat on Black Mountain,
I think of this city, divided by ancient feuds, and I wonder,
"They have a chance, why not take it?
Why not put the past behind them,
and look to the future".

Belfast 3000ad

Today is Tuesday, 28th of March, 3000ad. Something really bad is going to happen to us on Earth. Aliens from another galaxy have discovered our planet. They are surrounding us and in 2 hours are going to blow us up.

My name is George. I live in Belfast, the world's largest city with 150 million people in it. I'm writing this while I wait for the next space train to take me out of Earth and away to Mars so that the aliens won't kill me. Once I have written this I will drop it into space in case no one survives on Earth (there are only 1000 going to Mars). It is telling you about life in Belfast in the year 3000.

Life in Belfast was good. You had the best of everything, shops, space train stops and virtual reality cinemas. There are still some of the ancient group called IRA around because we are still in Northern Ireland and part of Britain. Apparently they have been around since the early 20th century. Soccer is still the most popular sport and 500 times Premier League champions Scunthorpe United along with non-league team Manchester United are my favourite teams.

The transport here in Belfast is the best in the world. You can get from one side of the other in only 2 minutes. Don't forget that the city is 70 miles wide. You can go on holiday to Pluto and be there in an hour.

Smog is the big problem here in Belfast and the nuclear radiation from that terrible war between India and Egypt. You have to wear gas masks in certain areas of the city.

Gerard McDonald 10A

Up Above!

People like the chess figures
Moving around the board,
The wind which I am travelling in
Is the Giants breath.

Pillars are like Pritsticks,
lighting up the page.
Shops are t.vs
With windows for their screens.

In the mirror of the water,
I see buses as tigers,
With Giant trees as their tails.
They move about quite slowly looking for their prey.

You think your eyes have been deceived
You rule your eyes and look again,
And see teardrops, on your pain.
Then you remember you're just playing a game.

Gerard Gibney 8E

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The Storm

Winter was coming to an end. We thought we had escaped any real storms. A weather flash announced there was an almighty strong storm raging in our direction. The full effect of this storm was to be realised by early evening.

As I sat by an open logfire so cosy with my hot chocolate, I thought how lucky to have shelter from this now ranging storm.

The large drops of rain battered against my window panes. Forks of lightening dashed frantically while the whole sky lit up like a 200 watt bulb. The roars of this enraged Giant by far out volumed the hustling and whirling of the leaves and trees.

I gazed outside at all the storm tossed objects that the mighty gusts of wind had commanded to their destiny.

The blustery winds still whistled loudly through the streets. I gave a thought for the poor stray animals exposed to this harsh and even cruel storm. Hours passed, now the rain was pitter pattering at my window. The blizzard was a mild breeze and a blissful welcomed quiet had now set in.

The after math of the violent storm now named, "Kong" was unfolding. Television and radio reports confirmed fatalities and many injuries. This storm had given people little time to prepare for the scale of devastation. Reports were sympathetic and voicing concern for those people caught up in the storm. The plight of the farmers was highlighted, efforts to save as much life-stock as humanly possible were made. The consequences of "Kong" and the mass distruction was unmeasureable. My uncle Tom would have certainly been affected as his large farm of life-stock at times a burden was without doubt in trouble. My immediate reaction was to drive up and offer a helping hand.

I had only travelled about three hundred metres when I saw the flashing lights of an ambulance and fire brigade. A wave of despair swept through me as I stood comforting two distraught grandparents who now were weeping and praying that their grand-daughter be spared as she was trapped in the car they all had been travelling in.

I watched on as these skilled and professional men worked flat out to rescue this little girl. There was a mixture of emotion, I fought back tears when I looked at the grandparents care worn faces, so much pain.

Suddenly a rescue medical helicopter was on the scene. The medical team were rushed to the child who was now free from the mangled car. Other sirens echoed in the distance. This merciless storm had claimed lives and caused untold damage. I could not help think what would we ever do without emergency services. The little girl's condition was quite serious. She reached her hand out to the grandparents and the tears of relief, love, joy and hope were uncontrollable.

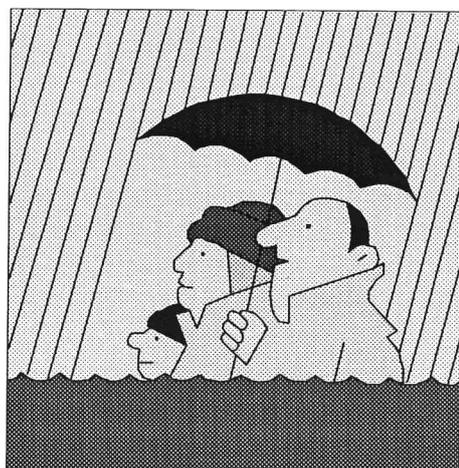
Everything was moving at top speed so I returned to my land Rover and made haste, determined to spare my elderly

uncle the torture of checking out his life stock on his farm and making safe what remained. The drive was longer than I had ever known it to be. I felt I was never going to reach my destination. As I approached the little village before my uncle's farm I became aware that much of the village was in darkness. People were scurrying in and out with torches, and sandwiches. Once again teamwork was very evident. The tireless efforts of people was so admirable. The far side of the village was frightfully dangerous. Two electric cables swayed wrecklessly. Every now and again the cables slapped towards the wet crests on the country roads shooting deadly currents in all directions.

At last I had reached my destiny. Thankfully not too many life stock had been lost. Sadly three lambs perished. The vixens had skilfully scented out the carrion and made away with two of the dead lambs. It has always been thought the lamb is prey for the fox but many times as in this case the lambs were already dead. We pressed on, uncle and I, and with the help of neighbouring farmers secured all the life stock.

At last we had time to listen to the news update. "Kong" had claimed twelve lives and injured scores. I took comfort in the fact that I had witnessed a successful life saving operation hours earlier. The good will of people has touched me deeply. I thanked God that human kindness and the world of modern technology and medicine was at our call.

Gareth Dowdall 8D



As Went By

When I was born I wore little bibs
When I was two I could talk and tell fibs.
When I was three I learned to drink tea.
When I was four I had a new bed
A few days after I met my friend Fred.
When I was five I got my very first bike
From that day on no-one said, "Hey little tike".
When I was six I made my own Weetabix.
When I was seven, my I was Sad
Because my Gran went to heaven.
When I was eight I fell over my gate
When I was nine I pushed down the clothes line.
When I was ten I saw Big Ben
When I was eleven I arrived in Heaven (St Mary's!)

Michael Kelly 8D

The Blackberry

I'm a little Blackberry
I'm purple can't you see.
I play with my friends everyday,
In a thorny tree.
One day I saw some people,
gather round the tree.
I said to my friend next to me
I think we're history.
Lucky for us it started to rain
and they all went away.
We knew they wouldn't be gone forever,
They'd be back another day.

David Mogeey 9E

World War II

The year was 1939
The war had just begun.
Men and women all alike
Wanted to go and fight.

The year was 1945
The war had just finished.
Men and women all alike
Wanted to forget.

Padraig Mackel 8D

My Teachers

Mr Mc Laughlin is no fun,
He always says, "Hey you my son".
Mr Mc Flynn is sometimes funny,
He shakes his pocket to remind him of his money.
My form teacher Miss Sloane is my English teacher, too,
Her favourite words are "I want you to do, do, do".
Miss Kinney spots every flaw
when the class is asked to draw.



Mr Fearon takes me for Irish and RE,
He jumps round the class like a big, busy bee.

I hope my drama teacher, Mr Gribbon,
Won't make us act like little old women.
Mr Mc Neill asks us to do a twist.
We wake up and are in a mist.

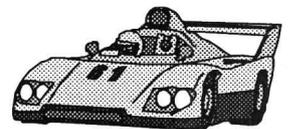


Mr Laverty who never wavers,
Teachers us about semitones and quavers.
Miss Convery is quite amazing,
At working out a long equation.
Mr Collins is quite a short man,
But for punishment homework he is a huge fan.
Over all they're not that bad,
Some are just a little mad.

Sean Mc Geown 8D

The Mc Laren F1

If you tried to race this car,
With 627 horsepower,
Would you ever stand a chance,
As it flies past you in a glance?



Did you know that I have found,
That this car's brakes are discs all round?
Its engine is Aluminium V-12 6024cc,
This is a powerhouse as you can see!

It's made of carbon-fibre composite,
So the air rushes over its bonnet,
Its top speed is 231mph,
I cannot believe this car's power!

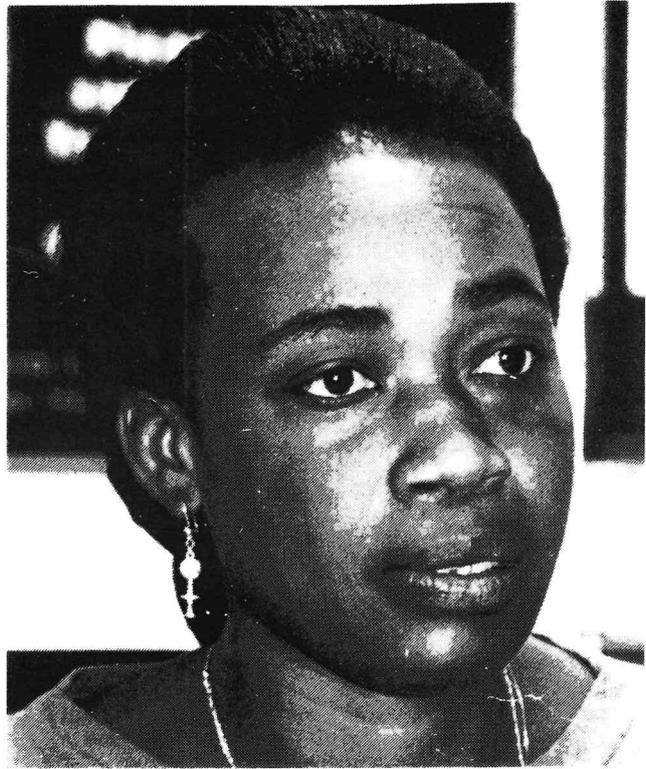
I think you'll agree this car is fast,
That moreover it has skill and class.
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The ultimate fast road car for me.

Paul Heaney 8D

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 D. Lindsay
 C. McConville
 E. Donnelly
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 J. Allen
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 D. McHenry
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 C. O'Neill
 P. Mallon
 D. McCullough



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 A. McMullan
 S. Morrison
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 S. McGarry
 H. Shevlin
 A. Finnegan

Front Row: L to R
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 P. McErlean
 M. McGuigan
 P. Mullan
 D. Magee
 G. McNally
 M. Neill





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 D. O'Neill
 M. Holland
 J. McIlwee

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 P. McConville
 N. Doran
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 P. McVeigh

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 G. Hayes
 P. Quinn
 J. Black
 K. Chesney
 K. McLean
 R. Murray

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Back Row: L to R
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 T. Hughes
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 K. Moore
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 P. Gault
 D. McKee
 P. Campbell
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 M. McCorry
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Back Row: L to R
 P. Lyttle
 C. McKiernan
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 P. Maddin
 D. O'Reilly
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 C. Scott
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 B. Conlon

Absent:
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CLASS 11B

Back Row: L to R

A. Forte
D. Black
P. Dick
C. McEvoy
R. McKnight
D. Murray
F. McCrory

Middle Row: L to R

J. McCluskey
L. Rooney
N. McNally
F. Carey
C. Campbell
C. Cahill
D. Black

Front Row: L to R

M. McGuigan
G. Campbell
P. Toal
J. Gallagher
C. Morren
G. O'Hanlon
M. Hamill

Absent:

H. Mullan
D. McManus

CLASS 11C

Back Row: L to R

G. Quinn
N. Reynolds
D. Campbell
C. Creaney
M. McCann
P. Hartley

Middle Row: L to R

R. McKeown
C. Dunlop
D. Henry Ward
P. Murtagh
G. Duffy
C. McGarrigle
C. Lenaghan

Front Row: L to R

F. McArdle
G. Lynch
E. Smyth
T. Hawkins
M. Buchanan
A. Norney
C. Laverty

Absent:

S. Maguire
G. Farrell



CLASS 11D

Back Row: L to R

C. McCormick
E. McIlwee
S. Rice
S. Laverty
C. Walker
P. Barr
F. Drain

Middle Row: L to R

T. Doherty
C. Kelly
J. McAuley
K. Rowntree
M. Clarke
A. McCabe
P. Hall

Front Row: L to R

E. Grieve
T. Johnston
G. McArdle
C. Anderson
L. Braiden
P. Farrell
D. Campfield





CLASS 11E

Back Row: L to R
 K. McNamee
 B. McCartan
 B. Green
 C. O'Neill
 M. Cassidy
 E. Rooney

Middle Row: L to R
 D. Burns
 S. Garland
 S. Connolly
 M. O'Neill
 C. Kelly
 P. Maguire
 N. O'Reilly

Front Row: L to R
 C. McGurk
 J. Casey
 C. Smyth
 D. Doyle
 P. Gormley
 B. Herron
 P. Lenzi

Absent:
 D. McCann
 D. McLarnon

CLASS 11F

Back Row: L to R
 G. Hayes
 G. Kerr
 G. Dornan
 P. McCann
 P. MacFarlane
 G. Coneve

Middle Row: L to R
 E. Scanlon
 P. McDonald
 T. McNiell
 S. McCarthy
 P. George
 B. Crookes
 G. Tarbitt

Front Row: L to R
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 M. McParland
 C. Brannigan
 C. Morris
 P. McCurdy
 F. Donaghy
 B. Jones



CLASS 11G

Back Row: L to R
 K. Mallon
 C. McHenry
 D. Armstrong
 G. Clarke
 N. Conlon
 K. McStravick
 D. Begley

Middle Row: L to R
 P. Adams
 T. Owens
 D. Walker
 N. McCann
 G. McIlhatton
 C. Reilly
 R. McGinley

Front Row: L to R
 M. Walsh
 D. McLaughlin
 S. Cooke
 C. Bannon
 D. Rice
 G. McClory
 K. McVeigh

Absent:
 P. Doran





CLASS 11H

Back Row: L to R

- L. McVeigh
- L. Kane
- O. Hughes
- D. McGarrigle
- C. Kerr
- C. Donnelly
- B. Devine

Middle Row: L to R

- G. Meehan
- J. Mulholland
- D. McAllister
- D. Moore
- C. Conlon
- C. Smyth
- G. McCarten

Front Row: L to R

- J. Donnan
- D. Carrel
- R. Garland
- P. Donnelly
- C. Duffy
- C. McIntyre

Absent:

- T. Mullan

CLASS 12A

Back Row: L to R

- M. McMahon
- P. Flannagan
- C. McClean
- J. McKearney
- M. Cummins

Middle Row: L to R

- C. Auld
- G. McQuillan
- G. O'Neill
- P. King
- R. McCabe
- J. O'Hare

Front Row: L to R

- C. McKenna
- K. Donnelly
- K. Toal
- S. Kelly
- B. Crawford
- D. Boyle
- J. Carmichael

Absent:

- B. Brennan



CLASS 12B

Back Row: L to R

- J. McAuley
- F. Gough
- S. Turner
- D. O'Hare

3rd Row: L to R

- S. Thompson
- A. McCrory
- P. McDonald
- L. Donaghy
- J. Montgomery
- C. McMahon
- D. Kennedy

2nd Row: L to R

- C. Smith
- K. Stitt
- P. O'Reilly
- K. Murphy
- A. Donnelly
- M. Duffy

Front Row: L to R

- J. Ramsey
- D. Burns
- J. Sweeney
- K. Elliot
- S. Keeley
- M. McKiernan
- C. Gannon





CLASS 12C

Back Row: L to R
 P. Rooney
 G. O'Hare
 P. Mulvenna
 C. McMackin
 M. McCahey
 P. Brennan
 P. Gibson

Middle Row: L to R
 B. Livingstone
 P.J. Townsend
 M. Kennedy
 G. Devlin
 P. McCabe
 T. Doherty
 C. Gorman

Front Row: L to R
 N. Cunningham
 S. Green
 M. Hegney
 P. McCrudden
 C. Tohill
 E. McManus
 C. Killen

Absent:
 B. Donnelly
 P. Donnelly

CLASS 12D

Back Row: L to R
 C. Keenan
 M. Davey
 B. Kennedy
 E. Toner
 D. McCaffrey

Middle Row: L to R
 S. Kavanagh
 P. Colligan
 C. McGeown
 J. Cassidy
 J. McLaughlin
 S. Turley

Front Row: L to R
 T. Fitzpatrick
 D. Watson
 P. Gorman
 P. White
 P. Murray
 B. Quinn



CLASS 12E

Back Row: L to R
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 C. Barr
 D. Pimley
 G. Kane
 K. Gamble

Middle Row: L to R
 C. Boyd
 P. McMahon
 J. Flynn
 M. Kennan
 B. Auld
 G. Devlin

Front Row: L to R
 B. Hicks
 R. McAllister
 E. Browne
 S. O'Hara
 S. O'Neill
 M. Marshall

Absent:
 J. Armstrong
 S. Boyle





CLASS 12F

Back Row: L to R
 J. Monaghan
 S. Carson
 S. Crossey
 G. Heaney
 N. Monaghan
 P. Irvine

Middle Row: L to R
 S. Bunting
 G. Hunter
 P. Smyth
 M. McGeown
 P. McCorry
 D. Maguire
 B. Lowe

Front Row: L to R
 S. Armstrong
 C. Devine
 J. Shortt
 G. McCullough
 H. Moore
 B. Buggley
 J. Gormley

CLASS 12G

Back Row: L to R
 C. McAuley
 R. McKenna
 M. Rafferty
 D. Blackburn
 G. McKenna
 M. Dorman

Middle Row: L to R
 B. Murphy
 C. Bradley
 C. Toland
 M. Cummings
 B. McBride
 M. Denny
 A. Rainey

Front Row: L to R
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 S. Kearney
 S.P. Murphy
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 P. Curran

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 T. Kelly



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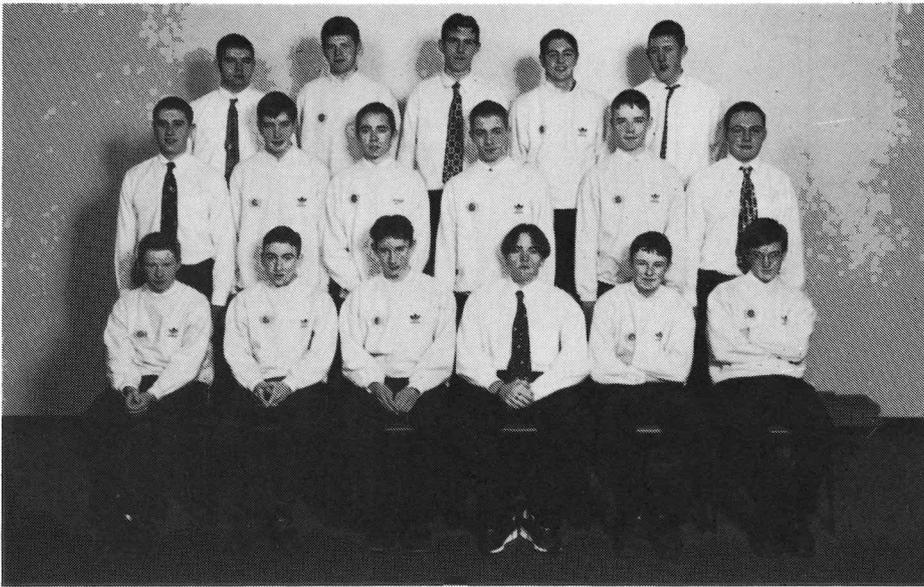
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 K. Williamson

Absent:
 B. Daly





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 G. Maguire

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 T. Honey
 P. McCarthy
 D. Darby

Front Row: L to R
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 D. McKay
 C. Connor
 P. Toal
 R. McAleese
 C. Trainor



CLASS 13B

Back Row: L to R
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 C. Hamill
 S. Beirne
 P. Cullen

Front Row: L to R
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 B. McVeigh
 M. McLaughlin
 V. Dugan
 S. Campbell



CLASS 13C

Back Row: L to R
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 D. Ferris
 J. Muldoon
 M. Scullin

Middle Row: L to R
 P. Rooney
 M. Bennett
 E. O'Loughlin
 J. Donaghy
 P. Smith

Front Row: L to R
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 C. Meenan
 G. Hughes
 J. McAuley
 G. O'Neill
 D. Matthews

Absent:
 D. Ferguson



CLASS 13D

Back Row: L to R
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 C. Lamb
 M. Murphy
 C. Bennett
 S. McLaughlin
 C. Martin
 G. Lagan

Front Row: L to R
 L. Barr
 G. Caldwell
 M. Mulholland
 T. Farrelly
 P. McKee
 C. McCrory

Absent:
 D. Burns



CLASS 13E

Back Row: L to R
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 G. Savage
 R. McKenna
 K. Bonner
 E. Walsh
 D. Trainor
 D. McDonnell

Front Row: L to R
 D. Christie
 S. Duffy
 M. O'Hara
 T. Cunningham
 C. O'Brien
 J. McDermott



CLASS 13F

Back Row: L to R
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 P. Quinn
 J. Loughlin

Middle Row: L to R
 P. Slack
 A. Wilkinson
 P. Kerr
 A. McCabe
 C. McDonnell

Front Row: L to R
 A. O'Hare
 M. Henry
 P. Gibson
 A. Donnelly
 M. McMullan



CLASS 13G

Back Row: L to R
 G. Anderson
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 D. McCallin
 S. McGlennon

Middle Row: L to R
 G. Kearney
 D. McCann
 C. Herron
 R. McHugh

Front Row: L to R
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 M. Lynch
 K. Ward

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 J. Gillen
 C. O'Riordan

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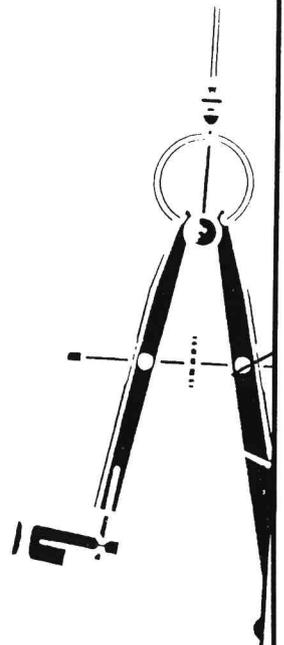
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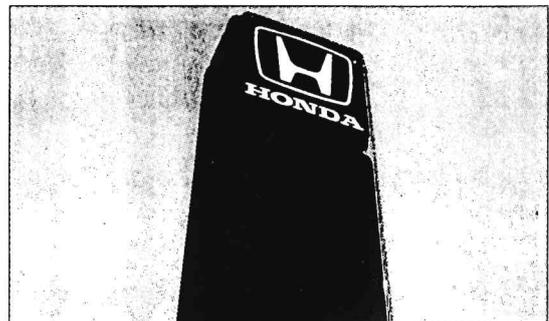
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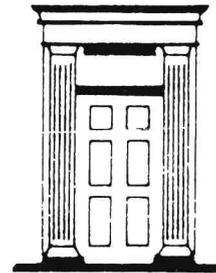
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