

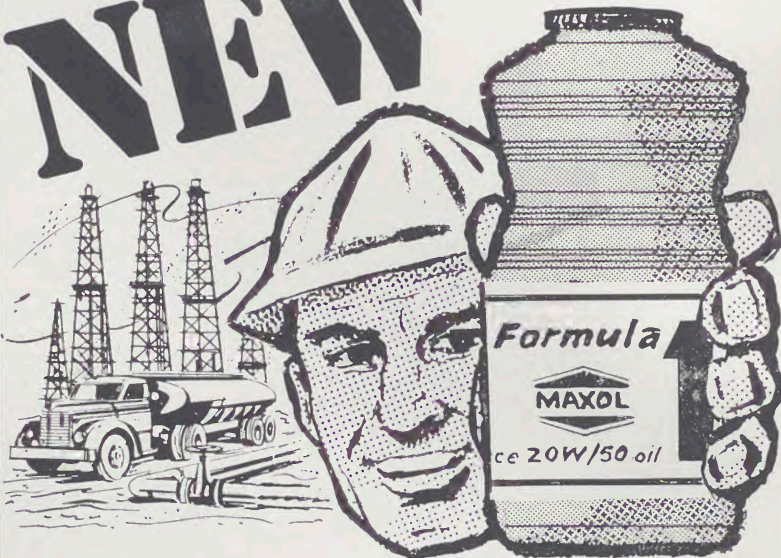


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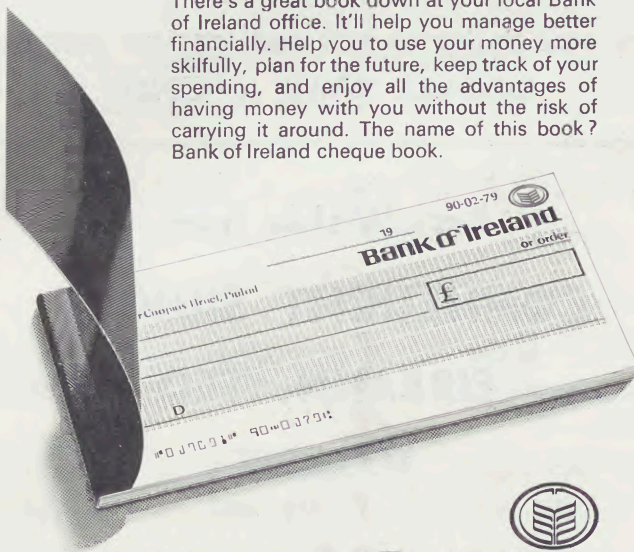
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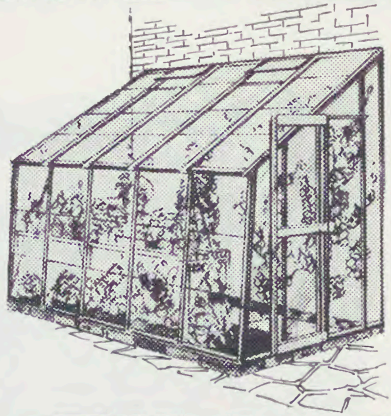
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Editorial

WHILE ECONOMIC, CONSERVATIONAL, SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL PROBLEMS are becoming more and more evident in a strife racked world, man is being constantly posed with the question of where he went wrong. Increasingly he has come to realise that a good childhood training plays a vital part in moulding a sensible and capable human being—education is what makes the man.

During the first six years of one's life all the basic traits of character of the individual—so the psychologists tell us—have been formed, but from the time that he is capable of learning, his ideas and thoughts are being constantly modified and reshaped with the varying circumstances of life. A good education produces a man of sound values, and so a great responsibility falls on his school and more especially in the case of a boarding school where his progress and development are further removed from the influence of parents and home.

An impressive feature of Midleton has been a ready acceptance of people of different backgrounds of race, religion, class and even colour. It is not a deliberate disregard for such differences but rather that pupils in Midleton College are not even conscious of them. This is an admirable characteristic of the school and the attitude of tolerance created could well serve as an example to society at large. Having spent one's time here in such an environment, it is only when one leaves and faces the "cruel world outside" that one becomes conscious of various forms of tension and discrimination.

Midleton is a school where pupils are educated to be real people and not mass produced. As a result of over 6 years here at least one person can say that he was glad of the experience!

The pages of this magazine reflect the various facets of people and activities in this institution—it is produced not only for your enjoyment but also for your edification.

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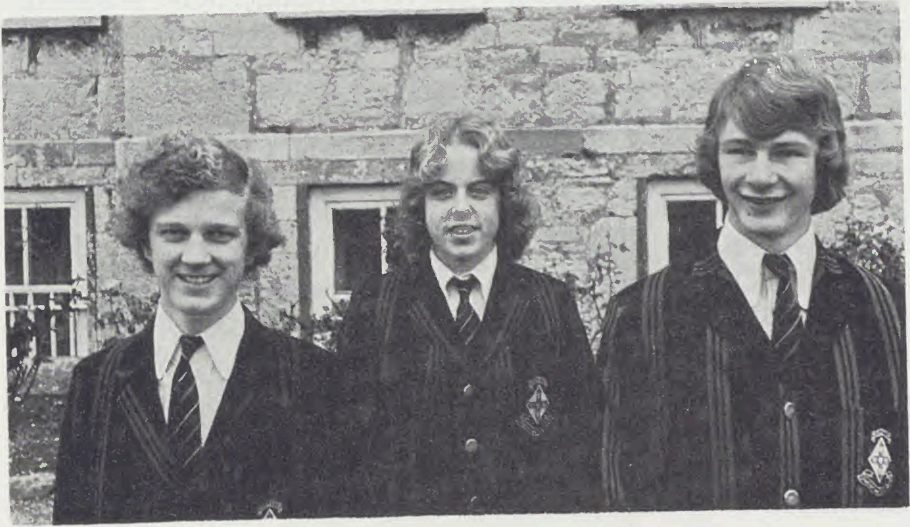
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FROM THE HEADMASTER:

Governors:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome to the Board of Governors Senator Trevor West. Although Trevor is based in Dublin he has always taken a deep interest in the College and he has kept in very close touch with all our activities and our problems. His wide experience both in the academic sphere of Trinity College and as a public representative in the Oireachtas will be a great asset to us. There are many practical reasons why it is an advantage to have a Governor residing in Dublin where so many important education decisions are taken. Trevor perpetuates the name of West on our Board, but it is in his own right as a scholar and as a public figure that he joins our ranks.

Numbers:

Our over-all number of pupils has increased to 217 in the present year. Of those 152 are boarders—a slight drop on last year—29 are day boys and 36 are day girls. The number of registered pupils has now passed the 180 mark which entitles us to an extra registered teacher. As I have tried to explain in yearly reports it is only through the employment of Junior non-registered apprentice teachers and some part-time teachers that we are able to offer such a wide range of subjects through the school and especially at Senior level. The fact that our Leaving Certificate candidates spread themselves over 17 subjects—12 at the Higher level—speaks for itself.

Curriculum:

One of the advances made this year is the introduction of Music as a subject for all pupils in the Junior School (Form III and under). Music is alternated week by week with Art so that all pupils are introduced to both. They follow the courses laid down in the Department of Education syllabuses and it will be possible to take the Intermediate Certificate in either should they so wish. I am not pushing the examination but rather the cultural aspect of these subjects and the value they may have in promoting education for leisure time which is becoming of increasing importance as working hours grow less and less.

Summer Cruise:

I was extremely pleased with the success of our Summer Cruise to the Baltic Sea. We were a very happy party who participated to the full in all that was to be done and to be seen. We were well organised and we set a standard of good conduct. I am particularly grateful to the Prefects of the group—especially Brian Nicholson, who saw to the needs of everybody, with the able support of Peter de Montfort, Ivan Wolfe and Jane MacDonald. We hope to try again in 1976.

Education:

I have had a busy year in the general education sphere. There was the final stage of the Intermediate Certificate Report on whose review Committee I have worked for the past four years. The Report is now in the hands of the Minister and is due for general publication in the near future. While it does not suggest abolition of the Inter. Cert. it does suggest a transformation towards school based assessment with the help of externally moderated tests of the multiple choice type and the evaluation of oral, practical and project work. It would also be a form of on-going assessment, not dependant on the results of an examination at one point in time.

I am just finishing my year as President of the Irish Schoolmasters' Association (Heads of Protestant Schools) and I had the honour to be one of a delegation of Irish Headmasters to a Conference of representatives of Christian Schools from the nine Council of Europe countries (with Spain as a guest) at Strasbourg at Easter last. It was my first direct contact with European educationalists and without going into detail our delegation was extremely encouraged by the impact we made and by the general standard and prospects of second level education in Ireland vis-a-vis our continental neighbours.

Magazine:

Again I would like to congratulate those responsible for this Magazine—the Editorial Staff, the contributors, the Office Secretary, Miss Archer, on whom so much of the typing and “correcting” has fallen and, in faith, as I write this a month before publication, our printers, the Eagle. The Magazine has served the College well over the years—it has been popular, and comments on it have invariably been favourable. It acts as an up-to-date yearly prospectus for the College and it presents a very accurate picture of its atmosphere. However costs have escalated and we may be nearing the end of the road with this type of production. Only for the goodwill of our advertisers, to whom I commend all our readers, are we able to go anywhere near meeting the financial commitment of the present issue.

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Head Boy: Ivan Wolfe.

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West Memorial Buildings

THE WEST MEMORIAL BUILDINGS have now been completed and the project has taken the shape of that outlined in last year's issue of this Magazine. The flat-roofed section contains a Science Laboratory for the Junior classes and for Biology, and the room with the pointed roof surmounted by a weather-vane is called the Art Room but as well as providing facilities for Art and Crafts it can be put to many other uses—music recitals, drama rehearsals, film shows, collective teaching and lectures.

Mr. West was a practical man who believed in the useful rather than the ornamental—and we feel that these buildings fulfil a development which would have his hearty approval. They will extend and perpetuate the progress made in the academic life of the school during his period as Headmaster.

We compliment the Architect, Mr. John Green, on the design of the buildings and the taste displayed in the interior effects and the decoration. The builders, Lane's of Cork, under the supervision of Mr. Michael Lane, carried out the work with efficiency and competence, and with the minimum of disruption to the life and work of the school.

THE OPENING CEREMONY:

November 14th was a historic day in the life of the College when Dr. F. S. L. Lyons, Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, came specially to perform the opening and to speak at the Prize Distribution.

In a simple outdoor ceremony at which the official party, consisting of our special guests, governors and staff, first paraded through a guard of honour of the pupils resplendent in their school uniforms, along the tarmacadam pathway to the new buildings. After a few appropriate words Dr. Lyons unveiled the plaque which testifies to the memory of "Timothy West, M.A., Headmaster 1928-1960, Governor 1969-1973." Then followed the dedication consisting of a reading of scripture by Canon Fleming and prayers by the Lord Bishop.

A large gathering of parents, past pupils, friends and representatives of organisations and firms attended. The whole West family was present—Mrs. West, Senator Trevor West, Mr. and Mrs. John West and Mr. and Mrs. Brian West. Relatives and friends included Miss Margaret Moorhead, Mrs. Sheila Cruttwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hilliard, Mrs. G. Hilliard, Mrs. D. Constable, Mrs. M. Humphreys and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tyrrell. Rugby Football was represented by Mr. Sarsfield Hogan, Mr. T. O'Reilly (Hon. Treas. I.R.F.U.) and Mr. K. Quilligan (President, Munster Branch); Midleton College O.B.A. officially by the President, Mr. Ronnie Hill, and Mr. Victor Rockley of the Dublin Branch; the Architects by Mr. Walter Stansfeld, and the Builders by Mr. Michael Lane.

After the buildings had been inspected by those present, all proceeded to the Dining Hall where, in the course of the Distribution of Prizes, speeches made reference to the life and work of Mr. West and paid tribute to his memory.

14th NOVEMBER - 1974



Line-up of public prior to opening, with new buildings in background



Plaque has been unveiled by Provost (centre) who has just finished speaking

West Memorial Fund

WE ARE GLAD TO REPORT a very successful response to our appeal of this time last year for the West Memorial Fund. Many people have given generously in appreciation of the life and work of Mr. West and for the good of the College. We set a target of £12,000 and if we include the Easter Sale and Auction proceeds, a total of £10,661 has been realised. Subscriptions amount to £6,936.43 and they break down as follows:—

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The Fund remains open as we are sure that many more, especially amongst Past Pupils, would like to be associated with it and also because the original estimate for the work has been subject to increase owing to some practical difficulties in laying the foundations and to the increase in costs while the work was in progress. We appeal to those who may have been missed out or who may have overlooked our original brochure to send their donation to Hon. Secretary, West Memorial Fund, Midleton College, Co. Cork.

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PREFECTS - 1974/75



David Vernon, Ivan Wolfe, James Moore,
Richard Boyle, Gordon Jermyn

President Childers

ON THE VERY DAY that this Magazine went to print, the funeral of our President took place. The occasion cannot pass without a tribute from us for all the good things for which he stood—his zest for life and its advancement, his interest in youth, his anxiety for the proper use of leisure, his dedication to peace, his love for his country and his appreciation of literature, art and the beauty of nature.

A short Commemoration Service in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Midleton, was led by the pupils of the College, and conducted by the Dean of Cloyne, in the unavoidable absence of our Rector. It was a simple but moving ceremony to precede the wider view made possible by television of the nation's homage to its first citizen in presence of many international dignitaries in the Cathedral of St. Patrick and in the streets of Dublin.

Erskine Childers set his face against acrimony and bitterness, against strife and violence; let us hope that his example will inspire this generation of Irishmen to solve the problems which beset them and to lead their country to a happier future.

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NEW BUILDINGS

IT IS OVER 10 YEARS since the first of our building schemes was initiated. From time to time we have been asked for chronological details of our additions over the intervening period. Here they are:—

- 1963 Block containing Library, Science Laboratory and Dormitories, Oil-fired Central Heating.
- 1965 One classroom (No. 6 — the “Cooler”), Extension to Games Showers.
- 1966 Roh-Fab Dormitory (Orkney).
- 1967 Roh-Fab Dormitory (Brodrick), three classrooms (Nos. 7, 8, 9), Cricket Pavilion.
- 1968 Roh-Fab Dormitory (Clayton), two classrooms (Nos. 10,11), Woodwork, Outside Toilets.
- 1969 Dining Hall, School Offices.
- 1971 Swimming Pool, Housemaster's Bungalow.
- 1972 Girls' Day Room (Terrapin).
- 1974 West Memorial Buildings (Junior Science Room and Art/General Purposes Room).

The large block built in 1963 was officially opened by Dr. P. J. Hillery, then Minister of Education, on 17th December, 1963. An approximate estimate of the total amount of money spent on the above extensions comes to £102,000. The number of pupils has increased from 56 boarders and 14 day pupils in 1960 to 152 boarders and 65 day pupils this year.

Examination Results, 1974

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L. P. Maing	H: Geography, Physics-with-Chemistry, Biology.
J. M. Moore	H: Geography, Physics-with-Chemistry. L: Irish, English, Mathematics, Economics, Accounting.
B. D. Nicholson	H: Geography, Chemistry, Economics, Accounting. L: Irish, English, Mathematics, French.
F. M. B. Peet	H: History, Geography, Economics, Accounting. L: Irish, English, Mathematics, French.
L. U. Pilkington	H: English, History, Geography. L: Irish, Mathematics.
D. B. Rooke	H: Geography, Economics, Accounting. L: Irish, English, Mathematics, French.
T. R. Salter	H: Mathematics, Geography. L: Irish, Economics.
P. C. Shanahan	L: Geography, Art.
Margaret Tait	H: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry. L: Biology.
G. M. Wall	H: Geography, Biology, Spanish.
I. S. Wolfe	L: Mathematics, Geography, Physics-with-Chemistry, Biology.

H.—Higher Paper.

L.—Lower Paper.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE

D. G. Ackland	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, French, Science.
N. A. Barber	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, French, Science.
N. P. Baylor	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, Science, Spanish.

R. D. Brownlow	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, French, Science, Mechanical Drawing.
R. T. Chambers	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Science, Commerce.
Lisa Cook	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, French, Science.
P. M. Greene	English, History and Geography, Mathematics, French, Science.
D. C. Harte	English, History and Geography, Science, Commerce, Mechanical Drawing, Woodwork.
P. H. Hitchmough	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, Science, Spanish.
T. S. Heymann	English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, French, Science, Mechanical Drawing.
A. R. Jeffery	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, Science.
N. R. Johnson	English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Science, Commerce.
C. P. Jennings	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, French, Science.
S. R. Kingston	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, French, Science, Commerce, Mechanical Drawing.
Lori Milch	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, French, Science.
S. W. Nagle	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, French, Science, Mechanical Drawing.
G. D. Nicholson	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, French, Science, Commerce, Mechanical Drawing.
L. E. Phillips	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, French, Science.
M. U. Pilkington	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, French, Science, Mechanical Drawing.
W. D. Quin	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Science, Commerce, Mechanical Drawing.
Catherine Ronan	Irish, English, History and Geography, French, Science.
S. L. Rooke	English, History and Geography, Science, Commerce, Mechanical Drawing.
D. N. Ross	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, French, Science.
C. J. Salter	English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Science.
R. J. Smith	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, French, Science.
A. C. Smyth	English, History and Geography, Science.
W. G. Skuse	Irish, English, History and Geography, Science, Commerce.
D. B. Steele	English.
Anita Whiting	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, French, Science, Music.
S. St. J. Wolfe	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, French, Science.
R. J. Wood	Irish, English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, Science, Spanish.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (London)

(O—Level)

D. St. G. Vernon	Chemistry, Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, Physics, Religious Studies.
D. Hilliard	Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, Mathematics, Religious Studies.
G. Jermyn	Chemistry, Geography, Physics, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, Religious Studies.
S. J. P. Linnell	Art, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Religious Studies.
P. J. Blennerhassett	Chemistry, English Language, Mathematics, Physics.
O. J. Fallen	Chemistry, English Literature, Geography, Mathematics.
W. P. Flynn	Chemistry, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, Physics.
A. P. Jermyn	Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics.
G. L. St. Leger	English Language, Geography, Religious Studies.
A. R. Sweetnam	Geography, Mathematics, Religious Studies.
D. B. Rooke	Economics, English Language.
Jane MacDonald	Art, History.

Outstanding Pupils—1974

TIMOTHY BOWMER

OBTAINED THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE with five high grades—English, Geography, French, Chemistry, Biology. He shared the Moore Memorial Scholarship for general ability and the J. H. Bennett Memorial Prize for Science.

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JOHN MCGILLIVRAY

OBTAINED THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE with four high grades—English, Geography, French, Chemistry. He shared the Moore Memorial Scholarship for general ability.

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PETER de MONTFORT

OBTAINED THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE with three high grades including B's in History and French to add to his result of the previous year. Awarded the Isaac Butt Memorial Prize for History and the Lindsay Maing Prize for Geography.

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DAVID VERNON

AT ONE SITTING OF GCE O' LEVELS gained passes in 10 subjects—A's in Geography and Physics, and C's in Chemistry, Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics and Religious Studies. (No B grades are awarded in London GCE 'O' Levels). Awarded the Bishop Hearn Memorial Prize.

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DAVID HILLIARD

GAINED SEVEN PASSES IN GCE 'O' LEVELS including Grade C's in Geography, English Literature and Religious Studies.

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SYDNEY NAGLE

GAINED THE INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE with high grades in six subjects including A's in Mathematics and Science and B's in English, History and Geography, Latin and French. Awarded the Midleton Scholarship and shared the special prizes for Maths., Languages, Science and Geography.

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RICHARD WOOD

GAINED THE INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE with high grades in seven subjects including an A in Science and B's in Latin and Spanish. Shared the Bagwell Language Prize.

NICHOLAS BARBER

GAINED THE INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE with high grades in six subjects including an A in Science, and B's in History and Geography and French. Shared the J. H. Bennett Memorial Prize for Science.

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ANITA WHITING

GAINED THE INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE with high grades including A in French, and B's in Mathematics, Science and Music. Awarded a Timothy West Memorial Prize for Maths. and a special prize for French.

Christmas Concert, 1973

AT THE TIME OF WRITING, this year's Concert holds the attention rather more firmly than last year's. However, through the mists, one can perceive the salient points.

There was, as usual, much enthusiasm and many had to be disappointed. As the school grows, numbers and time become public enemies.

Some fourteen items were presented on stage. We have only one stage on which to practise and an hour and a half most afternoons during which practices may be held. This does not present a bright picture, but it is only when one realises that producing a Concert is by no means the only activity which claims the attentions of both performers and producers that one gains a true appreciation of the conditions under which we work.

I have never before in these notes mentioned difficulties and would not do so now were it not that, at times last year, those unaware of this situation brought strain on activities which should be the essence of gaiety and whose problems should be surmounted with laughter.

Many thanks are due to those who worked as producers. To them we owe "The Christmas Mime" (Mr. Noonan); "Thread of Scarlet" (Mr. Lyons); "Is Horror Your Neighbour?" (Mr. Mullins). The Drummer Boys performed with their usual skill and melody. Many proposed jokes and sketches and we are always indebted to their humour and inventiveness.

Unfortunately few of those members of staff involved in the Concert have musical ability. Consequently much talent has remained latent as it lacked direction and criticism. However, we have great hopes that this will be in some small way remedied this year; and we thank the groups and soloists who brightened up our evenings.

The Senior Play was difficult, but within the scope of our actors. We must record how we shall miss Lionel Pilkington in our future efforts.

Many thanks to all who laboured behind the scenes and especially to Mrs. Murphy who is the creative genius behind the painting of our sets.

D.J.

Ave Atque Vale

Ave:

SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE the following pupils have joined the School and we wish them happy and successful careers here:

Boys:—E. J. NOONAN, A. J. SWANTON, J. K. BEAMISH, M. BELOPOPSKY, S. W. BRADLEY, M. A. BROWN, P. A. COLLINS, T. A. CRONE, P. F. EGAN, S. GODWIN, M. E. HENNESSY, N. P. HILL, J. G. HORNIBROOK, I. R. E. JOHNSTON, C. P. KELLER, J. P. D. MAYFIELD, P. L. MILLEN, R. J. MOORE, M. A. O'GRADY, C. A. O'GRADY, O. M. O'ROURKE, P. I. O'ROURKE, G. J. A. PERCIVAL, R. PRENDERGAST, M. C. PRESTON, J. M. QUIN, L. M. J. SAFLUND, M. R. SALTER-TOWNSHEND, U. P. SCHILLER, P. I. K. SIMPSON, R. L. SIMPSON, L. T. STANLEY, R. P. THOMPSON, P. TSCHEPKE, N. TSCHEPKE, E. P. WILLIAMS, K. F. MCCARTHY.

Girls:—E. R. S. BEAMISH, A. D. HALES, E. A. HENNESSY, I. JERMYN, D. JERMYN, L. P. MOORE, L. J. MOORE, A. M. MOORE, T. M. MURPHY, J. C. NORTHRIDGE, L. T. RYALL, L. SCHULTZ, Y. M. TSU, R. TSU, L. WOLFE.

Vale:

TO THOSE who have left us during the past year we wish every success in their future careers:

DAVID and JOHN MCGILLIVRAY who have returned to Rhodesia—David is Tobacco Farming and John is doing a year of Military Service in the Air Force prior to entering University.

TIM BOWMER, who has started a course in Marine Biology at University College, Galway.

MARGARET TAIT (Science), BRIAN NICHOLSON (Commerce), CLIVE JONES (Science) and JANE McDONALD (Arts), who have entered University College, Cork.

DAVID ROOKE and FRANCIS PEET who have started Commerce courses in University College, Dublin.

PETER DE MONTFORT who has started in the History School in Trinity College, Dublin.

CHARLES BATEMAN who has taken up a clerkship with Allied Irish Banks in Schull.

AMIR KHAMBALIA who has joined his family in Canada and was arranging a further course of study with a view to entering a Medical School there.

LINDY MAING who has returned to Dublin from Trinidad and is attending the Pre-University Centre in St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, with a view to qualifying for entry to Pharmacy.

LIONEL PILKINGTON who is at present working at a horticultural farm and hopes later to enter a University.

GILES GLEASURE and PHILIP KINGSTON who are doing 7th year courses in Cork at Dr. Paye's and Ashton respectively.

STUART BROWNLOW, TIMOTHY FAIR and GERALD WALL who are doing courses at the Regional Technical School in Cork in Engineering.

PETER LOANE who has started on a Commercial course at Skerries College in Cork.

DAVID HARRIS who has started a career in Sea Fishing and is at present apprenticed to a trawler firm at Howth.

JUSTIN ACKLAND, who is doing a course in Agriculture at Gurteen College, Co. Tipperary.

RODNEY COE who has joined Irish Shipping and is at present serving on the "Irish Maple."

DAVID COLE who has joined his father's business in Youghal.

PETER SHANAHAN who hopes to begin work as a trainee Draughtsman in the near future.

DAVID STEELE who is employed at farming contracting in Castlemartyr.

ALEC JEFFERY who has returned home to work on the family farm.

TREVOR and GRAEME SALTER who are continuing school in their home town, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

DAMON ACKLAND, WILLIAM CASEY, ALBERT JEFFERY, PETER LORD, GEORGE TALBOT, FRED VAN DER PUIL, who are continuing their secondary education elsewhere in Ireland.

CATHARINE and LAURENCE REYNOLDS who have gone to Suffolk, England, with their parents and are in school near Ipswich.

PAUL and MARTIN WOOD who have left Cork for Sheffield with their parents and are at school there.

ALAN BLENNERHASSETT who is attending a Technical School in Tralee.



Stuart Brownlow



Charles Bateman



Brian Nicholson

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STUDENT PROJECT, '75

"THE STORY OF A CHANGING TOWN—MIDLETON."

WE HAVE ENTERED Student Project '75 and have chosen the above title. Our aim is to study the changes in Middleton town and district, and to evaluate them. At present we are in the process of gathering information. We are grateful to Mr. Daley, our Economics Master, for the advice he gives us from time to time. The Project has to be handed in by February 7th, and the results will be known in March.

SIXTH FORM PROJECT TEAM

Club Notes

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

THIS YEAR has been a boom year for the Club with membership of over 30. All of them show a great interest in photographic work. Our advancing knowledge in Photography has led us to the complicated processing of colour prints and negatives. Various enlarging techniques and print textures are being studied by the members at present. We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Smyth, Mr. Little and Mr. Harrington who have helped out in the acquiring of the necessary chemical materials.

N. PHILLIPS (*Form V*).

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GOLF CLUB

THE GOLF CLUB is still one of the Summer term's main sporting attractions. It has a five-hole course, situated in the Cave field, which is used in the Winter as a mini Rugby pitch. Although the standard held by most is not of the highest, there is much enthusiasm. The Senior Tournament had 30 entrants and the Junior, 25. T. Fair and T. Levis were the winners of the tournaments respectively. Our gratitude goes to those who maintain the good condition of the course—John Deady, who looks after the fairways and a few boys who tend the greens. All we need now is somebody to look after the long grass by the walls.

I. WOLFE (*Form VI*).

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ELECTRONICS CLUB

THIS IS THE THIRD YEAR of the Electronics Club in the College. The members enjoy themselves every day in the Cricket Pavilion—fixing and building radios and other pieces of electronic equipment. We wish to thank the Head for his permission to use the Pavilion. The Electronics Club is a great pastime for some of the Junior members of the school, as well as some of the Seniors. It has now over 30 members and is going strongly this year.

STEPHEN ROOKE (*Form V*).

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LITERARY SOCIETY

CREDIT FOR THE FOUNDING of the Literary Society goes back to Lionel Pilkington in 1972. Under the guidance of Mr. Mullins the Society has grown in popularity. It is open to members of Forms IV, V and VI. During a session, poetry and short passages of English are read according to the choice of members. Music is introduced in like manner. Budding poets are invited to give air to their talents. The atmosphere is relaxed and members are honest and sincere in their feelings on the material presented. We wish the Society continued success in the years to come.

D. HILLIARD, P. BLENNERHASSETT (*Form VI*).

Prize List, 1973

MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: C. T. Bowmer, J. B. McGillivray.

MIDDLETON SCHOLARSHIP: S. W. Nagle.

BISHOP HEARN MEMORIAL PRIZES: D. St. G. Vernon, N. A. Barber, R. J. Wood.

J. H. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR SCIENCE: C. T. Bowmer, R. Boyle, S. W. Nagle, N. A. Barber.

JAMES McNEILL WEST PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS: Margaret Tait, S. W. Nagle, G. D. Nicholson.

TIMOTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS: M. Lynch, Anita Whiting, R. D. Brownlow, S. St. J. Wolfe, N. Johnson.

BAGWELL PRIZES FOR LANGUAGES: Jane MacDonald, S. W. Nagle, R. J. Wood.

ISAAC BUTT MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY: P. G. de Montfort.

LINDSAY MAING GEOGRAPHY PRIZES: P. G. de Montfort, S. W. Nagle, G. D. Nicholson.

MRS. E. F. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MUSIC: Susan MacDonald.

O.B.A. PRIZE: B. D. Nicholson.

HEADMASTER'S PRIZES: D. Hilliard, G. Jermyn, S. J. P. Linnell.

SINGING PRIZES: M. Lynch, J. B. McGillivray, D. R. O. Hill.

DEBATING PRIZES: L. U. Pilkington, A. E. Eadie.

MAGAZINE ARTICLE PRIZES: D. Hilliard, Siobhan Cook.

ART PRIZES: C. T. Bowmer, Susie Whiting.

FRENCH PRIZES: Anita Whiting, Lisa Cook, Catherine Ronan, Lori Milch.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZES:

Senior: 1st, P. G. de Montfort; 2nd, A. F. Khambalia and R. Boyle.

Middle: 1st, A. E. Eadie; 2nd, R. R. E. Travers; 3rd, T. S. Heymann.

Junior: 1st, D. R. W. Perrott; 2nd, D. L. E. Garrett; 3rd, L. H. Reynolds and J. A. L. Good.

SCRIPTURE PRIZES:

3rd year: 1st, R. P. Butler; 2nd, A. E. Eadie and R. R. E. Travers; 4th, D. A. H. Peare.

2nd year: 1st, W. J. F. Smith; 2nd, P. R. Whiting; 3rd, Sheila M. Johnson; 4th, J. R. Farrar.

1st year: S. D. Moore, Susan Whiting, M. R. F. Smith, P. N. S. Travers.

Preparatory: 1st, N. C. Sweetnam; 2nd, I. J. Bryan and C. G. Stansfeld.

CLASS PRIZES:

FORM VI: F. M. B. Peet, T. M. D. Harris (Best Effort).

FORM V: W. Flynn.

FORM IV: Anita Whiting, R. D. Brownlow, G. D. Nicholson, M. U. Pilkington, Lisa Cook, S. St. J. Wolfe (Best Effort).

FORM III: 1st, A. A. F. Brown and R. R. E. Travers; 3rd, A. E. Eadie; 4th, R. P. Butler and Wendy Whiting; 6th, T. R. Levis; 7th, M. R. Cameron; 8th, Avril Northridge and D. A. H. Peare.

FORM II: 1st, Sarah Deane; 2nd, R. S. Hill and T. K. Chambers; 4th, Catharine Reynolds and J. A. L. Good; 6th, Jacqueline Vernon, Sheila Johnson and D. R. W. Perrott; 9th, P. R. Whiting and W. J. F. Smith.

FORM I: 1st, S. D. Moore and L. H. Reynolds; 3rd, Susan Whiting; 4th, S. N. Foley; 5th, P. A. Lord; 6th, L. Fitzell; 7th, M. B. Shorten, J. P. McKeown, D. M. Casey and M. R. F. Smith.

PREPARATORY: 1st, J. R. Punch; 2nd, N. C. Sweetnam; 3rd, I. J. Bryan; 4th, C. G. Stansfeld.

Miscellanea

WE CONGRATULATE Mr. Mulcahy and Mr. Noonan on gaining their Master of Education Degrees in U.C.C. Mr. Mulcahy gained a 2nd Class for his thesis on "Health in Education" and has been elected a member of the Royal Society of Health; Mr. Noonan a 1st Class with his work on "Baptists in Education in Ireland."

We welcome to the staff two past pupils, Mr. Alan Hickey and Mr. Jim Bateman, who are taking their Higher Diploma in Education in U.C.C.; Miss Cashin who teaches languages and Miss Harrington who takes Music.

We wish last year's Junior teachers every success in their future careers—Miss O'Rourke, who is teaching in Co. Louth; Mr. Carry and Miss O'Callaghan who are both in schools in Kent, and Mr. Berry who has a post in Co. Tipperary.

Congratulations to Messrs. Lyons, Mullins and Mulcahy and their wives on recent increases in their families.

We welcome Miss Daphne Smyth, R.S.C.N., to the position of School Nurse in succession to Miss Clarke who left at Easter. She has made a very happy impression on us all by her efficiency and her kindly manner.

Miss Patterson left us at Easter after two years as Assistant Matron. We appreciate her work and we welcome Miss P. Ryan in her place.

Recent visits to Cork by College parties included the Stamp Exhibition in the Victoria Hotel; All-Blacks v. Irish Universities at Mardyke; Vienna Boys' Choir at the Savoy; Symphony Concerts at the City Hall. Also the Horslips and Gary Glitter!

The dark days of last January were lightened by the appearance of Colour TV in the Library. It has proved a popular acquisition especially for Sports Programmes.

Last Spring some of our Junior pupils were featured on the Radio Eireann Programme "Children Talking"—they made an excellent impression on their interviewer Maire Ni Murchu, and also on listeners.

The acquisition of a Planetarium in the Junior Science Department has created quite a stir—it is an instrument of entertainment and instruction not only to the children but also to their mentors!

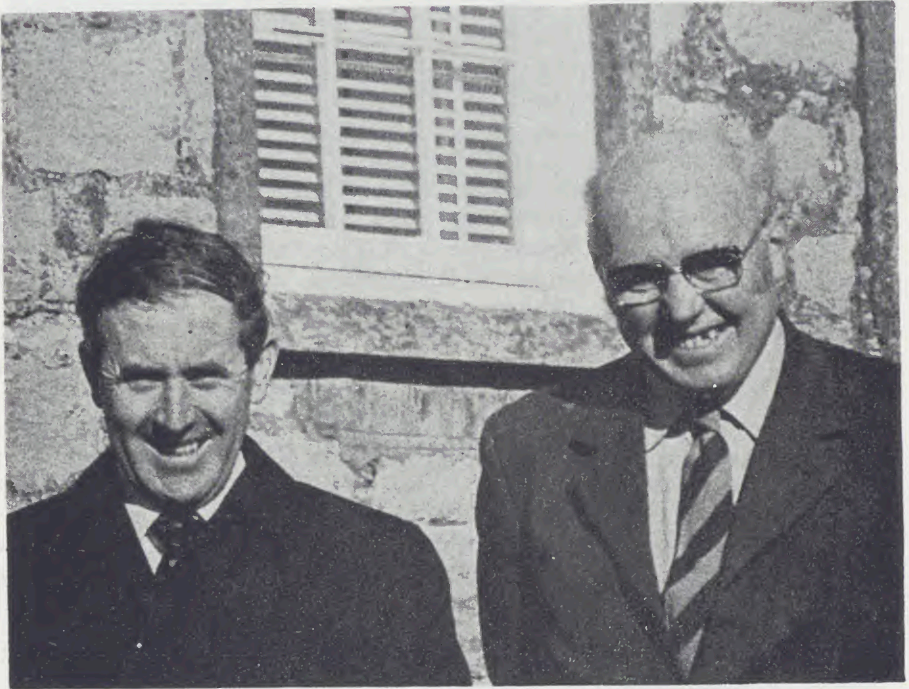
We are again pleased to acknowledge gifts of books to the Library from the U.S. on a regular monthly basis from Mr. and Mrs. John Beitz, formerly of the American Consulate in Cork, and Geographical Magazines from Mr. Travers. Past pupils sometimes enquire as to what they can do for the College; such a provision for the Library either of good books or of a year's subscription for a useful magazine, is an excellent example. We thank the O.B.A. for contributing "Wild Life."

The East Cork Flower Club held their Annual Autumn Show in the Gymnasium—it provided a magnificent display of cuttings and arrangements.

Films are a regular Sunday evening feature of school life. Recently we have seen “Patton—Lust for Glory”, “The Red Baron”, “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly”, “The Last Escape” and “The Robe”.

A by-election in the East Cork constituency brought many political notabilities to our area in the first half of November—the Minister of Education, Mr. Richard Burke, paid an unofficial visit to the school, followed shortly by a former Minister of Education, Senator Brian Lenihan—both were suitably impressed by our situation and premises.

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The Minister of Education (left) with the Headmaster

(Photo : G. O'Reilly)

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Late Extra!

A hearty welcome to Jennifer Fiona King, the latest addition to the College community—born 25th November, 1974: Congratulations to our Housemaster and Mrs. King.

Debating Society, 1974

Easter Term:

Auditor: L. PILKINGTON

Secretary: I. WOLFE

Committee:

JANE MACDONALD, D. VERNON

P. KINGSTON, J. MCGILLIVRAY

Christmas Term:

Auditor: I. WOLFE

Secretary: M. PILKINGTON

Committee:

LISA COOK, D. VERNON

D. HILLIARD, C. SALTER

THE DEBATING SOCIETY, alternately chaired by Mr. Johnston and Mr. Lyons, has had quite a successful year.

One of the highlights of the year came when the Society was invited to debate against St. Mary's High School, Middleton, on Monday, 11th February. The motion was that "Society in the 1970's is degenerate." This was opposed by the Collège. Speakers from the Collège included J. McGillivray, L. Pilkington and Catherine Ronan. The debate proved interesting and lively, and the motion was defeated 24-13.

The traditional debate with the Old Boys came on 5th March. The Collège proposed the motion that "The Type of Education provided by Boarding Schools is out of date." Catherine Ronan, F. Peet and I. Wolfe spoke for the Collège while Mr. J. Bateman, Mr. G. Donovan and Mr. A. Mackillop opposed on behalf of the Old Boys. The motion was defeated after a voice vote.

Other motions debated last year included "Euthanasia should be legalised"—won 28-16; "Racial and Religious intermarriage is detrimental to the children involved"—lost 23-24; "Soccer supporting is taken too seriously"—won 22-15.

Many interesting motions for private business were debated during the year. These included " 'Sesame Street' should be censored"—lost by a voice vote; "Bringing Girls to the Collège was a bad idea"—lost 4-29; "Battery run vacuum cleaners should be provided for paper-pickers"—lost by a voice vote.

A variety of serious and hilarious debates have taken place during what has been a successful year. Much enthusiasm has been shown by many, including almost all the girls in the senior school, who can hold their own with anyone!

D. HILLIARD (*Form VI*).

Junior Debating Society:

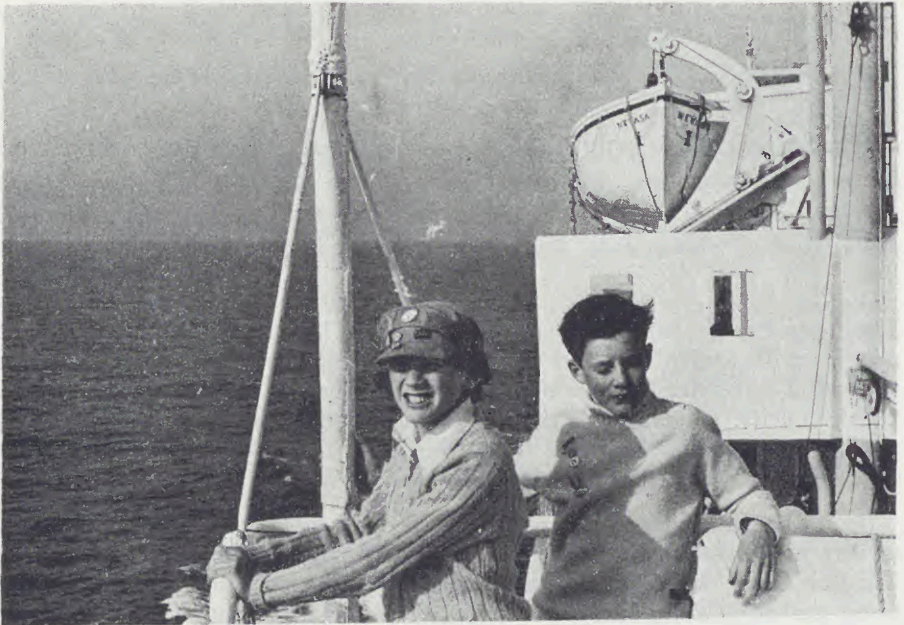
THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY has also had quite a successful year. There are many new debaters in this section, some of whom show a good degree of promise.

Among the motions debated last year were "Wild-life should receive more protection in Ireland"—won 28-19; and "Civilisation has deteriorated seriously in the last century"—lost 17-25.

In charge of the two parties in the Society now are B. Smith and J. Good. The Secretary is Philip Brownlow.

P. BROWNLOW (*Form III*).

ON BOARD



Derek Marshall and John Smyth on s.s. Nevasa somewhere in the Baltic



Paula Wolfe, Fern Allen and Jacqueline Vernon on s.s. Midleton College somewhere in Co. Cork

Health Education

A class in first-aid is at present under way for Form VI, and we are pleased to welcome Mr. Daley, Mr. Noonan and Nurse Smyth to our Saturday afternoon sessions. An examination will be held at the end of the course by a medical doctor, and those who are successful will be awarded first-aid certificates. I then propose to hold further classes and discussion groups with Form VI on other essential health related topics. These will include smoking, alcohol, drugs, family life and sex education.

THROUGH THE YEARS the term health education has taken on many different meanings. In ancient societies physical well-being and rules for hygiene were stressed. A somewhat broader notion of health began to appear in the 17th and 18th centuries. It was during this period that John Locke wrote his oft quoted phrase, "A sound mind in a sound body is a short but full description of a happy state in this world; he that has these two has little to wish for."

Somewhat later, around the middle of the 19th century, Horace Mann, then serving as Secretary to the first board of education in the United States, in Massachusetts, was instrumental in stressing the importance of physical well being and emphasising health education. However, mental and social well being were not appreciably emphasised until the middle of the 20th century. In 1947 the World Health Organisation formulated a widely accepted definition of health. It stated that, "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."

Through the years, broader and more complete meanings of health have evolved. In Irish Society, however, we are largely concerned with curing and treating sickness and little concern is given to raising the level of individual health and well-being. There is no provision in the curriculum of the Irish Secondary School for the teaching of health education, notwithstanding the nebulous suggestions outlined in the civics and physical education syllabi. Civics is generally regarded as the Cinderella of the curriculum and the Department of Education has one Inspector for physical education in the country. There is no officer in the Department of Education with direct responsibility for health education.

Only a minority of educators have been vocal in their expression of concern for the whole of health education in Irish education. A number of reports over the past few years, and a recent Report of the Committee on Drug Education, have suggested that health education be taught in secondary schools by suitably qualified health educators. Future health problems exist potentially in our schools; the latter are the logical places from which to teach future populations while the attitudes of the life styles of children are still in formation.

Education often seems to operate on the basis that the curriculum of the moment is too crowded, with no room for new subjects. The logical reply to those who claim that there is no room in the curriculum for health education as a full-time subject is that there is a great need to re-examine our values and re-arrange our priorities.

What are the minimum needs?

At primary school level the time allotted to health instruction should be commensurate with that given to other curricula. In the Secondary School, health education should be considered as an area of the school curriculum, with its own body of knowledge, its own identity and its own integrity. It requires a classroom keyed to health, arrangements that permit the provision of laboratory experiments, and ample equipment, including books, health periodicals, pamphlets, posters, films, filmstrips and other audio-visual aids.

Health Education deserves a teacher who is especially prepared to teach health with thorough grounding in health principles and practices.

It can make a real contribution to solving the perplexing and persisting problems with which we are all concerned to-day.

It can provide students with needed information on crucial problems such as, self medication, nutrition, obesity, sex-education, alcoholism, drugs and mental health. It can give them an understanding of their own growth and development as well as a sense of personal health responsibility and a feeling of responsibility for community health.

It is important to remember that none of the so called health problems are strictly matters of health. They are societal problems, problems of total living, with health aspects. They cannot be resolved by school health education alone. They can be resolved only by a partnership approach that reaches into the home and the community. It would be a vast mistake to permit parents and the public to expect solutions without involvement.

The health problems of our children and youth must be attacked vertically throughout life, as well as horizontally at certain levels, before, during, and after the school years.

It will not always be possible to measure objectively the outcomes of health education in terms of health behaviour. So many variables are involved, it is virtually impossible to attribute changes that may take place due to health education alone.

Evaluation difficulties faced by health education are shared by other curricular areas, such as English and History. Evaluators of English and History teaching have the same problem of linking their instruction to improvements in oral and written expression as does health education with health behaviour.

Despite these evaluative difficulties, we strongly believe in the teaching of English and History studies, because we have a basic faith in education as a process. For the same reason I believe in health education—its purposes, its outcomes, its values.

J. B. MULCAHY.

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An anonymous crack !

Worried Mother (to Master Mind): How can I keep my sixteen year old son from coming home at two o'clock in the morning?

Master Mind: Lock him out!

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION 1974

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION was held in the College Dining Hall, adequately transformed for the occasion, on 14th November, immediately following the Official Opening of the West Memorial Buildings. The Headmaster read his Annual Report on the school's progress.

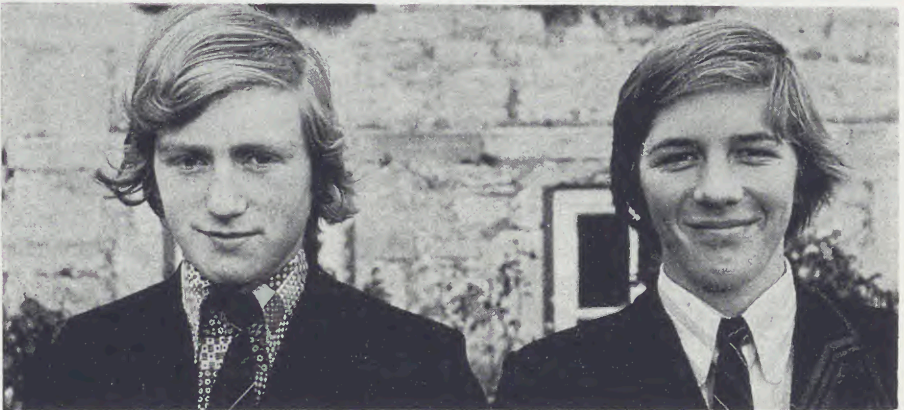
The guest speaker, Dr. F. S. L. Lyons, Provost of Trinity College, who had previously unveiled the West Memorial plaque, paid a handsome tribute to Mr. West and his contribution to education. He stressed the strong links that had been forged between the school and Trinity College, evidenced by the presence of Senator Trevor West on the platform. Speaking especially to the pupils he emphasised the important contribution to Irish society which members of the community to which most of them belonged could make with their tradition of "freedom tempered by responsibility." He concluded with Thomas Davis's words to the Historical Society of T.C.D., 130 years ago—"Gentlemen, you have a country—possess it and enjoy it."

Senator West thanked the Provost for being present to mark the occasion and for his forthright remarks. He expressed appreciation of all those who had worked towards bringing to fruition the splendid memorial to his father—past pupils, parents and friends—mentioning especially those many Rugby Football personalities who had contributed and those who made it their business to be present for the ceremony.

Canon Fleming proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Lyons and after the Head Boy, Ivan Wolfe, had made a presentation to Dr. Lyons to mark the occasion, the Bishop wound up the proceedings by congratulating everyone connected with the success of the day and the school on another year of progress.

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ADVERTISING SECRETARIES



P. Blennerhassett

A. Jermyn

MY FIRST NIGHT AT MIDLETON COLLEGE

AFTER TEA ON 11TH DECEMBER, I helped my mother to pack my two large cases into the car. Then I went up to my bedroom to have a last look round. I felt sorry leaving my dog Bruce; he looked so sad that we brought him with us in the car. We did not talk much on the way.

When we arrived at Midleton we went to the School Office and the Head Boy came and took my cases up to the dormitory; he helped me to unpack and he was very helpful indeed. He showed me where my lockers were and the important one for my tuck. I said goodbye to my mother, my sister and Bruce and promised to write home to them soon.

Then I met my friend Adrian and we watched the older boys arrive back; people were rushing around everywhere. After roll-call I went up to my dormitory and I was surprised to see four boys whom I knew. I made friends with many of the others and had fun that night. I went off to sleep happy, for I knew that I was going to like this school.

IVAN JOHNSTON (*Form I*)

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EASTER CRUISE

AT THE START of the Easter Holidays, six Sixth Formers and two Masters took to the water for a cruise on the Shannon. We collected the boat at Athlone and we decided to head as far north as possible up the river. Of the seven nights, we spent two in Lanesboro, two in Carrick-on-Shannon and one each in Roosky, Athlone and Banagher. With so experienced a navigator as Mr. Little we had no problems. We began with a good stock of food and we had a fine week—seeing no rain till the last night.

Even though the weather was warm, the water was cold, but this did not prevent some people from swimming voluntarily or with a little encouragement and helping hand—we recall a comical incident of Mr. Berry trying to balance on a barrel for a minute in the middle of the river. Of course he failed and we won the bet!

The cruiser was comfortable and spacious—containing eight berths and we had no trouble in reaching the most northerly point of navigation—just above Lough Allen. We dropped in on some islands here and there as well as our scheduled stops at the towns already mentioned. We visited Clonmacnoise, the place of most historical interest on the banks of the Shannon.

A very enjoyable week!

M. LYNCH.

A STUDY OF DREAMS

A SUBJECT which I feel is of rather stunning importance to mankind, yet largely ignored, though compellingly interesting, is the science of Dreams. Having dwelt personally on the subject over the past few months, I have reached the conclusion that there is a great relevance in dreams to everyday life. Dreams help one to know oneself better. By interpreting the symbols in one's dreams, one can begin to grasp a fuller understanding of one's own mind. After all, it is a fact that most people never, in all their lives, come to know themselves totally. Sometimes dreams help a person to find a way out of a problem that besets them in everyday life. Or a dream may offer inspiration. If only we could understand a little more of the tremendous significance contained in dreams.

The mystery of dreams has been tackled in a serious way by many great philosophers. It is known, in fact, that men studied dreams as far back as 5,000 B.C. A more recent investigator into dream philosophy was Sigmund Freud (1856-1939) who first of all investigated the treatment of mental disorders. Soon, he developed the idea that by bringing to the surface the original reason that caused a condition of hysteria, the patient could be cured. He believed the unconscious mind exerts a powerful influence over the conscious one. He wrote an important book called "The Interpretation of Dreams" which dealt with his ideas on the subject. He adopted a scientific approach to dreams.

A much more religious and mystical approach was taken by Carl Gustav Jung (1875-1961) who was born in Switzerland. He believed there were three systems, the "conscious", the "unconscious" and the "collective unconscious" which operated in the human mind. The "collective unconscious" was especially relevant in explaining the meaning of dreams, he stated. He actually forecast the coming of the First World War through a vivid dream.

Many famous figures in history have had vivid dreams also, which have sometimes caused them to alter the course of their lives. Pharaoh, during Joseph's time, dreamt the famous dreams which forecast a famine in that land. Even the length of the famine was learnt from the dream—seven years. Bismarck, of nineteenth century Germany, dreamt of the rise of Prussian power over the other German states, which of course also came true. Abraham Lincoln dreamt of his own violent death, with his body lying in state afterwards. Adolf Hitler, as an Infantryman on the Western Front during the First World War, dreamt of being buried alive as a result of an explosion in the trench. The following morning, in spite of possible danger, he felt compelled to leave the trench. Only moments later, the trench behind him was hit by a shell and Hitler could see his comrades dying under a mass of earth and molten metal. The event may have inspired him to feel he could not fail in his bid to conquer Europe many years later.

Among the great scientists in history, Niehls Bohr, the Danish physicist, received inspiration from a dream. He dreamt of a sun with planets spinning around it, attached to it by thin filaments. When he awoke, he realised that the dream represented the structure of the atom. It inspired him to pursue his studies in atomic physics. Fredrich Kekule, another famous scientist dreamt of a snake swallowing its tail. The result was that he realised the exact shape of the "benzene ring"—the atomic structure of the benzene molecule.

Elias Howe, an American who was trying to invent a practical sewing

machine dreamt of being captured by savages, who ordered him to produce a perfect sewing machine. He tried and failed, and as a result he was sentenced to death. As the savages raised their spears, Howe noticed that there were eye-shaped holes in the tips of them. He suddenly awoke, realising that this was the secret of a perfect sewing-machine. The thread should go through a needle hole near the tip in order to run smoothly. The sewing-machine was revolutionised as a result.

Likewise, great poets found the inspiration for many of their poems through dreams; notably Wordsworth, and Coleridge, whose "Kubla Khan" was based on a dream.

After all, everyone spends about a third of his life asleep. Is it not evident, then, that some sort of benefit be obtained from sleep, besides rest?

D. HILLIARD (*Form VI*).

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CONDEMNED SUNSHINE

It's lonely in here
 And as my strained ears listen
 For the sound . . .
 It does not come.
 Where is it?
 I thought it would echo.
 Will I
 Be here or there,
 Today or tomorrow?

C. V. SHAW (*Form VI*).

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A SCHOOLBOY'S MACBETH

"O horror, horror, horror! Tongue nor heart
 Cannot conceive nor name thee!" School Dinner
 "Such a hideous trumpet calls to parley
 The sleepers of the house" Roll Call Bell
 "Where men may read strange matters to
 beguile the time" The Library
 "Stepped in so far that, should I wade no more,
 Returning were as tedious as go o'er" Non-swimmer in Pool
 "Why, the honest men" Prefects
 "You know your own degrees; sit down at first
 And last the hearty welcome" New Masters
 "That seems to speak things strange" O. Fallen
 "And nothing is but what is not" Calculus Problem
 "To leave no rubs nor botches in the work" Mr. Harrington's Prep.
 "Pronounce it for me, sir, to all our friends" French Class
 "Had I but died an hour before this chance" Irish Exam.
 "Tonight we hold a solemn supper" Governor's Reception
 "The fits o' the season" Second Senior Rugby Team
 "Me thought I heard a voice cry—"Sleep no
 More" Getting up in the Morning

D. HILLIARD, P. BLENNERHASSETT (*Form VI*).

SUMMER TOURS

PREP. CLASS went on an outing to Garryvoe, with Mr. Levis, Mr. Berry and Mr. Carry. We swam and played cricket on the beach and, after a very enjoyable morning, returned to Midleton in time for lunch.

C. JERMYN.

FORM I: We went to some of the places in Co. Clare which come into our new History and Geography programme (SESP). We set out early for the Burren, calling on the way to Shannon Comprehensive School and visiting the museum-piece railway engine ('West Clare') at Ennis Station. The Burren is an area of 40 square miles of barren limestone surface and on it we saw a dolmen and a ring fort. The ground is so parched that there is a saying that there is

“not enough water to drown a man,
not enough wood to hang a man,
not enough soil to bury a man”

We had a picnic lunch and then drove around Black Head, seeing the far side of Galway Bay and the Aran Islands. We ended up with a good feed at the Savoy in Limerick and then a continuous sing-song enlivened our journey back to Midleton College.

S. FOLEY and L. FITZELL.

FORM II: At 8.30 on a fine morning, the bus collected 39 of us, plus Mr. Little and Mr. Johnston. We first went to the pencil factory at Fermoy where we were given a guided tour; then on to the Mitchelstown Creamery where we saw all the cheese being made. We lunched at the Savoy and then proceeded to Bunratty Castle where we saw so many items of historical interest. We had a wonderful time at Shannon Airport where we saw a Jumbo Jet landing. After tea, again at the Savoy in Limerick, we returned home to Midleton. Many thanks to Mr. Little and Mr. Johnston for making this tour possible.

B. SMITH

FORM III: Towards the end of the Easter Term, we went on the customary historical tour of Dublin with Mr. Little and Mr. Mulcahy. The trip was arranged by C.I.E. We did not have time to visit Dublin Castle due to an extended stay in the crypts of St. Michans. Here the more daring members of our party shook hands with the corpse of the crusader. We also went to Leinster House where we saw the Senate Room. An interesting call was paid to the National Museum and we saw the Book of Kells in Trinity College Library. But then, all too soon, we were in the train heading for home.

R. TRAVERS.

The Headmaster and Mrs. Smyth send Christmas and New Year Greetings to all Pupils, Parents, Past Pupils and Friends of the College. They thank all who have supported the College in the past year and look forward with renewed confidence to 1975.

Junior Poetry

MATHS.

Maths can be good
Maths can be bad
Maths can be easy
Maths can be hard
Tricky sums and long division
Put my mind all in confusion.
Geometric combinations,
Complicated multiplications,
Division, subtraction and all the rest
I like the sound of the bell best!

T. McDONAGH (*Form III*).

COWS

I cannot understand
How they can
Droop their necks all day
And eat the same old food
Maybe because
They're in captivity.
But, even if
They weren't
I'd say they'd
Do the same.

D. MATTHEWS (*Form II*).

THE CUCKOO

The cuckoo is a lazy bird
He never builds a nest
Instead he goes and borrows one
For that he is a pest.

He really is a vagabond
He's got determination
He pushes birds out of the nest
Without consideration

In place of song the cuckoo calls
A loud "Cuckoo! Cuckoo!"
And that is how he gets his name,
And such a good one too!

SUSIE WHITING (*Form II*).

A LONELY CHILD

Sitting, sobbing bitterly,
Wishing for his mother,
Vowing that if he got the chance
A master he would smother.

Crying for his long lost dog
Weeping for his dad,
All these happy things of life
This lonely boy once had.

Life has gone completely wrong
Which brings him lots of sorrow,
But if he gets a good night's sleep
He'll be fine tomorrow!

RONNIE GIBSON (*Form II*).

SUMMER CRUISE, 1974

AFTER THE SUCCESS of the 1972 Cruise to North Africa and the Mediterranean, it was decided to embark on another cruise last summer, this time to the Baltic Sea. The Headmaster, Mrs. Smyth, myself and forty-eight pupils assembled at the Innisfallen terminal on the evening of Monday, 8th July. From Swansea we travelled by train to London and thence by coach to join the "Nevasa" at Tilbury. We sailed on Tuesday at 4.00 p.m., bound for Oslo.

Our voyage up the North Sea was uneventful and the party settled down to the daily routine of life on board the ship at sea. This usually involved seeing films and lectures about places to be visited, deck games, swimming, and a period in the classroom to deal with such things as foreign currencies and the writing up of log books.

We entered the Oslo fjord in the early afternoon of Thursday 11th and steamed for four hours up the fifty mile long approach with pine forests and picturesque houses on the slopes on either side of us. We berthed at 8.00 p.m. and went ashore to explore Oslo. We found it a clean modern city with fine shops, although articles were expensive by our standards. The following morning was spent shopping and sight-seeing around the city. We visited the Royal Palace and an old fortress and museum overlooking our ship's berth. In the afternoon a coach tour brought us to the Kon Tiki museum where we saw the actual balsa wood raft which brought Thor Heyerdahl on his famous voyage across the Pacific in 1947. We also visited the Viking museum where we saw some of the old Viking ships. We then journeyed up the hills to see the enormous Holmenkollen ski jump from which, during the winter, skiers make leaps of up to 100 yards. Down in the city again, we visited the Frogner Park where much of the work of sculptor Gustav Vigeland is exhibited—a world of people and animals carved in granite or cast in iron and bronze. In the evening, a coach tour in the surrounding hills presented us with a magnificent panoramic view of the city of Oslo and its harbour beyond. Our ship sailed at 23.59 hours and looking back we could see the lights of Oslo and, away to the North, the background glow of orange reminded us that we were not far from the "land of the midnight sun."

Having passed through the Skagerrak and Kattegat, we sailed close to the islands of Eastern Denmark as we entered the Baltic Sea. Our next stop was to be off Visby on the Swedish island of Gotland but unfortunately plans to go ashore were not practicable as the seas proved too choppy for the safe launching of the ship's boats. Instead we carried on to Helsinki, known as the "White City of the North" because of its glistening light-coloured buildings. Shopping for souvenirs and gifts was exciting in this clean and tidy city of friendly people. Visits were made to a variety of places of interest—the Olympic Stadium (1952 Games), Parliament Buildings, the Orthodox Cathedral, the President's Palace and the Havis Amanda Statue. Unfortunately, our stay was short as we had a date with the Russians. Our 20,000 ton ship sailed unaided out through the incredibly narrow harbour mouth to the sounds of Sibelius' "Finlandia" on the loudspeaker system.

Our first view of Leningrad was a rather depressing quay-side where a welcoming party of Russian teenagers was assembled to greet us. The Nevasa's 1,100 school children, lining the decks, clapped in time to the rhythmic Russian music of a band playing below, and greetings were formally exchanged. It took some time to get ashore as each passport had to be surrendered to un-

smiling customs officials. We were not allowed to take photographs in the dock area. We went by bus to the Intourist shop—the only one to which visitors are admitted and where any currency but Russian roubles is acceptable. Service was slow as they were not organised to cater for large groups of souvenir hunters, and many of us left empty-handed. Driving through Leningrad we saw buildings which were magnificent from the architectural point of view, including the Winter Palace, but the city seemed generally drab to our “western” eyes. State ownership makes competition unnecessary and so there were few shops displaying goods. Most people seemed to live in giant blocks of flats and there were not many private dwellings to be seen.

We lunched on the Nevasa, regaining our passports as we went aboard. In the afternoon, we visited Petrodvorets—again surrendering passports on the quayside! Petrodvorets, a splendid palace, 30 kilometres from Leningrad on the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland, was built by Peter the Great in the early 18th century to rival the French Palace at Versailles. We spent a pleasant afternoon seeing its unique system of fountains and its many gold painted statues.

Travelling back to Leningrad, we had some interesting conversations with the Russian student guides who spoke very good English. One wondered if they would like to have the same freedom to visit us as we had to visit them. We returned in a convoy of buses with a police escort bringing us straight through the city to our ship. We sailed at 7.00 p.m., through the miles of dockland of this, the second city of the Soviet Union and its major sea port. It had been interesting to meet the Russians but most of us realised that we would not like to exchange our way of life for theirs.

We sailed through a night which never really got dark and reached Copenhagen on the morning of Saturday 20th. We went ashore quickly, without any formalities, and were taken by coach through rich farmland to Frederiksborg Castle. This beautiful building is an historical museum supported by the Carlsberg foundation and contains some of the most ornate rooms and halls to be found anywhere. After lunch in the city we travelled on the water buses along the fine waterfront, past the famous Little Mermaid and into the canals. In the evening we visited the magnificent Tivoli Gardens—a fairyland with something for everyone. You can watch an open-air ballet, listen to a concert, see the parade of the Tivoli Guards or just walk around and marvel at the illumination of over 86,000 different coloured lights.

Our ship sailed at 2.00 a.m., arriving back in London two days later. We had a short tour of London, stopping at the Science Museum and Madame Tussaud's. Then back to Swansea and the Innisfallen which seemed very small after the Nevasa! We arrived in Cork 16 days after our departure having travelled 4,000 miles. We had greatly enriched our knowledge of the world beyond Ireland. We had lived aboard ship with people from many nations—Americans, French, English, Welsh and Lebanese. We won the inter-party quiz; Lindy Maing and Lori Milch won their respective singles Table-tennis Tournaments; Lisa Cook wrote the best essay on A Port of Call and some prizes were also won in the fancy dress competition.

I would like to conclude by paying tribute to all our pupils who went on the Cruise. They were popular on board ship and were highly thought of by the ship's company. Their good behaviour and neat appearance was commented on by many people, and they achieved the important distinction of being good ambassadors for our country.

R. R. LITTLE.

A PORT OF CALL—LENINGRAD

By LISA COOK (*Form V*).

THE HOOTER BLASTED. Passing through a very narrow entrance, the Nevasa came into the busy ship-building port of Leningrad. Hundreds of students lined the decks, early as it was in the morning, and looked down on the small group of Russians standing on the quay below. The coldness was broken by a Russian brass band which started to play and made us feel more welcome.

Getting roubles, passports and cameras together we filed down the gangway where two grim-faced Russian police guards took our passports. Then, we stepped on to forbidden Russian ground. We boarded our respective buses and, having got over the first shock of complete unreality, we began to look around. So this was Leningrad. My first reaction was disappointment. The supposedly fantastic Russian city—one of the glories of the Soviet Union; and it looked like it had just recovered from a bomb.

We bumped our way along wide empty streets, passing trains half-full of long-faced Russians. The dirt and grime was evident in many places. Lining the streets were rows of large, shabby buildings—very tall and straight, with dark and closed-up windows. They must have been beautiful once, as they are in perfect proportion and many have old sculpture still on their otherwise bare walls. I say buildings, too, because they did not resemble anything else. They did not look like shops, or houses. They were old, sad and unkept.

We twisted and turned into many streets with the same unused look, then crossed the large bridge over the River Neva which is 47 miles long and covers a larger area than any other river in Europe. We stopped on the bridge and were allowed for a few minutes to take photographs of the King's Winter Palace. This was large and green, not particularly attractive to look at, but rather a solid hunk. We also saw the magnificent fortress of Peter and Paul's—one of Peter the Great's first buildings.

Soon the buses started up again and moved off in a long line further into the city. We slowed down to look at St. Isaac's Cathedral, south of the Decembrists Square. St. Isaac's, which resembles St. Peter's in Rome and St. Paul's in London, was very impressive and ornate in design. Moving on we passed the University—a large red-brick building stretching the full extent of one street, again very old and in an extremely dingy state. Olga, our guide, told us that students come from all over Russia to this University. Looking at the place from the outside, it seemed surprising.

The girls strained their eyes for big shops, hoping to get souvenirs and bargains—and just to get an idea of Russian fashion. Our interest was short-lived. The old bus had ground past the shops before we had realised it. One girl managed to spot a shop when she saw a hanging deep inside a small window. Meanwhile the boys were looking for information from their guide. They discovered that there were no pubs and that beer was got at kiosks on the side of the street where we saw queues of men and women.

Even though the city looks as if it is getting over the last war, with army trucks everywhere, shabby, desolate buildings and unsmiling city people, the beauty of Leningrad still remains—as we were to find out. Turning into the square of the Czar's Palace, on all sides our eyes met colossal buildings in heavy sculpture. They were in perfect proportion to each other and looked magnificent. Just looking at them made us feel quite insignificant.

In the afternoon we visited Petrodvorets—the Czar's Summer Palace. The scenery on the way there was very depressing. We travelled on wide empty roads, through scrub lands dotted with instant-made ugly blocks of flats. The Palace was large and quite a plain old building. The surrounding gardens, however, made up for it with their rich geometric design. Each tree was in perfect line with the other and every bush was shaped. The greenery was decorated, not with flowers, but with fountains—hundreds of them, all beautifully carved and one of which was sculptured in pure gold.

On the way back to the ship we learned many fascinating facts about Russia from Olga who, having at first been polite but cold and rather distant, had become very friendly and chatted a lot. She did not seem to mind talking about the things they could not do: no dashing off to the cinema if you are feeling low; no dances; no drinking unless you queue up for it. She seemed envious of us, being so lucky to visit so many different countries and to see so many totally different ways of life.

Of all the cities we saw on the Cruise, Leningrad is not the one I would choose to re-visit—except as a distant sight-seer. Visiting the city was like moving back at least fifty years into history. It is a beautiful but eerie city with a general atmosphere of depression. Unlike the other places we visited there was no sign of gaiety or laughter in its streets, and, leaving Leningrad, to haunt other strangers too, many of us felt a wave of relief.

Ed.: The above won for Lisa Cook the Headmaster's Prize for Senior Essay on our Baltic Cruise on S.S. Nevasa. Congratulations, Lisa.



M.C. Group on board s.s. Nevasa

EASTER SALE, 1974

OUR TRIENNIAL EASTER SALE was held on Wednesday, April 3rd, the last day of the school term. The proceeds were earmarked for additional expenses and furnishings in connection with the West Memorial Buildings. We again received tremendous support from our parents—past and present—from pupils and from friends. The day was fine and so the outdoor attractions run by the pupils of the school kept young and old amused. We wish to thank sincerely all those who were responsible for its success—those who ran stalls, those who gave contributions of goods or money and those who came and spent. As well as being a financial success, it was also a pleasant social occasion. Below is a summary of the receipts:—

SALE TAKINGS:

	£	p.
Admission	31	62
Raffle	222	56
Teas	84	38
*Work Stall	272	15
Misfits	384	35
Country Produce	177	14
*Cakes and Sweets	240	38
Tombola	86	00
Bottle Stall	85	50
*Flower Stall	100	00
Amusements	101	64
Boys' Stall	153	53
	£1,939	25

FUNCTIONS:

	£	p.
Wine and Sherry Party (per Mrs. Whitaker, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hill)	13	000
Coffee/Bring-and-Buy (per Mrs. Jennings)	154	50
Sale of Second-hand Clothes (per Mrs. W. Tait)	200	00
College Whist Drives and Beetle Drive (Killarney)	68	35
	£552	85

Summary:	Sale Takings	£1,939	25	
	Functions:	552	85	
	Subscriptions:	152	08	
	Interest:	9	21	
		£2,653	39	

*Inclusive of functions.

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OCTOBER AUCTION

AS A FOLLOW UP to the Easter Sale, three of our lady helpers, Mrs. Edna Tait, Mrs. Annie Good and Mrs. Sally Smyth, decided to run an Auction of reasonably respectable goods. It included items left over from the Sale and other items contributed later by well-wishers. The ladies received excellent support from people too numerous to mention, including members of the OBA Committee. They were fortunate in procuring Douglas Parish Hall as the venue and Mr. Paddy Wharton, who has a lot of experience in this field, as auctioneer. The whole exercise was extremely successful and a sum of £1,071.76 was realised. This augmented our Sale Funds substantially and we are most grateful to the organisers, the auctioneer and all those who gave and who assisted.

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SCIENCE

Bubble, bubble, fizzle, bang
Listen to the science gang.
Messing up is all their game
Give them glory, give them fame.

R. GIBSON (*Form II*).

PROJECT ON THE TOWN OF MIDLETON

IN THE EASTER TERM OF 1974 the eighteen pupils of Form IIe under the guidance of our Civics teacher Mr. Levis conducted a project on the town of Midleton. We felt that we were living in a town that we knew very little about. The aim of the project was to find out all we could about the town and to pass on our findings to the staff and boys in the school by writing a booklet.

The Class was split into a number of groups and each was assigned a task in accordance with the interests of the pupils. The various groups reported their progress to the class each week and discussion took place. The Report was written under two general headings (i) Public Services and Local Amenities and (ii) Industries. The general areas investigated included the activities of the Town Council, the Garda, the Fire Service, Health Services, Schools, Recreation Facilities, Farming, Local Businesses and Industries. Many visits and interviews were arranged and these activities were largely done in our spare time.

It would be impossible to write about all our findings but we will try to give a brief summary. Generally, we found that Midleton was a much larger and more prosperous town than we ever thought. It is situated in a very rich agricultural area and many of its industries depend on agriculture, e.g. East Cork Foods, International Meat Packers, Cork Marts, and Charleston Maltings. Unemployment is not a serious problem at present and the other main employers are Roh-Fab, Woollen Mills, and the giant Irish Distillers. We found that the Town Council do not spend all their time talking; that the Fire Service is well trained and equipped; that the Health Services can cope with most cases but serious ones must go to Cork and that the Schools are perfectly adequate to cope with educating the local pupils. However, local recreation facilities are poor in certain areas. The town has plenty of bars, it has a small Library, the local Sports Clubs have only minimum facilities, it has a mediocre Cinema and no Theatre. It could badly do with improvement in these areas and it also needs a good Dance Hall, a hotel and indoor and outdoor Recreation and Sports facilities. Happily, these last three are now being developed.

Generally, the people we met were very helpful and interested in what we were doing. Some were humorous, some suspicious and, inevitably, the odd person would not so-operate as fully as we would have liked. However, the response was very good and the visits and tours were the highlights of our work. If we were doing the project again we would make a few changes. We would speak more to the ordinary people of Midleton about the town, we would investigate much more fully the effects of the E.E.C. since it had not really affected the town when we did the project and we would investigate the Irish Distillers' complex, the new Recreation Centre and the new Hotel, all of which have only just started.

All in all, it turned out much more successful than we expected at first. We found it challenging and rewarding and above all, we experienced a new, interesting and enjoyable way of learning.

P. BROWNLOW, K. CHAMBERS, J. SMYTH, C. SWEETNAM.

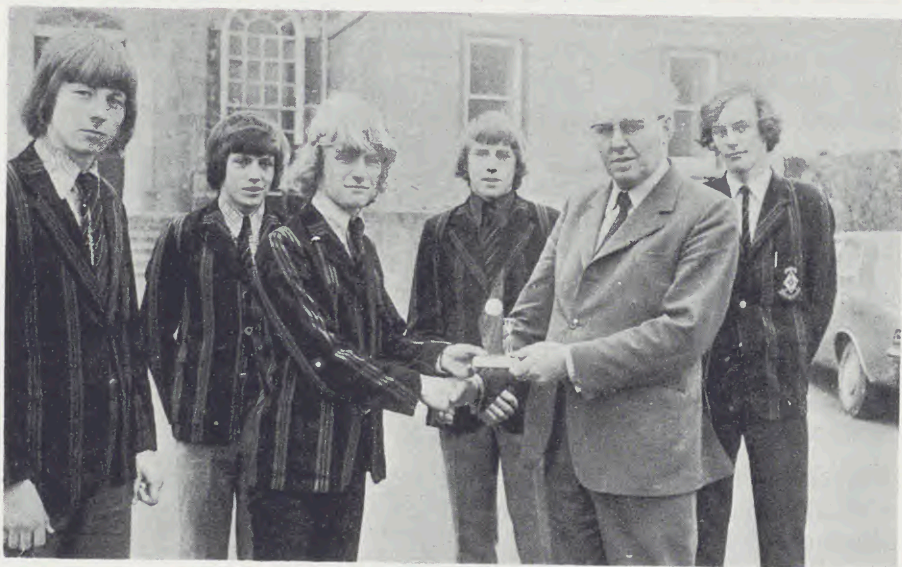
HORSLIPS—TODAY'S ANSWER TO IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC

ON THE 16TH OCTOBER, most of Forms V and VI went to the City Hall in Cork to see a Concert given by "Horslips", one of the few Irish Bands to have made a breakthrough in Europe. The Group consists of Barry Devlin, John Fean, Jim Lockhart, Eamonn Carr and Charles O'Connor; they play music which seems to find a happy medium between Traditional music and today's straight Rock music.

Horslips have three L.P.'s to their credit. "Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part", their first, which is mostly traditional, did not bring them very great success. "The Tain", their second release, is about the exciting saga of Tain Bo Cuailgne (The Cattle Raid of Cooley), the centrepiece of the Ulster Cycle of Heroic Tales. This gave them the breakthrough they needed in Europe and they visited many European countries to coincide with its release, appearing on T.V. and radio. In Germany, Horslips were a great success and they released a single, "Dearg Doom", in Ireland which remained high up in the charts for a considerable length of time. "Dancehall Sweethearts" is their third and latest record. It was released in September and has gained much popularity. Horslips made another tour of England in October and have also appeared in Belfast, Dublin and Cork. Their last performance was in the "Rainbow Theatre" in London which seats 1,600 people. They are hoping to tour Canada and the U.S. in the New Year and a tour of Australia is also planned. We certainly enjoyed seeing them—here's hoping they will be a great success and do Ireland proud.

GODFREY HARRIS (*Form VI*)

STUDENT PROJECT '74



David Rooke (Leader) presents the trophy to the Headmaster

STUDENT PROJECT, 1974

IN MARCH 1974 Midleton College, on their first attempt, gained second prize of £120 in the Senior Section of Student Project '74 with their entry "Our Most Underdeveloped Industry—Fishing."

The project team consisted of David Rooke (Leader), Francis Peet, Ivan Wolfe, Brian Nicholson and Rodney Coe.

Student Project is organised annually by the Irish Productivity Centre and sponsored by the Bank of Ireland. It specialises in economic and socio-economic type projects. The competition is open to all post primary students from the thirty two counties of Ireland. The main objective of the project is to develop a good understanding among young people of their economic and social environment. A total of six hundred and twenty-six projects in both the Senior and Junior Sections were submitted in 1974.

The educational value of such a project is immense. The complete process of learning acquires a new dimension. The discipline imposed by research; examining and evaluating the findings and arriving at a reasoned conclusion is indisputably one of the best methods of preparation for a third level education or for starting out on a career. The rules and methodology learned, the interchange of ideas and the interplay of personalities all form an integral part of an education most suited to the needs of youth.

Our entry for Project '74, 'Our most underdeveloped industry—Fishing' had as its object an investigation into the Fishing Industry in Ireland leading to recommendations for the conservation and possible expansion of this natural asset in a European context.

It dealt firstly with the historical background and the setting up of Bord Iascaigh Mhara. A lot of research into statistics of employment figures, weight of catches and other aspects of the Fishing Industry was carried out at this stage. Then followed a detailed investigation of the industry including a study of the aims and accomplishments of B.I.M. in such fields as, advisory and educational services, promotion of marketing and research, availability of grants for the purchase of boats, maintenance of vessels, encouragement of investment in the industry, conservation, processing, harbour facilities and inland fisheries.

The project concluded with a study of the undeveloped areas in the fishing industry and recommendations for the future of the industry, e.g. greater research into farming methods, the setting up of a National Waterways Trust to control pollution, and greater enforcement of conservation laws.

This was presented in Report form supported with a comprehensive selection of graphs, charts and photographs.

This project was part of an exhibition in the head office of the Bank of Ireland, Baggot Street, Dublin, which was open to the public for a week.

The following was the Judge's comment on the project: "An overwhelming project—full of information, highly organised and totally comprehensive. Reports beautifully presented—the fine research complemented by creative visual aids—Excellent."

Having done so well with our first effort I wish the present Team every success with their entry in Student Project, '75.

M. J. DALEY.

Sports Day, 1974

AS THE END OF TERM DREW NIGH, so too did Sports Day—arriving on a lovely Summer day. Fortunately the good weather remained throughout the day and the annual proceedings went very smoothly.

To start the day, the pupils' novelty and handicap races took place followed by the visitors' races and an interval when tea was available in the Dining Hall.

The gym display, led by Mr. Fraser was, as usual, a great success. Prize-giving followed, the prizes being distributed by Mrs. Dalby, aunt of the Head Boy—a fitting ending to a tiring but fruitful day.

Athletic Championships:

Senior Cup: F. Peet

Intermediate Cup: T. Levis

Junior Cup: J. Whitaker

Runner-up: I. Wolfe

Runner-up: I. Hetherington

Runner-up: D. Cameron

Gymnastics Cup:

T. Bowmer

Runner-up: J. Moore

Tennis Championships:

Senior Cup: P. Kingston

Intermediate Cup: D. Vernon

Junior Cup: P. Butler

Runner-up: J. McGillivray

Runner-up: Lori Milch

Runner-up: G. Salter

Table Tennis Cup:

Senior: L. Maing

Junior: B. Perrott

Runner-up: P. Kingston

Runner-up: A. Eadie

Golf:

Senior: T. Fair

Junior: T. Levis

Runner-up: K. Cooke

Runner-up: J. Kershaw

Cricket Prizes:

Senior Batting Cup:

Senior Bowling Cup:

Senior Prize:

Junior Batting Cup:

Junior Bowling Cup:

Junior Prize:

J. McGillivray

A. Khambalia

I. Wolfe

L. Powell

J. Smyth

S. Hill

Rugby Colours:

J. McGillivray, I. Wolfe, J. Moore, P. Kingston

Senior Cup:

P. Kingston

Junior Cup:

T. Levis

Hockey:

Colours:

P. Loane, F. Peet

Cup:

P. Loane

D. VERNON.

Rugby

AS THE TABLE OF RESULTS SHOWS, 1973-'74 was not an outstanding year for Rugby in the College. There was an unevenness of standard in most age groups which meant that teams were bound to have weak links, and when one is competing on equal terms with the giants like C.B.C. and P.B.C. then results will suffer. Indeed a 22-0 defeat by C.B.C., the eventual Cup winners, was one of our best efforts. We did defeat C.B.C. 2nd XV and Rockwell 2nd XV after hard matches and is is from results like these that we can place our level of attainment in its right perspective. This is not to say that individual members of teams do not reach a good standard. Philip Kingston was little behind the Munster scrum half; Francis Peet was a good hard-working centre and Ivan Wolfe a useful wing, while Peter Loane would have been a benefit to most school sides in the centre especially on his early season form.

All these named have been backs and therein lies part of our problem. We do not have enough big, strong boys who are also Rugby forwards. James Moore is a splendid forward being tough, intelligent and hard-working. Unfortunately he is, at the moment, rather light and so cannot control a situation as a bigger boy with equal ability can. David Hetherington started the season well but faded. Happily of late he seems to be coming back to form. John Tait worked hard and would have been useful this term but, unfortunately, is off through illness. Mark Lynch was a good attacking wing-forward whose tackling needs improving. The others tried but were lacking in physical ability but Rodney Coe's tackling was splendid.

John McGillivray at out-half was a keen Captain who never gave in and his tackling was an example to all. He suffers from lack of pace and would have been happier in another position but served his side nobly. The younger backs, David Vernon and Billy Skuse showed promise for the future.

Highlight of the season was a trip to Wales where we had a fine game with Dyffryn Comprehensive School near Swansea and then were brought to see Swansea and Cardiff play a splendid match.

J.C.T.: The J.C.T. had a good season overall. They played attractive Rugby against schools of comparable strength but lacked physique and some vital positions were never filled satisfactorily. The most disappointing aspect of the season was that their poorest display was in the Cup match against Limerick C.B.S.

David Vernon must be singled out as the outstanding character in the side. His contribution on and off the field was immense. He was never beaten and his approach brought the best out of the other players. Billy Skuse and James Bryan played consistently well at half-back—and both must take a lot of the credit for many good displays by the team. Patrick Hitchmough improved throughout the season and Trevor Levis and Ian Hetherington emerged as very promising players for the future.

The pack was small and lacked experience. However, they gave many lively displays which helped to overcome these disadvantages. John Tait improved throughout the season both as pack leader and player. Gordon Nicholson and newcomer Ken Chambers proved a steady second-row partnership, and Stuart Kingston was a more than useful lock-forward. Alec Jeffery was arguably the best forward in the side. He moved to wing-forward to

SENIOR RUGBY XV



D. Hetherington, P. Loane, J. Ackland, R. Coe, Mr. King, J. Bolster, W. Skuse,
D. Vernon, J. Tait.

T. Fair, M. Lynch, I. Wolfe, J. McGillivray, P. Kingston, J. Moore, F. Peet.
W. Flynn, D. Rooke, B. Nicholson.

make way for another very promising newcomer, Sydney Nagle, at hooker. Robert Chambers and Simon Linnell completed the pack. Robert has proved himself a very strong scrummager and Simon a lively and constructive wing-forward.

UNDER 15: The Under-15 had an excellent season losing only one match against some very good opposition. Their main strength was their depth of character, an invaluable asset in any side. However, some weak links existed due to small numbers and the inevitable resultant lack of talent in certain positions.

Trevor Levis as Captain and Sydney Nagle as Vice-Captain and pack leader deserve special mention for their play and overall handling of the side. The forwards scrummaged well—but were erratic in their line-out play and second-phase rucking—a vital source of possession. The backs generally ran and tackled well but were sometimes slow to use well practised variations.

UNDER 15:—P. Butler, L. Powell, M. Pilkington, I. Hetherington, F. van der Puil, T. Levis (Capt.), N. Barber, R. Chambers, S. Nagle, J. Farrar, K. Chambers, J. Kershaw, A. Blennerhassett, R. Brownlow, S. Linnell, C. Woollam, K. Stanley.

UNDER 14: The Under-14 had quite a good season. A lively pack was never beaten and played throughout with fire and skill. It is a tragedy that Alan Blennerhassett has left as he had the makings of a magnificent wing-forward. The backs were rather uneven. If we can find two or three fast backs this group should be a force in the future.

UNDER 14:—P. Butler, J. Smyth, J. Whitaker, P. Brownlow, L. Powell, S. Hill, D. Marshall, J. Farrar, D. Peare, A. Eadie, A. Blennerhassett, W. Smith, R. Travers, G. Perrott (Capt.), C. Sweetnam.

Mr. Little generated a lot of enthusiasm in the 'Under-13' area by introducing mini-Rugby which encourages boys to run with the ball. We feel sure that his endeavours in this area will pay dividends as these boys move up the school.

J.C.L. and R.I.K.

RUGBY STATISTICS 1973-74

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against
1st XV	19	5	1	13	278	346
2nd XV	5	0	1	4	15	96
J.C.T.	6	3	0	3	63	71
'Under 15'	6	5	0	1	81	61
'Under 14'	8	3	0	5	118	102
'Under 13'	3	0	0	3	12	40

Highest Scorers: B. Skuse, 77 pts.; I. Wolfe, 52 pts.; T. Levis, 46 pts.

TABLE TENNIS NOTES

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE playing Table Tennis has greatly increased due to the introduction of a Table Tennis League. Since Lindy Maing came to Middleton the standard of play has improved greatly. With some 80 people now involved, we feel sure that this trend will be maintained.

J. MOORE.

IF I HAD A ROCKET

If I had a rocket I'd go into space
 And hope to see a Martian face.
 He may be green, he may be yellow,
 He may be a very comical fellow.

His head could be round, or maybe square
 He might not even have any hair.
 So when I grow up I mean to plan
 A visit to Mars to see such a man.

I. BRYAN (*Prep. Class*).

Hockey 1973-74

ALTHOUGH IT IS increasingly difficult to find the time and opportunity for competitive hockey with other schools, the game is still enjoyed as a recreation and an alternative to Rugby by many pupils. Mixed practices (girls and boys!) are always popular and give every pupil a chance to get out on the field.

The Senior Team won two of their four games having had very little practice. The following were selected for Inter-provincial Trials: J. Moore, Ivan Wolfe, Peter Loane, Francis Peet, Mark Lynch and Tim Fair; the last five gaining places on the Munster team. Peter Loane was then selected to represent the Combined Munster and South East Team.

The Senior Team was: D. Hetherington, P. Loane, J. MacGillivray, D. Rooke, F. Peet, R. Coe, M. Lynch, T. Fair, I. Wolfe, J. Bryan, G. Jermyn.

STATISTICS

<i>Team</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Senior	4	2	0	2	14	7
'Under 14'	3	1	0	2	13	13

R. R. LITTLE.

SENIOR CRICKET XI



Mr. King, G. Jermyn, N. Baylor, R. Coe, W. Skuse, A. Jermyn
I. Wolfe, A. Khambalia, J. MacGillivray, J. Moore, J. Bryan
S. Nagle, N. Barber.

Cricket 1974

ALL THE PRELIMINARY remarks made last year could be repeated this year. Rather than weary my readers suffice it to say that our cricket continues to suffer through lack of pressure which can only come from matches with other schools. Our boys want to play cricket but are frustrated by lack of match practice.

In the Junior League we had mixed fortunes. The best result was a draw with a strong C.I. side. This draw came because of a splendid innings by John McGillivray which was as good as most innings played in the past. Technically correct, his temperament was equal to a difficult situation and was a fine culmination to an enthusiastic cricket career.

Others got runs throughout the season but not so convincingly and it was left to the youngsters, Sydney Nagle and Nicky Barber, to hold out most hope for the future.

Amir Khambalia was our best bowler but suffered from lack of support. James Moore was nearly a good batsman and nearly a good bowler. If he works at it he could make the grade next season.

The Under-15 team played only one match against Wanderers which they won well. A feature of the game was the bowling of David Harte and John Smyth who took five and four wickets respectively.

The Under-14 team played two matches against Bandon Grammar School and won both. Some very promising batsmen emerged namely Lionel Powell, Jimmy Whitaker, Peter Butler and Derek Marshall. Stuart Hill had a fine season as wicket-keeper—taking three catches and one stumping in three games. He also batted magnificently. John Smyth developed into a very promising spin-bowler giving most batsmen trouble and David Cameron proved a very effective opening bowler. Gavin Cooke was an enthusiastic all-rounder.

A very successful Under-15 internal league was organised this year to help compensate for lack of matches against other schools. No fewer than sixty boys took part and all matches were enthusiastically contested. A lot of talent was discovered and many went on to play on school sides.

The Under-13 age group was also catered for by an internal league. Again it proved popular and very successful. Some fifty boys took part—many of them new to the game. It would be impossible to mention all who impressed but new boys Hugh St. Leger, David Moore and Richard Boyles did consistently well.

R.I.K., J.C.L.

CRICKET STATISTICS, 1973-1974

<i>Team</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st XI	4	1	1	2
2nd XI	1	1	—	—
“Under 15”	1	1	—	—
“Under 14”	2	2	—	—

Tennis Report—1974

IN GENERAL THE SCHOOL had a successful Tennis season last year. Most of the previous year's better senior players were still available and they set a fairly good standard for the rest of the school. The grass courts were only in fair condition, although they improved with attention as the season progressed. Thanks to I. Wolfe, C. Bateman, P. Loane, L. Maing, N. Barber, S. Nagle, T. Levis and P. Butler especially who put in some hard work on maintenance of courts. We again were glad to occasionally avail of the use of the hard courts on the land of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cuddy. What an asset it would be if we had hard courts in the school.

Our first Senior match was against Newtown School in Midleton on May 1st. The team was P. Kingston, J. McGillivray, C. Bateman, T. Fair, G. Wall and L. Maing. We won 6-2, with one game unfinished, against a young but very promising Newtown side. The following week the same team, with P. Loane substituting for L. Maing, made an exit in the first round of the Munster Senior Cup against Colaiste Mhuire at Douglas. An enjoyable Senior mixed match was played against Newtown School in Waterford on May 11th. We won 7-3 with P. Kingston, C. Bateman, T. Fair, G. Wall, Jane MacDonald, Catherine Ronan, Lori Milch and Lisa Cook making up a useful team. On May 15th the Senior team travelled to Rockwell College and although the weather was very blustery some good Tennis was played. We were beaten 7-2, P. Kingston winning his singles and with J. McGillivray, won the doubles. There were a few other close games. On May 25th we were well beaten in Cork by Presentation College. J. McGillivray was an impressive winner. P. Kingston, although he started well, faded in his match against Munster Interpro., Blair Alexander. A very keen girls' team played Regina Mundi College at Douglas on May 27th. Some very close games were played and at the end of the singles the score was 3-3. Doubles weren't played owing to lack of time. The team was Jane MacDonald, Catherine Ronan, Lori Milch, Lisa Cook, Susan MacDonald and Anita Whiting. On May 29th a Senior mixed team beat Bandon Grammar School 6-1 in Bandon. The best game in this match was C. Bateman's singles which he eventually won after two hours of long rallies, exciting tennis on an excellent hard court. An Under 14 — team were well beaten by a Michael Hickey coached Newtown side on June 8th. The team was T. Levis, P. Butler, M. Pilkington, J. Whitaker, S. Wolfe and G. Salter. They all tried hard but they were up against a more skilful team.

The main features of the School Championships were Lori Milch's feat of reaching the Intermediate Final and Philip Kingston's sixth successive School

Championship win. Lori Milch, one of several girls competing in the Championships, knocked out four boys on her way to the Final and made David Vernon fight very hard to win in three sets. Philip Kingston retained the Senior Championship with a good win over his great rival, John McGillivray, who was not at his best in the Final. Philip finished his term at Midleton with the tremendous record of being unbeaten in Championship Tennis in his six years in the Secondary School. Shades of fellow North Corkman, Franks Furney!

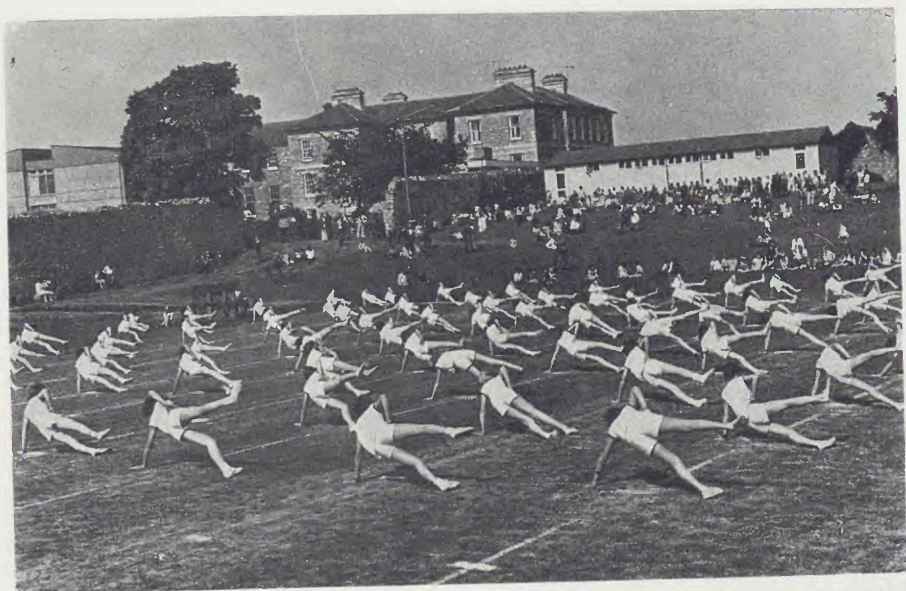
Peter Butler played consistently well to beat Graeme Salter in the Junior Final.

To conclude, best wishes for the 1975 season. I hope the sun shines in May and June and that the courts will always be occupied.

J. HARRINGTON.

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SPORTS DAY — JUNE 1974



Gymnastic Display — Ouch, those leg exercises !

Swimming

OUR SWIMMING POOL remained a popular attraction during last summer term and the start of this term. The poor weather and now high cost of heating, however, forced us to close the pool at the beginning of October.

During the summer term thirty-seven pupils obtained awards in personal survival. The most likely person that anyone is ever liable to have to save is himself. These tests teach a person how best to survive if he finds himself in the water far from land. They involve swimming over half a mile and lasting for more than half an hour in the water without ever touching the side or bottom of the pool. One of the more difficult items involves taking off an article of clothing whilst in the water and filling it with air to use as a float. Credit is due to all who showed the determination necessary to qualify for these awards. We hope that next summer we will again train pupils for life-saving awards with the Irish Water Safety Association.

The competitions held at the end of the term at various age levels, gave the following results:—

SENIOR: 1st, P. Shanahan; 2nd, J. Bolster.

UNDER 16: 1st, I. Hetherington; 2nd, R. Wood.

UNDER 14: 1st, P. Brownlow; 2nd, J. Whitaker.

UNDER 12: 1st, E. Milch; 2nd, T. O'Sullivan.

GIRLS' COMPETITION: 1st, S. Cook, M. Cook; 3rd, A. Whiting.

MOORE TROPHY: J. McGillivray.

The following attained survival awards:—

DISTRESS AWARD (advanced): J. Moore, G. Gleasure.

SURVIVAL TEST: S. Brownlow, C. Jennings, I. Ryall, I. Hetherington, F. van der Puil, R. Chambers, P. Greene, W. Skuse, T. Levis, R. Wood, P. Butler, S. Wolfe, S. Nagle, Simon Tindall, Stuart Tindall, M. Pilkington, C. Woollam, W. Smith, T. Dixon, M. Cameron, J. Whitaker, R. Mulligan, D. Harte, G. Quin, J. Jennings, S. Fearing, E. Milch, D. Matthews, D. Moore, T. O'Sullivan, M. Smith, D. Cameron, W. Stansfeld, Anita Whiting, Lori Milch.

R. R. LITTLE.

Midleton College Old Boys' Association

COMMITTEE 1974-1975

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M. V. SHORTEN

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association took place on the 9th of May. Favourable reports were presented by the President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

We are sorry to report the attendance was very poor.

The whole structure of the Association was discussed at length, and has been taken up at Committee level during the year. The question of "OLD BOYS" now that there are girls at the school is a subject being discussed. It is hoped to have proposals to change some of our Rules for the next A.G.M.

As you are aware five of our Committee members this year served on the West Memorial Committee. This meant that most of our efforts during the year was in this connection. We would like to thank all Old Boys who subscribed to this Fund, and also many others who helped with the many enjoyable and successful functions which were held.

The Dublin Branch, under the Chairmanship of R. Smith, and his very able Hon. Secretary V. Rockley, have been keeping the flag flying high; our thanks to them.

May I personally take this opportunity to thank all members of the Committee for their time, attendance and help, financial and otherwise, during the year.

Finally we thank Mr. and Mrs. Smyth for the welcome and hospitality given to Old Boys when they visit the College.

We wish all our members a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

DUBLIN BRANCH OBA

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE for 1974 was elected at our Annual General Meeting on 27th November, 1973:—

R. L. Smith (*Chairman*); V. W. Rockley (*Hon. Sec.*) G. A. Good (*Hon. Treasurer*); W. S. Barrett, T. B. H. Jameson, R. W. Jermyn, D. J. Keegan, P. R. Kermode and H. M. Robinson.

An OBA team from Cork travelled to Dublin on Saturday, 2nd February to play a Rugby Match against a Dublin OBA side but yet again this fixture was dogged by ill-luck. Torrential rain made the pitch at Monkstown RFC unplayable and we were forced to cancel the match. The 'Get-together' after the Ireland v. Wales International was held again at the Merrion Inn after a lapse of several years and we were delighted to welcome about 70 Old Boys and their friends.

OUR GOLFERS had an excellent season and much of the credit is due to our Golf Secretary, Denis Larmour, who organised the teams for the Association of Schools' Unions Competition (and organised a "hole-in-one" for himself at the 9th hole in this match!) and for the Union of Irish Schools Competition. Our team for the ASU fixture at Royal Dublin G.C. on 16th May comprised Clive Brownlee, David Fleury, Tom Gifford, Alan Jeffers, Denis Larmour, Derek McElveen and Richard Nichols, and they secured third place behind Kilkenny College and St. Columba's College. The UIS competition at Milltown G.C. on 5th September is for 4-man teams and brought together Richard Fleury and Denis Larmour in the first pairing and Tom Gifford and Richard Nichols in the second pairing. This team had the joint second-best score from a field of 40 schools and they are justifiably proud of this result. Our Golf Secretary would like to hear from golfers outside the Dublin area who might be available to play in these competitions.

Our Dinner Dance was held on 22nd November in the Tara Tower Hotel and 103 people attended. We were delighted to welcome a large contingent from Cork and we were very pleased that the party included the Headmaster and Mrs. Smyth and the OBA President and Mrs. Hill. We would like to thank all the people who contributed in so many ways to the success of the evening.

V. W. ROCKLEY.

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The Role of the Senate

SURPRISINGLY LITTLE IS KNOWN about the upper house of the Oireachtas (Parliament) known as Seanad Eireann or the Irish Senate. Its position relative to the Dail is somewhat similar to that of the House of Lords relative to the House of Commons in Westminster. Legislation which has been passed by the Dail must also be passed by the Senate if it is to become law and any amendments made by the Senate must then be approved by the Dail. Legislation passed by the Dail may be held up by the Senate for a period of 90 days at which time it then returns to the lower house and if it is passed again it becomes law. Legislation may be initiated in the Senate; the Government of the day often uses the Senate to introduce technical legislation requiring expert discussion such as the Bill to set up an Atomic Energy Authority and private members may introduce bills (as in the lower house); vide the recent unsuccessful attempt by Mary Robinson, John Horgan and myself to change

our outmoded laws forbidding most methods of family planning and censoring literature explaining methods of birth control. We are currently having another try!

The Senate is generally a less political house than the Dail in the sense that debates divide less often along party lines (the term political group is used in debates rather than political party). There is no equivalent of Question Time in the lower house which usually produces most of the clashes between government and opposition and provides most amusement for visitors in the Gallery. However, sensitive topics, such as the situation in Northern Ireland, breaking the link with sterling, the rights of women and children or the laws dealing with family morality are debated more carefully and sympathetically in the upper house and it is fair to say that the standard of debate is generally higher and less acerbic than in the Dail.

There is one further and very important difference between the Senate and the Dail. Almost every T.D. is a party member and owes his seat to his party allegiance. There are currently two independent T.D.'s out of a total of 144. However the Senate contains seven independents out of a total of 60 of which six are university members. The university members three of which are elected by Irish graduates of Dublin University (T.C.D.) and three by Irish graduates of N.U.I. have little power but a great deal of freedom which allows them to raise awkward issues particularly those involving questions of discrimination on religious grounds.

Election to the Senate takes place along vocational lines. 43 members are elected from five panels representing agriculture, commerce, administration, labour, culture, education. Candidates are required to show some acquaintance with the profession of their panel, for example a farmer would be eligible to contest the agricultural panel and a trade unionist the labour panel. Candidates must be nominated either by four members of the Oireachtas or by designated nominating bodies such as the Royal Irish Academy (Educational and Cultural Panel) or the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (Labour Panel). In the case of each panel there is a separate election to a certain number of Senate seats. The electorate consists of the members of the outgoing Senate, the incoming Dail (after a General Election) and all county councillors and city aldermen—a total of about 1,000. Election is by P.R. and the composite ballot paper is ten pages long! The university members are elected by a postal ballot among Irish graduates in whatever part of the world they reside—a good reason for keeping one's address up to date in the university registry. When these 49 members have been elected the Taoiseach nominates a further eleven senators to fill the house. This effectively gives the Government a working majority and ensures safe passage of Government legislation.

The Senate currently meets about 50 times per annum. It acts as a safety valve, for if public indignation over a certain piece of legislation reaches a sufficiently high pitch the government may amend or withdraw it during the Senate debate. It also plays a valuable role in providing a forum for discussion in the sensitive areas outlined above. However the Senate could play a much larger and more effective part in our parliamentary life if constructive suggestions on re-organisation of procedure obtained agreement by the main party blocks. Not until then will it be possible to persuade the naturally cynical tax-payer that he is getting value for his money.

TREVOR WEST.

Distinguished Sportsmen

David Gay:

David Gay during his time with the R.A.F. sailed for their team and also was a member of the British Combined Services' team in 1964/65/66. In those years he won the Welsh Champion of Champions Trophy, the British Albacore Championship and 3rd place in the British Single-handed Championships. In 1967 he married and returned to Ireland but due to business commitments did not have time for competitive sailing again until 1971. In that year with a borrowed Fireball and his brother Cecil crewing he entered the Irish Championships and finished in 2nd place overall in a fleet of 57.

In 1973, Carlsberg sponsored 470 Warrior Trials with the assistance of the Irish Yachting Association. This was to find suitable helmsmen to sponsor in International events and to bring them up to Olympic standard for possible selection for the 1976 Montreal Olympics in the International 470 class. David was nominated by the Cork Dragon Fleet as their representative for these trials. He bought his own boat which he named *Amazing Grace* and sailed her in the British Olympic week at Weymouth where he won the bronze medal. This result and the subsequent trials held in Ireland gave him the enthusiasm to go ahead and seek Olympic nomination. David found a suitable crew at the right weight and knowledge of the sport and the same amount of enthusiasm as he had. They started their long and intensive training programme which included playing squash three times a week, three miles of road work four times a week and to sail whenever it was humanly possible.

David's excellent results in the trials qualified him for all the travel grants available in 1974 which took him on the International Olympic circuit. This included the British Olympic week, European Championships at Barcelona, Spain, World Championships at Naples, Italy, North American Championships in the U.S. and finally a pre-Olympic Week on Lake Ontario, Kingston, Canada, where the Olympics will be held.

All this would not have been possible but for the co-operation and understanding of David's brother Cecil who is his business partner. Cecil himself is a very good helmsman and a member of Kinsale Yacht Club. He sails a Dragon and this year captured three out of seven leagues which are held at the Club. We wish them both every success in 1975 and hope that all David's hard work and dedication will find him a place on the Irish Olympic Team.

Richard Fleury:

Richard Fleury has really hit the golfing head-lines. He is a member of Portmarnock G.C. and serves on its committee. He won the Club Championships there in 1973 and he plays on their Senior Cup team.

He began his winning streak when he was runner-up in the South of Ireland Championship at Lahinch, but beaten in the final by David Long only at the 19th, and on the way 'scalping' Irish Internationals, Pat Mulcaire and Eddie Dunne.

He reached the last eight in the Irish Close Championship at Portmarnock, falling to Mick Gannon at the 22nd after a tremendous match. He was invited to fill a vacant place on the Austrian Team which played Leinster and he performed splendidly.

He then won his Munster Cap and in the Interprovincial series he won all his foursomes in partnership with Hugh McKeon—an unbeaten combination since their T.C.D. days. Richard won the Waterford Glass Scratch Trophy—a stroke play event with scores of 69, 74, 68, 71.

His final glory came when he was selected to represent Ireland for the Home Internationals played at Harlech in September—a fitting culmination to a wonderful season.



RICHARD FLEURY (above)

DAVID GAY (right)



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TRINITY NOTES

TRINITY COLLEGE continues to be infested with ex-Midleton people. In the year the Trinity Students elected a Communist S.R.C. President, how are the "Old Boys" faring in the fight against the capitalists and imperialists?

Taking the more obvious signs, Michael Bolster continues to be seen in the Buttery, while Bryan Lynch is still as beautiful as ever, and may even be playing Rugby again. We welcome Peter de Montfort and Rodney Goodwin, who are both doing Economics, and notice they are already showing signs of corruption and depravity. Congratulations to Jan van der Puil and Ken Good who graduated last summer, in Engineering and General Studies respectively.

David Griffin won an E.E.C. essay prize last June, the reward being a trip to Brussels, Strasbourg, and other E.E.C. centres last September. He is at present the organiser of the 1974 Final Economics Student conference to be held in Trinity in December. We wish him success in this venture, and may his profits ever increase!

Tim Fallen is Chairman of D.U.E.S.A. (the Scientists' Society) this year. In this capacity he has plans to revolutionise the Science end (cynical comments from certain corners). The other half of that dynamic duo, Tony Stieber,

has just had his bicycle stolen, and is wandering around in a state of utter shock and confusion. Our condolences to him and his relatives.

Finally, several people have taken to house-dwelling this year. David Kingston and Bryan Lynch are squatting in Goatstown, and Donald Eadie has migrated to the wilds of Inchicore, where he is brewing vile alcoholic substances.

D. E.

U.C.C. NOTES

WELCOMING MIDLETON COLLEGE "Old Girls" to the "Uni" is an unusual and pleasant task. So, I shall start by remarking how welcome Jane MacDonald and Margaret Tait are. Also we greet Brian Nicholson and Clive Jones.

We all extend our sympathy to Alan Hickey in his recent bereavement. Our congratulations to Alan and Jim Bateman on getting their B.A. Degrees and best wishes to them and the College (where they are "dipping"). Artie Good has also left us, having obtained his B.E. I believe he is having a little difficulty finding a job, but hope this is only a temporary problem.

Our two remaining "engineers", Robert Allen and Nigel Peare, progress steadily through College. Robert plays in goal for the U.C.C. hockey team.

In the Arts Faculty we are represented by Ivan Leopold, Nicholas Kingston and Tom McMann. Tom seems to have organised U.C.C. to suit himself and gets the maximum out of everything he does. Ivan plays a leading part in the U.C.C. hockey team.

Kyrle Allen has decided that College was a waste of his time and has gone back to "the land." Neil Bullock, as far as I know, has also decided to seek his fortune elsewhere. Sam Jeffery appears to have some doubts about what he wants to do. We hope that he will come back to U.C.C. to take his degree.

Dave Fleming, Bert van Mourik and Archie Mackillop continue their way through "Med." Dave, D.V., will qualify this academic year. Bert somehow manages to combine a busy sporting and social life with success in his medical examinations. Archie plays some squash and is in danger of being in the College top ten if only he could watch the ball a little more often.

I find that it is three years since Dr. Pettit—note the new title—has been mentioned in these notes. He has been awarded his doctorate in the meantime and also stands out as a "Dip" lecturer that people actually enjoy going to.

A. M.

Jottings

BILL BEAZLEY has been made a Fellow of the Institute of Civil Engineering. He is now based in Scotland where he supervises large scale work for his firm, Edmund Nuttall, London, of which he is now an Associate Director.

PAUL CAVE returned on holiday from Australia last Christmas. He is now back again in Sydney and has received his horse trainer's licence. It was good to see him looking so fit and well.

CYRIL CUFFE has been transferred from Galway to Cork as Manager of Bow-makers and he now lives in Crosshaven.

He played a remarkable part as Captain in the revival of Galway Cricket Club and had an excellent season with the bat for them before leaving.

ALAN DAGG is now Assistant Brewer at the Harp Lager Brewery at Benin in Central Nigeria. It must be even too hot for water-skiing!

THOMAS DISSEN is now in a banking post in London. We are glad to see him on his visits to Ireland.

JOHN DE FOUBERT appears from time to time on the stage. His most recent appearance has been with the Everyman Theatre in a wife snatching glamour-boy role in "The Secretary Bird."

HENRY DAUNT has been transferred on promotion from Dublin to Galway by his firm, the Norwich Union Insurance Co. He represented the Irish Branch at a recent Rugby Tournament in Norwich.

CHRIS. GARDE has taken up a position in the Hotel business in Bermuda. He is at present in Ireland and we gather he is taking some tips in Rugby from the All Blacks.

THE GIBSONS continue to enjoy life and to prosper in the U.S. A letter from PHILIP earlier in the year brought welcome news of his promotion in Financial Administration with the world-wide firm of Eli Lilly whose headquarters are in Indianapolis. He now owns his own home there. PETER is still in Florida and continues to represent Lilly's amongst the medical profession in the Clearwater area. MICHAEL paid the College a visit last Summer when in Ireland with his mother. He continues to make good progress in his Science Studies at Perdue University.

BOB HOSFORD continues to hit the headlines as Munster's Senior Hockey goalkeeper. He was unfortunate enough to sustain an injury against Ulster in November—but we are sure that this will not deter Bob.

ALAN HICKEY is back in Midleton College doing his Dip. We congratulate him on obtaining his B.A. in U.C.C. and on representing Munster in Senior Hockey.

CANON CHRISTOPHER HILLIARD retired from the ministry of the Church of Ireland on 1st October after serving many years on the mission field and then in the Diocese of Cork. He was Rector of Kilmoe in the far west of Co. Cork for the past fifteen years. He now lives in his native Killarney and we wish him every blessing there.

DICK HILL, better known in Midleton College as De Courcey, continues in R.T.E. as Head of Features.

KELVIN HITCHMOUGH has now an interesting supervision appointment at Grange Stud, Fermoy, where he is immersed in his first love—the care and riding of horses.

SERGIUS HORNE won first prize for Emma Malting barley at the Annual East Cork Barley Competition.

BILL HUME and his wife FRANCES (nee Jennings) have won numerous prizes at Horticultural Shows for Floral Exhibits and Arrangements.

We were glad to have letters from NICHOLLS HOLT of Burlington, Ontario, and to be able to send him some photographs of familiar parts of Midleton for his family album. He sent us news of the death of his life-long friend DR. ALFRED HOLMES and his tribute to him appears in this issue. Both have been in Canada since the early part of the century.

FRAMPTON JEFFERY won first place in Ireland and a Gold Medal in the Senior Garage Examinations in February last. Well done!

MICHAEL JONES has started an Administrative Science course at the City University Graduate Business Centre in London and he has been awarded a grant by the Social Science Research Council. We wish him a happy and successful year there.

A visit from DAVID KEY in the summer brought news of the family who now live in Brighton. David is in London Polytechnic with a view to taking a B.A. in English and then going on to teach. JEREMY has finished school and hopes to enter banking. NIGEL, still at second-level, intends to go on to university to study Medicine.

JOHN LEVIS has added to his Rugby distinctions by captaining the Munster Towns XV in their match with their counterparts in Leinster. He is one of the stalwarts of the Midleton R.F.C.

TREVOR LESTER is back in the family business in Cork and is now a qualified Pharmaceutical Assistant.

GERRY MURPHY had an excellent cricket season, probably his best in Senior ranks. He captained North Leinster in the Interprovincial series and led his team to the final in which they were narrowly beaten. With his Club Phoenix he won the Hopkins Cup for the best wicketkeeper in Leinster and he was high in the batting averages. We hear he has left teaching in King's Hospital to go into business. PETER continues to do well both in Cricket and Hockey. He again won his Leinster Senior Hockey Interprovincial Cap and he shared in Pembroke Wanderers successes of last season.

HERBERT O'DRISCOLL, Dean of Vancouver, and described as "one of the most creative, articulate, and able priests in the Anglican Church in Canada" was made an offer to become Minister of the Eaton Memorial United Church in Toronto. A high honour, but for technical reasons relating to Church Union, he had to decline.

TREVOR PEARE spent last academic year in Sheffield University, where he obtained an M.Sc. in Information Science. He is back again as a Librarian in T.C.D.

We congratulate TREVOR PERROTT on gaining his National Diploma in Business Studies from the Crawford Municipal School in Cork.

HENRY ROBINSON with his P.D.R.A. 14 "Wales II" had a very good season with Dun Laoghaire Yacht Club at which he won several firsts including the Kennedy Cup, the Bay Cup and the Melampus Cup. He also won the Rush Regatta Perpetual Trophy.

DICK SWEETNAM who is in the Traffic Dept. of Guinness's, Dublin, paid a visit to the College in the summer. He was shown around by ROBIN MATTHEWS who is kept fully occupied with an expanding business in Cork.

MARK TYRRELL has been awarded a Cork County Committee of Agriculture Scholarship and he is now studying Horticulture in Warrenstown College, Co. Meath.

STANLEY TOMKINS has been promoted to Manager of Allied Irish Banks in Killeel, Co. Down, having been transferred there from Mallow, Co. Cork.

TREVOR WEST continues to add to his laurels. In addition to his work as a Senator and in the Mathematics Dept. of T.C.D. he has now assumed the office of Junior Dean in the University. This is not exactly a 'plum' as it involves responsibility for discipline within the walls and on the campus—but Trevor has the qualities to cope with it. We welcome him to the Board of Governors of the College.

JOHN WEST has hit the headlines as an international referee. He had the honour of taking charge of the England/Wales match at Twickenham and it proved no easy task. This season he has 'done' Ulster v. All Blacks, a lovely game, and he is on the panel for further honours during the season.

BRIAN WEST who has been lecturing in Zoology in T.C.D. for the past few years has recently entered the Medical School to fulfil a long time passion to become a doctor. We wish him every success.

JACK WHITE has been appointed Controller of Programmes in R.T.E. Television. He has held the position of Assistant Controller for the past eleven years and has been with "Telefis" since its inception in 1961. Jack has had time to write novels and plays while doing this important work—we hope the additional responsibility will not curtail his own personal literary activities. Our best wishes to him.

GERALD WILLIAMS is back again in Cork with the General Accident Insurance Co., having been transferred from Limerick on promotion.

GEORGE WILLIAMS must surely be the first past pupil to breed a winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Well done, Captain Christy; we hope you make it No. 2 this season.

DICK WERNER paid us a visit in June. He now works for the Sales Division of a Waterford firm in Scandinavia.

GEORGE WEBSTER is probably the oldest past pupil on our lists—87 next March. We are always delighted to hear from him from his home in the Orange Free State, South Africa. The clarity and precision of his penmanship puts the younger generations of us to shame. He was an immediate and generous subscriber to the West Memorial Fund.

BRIAN WOLFE is enjoying a very active life teaching Physical Education at a school in Kent. He deals with a wide variety of games and sports activities and continues to play Rugby himself.

SPORT

WE ARE GLAD to see that the following are enjoying an active playing interest in Club sport:

RUGBY: T. Lester, R. Jermyn, B. Ludgate, P. Moore (Cork Constitution), T. Ferguson, R. Hosford, R. Roycroft, N. Roycroft (Skibbereen), W. Hornbrook, I. Shorten, H. Boyd (Bandon), J. Levis, T. Cave, J. Jeffery, G. Kingston, G. Northridge, A. Hickey, A. Jeffery, S. Jeffery (Midleton), B. Berkelaar (Cobh), M. Shorten (Mallow), G. Murphy (Wanderers), C. Brownlee (Old Wesley), H. van der Puil, B. Lynch (Trinity), J. Clarke (Tuam), J. Bateman (Old Christians), L. Payne (Crosshaven), F. Peet (U.C.D.), B. Wolfe (Rochester, Kent), P. Gibson (University of Florida, U.S.A.), M. Gibson (Purdue University, Indiana), H. Daunt (Galway Corinthians), K. Hitchmough (Cork Constitution), K. Verso (Palmerston).

HOCKEY: J. Moore, J. van der Puil, R. Hosford, J. Hornibrook, P. Newenham, A. Moore, T. Fair, P. Loane (Cork C.I.), A. Hickey, I. Leopold, R. Allen, J. Bateman, B. van Mourik, C. Jones, T. McMann (U.C.C.), S. Egner, K. Allen (Harlequins), P. Coe, P. Murphy (Pembroke Wanderers), B. Levis (Three Rock Rovers), S. Ruttle (Y.M.C.A.), N. de Cogan (Belfast Y.M.C.A.).

CRICKET: T. West, J. Levis, A. Hickey, J. Moore, P. Moore, K. Chapple, Robert Hosford, B. van Mourik, W. Hornibrook, A. Mackillop (Cork C.I.), K. Allen, S. Egner, I. Bardon (Harlequins), A. Kingston, G. Kingston, J. Cooke (Lismore), I. Leopold (Bohemians), P. Murphy (Y.M.C.A.), N. Hickey (Wanderers), G. Murphy, J. West (Phoenix), P. Coe (Halverstown).

BIRTHS

WE CONGRATULATE the following Old Boys and their wives on the birth of children: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tait, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hume, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hornibrook, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fleury, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. N. O'Callaghan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jeffares, Mr. and Mrs. John West, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sweetnam, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Roycroft, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Ludgate.

MARRIAGES AND ENGAGEMENTS

WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES to Ian D'Alton, Murray McMillan, Beverley Craig, Ralph Murphy, John West (Ballycotton), Alan Tate, Ken Chapple, Andrew Moore, David Fleury, Tom Ferguson, Peter Hutchinson, John St. Leger, Maynard Forde and Trevor Peare.

OBITUARY

ALFRED HOLMES, M.A., D.PAED.—On May 11th of this year the death occurred in Bowmanville, Ontario, of Alfred Holmes, in his 85th year. Born in Midleton, Alfred attended the College with his brothers during the last years of last century, and the early years of the present, when the Rev. G. S. Baker was Headmaster. He was a dedicated student and excelled in sports, particularly cricket and hockey.

Coming to Canada about 1910, he continued his studies at the University of Toronto, where he obtained his M.A. Degree and subsequently his Doctorate in Paedagogy.

At the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, he was commissioned with the Munster Fusiliers, which he served with distinction until badly wounded, and spent several months in a German Prison Camp. Returning to Canada he entered the teaching profession, which he served for many years until deafness forced his early retirement. Following the death of his wife he moved to a farm in Bowmanville about fifteen years ago, where he spent his remaining years. He was held in very high esteem by Mr. Baker who considered him an outstanding pupil at the College, and a worthy example to future generations of Midleton College students. N.H.

LT.-COL. F. R. HUMPHREYS died just before Christmas 1973. Belonging to the older generation of past pupils, he had given service in both World Wars.

ALAN THOMSON died suddenly in February. He was in Insurance business in Dublin, having previously served in Kilkenny. He was at the College in the early thirties and had paid us a visit a few days before his death.

ERIC DEANE-ROE died in Australia in February. He was a good sportsman and a popular member of the school in the period just before the Second World War. He joined the R.A.F. and later served with the British Ministry of Supply.

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