

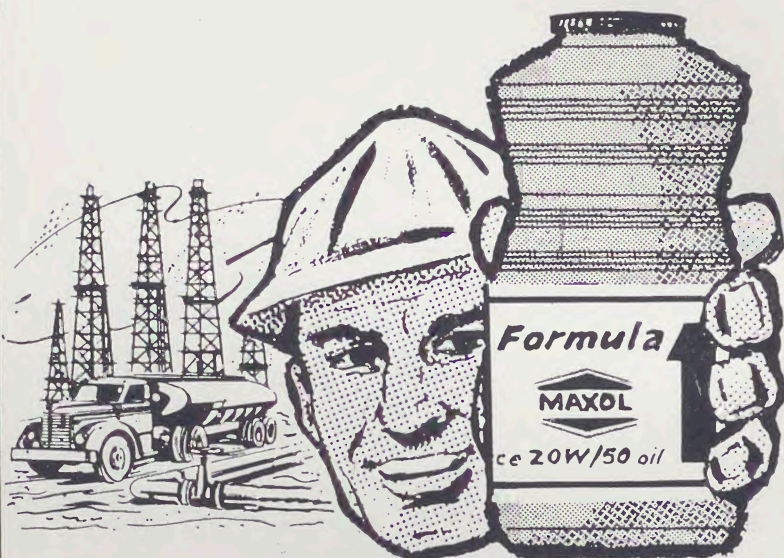


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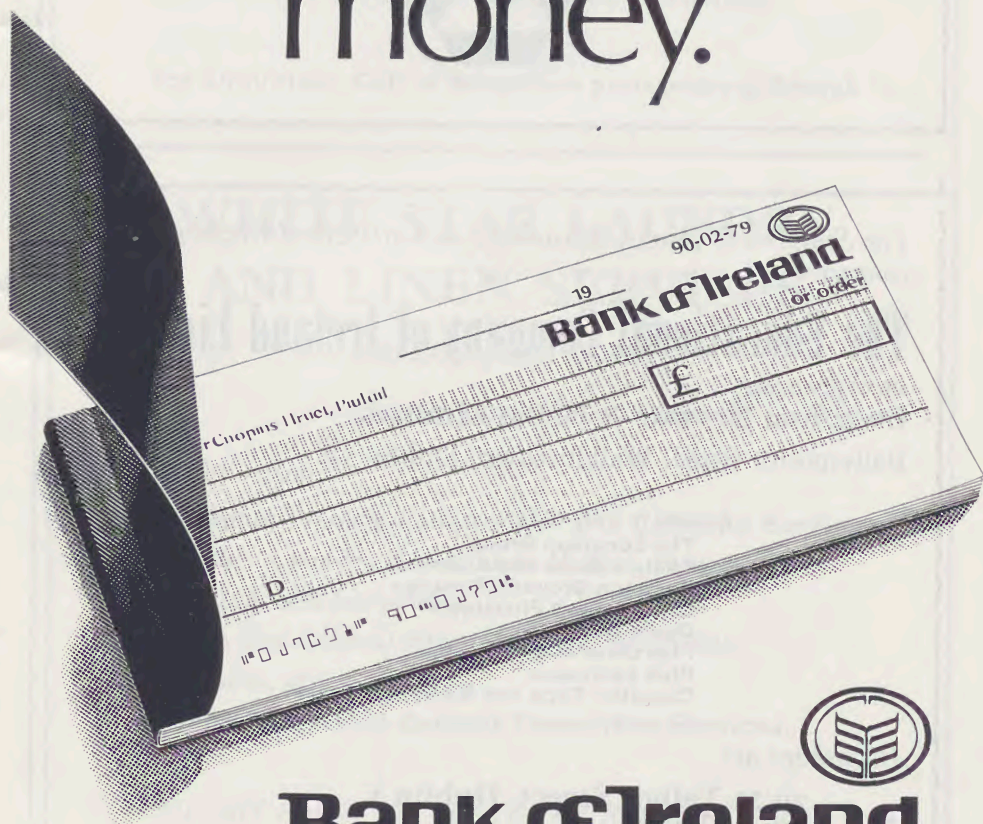


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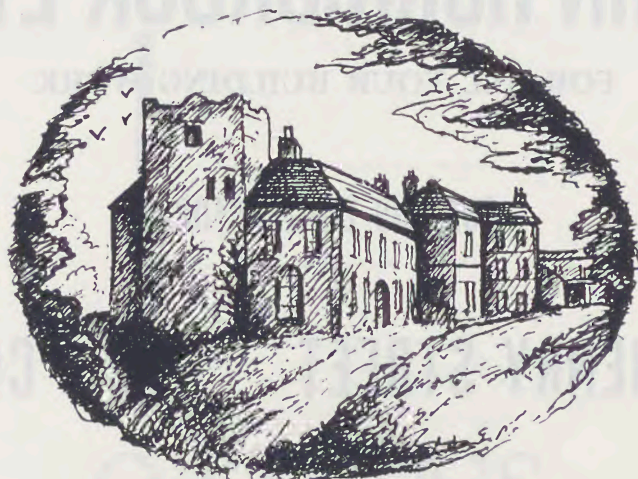
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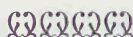
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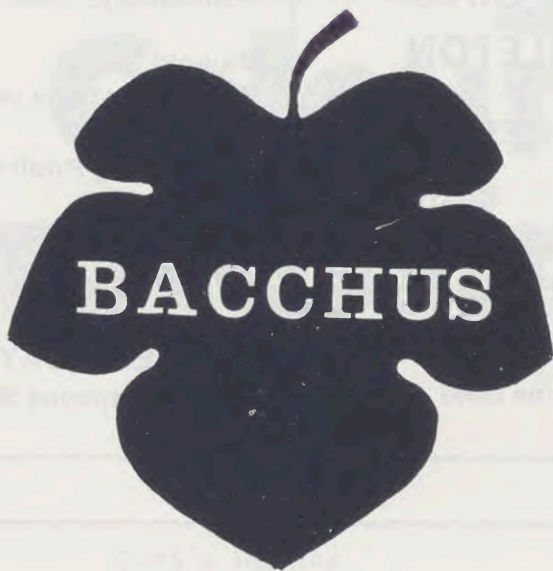
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EDITORIAL

OLD RICKETY DESKS with generations of names carved during maths class; teachers with gown, never-ending supply of chalk and prep to distribute; chipped lamp-shades with their scars from catapults. The bell with its irksome peal, directing and dictating what and where. Tuck relished in secret corners, fugitive plans between oath-bound gangs.

Prize day transforms. Shiny shoes, pressed blazers, new haircuts, smiling faces, proud parents and well-behaved temporary saints. The concert brings bitten nails and giggles from the wings, clever carpentry and loud applause, the long hours of rehearsal and hot tempers with forgotten lines are obliterated when the final curtain falls with a feeling of fulfilment. Sports day, legs stretched, determined faces, the winning tape, shining cups, presented plaques and the summer holidays awaiting.

Matches with the winning points, losing goals, fine catches and posts which lead to Lansdowne Road. The rarities of the stamp club, master pieces emerging from the photography department, long hours of discussion from the debating society and flying marvels of the aero club.

Midleton isn't just a continuous academic lesson; it is a small community in which we all survive and hopefully thrive, teaching us much more than mathematical formulas, scientific theories and lists of second declension nouns. It gives all its members a base from which they can establish themselves as individuals, develop and grow. A community spirit is high in which differences are lessened and gaps hopefully narrowed. Each pupil has a role to play, adding to the community, right from the grubby-kneed prep former to the sophisticated senior. For some it is being the captain of the rugby team, others winning certain scholarships and some just being the mad ones ! and for all an amount of self-awareness.

The best form of learning is that which is done unconsciously and it is in this way that much is gained from Midleton. Just living together with many different people through different occasions and situations is a most valuable lesson. Outside class time, pupils and staff involve themselves in club and sport activities and with this a good staff-pupil relationship is nursed, but respect and slight awe remain.

These are the special qualities of Midleton – we know because others tell us and because we live in it.

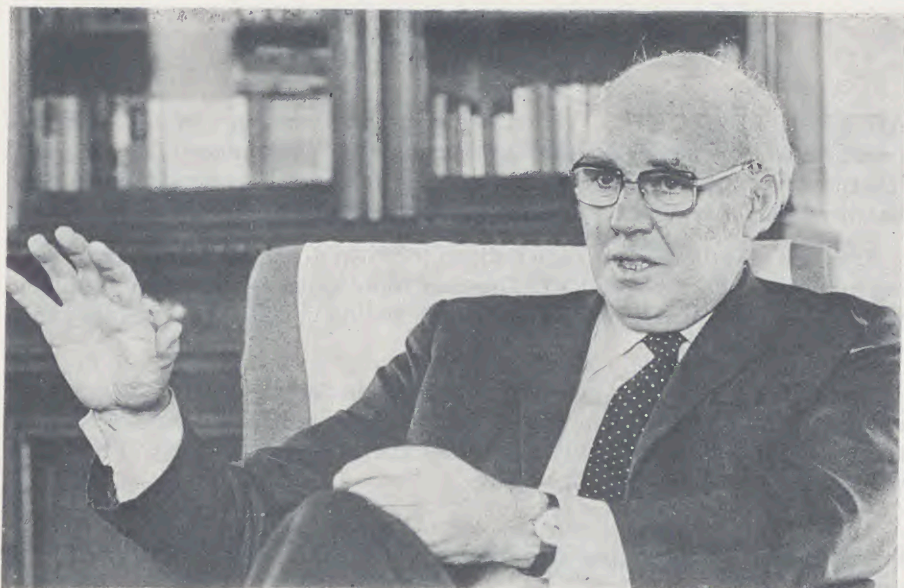
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Cork Examiner

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Magazine

Again I have pleasure in commending this issue to you. In it we try to give you a record of our achievements and our activities of the past year. We hope also that you will catch some of the atmosphere of our school not only from the factual side of this production but from the personal literary contributions and the other items in its make-up. May I thank the editorial committee, those members of the teaching staff who provided guidance and help, and my Secretary who has had to make the articles presentable for the printers. Our advertisers deserve your support; without them there would not be a magazine.

Webster Memorial

The bequest of Captain George Webster mentioned last year has been invested to create a Webster Memorial Prize for excellence in the Leaving Certificate, and at least three prizes each year for project work throughout the School called the Webster Prizes for Project Work.

Numbers

Our numbers remain much the same as last year just over 240. The breakdown is 115 boy boarders, 15 girl boarders, 60 day boys and 53 day girls. The capacity of the School with its present layout, classroom size and structure is in or about 250 giving two divisions in each grade up to Intermediate Certificate and splitting according to options in the two Senior years.

Blazers

A change of blazer is gradually being introduced at the College – the striped black and blue being replaced with a plain navy still adorned with the crest. The new blazer was mainly dictated by economy and by changing fashions, but it has detracted in no way from the appearance of the pupils and is proving very popular.

College Development

AFTER A FEW QUIET YEARS during the worst part of the economic recession, we launched forth last Easter on a further programme of development incorporating improvements in classroom space, proper accommodation for girl boarders, an all-weather hockey pitch and new library.

Two new classrooms have been built on the lawn to accommodate the increasing numbers in Forms V and VI. These are more spacious and better appointed than the previous ones and will give more flexibility in general in class allocation throughout the school.

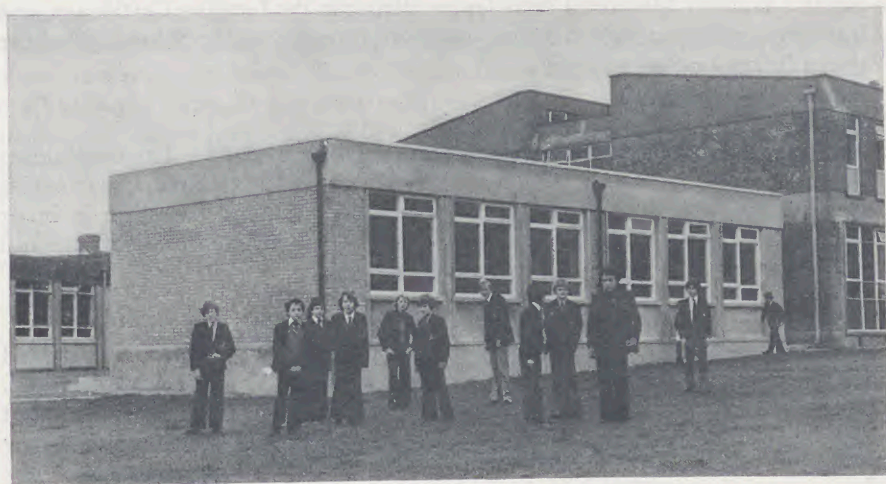
Accommodation for girl boarders has been made available with the necessary ablutions in the old building including McBrides and Dormitory V, with the splitting of Dormitory IV into two separate rooms – one of which will become a sickroom.

The Senior Common Room has become a new Library (*page 24*) and the former Library has been turned into an Activities Room to include Table Tennis and other indoor recreations.

The all-weather hockey pitch is nearing completion on the far side of the Cave Field and its use will release space for a third rugby pitch in the outer playing fields.

These operations need considerable finance of which happily the School can raise a large part. Those who have been in close touch with us will know that our Development Fund was resuscitated early in the year to provide the finance for the all-weather pitch and about one-third of the whole undertaking. We hope to be able to raise the necessary £12,000, of which so far £6,500 has come in. Many have been very generous, especially our parents, most of whom have committed themselves to £10 per term over the year. We feel there is a wide spectrum of past pupils who would like to be associated with what we are doing and we appeal to them to give it their consideration. Subscriptions should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, Development Fund, Midleton College, Co. Cork.

—J. W. S.



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Miss R. Shorten, B.A.	Geography, Irish, Mathematics

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The sun is setting in the west,
All the birds have gone to rest,
The trees look weird and black,
The orange sun behind their back.
A creepy feel runs up my spine
As I see the dull sky-line,
The lights are turned on,

The day has gone,
I go inside,
The spookey feeling's died.
Outside the fox is on the prowl,
I hear the call of the owl,
The moon and stars are in the sky,
I say, O day, goodbye !

B. PRINGLE (FORM I)

Outstanding Pupils 1977

GERALD O'SULLIVAN and **MICHAEL PILKINGTON**, both repeating Leaving Certificate took five subjects at Higher Level. Gerald had an A in Applied Mathematics and B's in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. Michael had B's in Geography, Physics and Chemistry.

YVONNE TSU had four honours in Leaving Certificate including a B in Business Organisation. In National Matriculation she had P1 in Chemistry and P2 in English and Biology.

NICHOLAS BARBER gained London University G.C.E. 'A' levels in Mathematics and Physics.

PETER WHITING gained nine G.C.E. 'O' levels including A's in English Language, Geography and Physics, and B's in Chemistry, English Literature, Mathematics and Religious Studies.

MURRAY HENNESSY, **STUART HILL** and **SADIE DEANE** gained eight G.C.E. 'O' levels. Murray had an A in Geography and B's in English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Physics and Religious Studies. Stuart had A's in English Literature and Physics, and B's in Chemistry, Geography and Mathematics. Sadie had A's in English Literature and Religious Studies, and B's in Economics, English Language and Mathematics.

DAVID PERROTT and **DERMOT DORAN** each gained seven G.C.E. 'O' levels. David had A's in Chemistry, English Language and Geography, and B's in Mathematics and Physics. Dermot had A's in English Language and Geography, and B's in Chemistry, Mathematics, French and Physics.

DAVID MOORE was the leading Intermediate Certificate candidate with honours grades in seven subjects, including A in Science and B's in Latin, French, Mathematics, History & Geography and Art.

LESLIE FITZELL and **SIMON FOLEY** had six Intermediate Certificate honours each. Leslie had A's in Latin and Science, and B's in History & Geography, French, and Mathematics. Simon had A in Science, and B's in Latin, Mathematics, History & Geography and Art.

SUSIE WHITING excluded on age grounds from taking the Intermediate Certificate, did the papers unofficially and on internal assessment gained honours in six subjects including A in Science and B's in History & Geography, English, French and Mathematics.



David Moore



Peter Whiting

Hail and Farewell

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The following have joined the School since our last issue and we wish them happiness and success here:

Boys—C. J. DOBBYN, P. J. DOBBYN, D. P. BERNIE, M. P. P. GRAVINA, F. H. VAN DER PUIL, T. J. LOVEGROVE, P. A. MITCHELL, R. T. MURPHY, L. H. BUTLER, P. T. GOWEN, I. F. MITCHELL, B. E. MORIARTY, H. D. WILKINSON, J. F. S. LOCKE, J. P. AHERN, D. T. M. BARRY, P. J. A. BRADY, A. D. BOYLE, A. CLARK, D. T. GILSENAN, T. S. KELLY, A. G. KEPPEL, E. C. LEAHY, S. F. J. LYNCH, D. S. O'GALLIGAN, D. V. O'DRISCOLL, T. P. O'SHEA, A. D. POMEROY, G. T. P. RYALL, W. A. RYAN, R. J. SALTER-TOWNSHEND, K. M. SULLIVAN, I. G. THOMPSON, T. F. WALSH, J. F. WATERMAN, R. W. BATEMAN, J. M. FERREIRA, E. HARRIS, W. L. MARSHALL, D. W. O'SULLIVAN, A. G. SHERRARD, C. G. SWEETNAM, C. S. TSU, P. J. ZUK.

Girls—T. J. WALLING, J. F. JAMESON, L. G. MATHIS, S. C. KIRK, J. LEE, J. M. FERREIRA, R. L. MOORE, M. NITZSCHE, A. V. PRINGLE, C. J. SMYTH, S. M. MACDERMOT, C. A. SWINDELLS, A. B. WALLACE.

VALE

To those who have left us we wish every blessing in their future careers:

MICHAEL PILKINGTON and GEOFFREY McMULLEN: Trinity College, Dublin, for Natural Science, and Economics and Engineering Science respectively.

GERALD O'SULLIVAN (Dentistry), WENDY WHITING and HUGH DORAN (Science), and PETER O'ROURKE (Arts): University College, Cork.

NICHOLAS BARBER (Engineering) and YVONNE TSU (Veterinary Science): University College, Dublin.

ASHLEY BROWN and TRACY MERRY (Science): University College, Galway.

DAVID HILL (Bank Line), SIMON TINDALL (Ocean Fleets), and PETER ALLEN (Irish Shipping): Merchant Navy Cadetships.

JAYNE MATTHEWS: Montessori Teaching Training in Zion Hill College, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

AVRIL NORTHRIDGE: Hotel Management in the College of Domestic Science, Cathal Brugha Street, Dublin.

SYLVIA BEAMISH and AVRIL JEFFERY: Secretarial and Typing Courses in Cork.

PETER BUTLER: Clerkship in Allied Irish Banks in Killaloe, Co. Clare.

KENNETH STANLEY: Agricultural College, Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick.

PATRICK HITCHMOUGH: Accountancy via A.C.C.A.

GAVIN COOKE: Technology College in Norwich.

KARL MCCARTHY and COLM HENDRICK: Training Course in Sea Fishing with Bord Iascaí Mhara, Greencastle, Co. Donegal.

ANDREW EADIE: Home business prior to doing a course in Textile Technology in Northern England or Scotland.

ADRIAN HILLIARD: Apprenticeship to Wholesale Footwear in Peter Lord's, Winchester, England.

NIALL JOHNSON: Trainee in Quantity-Surveying with Osborne, King & Megran, Cork.

ROYSTON ARNOPP: Clerkship in Atkins Ltd., Dunmanway.

ROGER MULLIGAN: Course in Waterford School of Technology.

IVAN RYALL: Home business in Agricultural Machinery in Midleton.

ROBIN TRAVERS: Seventh year in The King's Hospital, Dublin.

GEORGE SKUSE: Seventh year in Bandon Grammar School.

JERVIS GOOD, NOEL ENGLAND, NOEL HOSFORD, BRIAN GOOD, KENNETH BEAMISH and GERALD SMYTH have gone back to work on their family farms.

MURRAY and ELIZABETH HENNESSY and RON SAILORS continue their education in the United States.

MARK CASEY, PETER and ROBERT SIMPSON, CHARLES TRIGG, MATTHEW BELOPOPSKY are all at school in England.

JAN and PETTER MOLLBERG have returned to their native Sweden.

JOHN KERSHAW and BRYAN PERROTT are working in temporary positions while awaiting jobs.

MICHAEL O'GRADY has joined the R.A.F.

NEAL OTTMAN is training in his father's business.

BILLY SMITH, FRANK THOMPSON, KEITH KEPPEL, ADAM MULLIGAN and THOMAS GLEASURE continue their education in other schools in Ireland.

JOSEPH MATTER, who was with us for a year, has returned to his native Lebanon.



Yvonne Tsu



Michael Pilkington



Wendy Whiting



Prize List 1977

MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Gerald O'Sullivan.

WEBSTER MEMORIAL PRIZE: Michael Pilkington.

INTERMEDIATE SHIELD: David Moore.

MIDLETON SCHOLARSHIP: Susie Whiting.

BISHOP HEARN MEMORIAL PRIZES: Andrew Eadie, Wendy Whiting, Simon Foley, Leslie Fitzell.

J. H. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR SCIENCE: Michael Pilkington, Simon Foley.

JAMES MCNEILL WEST PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS: Peter O'Rourke, David Moore.

TIMOTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS: Gerald O'Sullivan, Susie Whiting, Vivien Rooney, John McKeown, Michael Smith, Oliver O'Rourke.

BAGWELL PRIZES FOR LANGUAGES: Andrew Eadie, Leslie Fitzell.

ISAAC BUTT MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY: Andrew Eadie.

LINDSAY MAING PRIZES FOR GEOGRAPHY: Michael Pilkington, Dermot Doran.

MRS. E. F. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MUSIC: Wendy Whiting.

DR. F. M. HILLIARD MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR G.C.E.: Peter Whiting, Murray Hennessy, Stuart Hill, Sadie Deane, David Perrott, Dermot Doran.

MIDLETON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION PRIZES: Audrey Hilliard, Vivien Rooney.

HEADMASTER'S PRIZES: Jervis Good, Michael Brown, John McKeown, Michael Smith, Wyon Stansfeld.

WEBSTER PRIZES FOR PROJECT WORK: Jervis Good, Mark Shorten, Audrey Hilliard.

SINGING PRIZES: Robin Travers, Ronald Gibson, David Matthews.

DEBATING PRIZES: Peter O'Rourke, Kieran Doran.

ART PRIZES: Jayne Matthews, Jacqueline Vernon.

SPECIAL FRENCH PRIZES: Tracy Merry, Susie Whiting, Heike Schiller.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZES:

Senior - 1st, Andrew Eadie	2nd, David Perrott	3rd, Geoffrey McMullen
Middle - 1st Mark Dwyer	2nd, Kees Wijnstekers	3rd, David Moore
Junior - 1st, Richard Prendergast	2nd, Donal Bernie	3rd, Patrick Williams

SCRIPTURE PRIZES:

3rd year - 1st, Avril Moore	2nd, Guy Percival	
	3rd, Patrick Collins, Mark Salter-Townshend, Nigel Sweetnam	
2nd year - 1st, Daphne Garde	2nd, Richard Moore, Rory Conner, Frances Deane	
1st year - 1st, Janet Hales	2nd, Janine Miller, David O'Flynn	

CLASS PRIZES:

Form VI: Yvonne Tsu, Robin Travers, Geoffrey McMullen, Avril Northridge, Peter Butler, Ashley Brown, Ivan Ryall (Best Effort).

Form V: Jacqueline Vernon, Ken Chambers.

Form IV: Mark Dwyer, Rosemary Brown, Hugh St. Leger.

Form III: 1st, Tara Murphy; 2nd, Patrick Collins; 3rd, Avril Moore and Guy Percival; 5th, Ivor Bryan, Uwe Schiller and Joseph Matter; 8th, Mark Salter-Townshend; 9th, Kieran Doran and Nigel Sweetnam.

Form II: 1st, Sharon Murphy; 2nd, Raymond Fitzell; 3rd, Daphne Garde and Richard Moore; 5th, Edward Hanbridge; 6th, Stephen Bradley and Anna-Marie Taylor; 8th, Stephen Horton and Ronald Sailors; 10th, Kate Brownlow.

Form I: 1st, Siobhan Brownlow; 2nd, Janet Hales and Sally Martin; 4th, Alan Perrott; 5th, Patrick Jones and Jane Taylor; 7th, Janine Miller; 8th, Donal Bernie; 9th, Richard Cook; 10th, Brian Hill.

Preparatory: 1st, Heike Schiller and Paul Whiting; 3rd, William Harris; 4th, Ewan Clark; 5th, Hylda Reardon.

Debating Society 1977

Easter Term

Auditor H. DORAN

Secretary A. EADIE

Committee

P. O'ROURKE, R. TRAVERS

D. PEARE, M. BELOPOPSKY

Christmas Term

Auditor D. DORAN

Secretary H. MERRY

Committee

P. COLLINS, K. DORAN

R. GIBSON, T. MURPHY

DEBATING is yet another extra-curricular activity which has been affected by the rigours of our educational system. Sheer volume of work deters many Sixth Formers from attending meetings and their loss is heavily felt. Fortunately, a few still come and this, coupled with the invaluable and active presence of Mr. Johnston and Mr. Lyons, enables debating to continue.

Even though debates were confined to the School, the variety of motions considered by the Society was quite notable: "Polygamy should be legalised, monogamy discouraged" (defeated) and "The public examination system should be altered" (carried) give some idea of this diversity. Other motions worthy of mention were: "The present government should resign immediately" (carried); "Pop music reflects modern culture" (carried); "Total union between Christian Churches is essential" (defeated); and "The G.A.A. has been a failure in Ireland" (defeated).

The annual debate with the Association was held on March 21st. The motion, proposed by the Society, was "R.T.E.'s performance to date does not justify giving them control over the second channel". The speakers were A. Eadie, H. Doran, P. O'Rourke (proposition) and A. Allen, W. Perrott, G. Donovan (opposition). Owing to the more convincing arguments put forward by the proposition, the motion was carried by 59 votes to 33.

—DERMOT DORAN (FORM VI)

Junior Debating Society

The Junior Debating Society has had a very successful year so far. The newcomers showed plenty of courage and produced some excellent speeches. We wish to congratulate Kieran Doran on winning the Junior Debating Prize.

Among the interesting motions debated were "Capital punishment should be brought into Ireland" (carried); "School uniform should be worn daily in Midleton College" (defeated); and "Abortion should be made legal in Ireland" (defeated).

—RAYMOND FITZELL (FORM III)

LATE FLASH

Congratulations to Ken Chambers, John Farrar, Gary Fort and Derek Marshall on being selected for the Munster v. Connacht Rugby 'Mini' Interprovincial (Nov. 26th). The Munster XV was drawn from the smaller schools – Glenstal, Newtown, Waterpark, Bandon and ourselves. Connacht fielded their full side.

Staff News

WE REGRET the departure of Mr. O'Mahony, Miss McManamon and Miss Margaret Murphy from the regular teaching staff. We wish them success in their future careers.

We welcome Miss Ruth Shorten as Resident Mistress in charge of girl boarders and full-time teacher. Her work with Hockey amongst the Junior boys is much appreciated.

We welcome also Mr. John Crone (Biology) and Mrs. Lucy Burke (Art) who with their wide range of interests are accomplished additions to the teaching staff.

Mr. Gordon Carry has come to do his Diploma of Education teaching with us for the year. We wish him success.

We congratulate Miss McCarthy on gaining her Bachelor of Music this summer and we wish her success as she completes her teaching qualifications with her H. Dip.Ed. this year.

Canon Fleming has been with us as Piano Teacher for eighteen years. We thank him sincerely for his excellent work in this sphere, which has now been fully taken over by Miss McCarthy assisted by a newcomer, Miss Margaret Keating.

Mrs. Mary O'Keeffe filled in very satisfactorily last year in work with English and Mathematics. We were sorry not to be able to have her on the scheduled Staff this year, but we are pleased that she has taken up work with us in Compensatory Education.

Mr. Derek Nolan whose work over the last few years in Compensatory Education has been much appreciated, is to be congratulated on his election to the very onerous and responsible position of President of the Association of Secondary Teachers of Ireland.

Mr. Tim Foley after fifteen years as Woodwork Instructor has found it difficult to continue with increasing responsibilities in the town. He is succeeded by Mr. Charles Terry.

We congratulate Miss Madden (Teaching Staff) and Miss O'Hanlon (Headmaster's Secretary) on their recent marriages. We wish them respectively as Mrs. Daniel Burke and Mrs. Patrick Courtney many years of happiness.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Lyons and Mr. and Mrs. Mullins on the births of daughters since our last publication.

We extend congratulations to Mr. King on obtaining his H.Dip.Ed with Hons. in U.C.C. last June.

Mr. Levis completed in October an intensive week's work at Lilleshall, Shropshire, for the M.C.C. Advanced Coaching Diploma which he successfully achieved.

Mr. Fraser has been able to resume more fully his Gymnastic Instruction. We now have a Senior-class on Tuesday evenings and a Junior one on Wednesdays.

We thank Mrs. Garde for her continued good work with girls in Floral Arrangement demonstrations and classes.

We extend a warm welcome to Dr. John Thompson on his appointment as Medical Officer as from September last.

The Photography Exhibition

DURING the Christmas term of last year the Photography Club, under Adrian Hilliard and David Peare, decided to run a competition to generate interest in photography throughout the School. Posters (some professional, some not quite so professional) appeared giving details, and when the time to collect the entries arrived, all were surprised by the response.

The photographs had been limited (but not strictly so) to those taken during that school year and concerning College activities. These depicted almost every aspect of school life, including a number of interesting snap-shots of a rather portly member of Staff!

It was decided to display the entries in the Biology Lab. on Sports Day, and Messrs. King and Little kindly lent us photographs they had taken during the year. The pictures were arranged for the exhibition by David Peare and Robin Travers, following a pattern of caption. The judges were Mr. King, Mr. Little and Adrian Hilliard, all of whom kindly donated prizes; these were awarded to Nicky Barber (1st portrait; 1st action) and Hugh Doran (1st landscape).

In retrospect two things must be said. Firstly, that the most encouraging aspect of the competition was the large number of Junior entrants. While prizes went to the more experienced Seniors, the enthusiasm of these beginners showed that the College's dark-room facilities will not go unused in years to come. Secondly, we hope the exhibition itself managed to create a certain aura, the undefinable suggested in vivid detail, perhaps this was because:

"One picture is better than a thousand words".

R. R. E. TRAVERS (EX-FORM VI)

Comment

This photography exhibition was an impressive creative achievement. Robin Travers is being modest about its excellence. The captions were poetic and they gave an interpretative shape to the whole display which was delightful. Congratulations to all concerned.

—T. G. M.

November Sale

ON THE INSPIRATION of some of the lady friends of the College, a Sale and Bazaar was held in the Gymnasium on Wednesday, 16th November, in aid of the Development Fund and especially to contribute towards the costs of the all-weather hockey pitch. Stalls included, Work, Country Produce, Misfit, Cake & Sweet, Plant & Flower, Bottle & White Elephant. Teas were given in the Activities Room. The takings for the day amounted to just over £1,100, but with subscriptions and other moneys still coming in we expect the final proceeds to be much greater. A large scale Raffle is being run and the draw will be made at the Christmas Concert.

We are most grateful to Mrs. Edna Tait and her organising committee of ladies, to all who helped by contributing to the stalls and by manning them, to all who subscribed and to the many who came and purchased so liberally.

It was a great afternoon, and it has boosted the Development Fund to over £7,700.

—J. W. S.

Prize Day 1977

THE ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION took place on October 28th. Presenting his eighteenth annual report the Headmaster outlined another successful year in terms of, expansion, academic results, as well as sporting and other activities.

During the past twelve months a new block for senior classes has been built, a comfortable and well laid-out library has replaced the old one, boarding accommodation has been made available for girls, and an all-weather hockey pitch has been constructed.

The expenditure for these innovations came to £38,000, and in thanking all those who contributed, the Headmaster said that he felt confident that outstanding debts would be met with continued support and goodwill.

Speaking of the strain imposed by competitive examinations and the emphasis on grades, the Headmaster once again, called for relevance in Irish Education. "It is a pity", he said, "that there has to be a dichotomy between real education and success in the public examinations especially our Irish ones . . .". He did feel, however, that the type of general education being offered at Midleton College, together with appropriate examination qualifications, is being increasingly rewarded, as evidenced by the successes of many of last year's Form VI.

Later, the Lord Bishop echoed this sentiment when he told pupils that those who possess good character inevitably succeed in life.

Our guest speaker this year was Senator V. Jago. Senator Jago devoted the greater part of his speech to the need for re-thinking and innovation in Irish education.

He outlined a new and alternative programme for second-level education, which he claimed the present government were preparing to put into effect. There would be an emphasis, he said, on vocational education, with various options geared to relating school with society. In this way career guidance and preparation would not be dominated by the needs of those who would "go on to higher education or find employment of an academic or clerical nature".

The Lord Bishop, who presided, congratulated Senator Jago on his appointment to the Oireachtas, and praised him for his long and devoted contribution to public service.

To Mr. and Mrs. Smyth he paid a warm tribute for the contribution that they have both made to Midleton College over the years. He also thanked the Staff for completing another successful year.

—J. B. MULCAHY

The HEADMASTER and MRS. SMYTH send CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
to all those connected with the College – pupils, parents and past pupils.
They thank all those who have supported the College in the past year
and look forward with confidence to 1978.

Prize Day 1977



Andrew Eadie and the Headmaster with Senator Jago



Some of the prizewinners

Club Notes

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

A SMALL CLUB like ours needs intensive and sustained interest to survive. I must, therefore, pay tribute to last year's members and especially to Adrian Hilliard whose active involvement created such great enthusiasm; also, to Robin Travers for his superb organisation and display of our summer competition entries. I should like to congratulate the winners, H. Doran and N. Barber, who continue developing and printing their own material in the comfort of their attics.

This looks like being another successful year and, already, there has been an increase in our membership. Mr. Crone is, without doubt, responsible for the interest now in evidence among members of the Biology classes. Our sincere thanks to him and also to Mr. King and Mr. Little for their considerable help. Finally, a special word of thanks to the Headmaster without whose support and encouragement the club could not exist.

—DAVID PEARE (FORM VI)

THE GARDENING CLUB

THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR anybody has written about the Gardening Club, a club that has always been in the school but which, for some reason, never really got going. Last year, however, some of us decided to revive it and, with excellent co-operation from the junior part of the School, in no time at all many were enjoying planting and growing vegetables which, eventually, they were able to take home with them.

We would like to thank John Deady for letting us borrow the gardening tools and, also, for letting us put some plants in the School greenhouse. This year we are building our own frame which will enable us to start much earlier. This will be a great help as our growing time is short because of the summer holidays. I hope our members will be as enthusiastic as last year's, and I look forward to seeing new members in the Club.

—PATRICK SMYTH (FORM V)

THE ELECTRONICS CLUB

THE ELECTRONICS CLUB has now been in existence for six years. This year we have twenty members and interest in the various fields of electronics seems quite high. This is a very satisfactory situation since electronics plays such a large part in everyday life. We bought some equipment but unfortunately, the necessary sophisticated tracing material is so costly we have to resort to older methods of tracing faults.

Our sincere thanks once again to Mr. Smyth who kindly allows us the use of the Pavilion.

—SIMON FOLEY (FORM V)

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

ONCE AGAIN we have a large membership, with the majority coming from the Junior school. However, some old faces have re-appeared for another year of assembling, swopping and valuing ever-expanding collections. Most people in the Society have only one problem – they tend to concentrate on the figure in the corner of the stamp, rather than appreciating the ideas, art and meaning associated with stamps in general. One hopes that this attitude will change as understanding increases.

During the year we visited a stamp and coin exhibition in Cork, where the methods of printing and the excellent collections on view led to a revival of interest in many a flagging philatelic heart. Once again, our sincere thanks to the Headmaster whose frequent trips to Cork for supplies are much appreciated; also to Mr. Morrissey who has helped us in a variety of ways.

—HUGO MERRY (FORM VI)

THE AERO CLUB

OWING TO AN INCREASE in interest since last year our membership has now almost reached the twenty-five mark. However, because of the soaring prices of models and other equipment, there is a shortage of planes. Luckily, through the kindness of Mr. Little, we have been able to obtain parts from planes, boats and trains. The present inclement weather has more or less grounded our fleet; however, we hope to get off to a “flying start” during the Easter term, when conditions improve.

—S. TINDALL and W. STANSFELD (FORM V)

OBITUARY

DR. C. J. CUNNEEN

IT WAS with deep regret that we learned of the unexpected death of Dr. Cunneen just before the beginning of last Spring term. He had been our Medical Officer for close on seventeen years. We remember with gratitude his dedicated service to the health of the School and his concern and attention for the needs of each individual patient. Allied to his medical skill he had an infectious *bonhomie* which gave renewed confidence to many of those who were ill or who thought they were.

Dr. Cunneen was a man of wide interests and many friends. He had close connections with sport especially Rugby and Golf. He was a founder-member of the Heart Foundation Branch and the Rehabilitation Association in Midleton.

The Doctor was always good company – a great storyteller with a fine sense of humour; his wide experience of life, places and people gave him a large reserve of material from which to draw. He was generous in helping and sensitive to those in need.

To his wife and family we offer our deepest sympathy.

—J. W. S.

SUMMER TOURS

FORM III, last May went on their historical tour of Dublin, accompanied by Mr. Johnston and Mr. Mulcahy. We travelled on the eight o'clock train and on arrival at Dublin we had lunch.

After this we started on our tour of the city. Firstly we visited the Natural History Museum, where we spent a fascinating hour viewing some of the thousands of wild-life species on display. Later we visited the National Museum, and walked from there to Trinity College, where we saw some of the ancient manuscripts.

Finally we were taken on a tour of Leinster House, by Mr. Paddy Hegarty, T.D., and we spent sometime in the public gallery while the Dáil was in session. Before leaving Leinster House, we had Coke and biscuits in the restaurant. After tea at the C.I.E. Club we set out for home.

On behalf of Form III, we wish to thank Mr. Johnston and Mr. Mulcahy for a most enjoyable day.

—T. GAY and L. STANLEY (FORM III)

FORM II had a very enjoyable tour last May. We departed from the School, by bus, at 8 a.m. We admired some of the scenic features of North Cork as we travelled through Watergrasshill, Fermoy, and then westward to Mitchelstown where we stopped. Here we were taken on a guided tour of the famous creamery. It was very interesting, but due to certain foul odours we were glad to get outside again for some fresh air.

Back in the bus we were all given samples of cheese, as we got underway. We had a long, but enjoyable trip to Limerick, where we tucked heartily into lunch at the Glentworth Hotel. When our stomachs had been fully satisfied we set off for Shannon Airport where we bought duty-free presents. Unfortunately we saw no aeroplanes as the viewing balcony was closed.

Later we visited Bunratty Castle. Here we were taken on a guided tour of the Castle and then we explored its grounds. After tea in Limerick we set off for home.

On behalf of the form, we would like to thank Mr. Daley and Mr. Leopold for making such an enjoyable day possible.

—J. COLEMAN and S. BRADLEY (FORM II)

FORM I went on an educational tour to Dublin, last May, with Mr. Little and Mr. Morrissey.

After a three-hour train journey to Dublin, we travelled around the city by bus. Our first stop was at Dublin Castle where we were taken on a tour of some of the beautiful buildings. In some rooms the pattern of the carpet was the same as that of the ceiling.

After lunch at the C.I.E. restaurant, we visited the Botanical Gardens where Mr. Little took some movie films. The flowers were beautiful and many of the trees had beautiful shapes. Later we went to St. Michan's church where we saw the famous mummies. It was dark and musty there and it was hard to breathe in the chambers. One of the mummies – believed to be a crusader – was 800 years old, and each of us shook his hand.

We skipped tea and went to the Zoo. The Hippo was massive – he must have weighed over two tons. He had the biggest mouth we had ever seen. Finally, tired but happy we set off for home.

We wish to thank Mr. Little and Mr. Morrissey for a most enjoyable day.

—S. BROWNLOW and J. MILLER (FORM I)

A Day at Garryvoe

Off we set for a wonderful day,
We didn't know where we were going nor the way,
All we knew is that we were going to some beach,
We didn't have to work, or the teachers to teach.

Mr. Little, for the day, bought us a ball,
We didn't have to pay any money at all.
All day we played and had some fun,
We were certainly glad that we did come.

—EWAN CLARK (PREP. CLASS)

Post Script

Some Senior girls were free the same day,
And availed of the offer to go to the sea.
Instead of beach games, sand-castles and fun,
They thought 'twould be nice to get tanned by the sun.

So off with their clothes and on with the togs,
And down on the beach they lay off like logs.
Poor innocent creatures, it didn't sink in,
What effect such exposure would have on the skin.

Before night had fallen they were all sore and red,
And some the next day were confined to the bed.
Perhaps the next time they'll consider it better,
To take "mother's" advice a bit nearer the letter.

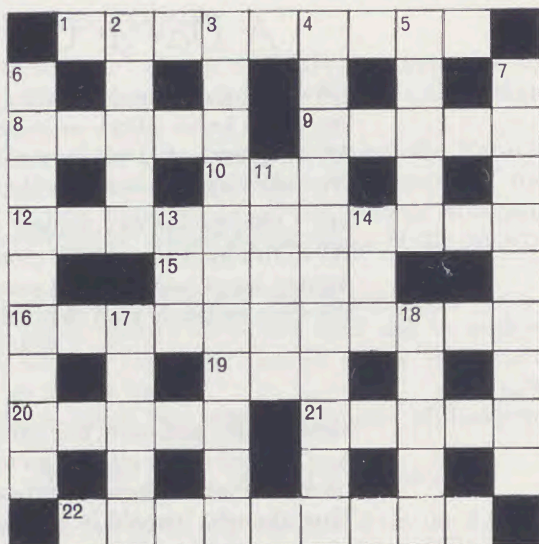
—OBSERVER



Girls of Form I enjoying their tour

Crossword

by
Lugdunum



ACROSS

1. Early rising includes the Irishman (2, 2, 5).
8. Stared at the opening? (5).
9. Need to be about a mean D is finished (5).
10. Initially shelter for young people on the road (3).
12. Slick era of Arab gold overflow? (3, 3).
15. Oar at upset for route to heart (5).
16. Sounds like a grand martial experience (3, 5, 3).
19. Alcoholic disorder initially produces parliamentarians (3).
20. Headless TV frog produces bishop's hat (5).
21. 18. Subdued female has, in part, traces of scattered nobility (5, 5).
22. Seasonal ending puts bounce into motoring? (3, 6).

DOWN

2. Palindromic canine starts eye piece for master's follower (5).
3. Nest carriers have warm heart albeit rather left-wing (4, 7).
4. Conceptual beginning for perfect sampler (5, 6).
5. Oliver doesn't matter, but upset Hardy and you release a serpent (5).
6. Was this had by all? (1, 4, 4).
7. Haughtiness on the dole? (4, 5).
11. Sounds as if worker was employed and promoted at once (5).
13. Upside-down, gas can cause bend in the middle (3).
14. Almost late for an isolated pillar (3).
17. Late issue of paper for minor actor (5).
18. See 21 across.

(Solution on page 39)

THE ARCADE

MIDLETON AND COBH



Drapery and Fashions



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The Arcade !



The Sweet Security of the Streets

FOR MOST, waiting is an intolerable procedure, but I'm afraid for me it is a pleasure. It does not matter whether it is at a street corner, or bus stop, in a pokey little back street or the hustling bustling city centre; it still remains an exciting experience. Just being able to stand and watch the different individuals pass is as good as any box-office hit. After all the street has all the required ingredients – colour, variety, action, mystery and romance.

Let's start with the sentimental ingredients – romance and love. Whatever and wherever, love always exposes her timeless head. It may be in the most obvious form of a young couple gliding down the street, arm in arm, oblivious of anything else apart from each other; or in the presence of a little boy proudly walking his dog, showing off how clever he is by making him "sit" after every three strides. The not-so-obvious form of love, but one there nevertheless, is that of a passer-by stopping to admire the beautiful spire on the cathedral or gaze at the bronze statue of Apollo; yes, romance is definitely at home, warm and secure in the streets.

Action contributes in a variety of ways. The person hurrying for the bus which has just pulled out. The man carrying a huge big box which he cannot see over the top of and so bumps into a lamp-post, parking meter and person alike. Another member of the action gang is the "lollipop lady", standing there in her white coat, black boots and sign, she is security for the children. Obediently they all wait until she decides to march, then as the traffic halts, they all charge off, pigtails hopping and sacks bumping off the pavement.

Now for the hint of mystery, shuffling along the street comes that little old man; nobody knows where he comes from or where he goes; all he does is ask people for money and then with his shaky hand gives it to the next child who passes. Not just an ordinary beggar, a pathetic lovable figure. What was that man doing fiddling with so many keys at a car door? Surely if it was his own car he would know which key to use? Ah! here comes a policeman, he will know what to do.

The next ingredient is colour, need any more be said, just look. Beside that blonde lady is a little black-haired girl with a ginger cat, whose emerald eyes are busy watching the constant flow of traffic. That girl's red coat is nice, but it would have looked nicer with black boots. The old bank needs cleaning, its limestone is almost black instead of grey. "What's that noise?" "Ah! the street-sweeper sucking away the colourful litter – now that looks better".

Variety is the last ingredient needed. It is the mixture of all the previous elements, being shaped together to give a full picture. It is the tall and small beside the fast and slow, helping the young and old.

So if you want to be director, camera-man, actor and star of your own film, take a stroll in the sweet security of the streets.

—A. MACKILLOP (FORM VI)

A WINE & CHEESE PARTY will be held at the College
on the evening of Thursday, 16th March, 1978 – the last day of the Easter Term.

We welcome all our friends. Tickets will be available at the School Office
or through the Officers of the Midleton College Association.

The New Library

BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION for those who have not been to the College lately, the room that was formerly the main Dining Hall, and in latter years became a Sixth Form Common Room, has during the past Summer metamorphosed into the School Library. The original library, although a pleasant room, was inherently unsuited to its role and has become the School Common Room – a welcome addition to the facilities of the College.

The new library has achieved a significant presence in the awareness of the pupils. It is a comfortable place to be in, warm, quiet, and pleasing to the eye. As it is used only for study purposes, or leisure reading it has a distinctive atmosphere, inviting to those who want to be alone with their thoughts, or their work. The rule of silence is generally well observed; it is hoped a tradition of library behaviour will be set up this year by the higher forms which will remain a creative influence in the years to come. In this context the Staff kindly volunteered to supervise occasionally during their free class periods – this has added a disciplinary presence which is vital for creating the necessary modes of behaviour in the library. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking my colleagues for their co-operation in this matter.

The books in the library are classified in the Dewey-Decimal System – this is a system utilised throughout the world. In this system each subject has a particular number *e.g.* Science is labelled 500; all sub-divisions of Science are within the range 500–600, so Chemistry is 530; Physics 540, and so on. This enables books to be easily found and also facilitates books being returned to their correct position on the shelves. The classification is far from complete but is advancing at a steady rate. The educational value of using this system is obvious – it introduces the pupils to a system which is used in most major libraries and they can feel at ease and confident when looking for books in other libraries.



A recent photograph

Cork Examiner

So far I have been considering the positive aspect of the new library – but now the shadows appear and as usual they come in the shape of banknotes. At the moment the library is thriving, there is widespread borrowing of books – to ensure that this level of vital usage is maintained it is imperative that new books arrive regularly; otherwise the pupils tend to become bored with the ‘same old faces’ ! It is all too easy for a library to become a storage room for outdated and tatty books, which lie unread on the shelves. Once this happens the library loses its edge, and its direction can be well nigh reversed *i.e.* books become irrelevant to the pupils’ experience and interests.

With over two hundred pupils there is much diversity of interests. Although we are reasonably equipped with fictional material (although more is always welcome), it is in the non-fiction areas such as the applied sciences and applied arts that the yawning gaps occur on the shelves. Any books in the following areas – sports, nature study, hobbies, cookery, domestic economy, agriculture, mechanics, woodwork, and similar areas would be extremely welcome. Alternatively, if a would-be contributor preferred to make a regular financial donation (Bank Orders for £1 each month) to the Library Fund, this would be more than acceptable.

Books have become extraordinarily expensive. The Board of Governors generously granted an endowment of £200 for library expenses this year. Within two months, despite careful and restrained budgeting, this amount was consumed. The average worthwhile hard-backed reference book is now anything from £3 upwards; to invest in paperbacks, outside of the fiction areas, is an unwise short-term policy because of the heavy usage such reference books receive.

The need for money and books is immediate and urgent. We have the embryo of an excellent library, to ensure growth and continuing vitality the life-stream of books must be maintained. I would like to thank those parents who have already kindly contributed and urge others to do likewise. It is in the interests of all the College Community to keep this new facility thriving, not alone for its manifold educational benefits but because it would contribute impressively to the reputation of the College for providing an unique environment which fosters the growth of children in the fine art of living. —TOM MULLINS

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THE DEATH OF PEDRO

Pedro was a matador,
A long and dashing cape.
He himself had fought one bull
Of every size and shape.

The midday sun was blazing,
With Pedro in the ring.
He was to meet El Cicho –
A bold and fearful thing.

El Cicho charged at Pedro,
El Cicho’s horns sank deep
Into poor Pedro’s bottom,
Which made the youngman leap !

Alas ! When Pedro landed,
He did not rise again.
His ghost now walks the bullring
Through sun and wind and rain.

—R. GIBSON

Christmas Concert 1976

SCENE: The master's study. On the floor stands a wastepaper basket full to the brim with apple skins. Near the basket lies, incongruously, a knife. The room is unoccupied. Suddenly, the door bursts open and a French-speaking intellectual type gusts into the room, trips over the basket, becomes momentarily airborne and, finally, makes a neat, three-point landing on the table. As he lies there, swearing fluently in the language of love, a scientific Saxon appears. He pays no attention to the figure on the table, but heads straight for a cupboard from which he extracts a bag of crisps (without onion). He sniffs the bag, nods appreciatively and sinks into a chair which promptly collapses. After several vain attempts to extricate himself, he abandons the struggle and concentrates on the crisps. The French-speaking intellectual slides off the table and falls into a second chair – which also collapses. From this position of equality, so to speak, he addresses the scientific Saxon.

FIT "You great idiot ! Can't you put away the bin after you ?"

SAX "Eh-eh?"

FIT "The bin, the yoke with the apple peelings in it. I almost broke my flaming neck".

SAX "Did I leave it there ? I suppose I did. I need it to peel my apple, you see".

FIT (*caustically*) "Why don't you use the knife instead ?"

SAX "Oh, the shafts of wit ! Have a curly crisp".

FIT (*shuddering and turning green*) "No thank you. I don't know how you can eat that foul rubbish".

SAX (*with an evil grin*) "Speaking of rubbish – you had better hurry with your article for the magazine".

FIT (*deceptively calm*) "Why?"

SAX (*vaguely worried, not sure why*) "Well, as a member of the advisory committee, I must check your spelling and punctuation".

FIT (*apoplectic*) "My goodness ! How you can have the gall – wait a minute. What article?"

SAX "On last year's concert, of course".

FIT (*suddenly very smug*) "Not **my** article, **his**. It's his turn this year. And, since he's also on your committee, he'll presumably check his own spelling".

SAX (*defensively*) "Oh, I don't know. Let's face it, the school's reputation could be at stake. He might write anything. We don't want the magazine to turn into a sort of playboy rag". (*He stares, piously, into the middle distance*).

FIT (*leaping into the air – he's very athletic*) "You great hypocrite ! How anyone could make last year's concert items sound *risqué* beats me. Let me refresh your memory. Do you remember *The Toad's Trial* produced by Miss Madden?"

SAX "Eh, what? Oh ! Yes, quite good fun. Rather splendid in fact. I like frogs".

FIT (*raising his eyes to heaven*) "Toads not frogs. Now, concentrate. Do you recall the Middle Play, about the man who wouldn't go to heaven?"

SAX "Yes, indeed. Of course, scientifically, the idea of such a place is ridiculous. As for the garden of —".

FIT (*a well-known atheist who believes in God*) "Belt up, you materialistic sod. Now, the Senior Play, *Scanarelle*, by Molière?"

SAX (*airily*) "Bit above people's heads. I thought",

FIT (*suddenly efficient*) "Then there were the musical items: the Junior Choir directed by Miss McCarthy; the piano duet by Wendy and Susie Whiting; and the group called Stagalee. And let's not forget that nutty item, 'An Evening at the Festival Hall'".

SAX "I must say I enjoyed the 'Kerry Court' and the 'Drummer Boys' – and the girls. You should really change the name to 'Drummer Persons'". (*brightly*).

FIT "Rot ! We must maintain our attitude of male and porcine chauvinism".

SAX (*puzzled*) "Eh?"

FIT (*in superior tones*) "I suppose, as a scientist, you don't remember Mr. Mullins' 'Choral Verse'?"

SAX (*triumphantly*) "Yes, I do ! 'Winter' by James Shakespeare and 'The Hippocrump' by William Reeves – or, was it Christopher Shakespeare?"

FIT (*unbearably smug*) "Good heavens ! Do you know anything at all?"

SAX (*with quiet satisfaction*) "I know it's ten past twelve, and that I have a spare period, and that you don't, and, therefore, that you are late for class . . .".

The French-speaking intellectual type shrieks and dashes from the room, narrowly avoiding collision with a magisterial presence who has come to ask if anyone knows anything about the riot in the French Room. The scientific Saxon smiles contentedly and, reaching into his pocket, produces a giant Mars bar which he unwraps and attacks as the *curtain falls*.

—M.O.L.

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LES AMÉRICAINES

TAMMY WALLING and GAYLE MATHIS came to us as boarders in September. Both are American and they have travelled much as their fathers are involved in the oil industry.

Tammy was born in Texas, but lived most of her early life in Wyoming; her home town is Powell in the famous Big Horn River basin in the Rockies. Before joining Sixth Form in Middleton College, she had been in Pakistan for three years, attending the American School in Karachi. Tammy hopes to qualify for the University of Wyoming next year,

Gayle was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and lived the first months of her life in Tripoli, Libya. After a few years in Lawrenceville, Illinois, she spent eight impressionable years of her young life in Anchorage, Alaska, which she still regards as home. After three years in Lafayette, Louisiana, and Houston, Texas, she arrived in Middleton College (Fifth Form) when her father was transferred to Ireland.

Gayle and Tammy



Visit to Lilleshall

ON 21ST OCTOBER, 1977, I was privileged to be amongst twenty-four cricketers, fifteen from England, five from Ireland, two from Wales and one each from Holland and Denmark who found themselves thrown together at Lilleshall National Sports centre, Shropshire, to take part in the National Cricket Association Advanced Coaching Course.

The focal point of Lilleshall is an imposing country mansion situated in extensive grounds with beautifully landscaped woodlands and gardens. The sports facilities consist of ten acres of grass playing fields, a floodlit all-weather surface, nine tennis courts, six cricket nets, three squash courts, three sports halls, an 18-hole golf course, an indoor athletics track, two lecture halls and a hard surface for netball and basketball. All sports can be catered for both indoors and out. In addition, the centre can accommodate 120 residents in single and double rooms. The daily routine resembled a boarding-school in many ways – residents were responsible for making their own beds and being late for meals or making noise after midnight were serious crimes. All meals were self-service with domestic staff kept to a minimum.

The course was of one week's duration and was conducted by the three National Coaches of England assisted by a staff coach. The topics dealt with included batting, bowling, fielding, fitness, net and group coaching and maintenance of pitches. A lot of detailed information was given in a short space of time making it a very intensive course with a strong emphasis on physical activity and near-perfect demonstration of all skills. The day was long, starting at 9 a.m. and finishing at 9 p.m. with two evenings in the week free and we virtually lived in our whites. Assessment was carried out throughout the week and each participant was observed conducting four net sessions and three group sessions. Towards the end of the week, final assessments were carried out – each person being required to deliver a ten-minute lecture, conduct a net and a group session, attend three oral examinations and a full practical examination in the skills of cricket.

The only social activity was a drink in the bar or a visit to the 'local'. This was an essential outlet for the inevitable pressures that built up. Despite a long day the topic of conversation was usually cricket. Gradually, everyone got to know one another and a group that started as twenty-four individuals from widely different backgrounds became very closely knit indeed. We saw our coaches as warm personalities rather than cricketing robots, stories were swapped, problems shared, ideas exchanged but, above all, laughter reigned supreme.

We had some very distinguished personalities in our midst. Mary Pilling, captain of England Ladies and an opening bowler of genuine class kept us all on our toes. Imagine being bowled by a woman! Tom Cartwright, the well-known ex-England Test Player and County Coach at Glamorgan was quiet, friendly and so knowledgeable on the game. I shall never forget his contributions on bowling and field-placing and his inspired coaching performances in the nets. We also had our introverts and extroverts – our quiet rather proper public schoolboys and our tough North of England personalities epitomised by 'Ray' – a portly middle-aged army sergeant and winner of the "personality of the course award". Ray was all things to all men – witty, fiercely competitive and horribly cheerful in the mornings. Lastly there was 'Smash' – an exuberant West Indian with a wonderful sense of humour and an infectious laugh. Fun was never far away when 'Smash' was around.

Other memories came flooding back – the entertainment provided by the ‘quiet’ coach ex-England wicketkeeper Keith Andrew on our last night at the ‘local’; the splitting of Ray’s whites and subsequent repair job by Mary Pilling who sewed up everything in sight !; the little girl ‘Sarah Jane’ who came up to me after a group teaching session and asked me for my autograph – that girl should go far !

In more serious vein, it confirmed my faith in the standard of Irish Cricket. I went to Lilleshall somewhat apprehensive and left enriched with memories, new experiences, new contacts and friends. I was sad on leaving, but felt refreshed by a deeper appreciation, understanding and love for the game.

—J. C. LEVIS (STAFF)

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QUOTATIONS

THE HEAD: “He was not merely a chip of the old block, but he was the old block itself”—*Burke*.

MR. KING: “Full many a glorious morning have I seen”—*Shakespeare*.

MR. JOHNSTON: “I am not over-fond of resisting temptation”—*Beckford*.

MR. LITTLE: “Give me chastity . . . but not yet”—*St. Augustine*.

MR. MULLINS: “To build from matter is sublimely great

But gods and poets only can create”—*Pitt*.

MR. LYONS: “ ’Twas sad by fits, by starts ’twas wild ”—*Collins*.

MR. HARRINGTON: “When clouds are seen, wise men put on their cloaks”
—*Shakespeare*.

MR. MULCAHY: “To converse with historians is to keep good company”
—*Lord Bolingbroke*.

MISS MADDEN: “To be beautiful is enough”—*Thackeray*.

T. LEVIS: “There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother”—*Proverbs*.

HOCKEY GIRL: “She just wore enough for modesty, no more”—*Buchanan*.

RUGBY FOOTBALL: “Not a religion for gentlemen”—*Charles II*.

LEAVING CERT: “The greatest fool may ask more than the wisest can answer”
—*Cotton*.

SCHOOL OFFICE: “Abandon hope all ye who enter here”—*Dante*.

SATURDAY MORNINGS: “A voice that in the distance far away
Wakens the slumbering ages”—*Taylor*.

—D. G.

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CHARITY WALK

ON SUNDAY, 29TH MAY, a sponsored Charity Walk was organised by Billy Smith with advice from Rev. W. E. K. Allander, Rector of Glanmire, in aid of Relief for Sierra Leone. It was a fine sunny day as fifty-one walkers and twelve runners set out on the ten-mile journey from Midleton to Whitegate. Checkpoints were manned by College cyclists at one-mile intervals. Everybody reached the target of ten miles – some in better condition than others, but what matter !

As a result of generous sponsorship by parents, companions and friends a sum of £286 was realised, an increase of £36 on the previous year. Thanks go to all who helped especially those who provided refreshments and transport back to Midleton College. It was a very worthwhile achievement and we are most grateful for the effort that Billy Smith, with the help of the Head, put into its promotion and organisation.

—P. ROOKE (FORM VI)

S.E.S.P. — An Experiment in Innovation

IN 1973, MIDDLETON COLLEGE joined eight other schools in the Social and Environmental Studies Project (S.E.S.P.). The project, which is a pilot scheme, sought to involve Irish post-primary schools in curriculum development and innovation. A curriculum development centre, based at Shannon Comprehensive School and funded by the Department of Education, was established to co-ordinate the project. History and Geography were selected as the core disciplines; they were not referred to as subjects in the traditional sense, rather they were integrated to become social and environmental studies. Integration across other subject boundaries was encouraged, where possible. In 1974, the Department of Education sanctioned school based continuous assessment in S.E.S.P. as an alternative to terminal examinations in History and Geography for this year's Intermediate Certificate Examination.

Consequently, this involved teachers and pupils in new approaches to both teaching and learning as well as assessment.

The role of the teacher changed in many respects. Teachers were involved in specifying teaching objectives, developing content materials, team teaching, the construction of different types of tests and, finally, they were responsible for the assessment of their own pupils.

Team teaching, which involves two or more teachers working together, ended the traditional isolation of the teacher in the classroom. At first, some of us felt hesitant and sometimes wary under the critical eye of a fellow teacher. These feelings, however, quickly faded and were replaced by mutual respect as well as rewarding insights into other methods of teaching.

At teachers' seminars initial timidity gave way to constructive, and often, heated debate. This, in my opinion, was one of the most satisfying aspects of the project. For the first time, many teachers were involved in educational dialogue, arising from a practical, rather than a theoretical basis. As well, the schools involved in S.E.S.P. formed close relationships and tended to identify with each other.

The role of the pupils also changed, insofar as they were actively involved in their own education. The activist approach demanded the use of a wide variety of skills, which often remain untested and, therefore, unrewarded in the traditional examinations. Pupils were expected to carry out private research, make oral and written reports, design questionnaires and conduct interviews, deal with correspondence, debate issues and, finally, to present a personal topic or project as part of a culminating exhibition. Activities were not always confined within the school. The world beyond the school walls was explored, (some, we know, considered this a 'doss', but this is where they will live and work) and guest speakers were invited into the classroom.

Pupils were consulted on many aspects of the project and were encouraged to be critical. Most didn't need encouragement. In sombre mood we sometimes questioned our sanity, and on more than one occasion we abandoned our pretence to pupils, that 'all was going well'.

Yet, despite the difficulties and obstacles encountered from time to time, a freer and closer communication developed between teachers and pupils as the project developed. Both saw each other in a more personal light, and yet the essential boundaries of role were rarely if ever overstepped. For some pupils, school became relevant for the first time. This experience was perhaps only

short-lived, but there is, in my opinion, evidence to suggest that it happened. This is not to suggest that school is irrelevant for most, although many educationists would argue otherwise. Neither is it to suggest that the content of many subject areas is irrelevant. Nevertheless, many teachers who strive towards enlightened teaching situations are ultimately compelled to compromise because of the dominance of terminal examinations.

Assessment presented some problems, but none that were unsurmountable. It was heartening to know that pupils would be rewarded for most aspects of their work; reliance on rote learning was thus largely eliminated. Those who understandably fear that teacher-based assessment is open to certain abuses can be assured that this was not the case. It was generally felt that teachers were conscientious, and objective in their approach. Random samples of scripts were selected from each school, and scrutinised at the Curriculum Development Centre, and the inspectorate of the Department of Education monitored the scheme.

The overall results for Midleton College were most satisfactory. Nobody failed, and the average result was an honours grade. These grades I feel, however, should not be compared with the traditional grades in History and Geography; both reflect different forms of assessment.

It is difficult at this stage to predict, or to suggest, what values, or skills, if any, that pupils accrued. One suspects that they might have acquired some of the techniques of research and learning. At present, however, there is no empirical evidence available to support this viewpoint. Some would argue that performance at Leaving Certificate level will provide the answer. Others, however, would argue that the Leaving Certificate is not a reliable indication of academic ability. The Madaus and MacNamara report on the Leaving Certificate, published in 1970, shows, that in many subjects, skills other than recall, are unrewarded, and in some cases are even penalised.

The future for S.E.S.P. looks bleak. The project ends officially in December 1977, although aspects of it will continue, but without support from the Department of Education. It would be naive to suggest that all Irish post-primary schools should at once adopt the S.E.S.P. programme. There are many practical problems involved in any type of curricular change. Yet, it is irritating to know that the experiment is heading for extinction, rather than expansion. Enthusiasm and expertise, built up largely on a voluntary basis by teachers, over the past few years, are now to be abandoned, despite professions of 'tremendous goodwill' from the Department of Education.

No doubt, the findings, when published, will be consigned to some departmental shelf to gather dust, with so many other Reports.

Will the call for relevance in Irish education go unheeded? It is difficult to remain optimistic.

—J. B. MULCAHY

THE MONKEY

The monkey is an animal
Who swings from tree to tree,
He loves to roam the jungle
And play amongst the leaves.

He is all brown and hairy,
Has long ungainly arms,
His eyes are dark and mischievous,
His chatter calls alarm.

—UNA CUNNINGHAM (FORM III)

What's the Use of

RECENTLY I MET A PERSON who on hearing that I was a secondary teacher, remarked that she had received no benefit from secondary education. She had been to what is conventionally known as a "good school" – but could recall very few worthwhile education experiences. As far as she was concerned, primary education had supplied her with all she needed, the three R's. After that life had educated her.

Prompted by this, since September I have been covertly taking a survey of pupils' understanding of why they are in school. Most had never really thought about the question, it was just something you did "one had to learn". Further probing produced some doubts about the value of most subjects, and eventually some subjects were justified because "They would get you a good job, Sir". This seemed to satisfy all – one was educated for employment – all the rest were unnecessary frills. Perhaps it is no surprise that the children should react this way – but it is the total absence of even vestigial ideas related to self-development, and happiness which was depressing. Children are a fair image of their homes, they tend to spout quite unconsciously the attitudes of their background, and although it would be wrong to deduce that such materialism prevails, it would be safe to assume that little discussion about education is found in most homes.

This indifferent outlook is largely responsible for the gradual demise of Latin (although other factors are involved there), the disrespect for Irish, the retreat from history and the scepticism regarding the "real value" of literature – "poetry and that stuff". Thus teachers of these subjects find themselves subject to pressures which should play little role in the junior classrooms whatever about the senior area. To motivate pupils today, to wean their minds from the pap of television, to show them their cultural heritage, to refine their sensibility, to make them people of awareness and insight is becoming increasingly more difficult and the losers are themselves no matter how many exams they pass. In the humanities it would be quite erroneous to equate the quality of sensibility with the quantity of university points – of course there are exceptions but as a general rule the above remains true.

"The life lived without self awareness, is not worth living at all". The individual who is incapable of objectifying himself, incapable of seeing his muddle of a nature, incapable of standing back from life for moments of internal silence, is somehow a functionary, a thing. To define man as a function and not a personality, as an intelligence and not also an imaginative and emotional awareness, is to depersonalise and dehumanise him.

The dismissive mutter of the 'efficient' pragmatist is already audible "typical romantic irrelevancies again". But there is no denial in this article of the necessity of having sufficient material goods – this is simply an attempt to remind people that there is a great deal more to living than work. There is social responsibility, personal relationships, friendships, and for most, marriage. It is these are the areas which lose out at the moment in our educational environment. These are the areas which call strongly for a sense of personal value, of personal identity. We may work for eight hours of the day – but there still remains sixteen hours to live, in which to find ourselves, to be ourselves, to recreate ourselves in the original meaning of the term.

It is in these areas of human experience that the humanities play their most important role. To deprive children of the delight of a cultural identity which they can find in studying Irish, is to rob them of an unique opportunity, an opportunity to experience a world which retains much that is distinctive in us as a nation. Without historical awareness each of us is capable of unwitting prejudice, of not realising how much a victim of forces beyond our control we all are – a necessary exercise in humility.

Finally to my own interests – the importance of being literate, as well as the state precept, retains students – but I often wonder if the final two years were not compulsory in English Literature how many would remain? How many parents would advise their children to follow a more useful course?

There is a Chinese fable which tells of a starving peasant who begged two pennies from his master. The peasant bought a loaf of bread with one penny and a lotus blossom with the other !

—TOM MULLINS

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STARTLING REVELATION

A SURVEY to find the number of days a typical Fifth Former spends in school in one year.

		<i>Days</i>
Holidays	Summer	74
	Easter	22
	Christmas	25
	TOTAL	121
Sundays		52
Weekends		34
St. Patrick's Day		1
	TOTAL	208
9 hours in bed each day		132
	TOTAL	340

If 340 days are spent away that leaves 25 days at school, which equals 3½ weeks. There are 2 half-days in each week or 1 day per week. This comes to a further 3½ days which leaves 21½ days or 1 week per term. I bet most of this time they are asleep too.

—JULIA JAMESON (FORM V)

Our Mathematical Correspondent suspects some illogicalities, but can't quite put his finger on them !—EDITOR.

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Remember

News items about Past Pupils are always welcome for inclusion in the Association 'Jottings', also changes of address, when they arise. Please keep in touch – others may be interested in your whereabouts and your achievements.

Up, Up and Away?

THE ABILITY TO TRAVEL FREELY through the air has always been a subject to captivate the imagination of children. Every year in Form I Science class the pupils learn how to prepare hydrogen gas. In order to stimulate their interest and to show them that hydrogen is lighter than air, I always fill a few balloons with it. A message is prepared "Please return to Form I, Midleton College, Co. Cork . . .". "Should we write 'Ireland' too, Sir?" "Of course, the balloon could easily reach another country". The message is tied on and I 'accidentally' let the balloon slip out of my hands. It floats up to the ceiling amidst much excitement. "Fetch two metre sticks and stand on that chair and you may be able to reach it". The balloon is retrieved. "Who is going to let it go outside, Sir?" "The person who has been best behaved during the class", I answer, thus ensuring a return to order. "How many balloons would we need to send Richard into the air?" I calculate for them in the best scientific manner that 9,750 would be needed. Richard remains safely on the ground !

The class ends and we all go out onto the front lawn and release the balloons. Our thoughts soar into the air with them. "How high are they now? What would the school look like from there? Do you think an aeroplane will hit them?" Eyes strain to follow them until they disappear out of sight. "Where do you think they will land, Sir?" I suggest that they note the direction in which the balloons are travelling and then plot this on their maps to find out where they could possibly land.

Usually we never see the balloons again. However, one morning last year there was great excitement when a letter arrived containing our balloon message, from Alyette in France, near the border with Luxembourg. We located the town on a map and I showed them how to work out how far the balloon had travelled – 750 miles. In French class a letter was composed thanking these people and we sent them a copy of our school magazine which happened to have a photograph in it of hydrogen balloons being released. This year Mr. Roberts found one of our balloons 1,600 feet up a mountain in North Wales whilst collecting sheep. We are sending him a copy of this magazine. This time the distance was 250 miles but the balloon was found only one day after we released it.

I thank the people who returned our balloons for enabling me, in a rather unusual and interesting way, to integrate some Geography and French with my Science class.

—R. R. LITTLE

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AS WE SEE IT

MR. LITTLE	.	.	Oxygene
MR. MORRISSEY	.	.	Tales of Pinocchio
MR. JOHNSTON	.	.	Dancing Queen
MATHS CLASS	.	.	A Likely Story
AFTER LIGHTS OUT	.	.	A Splendid Catch
MR. HARRINGTON	.	.	Mr. Patience
A. THOMPSON	.	.	Magic Fly
MISS MCCARTHY	.	.	The Music Woman
MR. LEOPOLD	.	.	They Tried to Tell Me I was too Young

—P. ROOKE, P. COLLINS and OTHERS

HYDROGEN BALLOONS

They sailed up, up into the sky,
And probably went up very high,
One was blue, the other white,
They set off slowly on their flight.
And must have kept going day and night,
For one in Wales was found
Not merely on the ground,
But on the mountains high.
It was the colour of the sky,
And then a shepherd passing by,
When something blue met his eye,
It had gone all this way
In just over one whole day !

—B. PRINGLE (FORM I)



Some of Form I Balloonists with Mr. Little

Flash Back

The picture on page 51 is processed from an old post card lent by John Deady. It depicts Charles Street inundated with flood waters. We are uncertain of the date but it was about 1930 and obviously mid-winter. Heavy rains caused the canal east of the old distillery to burst its banks and spill across the site of the new distillery, then over the Tallow Road and through Tattan's Field, the Long Field and Foley's Field (now Suncourt Estate). Some of the waters came along Darby's Lane towards the College Gate and down Charles Street to the Main Street where they may have met other floods.

Cork's "Marsh" in History

WITH MODERN AUTO-POWERED VEHICLES cruising through the tarmacadamed streets of Cork, the fact that the land on which the city grew was once a marshy wilderness seems almost incredible.

Initial attempts at reclamation of the marshes were undertaken towards the close of the sixteenth century on the swamps surrounding the present Lavitt's Quay, Cornmarket Street, Paul Street and Emmet Place. The South Channel of the Lee was cut out and the quays began to be filled up in the 1670's, and the year 1719 saw an embankment being constructed through the morasses from Hammond's Marsh (the Mercy Hospital site) westwards to where the Lee channels separate near the Waterworks. Throughout the generations many improvements were effected on this dyke – the present Mardyke Walk. As in other cities high, fortifying walls and watch towers guarded the citizens from possible invasion.

From the North Gate Bridge these structures extended east and south-east to the present Bridewell near which the first tower stood. Their course then ran south along Cornmarket Street's western side to the site of the King's and Queen's Castles (now the Castle Street/Daunt Square junction). These towers were the basis of the Cork Arms; depicting the ship sailing between the two castles. A stream flowed through Liberty Street, then to the rear of the C.C.Y.M.S. Hall (parallel with the present Castle Street) to the watergate between the fortresses, a dock being located on Castle Street's southern side. The southerly direction of the walls continued via the Grand Parade towards the site of the present Dún Mhuire premises, thence west-north-west towards Clarke's Bridge, veering north there to the location of the western wall of the Courthouse, through Grattan Street, in the region of the modern Franciscan friary, resuming their northerly route to where the Quaker's assembly house (now the dispensary establishment) stood, and back to the North Gate via Batchelor's Quay. During the sixteenth century these ramparts were allowed to crumble as trade extended and the city enlarged in all directions.

The existing dispensary premises in Grattan Street, which was erected in 1833, was the third house of the Society of Friends (or Quakers) to be built on the site, previous structures being of 1667 (approximately) and 1777 vintage. The sect eventually transferred to their meeting house in Summerhill South.

Other important structures within the old city area were the two parish churches – Christ Church (South Main Street) and St. Peter's (North Main Street). During the 1690 siege of Cork a number of Protestants took refuge in Christ Church and with the subsequent damage to its structure it had to be taken down about 1716 and the new church was completed in 1726.

In close proximity to the ancient city few imposing suburban buildings were located. The Sheriff's House stood within a few yards of the old walls on the north-western corner of Grattan Street, fronting on Batchelor's Quay. This structure, later called the "doll's house" was demolished about fifteen years ago for road widening purposes.

The Mansion House was situated only a hundred yards from the "walls" area on a grassy sward known as Hammond's Marsh. That edifice, built in 1767 now comprises the major part of the present Mercy Hospital. It was in this vicinity that the first Methodist sermons were preached in 1748, and John Wesley built

a church in the area in 1752. The first Sunday School in Ireland was also founded there and continued until 1849 when the Central Hall in Academy Street was built. In the meantime the Henry Street Church was considered inconvenient therefore the Huguenots' church in French Church Street was secured from their bishop prior to the Methodists obtaining the site of Wesley Chapel in Patrick Street, the existing establishment being the third to occupy the area.

—J HARRINGTON (STAFF)

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PREFECTS, 1977-78



*Stuart Hill, Dermot Doran, David Peare,
Philip Brownlow, Ian Hetherington, Trevor Levis, Ken Chambers,
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LET'S STOP SOMEONE FROM DOING SOMETHING

HOW FAMILIAR the words of Herbert appear at the present day. Yet this familiarity only emphasises a negative attitude which is much too prevalent in our society. The theorists in their wisdom inform us that many of the ills of society are due to "the monotony of so much of human existence". But it is little consolation to be informed that vandalism, terrorism, and other misdeeds are the result of monotony. The practical person strives for a solution. The only solution is to strike as early as possible, in a positive manner, at the root cause of the problem *i.e.* – boredom.

When we examine this topic in the context of the local community, the kernel of the problem remains the same. How can we ease the burden of parents and teachers, indeed the multitude classified as guardians of the youth (easily recognizable as people who frequently glance over their shoulders fearing some new catastrophe) ? Surely any attempt to answer this question must include involvement of children in useful and interesting recreational activities. The introduction of the Activities Room in Midleton College this year, is a positive step offering a means to overcome boredom and an outlet to relieve tensions. The Activities Room is the room which until this year served as the Library, and it is hoped that it will soon offer something to interest everyone.

The activity which has benefitted most to date is table tennis. The provision of two new tables in attractive surroundings has resulted in the vast majority of pupils playing the game. Internal competition at the moment centres round a ladder with each player striving for the top position (indeed for the top fifteen positions). Separate competitions are being run for seniors and juniors. Interest to date has been amazingly keen, and the improvement in standard, witnessed so far, is most encouraging. Our next aim must be to play some friendlies against other teams, with the ultimate objective of playing in competition next year. Chess is the other game being played on a competitive basis at present. While interest is not as high as in table-tennis, there is evidence that the game is becoming more popular. The chess tournament is played on a league basis with ten players involved in the senior section, and twelve in the junior section. A knockout competition will be played later in the year. Other games such as Scrabble, Monopoly, Mastermind, Othello and Backgammon are available to any pupil on request.

It is only fair to say that many of our plans are still at an experimental stage, and new ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Obviously, it will take some time to accumulate sufficient equipment and resources. Nevertheless a start has been made – a move in the right direction. With a positive attitude perhaps we can replace Herbert's line by saying "Let's encourage someone to do something".

I cannot conclude without thanking the many people, both staff and pupils, who have helped to make the idea of an indoor games room a reality. In particular I would like to pay tribute to the Committee – Trevor Levis, Ian Hetherington, Ken Chambers, Leslie Fitzell, Edmund Noonan, Eric Milch and Guy Percival. Without their help and support the organisation and everyday running of the Activities Room would not be possible. A special word of thanks to the many people who offered their time and their skill as painters, carpenters, etc. Let us hope that the enthusiasm engendered so far will be maintained, thus guaranteeing the success of the venture.

—B. MORRISSEY

Governor's Reception

ONE OF THE MORE CIVILISED EVENTS in our calendar is the annual reception for the Staff and Sixth Form given by the Board of Governors. This year, it took place on November 17th in the Silversprings Hotel, which has now become the regular venue for the occasion.

Unfortunately, because of the rather strange parking habits obtaining in Midleton, the exit from the College was blocked for some time so that most people arrived considerably later than expected. As a result, the time for "mingling and circulating" was severely curtailed, which was a pity. However, we managed to converse freely with our table companions during the pleasant meal which was served with their usual efficiency by the hotel staff.

After speeches by the Lord Bishop, the Head Boy, the Head Girl, Mr. Little and the Headmaster, the Sixth Form went to the Opera House where Cork's own domesticated "Swans" entertained them for the rest of the evening.

We should like to express our sincere thanks to the Governors for their kind invitation and also for their continuing interest in this event – it is now eight years since the first dinner of this type took place.

—M. O. L.

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Mountains

MOUNTAINS, TO ME, are both formidable and majestic. Driving to the Comeraghs where we camp each Easter, the mountains in the distance are large masses above everything else, but getting closer, I can sense their beauty and strength. These mountains have stood here for thousands of years, battered by wind, rain, snow and ice but are still invulnerable to the weather. In the daytime, with the sun glancing off the slopes of rock and heather, they seem friendly, but at dusk, looking out of the tent with the wind howling in the trees, they are alien and frightening, and nothing could entice me to go any closer.

I have climbed Coumshingaun and Crotty's Rock where I can see the power of the mountains in the massive corries, carved out by ice, and the boulder splattered slopes. Looking down from my high stable platform I can see a wonderful view of the Wicklow mountains, the sea and, two thousand feet below, the camp-site. In winter the Comeraghs are snow-capped. Their white blankets give them an awesome superiority over the surrounding land, like royalty among ordinary people. They are pure and faultless and represent the perfection and purity of nature, not easily touched or altered by man.

—P. WHITING (FORM VI)

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SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Up at eight, 8 Gaped, 9 Ended, 10 Y.H.A., 12 Oil spillage, 15 Aorta, 16 The Great War, 19 T.D.s, 20 Mire, 21 Tamed woman, 22 Car spring.
Down: 2 Pupil, 3 Tidy porters, 4 Ideal taster, 5 Hydras, 6 A good time, 7 Idle pride, 11 hired, 13 Sags, 14 Lat, 17 Extra.

Rugby 1976-77

AFTER THE VERY GOOD YEAR 1975-'76 we thought that last season would be rather ordinary. We were wrong, for last year was even better in that we had our second Munster Interprovincial, the 1st XV was in two cup finals and the J.C.T. in another.

Trevor Levis very deservedly represented Munster as a centre three-quarter against Connacht and Ulster. In an extraordinary decision the selectors dropped him against Leinster but some recompense was made by his selection as sub. for the Irish Trial (schools). Trevor is a strong, fast runner who times his passes well and unselfishly and has a splendid defence. We look forward to greater things of him yet.

To the J.C.T. our congratulations on winning the Mungret Shield in decisive fashion – more about them later.

The 1st XV was a fine side with one of the best attitudes towards the game we can remember. They trained hard, played hard and enjoyed themselves. At the beginning of the year we thought they might be too small and so they were, but the determination and team spirit displayed by the forwards made up for a lot of missing poundage. We thought we had no scrum-half, but Stuart Hill sportingly and uncomplainingly filled the gap more than adequately until Nicky Barber returned after Christmas. And then Stuart played very well on the wing.

We thought too, that we had no wing until Matthew Belopopsky appeared and Dermot Doran did his share also. Ian Hetherington was a very good centre – especially before Christmas – and Michael Pilkington was a good foil for him. When he re-appeared, Nicky Barber quickly settled down and played better than ever. Peter Butler was never less than plucky at full-back.

The forwards greatly benefited from Mr. Mullins' training and good scrummaging technique made up for lack of weight. John Farrar, David Peare and Andrew Eadie formed the usual front row. Peare was lively and plucky while Farrar scrummaged and rucked well. Gary Fort made great strides as an all-round forward and another to shine was Philip Brownlow who led the pack well. John Kershaw was a wonderful trier who improved as he got tougher. Ken Chambers gave his all in a quiet unspectacular way and was magnificent in the Mungret Cup Final. Ken Stanley completed a good pack.

We reached the final of the O'Brien Cup and were beaten by a Limerick C.B.S. side which was more physical than us but inferior in Rugby terms. We lost to them again (0-3) in the final of the Mungret Cup when again the physical side won. Perhaps the best performance was against Rockwell in the Senior Cup. Ian Hetherington went off injured in the third minute of the game and yet battled on before going down 0-24. Old Boys who, when on Senior teams here, played only against C.B.C. or P.B.C. 'Under 16' will realise the difference in standard between those games and Rockwell in the Munster Senior Cup.

We were glad to welcome Omagh Academy here in March and are grateful also to Mr. John Levis for producing two Old Boys teams on the one day to play the 1st and 2nd XV's.

The Second XV had only four matches because we found it difficult to get suitable opposition. They were always keen and willing and indeed several of them, notably Brian Perrott, Simon Tindall and Karl McCarthy featured on the 1st XV. Others to shine were Niall Johnson, Michael Brown, Mark Shorten and Ivan Ryall.

Junior

This was a triumphant season for the J.C.T. and by far the most successful on record. Undoubtedly the highlight of the season was the winning of the Mungret Shield for the first time. Their record speaks for itself but tells nothing of the rare pleasure it was to work with such a spirited group. We were fortunate to have such a depth of talent – no fewer than twenty-two players played for the side during the season. Thus, injuries were not a great worry and competition for places was keen.

They played all the usual Munster schools and had a good win over the King's Hospital in Dublin. In the Munster Junior Cup they travelled to Newtown and had a convincing win in atrocious conditions. In the following round they made their exit at the hands of P.B.C. the eventual winners. Ironically, it was their best display of the season. They trailed by a mere three points well into the second half but eventually the pressure told and P.B.C. won by a rather flattering margin with a number of late scores. The final triumph was in Dungarvan where they beat Waterpark convincingly to win the Mungret Shield – a fitting climax and a just reward.

The team was captained by Derek Marshall at scrum-half but had to play without him up to Christmas. Derek is an exceptionally talented player with a wonderful, cool temperament under pressure. He led by encouragement and example. His finest hour came in the Mungret Shield final – scoring fourteen of the eighteen points scored. His understudy Ted O'Sullivan was the unluckiest player of the season. He played well in all games while Derek was injured and would have been a regular in most previous J.C.T.'s. On Derek's return Ted accepted the situation admirably, continued to train hard and found himself appointed "team manager" ! David Moore proved a very reliable out-half distributing the ball well and always sound in defence. In the centre Guy Percival was an exceptionally strong player, very competitive and the leading try scorer. His future I feel is now in the pack. His partner Michael Smith though less aggressive was steady and never left the side down. Kieran Doran, though sometimes suspect in defence, outpaced most players he played against and scored many fine tries. Nigel Hill won a place in the side for his plucky all-round displays. Hugh St. Leger proved a very useful full-back who always tackled well and grew in confidence as his positional play improved.

The forward power started with a strong front row in Jonathan Jennings, Mervyn Sweetnam and Leslie Fitzell. The highest tribute I can pay them is that I never saw them out-scrummaged. Edmund Noonan and Bruce Deane formed the second-row. Edmund was one of the most improved players in the side and Bruce, though younger and less experienced, showed promise but must learn to spread his efforts over the whole game. Keith Chambers captained the side admirably in the absence of Derek Marshall, led the pack from wing-forward and developed a great appetite for the ball – and the opposing out-half ! Stuart Tindall a younger player proved a very promising and aggressive wing-forward. Peter Johnson was much under-rated at number eight, though small in physique he always used the ball well.

Other players who were in and out of the side included Raymond Fitzell, Eric Thompson, Eric Milch (regular substitutes), Ivor Bryan, Mark Salter-Townshend, Simon Meehan and Adrian Swanton. Their contribution was most important.

'Under 14'

This team had a successful Christmas term winning their first six matches easily. They were then narrowly beaten by P.B.C. and Newtown. During the Easter term, due to bad weather combined with the fact that six of the team were on the J.C.T., only one game was played. In this game the earlier defeat by Newtown was avenged.

Guy Percival, who captained the team, ran strongly in the centre and made most of the breaks. Kieran Doran on the wing, though lacking in tackling ability, had great speed once he got the breaks and managed to score a fine total of 70 points for this team during the nine games. Nigel Hill became a useful player at scrum-half or wing and ran with speed and determination. Stuart Tindall as pack leader was the most active forward. Bruce Deane could be useful in the second row when aroused. The pack, however, sometimes lacked speed and aggression.

Under 14 players: H. St. Leger, E. Milch, J. Säflund, G. Percival, K. Doran, M. Salter-Townshend, N. Hill, J. Matter, R. Fitzell, N. Sweetnam, S. Tindall, T. Vickery, B. Deane, I. Bryan, P. Good, J. Coleman, L. Tsu.

'Under 13'

The 'Under 13' team had mixed fortunes last season. The side suffered from a lack of height and weight in the forwards, and too often the potential match winners, Mark Salter-Townshend and Joakim Säflund, were denied the sort of possession they required. Despite their lack of size the pack put in many spirited displays and were efficiently marshalled by Ivor Bryan. Amongst the forwards, Peter Good and the forementioned Ivor Bryan, were outstanding throughout the season.

Behind the scrum, Louis Tsu turned in some very gutsy performances, but needs to add some length to his passing. Mark Salter-Townshend, at out-half, gave some fine attacking displays, but his defensive play must be strengthened. An unfortunate accident to Mark robbed the team of his services for the second half of the season. Joakim Säflund, at first centre showed tremendous power and pace, scoring some fine individual tries when badly needed.

Under 13 Panel: F. Thompson, J. Sweetnam, P. Jones, J. Säflund, S. Horton, M. Salter-Townshend, L. Tsu, P. Good, T. Kelly, P. Williams, Ben Deane, R. Conner, C. Jermyn, G. Stansfeld, I. Bryan, J. Hornibrook, R. Moore, P. Millen.

—R.I.K., J.C.L., R.R.L., I.L.

RUGBY STATISTICS

<i>Team</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points For</i>	<i>Points Against</i>
First XV	20	12	0	8	229	177
Second XV	5	2	0	3	22	89
J.C.T.	17	13	1	3	286	140
'Under 14'	9	7	0	2	176	57
'Under 13'	8	4	1	3	81	48
'Under 7 Stone'	1	1	0	0	4	0



J.C.T.

E. Milch, P. Johnson, H. St. Leger, B. Deane, L. Fitzell, K. Doran, E. Thompson, Mr. Levis, G. Percival, J. Jennings, D. Moore, D. Marshall (capt.), K. Chambers, M. Sweetnam, E. Noonan, R. Fitzell, S. Tindall, N. Hill, M. Smith



S.C.T.

Mr. Mullins, K. Stanley, G. Fort, B. Perrott, J. Kershaw, P. Butler, D. Doran, K. McCarthy, Mr. King, J. Farrar, N. Barber, K. Chambers, T. Levis (capt.), I. Hetherington, M. Pilkington, P. Brownlow, A. Eadie, D. Peare, M. Belopopsky, S. Hill, S. Tindall

Cricket 1977

THIS WAS quite a good year for cricket despite a damp start. The 'Under 15' again won the League Competition for the Pfizer Trophy and the 1st XI displayed refreshing enthusiasm. We look forward to the coming season when we hope to take part in a new league arranged for 'Under 18' teams.

The 1st XI had mixed fortune. They started well and had a good win over a C.I. side with Trevor Levis hitting a fine 96 and Niall Johnson and Gary Fort getting 33 apiece. Trevor also collected 5 wickets for 36 runs – good bowling. A bad patch then saw us lose to Newtown – the first senior defeat by a Munster School since 1961 ! Our pride was salvaged in the return match in which we had much the better of a draw.

Trevor Levis scored most runs but was somewhat happy-go-lucky in his approach. He has splendid potential but will have to learn to play an innings. Niall Johnson was a good keen captain who got the most out of the side – fittingly he played his best innings of 65 in the match lost to Newtown. Stuart Hill came good at the end of the season – I hope he will have faith in his driving ability. Gary Fort played sensibly and well and we expect many runs from him next year.

Trevor Levis did the major part of the bowling and was ably backed up by David Moore, a very promising youngster, and Michael Brown. The bowling did lack penetration and we hope the same three will have a little more zip next year.

The fielding was usually good and keen and I cannot ever remember a better catch than that taken by David Moore against Lismore.

With most of the side back again and several promising youngsters coming along we expect a good season in 1978.

Senior Batting	Innings	Runs	Average
T. LEVIS	8	326	40.8
N. JOHNSON	8	168	21.0

Senior Bowling	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. BROWN	37	120	16	7.5
T. LEVIS	83	290	21	13.8

'Under 15'

The 'Under 15' had a highly successful season – retaining the Pfizer Trophy for the Munster 'Under 15' League. Four of the side were selected to represent Munster – Guy Percival (w.k./batsman), Hugh St. Leger (batsman/spinbowler), Derek Marshall (batsman), and Bruce Deane (fast bowler). It was a team with batting right down the order – no fewer than eight players ending the season with a batting average in double figures.

Patrick Simpson and Ivor Bryan opened the innings and usually gave the side a good start. We are sorry to say goodbye to Patrick – a very talented cricketer and we wish him well. Ivor has a very good defence but must now work on his attacking strokes. Guy Percival had a magnificent season – a natural hard hitter of the ball with a good temperament – but still a bit vulnerable early in his innings. He needs to tighten his technique. He played an innings of genuine class in the interprovincial against Leinster in Cork scoring 78 and topped the school batting averages. Hugh St. Leger had a lean start to the season but hit

55 runs in the last two league matches. He is a natural cricketer an exceptionally good slip-fielder and off-spin bowler – but occasionally suffers from lapses in concentration. Derek Marshall was the best off-side player in the side and also the best out-fielder. Bruce Deane has definite promise as a quick bowler if he learns to make full use of his height and physique. Ironically, it was his batting that improved most during the season. Richard Boyles had a disappointing season – being impatient at times and often picking the wrong ball to hit. With a bit more concentration he could hit many more runs. Mark Salter-Townshend emerged as a very promising all-rounder finishing runner-up in the batting averages and Jo Säflund topped the bowling averages with some fine in-swing bowling. Stuart Tindall hit some valuable runs whilst Eric Milch and Nigel Hill unfortunately, rarely got to the wicket but all three could be relied upon to give everything in the field.

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
'UNDER 15'	7	6	0	1

Batting	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
G. PERCIVAL	6	1	130	26.0
M. SALTER-TOWNSHEND	5	3	46	23.0

Bowling	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
J. SAFLUND	32.3	73	18	4.1
H. ST. LEGER	30	61	10	6.1

'Under 14'

As often happens in so short a term, it is impossible to have a full complement of fixtures in the under 14 age group due to an overlap of personnel with the under 15's. This year, however, despite playing only two matches, the team was given the treat of fulfilling a fixture with the King's Hospital in Dublin. The team performed admirably on the day and was defeated narrowly in a limited overs game. The captain of the side Mark Salter-Townshend showed himself to be a potential all-rounder, with some tidy off-spin bowling, alert cover fielding and aggressive batting, though with regard to the latter skill he needs to work at his off-side shots. Joakim Säflund displayed encouraging promise as a swing-bowler, while Ivor Bryan and Patrick Simpson proved to be solid stalwarts with the bat.

'Under 13'

The 'Under 13' team had a very enjoyable season, playing six matches in all and winning five of them. John Sweetnam and Chris Jermyn emerged as hard-hitting batsmen. Both, however, tended to be somewhat impetuous and unfortunately had to 'rue the day'. Peter Millen impressed as a patient and hard-grafting batsman.

Of the bowlers Robert Simpson had the best control, keeping a consistent and accurate length as a slow bowler. Our opening bowlers, Raymond Wong and Chris Jermyn, while lacking nothing by way of enthusiasm and effort, tended to pitch the ball short and stray down the leg side – a fatal combination for any bowler.

Cricket still proves to be a winner in the junior grades. Apart from those who had the ability to gain selection on teams, many clusters of small boys could be seen throughout the summer, dotted around the cricket field, playing their own modified forms of cricket with dustbin, bat and ball. As long as this healthy aspect of Middleton cricket is seen to proceed, the continuance of the game and its traditions in this school seem assured.

—R.I.K., J.C.L., I.L.

CRICKET



Derek Marshall, J.C.T. Captain, receives the Pfizer Trophy from Mr. Pat Dineen

SWIMMING



A popular day at the pool

Tennis 1977

AS USUAL valuable time was lost in the preparation of the grass courts, the repairing and renewing of wire fencing surrounding the courts and the weather wasn't very kind early in the summer term. But by the second week in May the weather improved, the courts were ready for play and were in almost daily use until the end of June. Thanks to N. Barber, P. O'Rourke, B. Perrott, P. Butler, S. Hill, W. Smith, P. Travers and J. Coleman especially for their work at the beginning and during the term to maintain the courts in a reasonable condition.

A senior mixed team, Nicky Barber, Peter Butler, Philip Travers, Raymond Moore, Tracy Merry and Yvonne Gravina, travelled to Newtown School and even though they were well beaten some close enjoyable games were played. Later, with Trevor Levis playing instead of Raymond Moore and Cindy Murrells taking Yvonne Gravina's place a very convincing win was scored against Bandon Grammar School in Bandon. In an 'Under 16' boys match against Bandon Grammar School in Middleton, Philip Travers, Stuart Hill and Guy Percival won their doubles. Unfortunately, David Matthews' singles match went on rather late so the second doubles was unplayed.

Because of the increase in the number of girls in the School, for the first time separate championships were held for the girls. Gillian McMullen won the junior event from Tara Murphy in a very good entry of twenty-four. Tracy Merry beat Yvonne Gravina in a very closely contested three-set senior final. Jerry Coleman maintained his promise of the previous year and beat Guy Stansfeld in the junior boys final. In the Intermediate Championship Philip Travers got his reward for dedicated practice beating Stuart Hill in the final. Nicky Barber, troubled by injury the previous year when favoured to win, made no mistake this time in beating Peter Butler in the senior championship final. This year Peter O'Rourke, the holder, was unable to play any tennis due to an arm injury but he maintained his interest and with Nicky Barber helped greatly in ensuring that the championship games were played to schedule. —J.H.

SPORTS DAY 1977

SPORTS DAY fell on Saturday, 25th June, and again we were fortunate in having a very fine day. There were very large entries for all the events and the usual excitement and thrills were evident. There was a display of Gymnastics on Bars and Horse by the special class under the direction of Mr. Fraser.

We were glad to have Mrs. Levis the mother of the Head Boy to distribute the prizes at the end of the day.

Athletics	Senior Cup	P. Hitchmough
	Middle Cup	D. Moore
	Junior Cup	J. Säflund
Rugby	Senior Cup	T. Levis
	Junior Cup	D. Marshall
	Minor Cup	I. Bryan
	Greene Cup	P. Good
Cricket	Senior Batting Cup	T. Levis
	Senior Bowling Cup	T. Levis
	Junior Batting Cup	D. Marshall
	Junior Bowling Cup	H. St. Leger
Golf	Senior Cup	G. Cooke
	Junior Prize	G. Percival
Tennis— Boys	Senior Cup	N. Barber
	Middle Cup	P. Travers
	Junior Cup	J. Coleman
— Girls	Senior Cup	T. Merry
	Junior Cup	G. McMullen
Hockey	Senior Cup	N. Barber
Table Tennis	Senior Cup	B. Perrott

Hockey 1976-77

Boys

ALLOWING FOR the various difficulties involved in maintaining hockey in the sporting programme in Midleton College there was a reasonable standard of play in the School last year. Even though the game wasn't compulsory about two-thirds of the boys opted to play and it was a pity that they didn't have the opportunity to practise more often and play more matches. After Christmas there was a particularly frustrating spell due mainly to the very bad weather, the preparation for and the playing of rugby cup matches.

The seniors who were enthusiastically led by David Hill put up some good performances against Harlequins, The Old Boys, U.C.C., Ashton School (three times) and Bandon Grammar School (twice). The best senior players were David Hill, who played in various positions but was at his best at left-half; Niall Johnson, a fast and fairly skilful right-wing whose chief flaw was taking his eye off the ball at vital moments; Trevor Levis, our main spearhead in attack, who scored some good goals, utilising his tremendous speed off the mark and powerful shot; Ian Hetherington, a versatile player, who sometimes spoiled good performances through an inability to mark his opponents tightly; and Nicky Barber, our most skilled player, who was very welcome when he returned after Christmas.

The following received trials for the Munster Schools team: David Hill, Trevor Levis, Niall Johnson, Peter Butler, Nicky Barber and Ian Hetherington. T. Levis, D. Hill and N. Barber played on the Munster team against South-East in Cork. N. Barber was selected for the combined Munster and South-East team against Leinster and Ulster.

The 'Under 15/16' teams only played a few matches. The best players in this age group were: David Moore, Stuart Hill, Patrick Simpson, Gary Fort and especially Guy Percival, who again played on all the school hockey teams when he was available.

The 'Under 14' team, minus three of its best players did very well to beat Bandon Grammar School in the cup and were unlucky to lose 2-1 to Ashton School. Guy Percival, Patrick Simpson, Stephen Lewis, Hugh St. Leger and Nigel Hill were the backbone of this team.

There were several promising 'Under 13' players such as Mark Salter-Townshend, Jo Säflund, Ivor Bryan, Peter Good and John Sweetnam and no doubt these players will fill key positions in school teams in years to come.

—J. HARRINGTON

Girls

In spite of the uneven standard throughout the School and the frequent cancellations due to the weather, the season was generally satisfactory. The Senior team had a very good match against Ashton early in October, which ended in a 2-1 victory. This was a great start and really boosted the morale of the girls, only to suffer a crashing defeat a month later in Newtown, where they faced a very experienced side. After this match a quiet period followed during which the weather interfered with numerous arrangements, much to the disappointment of the players. Despite the constant last-minute cancellations, their enthusiasm never waned and this was certainly shown by the big turn-out every week at practice.

After the Christmas term the Senior team played St. Aloysius Convent in Carrigtwohill. They then played Mount Mercy Convent in Cork and returned to Midleton victorious, contrary to the expectations of their male counterparts !

The Intermediate and Junior teams played their long-awaited matches against Carrigtwohill at the end of term. Our girls played with a tremendous keenness, and with the provision of an all-weather playing surface, hockey is in for a bright future at Midleton College. The season came to a close with a seven-a-side competition which was enjoyed by all.

The best Senior players were A. Mackillop, who formerly played so well for Newtown and whose skill is undoubtedly a delight to watch, T. Merry, a very hard-working right full-back, C. Murrells, a plucky centre-forward, the Whiting sisters Wendy and Susie, and last but not least P. Daly, the indomitable right-inner. The most promising Intermediate players are P. Casey, S. Murphy and F. Deane, whilst for the Juniors, I. Smyth and T. Swindells are best. By the time these last five girls reach their final year in school, it is hoped that Midleton College are going to be a team to be reckoned with, and the future looks very rosy indeed !

Many thanks to all those who helped me throughout the year.

—J. MADDEN

SOME OF THE GIRL HOCKEY PLAYERS



*Una Cunningham, Rosemary Brown, Miss Madden, Jackie Northridge, Sally Martin,
Paola Säflund,
Heike Schiller, Miriam Nagi, Harriet Reardon, Patricia Casey, Hylda Reardon*

Swimming

THE MAIN THEME connected with our swimming-pool continues to be "water safety". More than half the pupils in our School now have some knowledge of how to rescue a drowning person and administer artificial respiration.

This year our pupils obtained 78 awards from the Irish Water Safety Association. Mr. Manus O'Callaghan (Regional Examiner), who presented the awards, said that our school was one of the foremost in the country in this activity.

The greatest enthusiasm was in the junior part of the School. The three most junior forms obtained twice as many awards as the four more senior ones. I would very much like to see more pupils in the senior forms taking part. Many make an excellent start but do not proceed to the higher and more worthwhile awards. The senior award should be the aim of all who want to be really proficient at life-saving. This award qualifies a person to obtain a job as a life-guard and has enabled one of our past pupils to obtain a permanent position as manager of a swimming and sports complex.

Perhaps the most important of all activities in our pool is teaching non-swimmers how to swim. For their own safety all children should try to learn to swim. It was very encouraging to see so many beginners learning to swim at the start of this term. Next summer term I would be very pleased to see any other non-swimmers coming to the pool when beginners' sessions are announced.

Swimming competitions held during the summer term gave the following results:

Under 12: 1st S. Bradley and F. Nagi, 3rd S. Roch-Perks

Under 14: 1st J. Säflund, 2nd P. Millen, 3rd J. Hornibrook

Under 16: 1st T. O'Sullivan, 2nd D. Matthews, 3rd R. Boyles

Senior: 1st R. Sailors, 2nd M. Brown, 3rd P. Brownlow

Junior Girls: 1st T. Swindells, 2nd M. Nagi, 3rd J. Ferreira and U. Cunningham

Senior Girls: 1st P. Daly, 2nd T. Murphy, 3rd J. Beamish

Moore Trophy: Simon Tindall

Life-saving Awards

Senior: P. Butler, T. O'Sullivan, W. Smith, Simon Tindall, J. Jennings

Intermediate: R. Sailors, R. Gibson, S. Nagi, W. Stansfeld, L. Wolfe, P. Daly, T. Swindells, S. Whiting, P. Williams.

Elementary: G. Salter, R. Sailors, B. Hill, D. O'Flynn, A. Mollard, M. Bickerdike, G. Matthews, G. McMullen, S. Flanagan, M. Nagi, C. Jermyn, T. Swindells, J. Gowen, U. Cunningham, P. Jones, L. Tsu, P. Hendrick, S. Meehan, P. Millen, I. Johnston, B. Geary, J. Hornibrook.

Junior: D. Hornibrook, P. Smith, P. Whiting, F. Nagi, I. Nagi, W. Harris, P. Säflund, H. Schiller, H. Reardon, J. Taylor, S. Brownlow.

Survival Awards

Distress Award (advanced): R. Sailors, P. Butler, S. Nagi, L. Wolfe, P. Daly, K. Wijnstekers, Stuart Tindall, A. Williams, R. Gibson, P. Williams, J. Hornibrook, D. Matthews.

Survival Award: N. Hill, P. Boyle, I. Johnston, J. Säflund, C. Matthews, R. O'Neill, P. Good, P. Smith, P. Millen, L. Tsu, K. McCarthy, J. Gowen, S. Horton, C. Jermyn, U. Cunningham, S. Whiting, G. Salter, D. O'Flynn, D. Hill.

—R. R. LITTLE

Publications of Special Interest

This City of Cork, 1700–1900 by S. F. PETTIT, 250 p.p., £6, Studio Publications, Cork. Out in early December. We recommend this work of our former history master, and if it sustains the high interest and raciness of his Radio Talks on historical items and places in Cork City, it will indeed be well worth having.

The Ballymaloe Cookbook by MYRTLE ALLEN, 175 p.p., £4.95, Agri Books. Now out. Many will know and will have tasted of the joys of Ballymaloe House, near Cloyne, and its famous Yeat's Room Restaurant. Mrs. Allen lets us into some of the secrets of her excellent cuisine interspersed with some delightful anecdotes, drawings and photographs.

The Book of Cloyne, 150 p.p., £3 and £5 (hard), Litho Press. Out at Christmas. This collection of essays on the Cloyne area was originally conceived as a magazine, but, because of the wealth of material available, the editors decided that expansion into book form was the only way to do justice to the project. The result is an interesting and varied work containing articles on such diverse topics as archaeology, folklore, Berkeley, flora and fauna, filming and Christy Ring, to name but a few. It should appeal to anyone with even the slightest interest in local history – and not only Cloyne's.

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*An unusual watery prospect of the College and Charles Street as viewed from Main Street
(See page 35)*

Midleton College Association

COMMITTEE 1977-1978

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B. NICHOLSON and G. JEFFREY

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association took place on the 22nd of March. The attendance was small and so we appeal to members to come along to next year's A.G.M. and contribute their ideas and suggestions for improving the Association.

The Committee made a major change this year by replacing the Association's Annual formal Dinner Dance in Cork by an informal one at Garryvoe. This was an unqualified success with the attendance breaking all records and resulted in a most enjoyable evening. We were delighted to see so many friends of all ages and we say a special 'thank you' to our faithful Dublin friends who attended. The success of this occasion augurs well for the future.

The usual sporting and social fixtures took place as outlined in the annual newsletter. This year's events have been circulated in the current newsletter and again we ask for your support. Development at the College was also outlined but the contribution by past pupils has been disappointing. The continued success of Midleton College is in all our interests, so please give this matter serious consideration.

A presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Smyth was made on behalf of the present and past committees to mark fifteen years at the helm of the College and in appreciation of their interest, support and generous hospitality always. We re-iterate that appreciation here.

Mr. Jim Pomeroy has finished his two-year term of office as president but we are glad to have him on the committee still. We thank him for his hard work and leadership.

Finally, we thank all who supported us during the year and wish them and all our members a happy and prosperous new year.

Dublin Branch

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE for 1977 was elected at our Annual General Meeting, held on 1st June, 1977:

Chairman, V. Rockley; *Hon. Secretary*, D. A. Larmour; *Hon. Treasurer*, R. Goodwin; *Committee*, M. Preston, L. R. Smith, T. B. H. Jameson, R. Fleury, W. S. Barrett and T. A. Gifford (*Hon. Golf Secretary*).

In the year under review several functions took place. A most enjoyable evening was spent in a well-known Dublin "hostelry". It was gratifying to see that of those who attended many were Trinity students.

Our Annual Dinner Dance, held in the Montrose Hotel, was very successful and enjoyed by those who attended. It is always very pleasing to welcome representatives from Cork to this function.

A most successful Cricket Match was arranged between Midleton and Trinity Ramblers, who won by three runs. The Association owes a debt of gratitude to Sandford Park School for the use of their pitch. This function was very successful and it is hoped to arrange at least one other fixture next year.

Our golfers again competed in the A.S.U. outing held in Royal Dublin and the U.I.S. meeting held in Milltown. Our representatives did not do themselves justice at the earlier outing and unfortunately turned in their worst performance. Our prestige, however, was somewhat restored at the U.I.S. meeting in September. Out of forty-two teams competing Midleton were joint tenth. The team being Richard Nichols, Derek McElveen, Tom Gifford and Denis Larmour.

The Branch's Annual Dinner Dance has been fixed for Saturday, 4th of March, 1978, after the Ireland v. Wales Rugby International. I would ask all our members to take careful note of this date, in order that we may have a very successful evening.

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DUBLIN BRANCH

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

ROYAL MARINE HOTEL, DUNLEARY

SATURDAY, 4th MARCH, 1978

8 pm to 1 am

(Day of Ireland v. Wales Rugby International)

Third World Connection

ONE OF OUR STRONGEST NATIONAL TRADITIONS from the sixth and seventh centuries running vibrantly right through to the present day is the missionary tradition which has sent Irish men and women to serve and enlighten their fellow men in many corners of the developing world. The Irish missionaries who christianised Western Europe one thousand years ago took a broad view of their vocations. Far from being mere theologians, they transmitted a civilisation as well as the religious faith which went with it. They were educators, farmers, architects, builders, artists and philosophers as well as being men of deep religious conviction. They made a mark in Europe which is remembered to the present day – a fact which we Irish often overlook and of which we were forcefully reminded on our entry to the E.E.C.

But words change their meaning just as patterns of life are constantly changing and in the past one hundred years the word mission came to be interpreted in a purely theological context. Happily, however, this trend is being reversed and mission is again becoming to mean the service of one's fellow men rather than the narrowly exclusive conversion of the natives or the addition of more names to the Roman Catholic or Protestant team lists. The change occurs at a time when younger people are openly critical of religious institutions and the unthinking presentation of traditional dogma. It does not mean a rejection of things spiritual, indeed, the wider view of mission as the urge to serve one's fellow men has a deep intrinsic spiritual quality.

The health of a nation may be compared to that of an individual who in moments of depression becomes introverted and worries only about himself but is happy and contented when his centre of concentration shifts away from himself to his relationships with others. Thus, to concentrate on our own problems, to regard ourselves entirely as an isolated island and to forget our role in the European and World context is a sure recipe for political disaster. We have always produced more professionally qualified people – doctors, teachers, lawyers, nurses than have been able to find jobs in Ireland. Taking the isolated view of Ireland as an island this is a bad thing – the universities should be rationalised, schools be reorganised, career guidance made mandatory, etc. But in the wider context whether this is such a bad thing is a question which needs to be asked before unthinking reorganisation, rationalisation, etc. takes place. All over the developing world there are too few jobs for professionally or technically qualified people while the developing countries are crying out for such leadership and expertise. This is a paradox which is not widely enough known.

There is no point in denying that those who choose to work in developing countries whether for a short period or on a long-term basis face real obstacles. Overcoming these obstacles requires the spiritual qualities of commitment, flexibility and courage. But the path is now being made smoother by national and international agencies such as our own Agency for Personal Service Overseas (A.P.S.O.) and the many U.N. bodies whose job is to advise and support men and women who desire to serve in this vital way. The traditional avenues for such service via the Missionary Orders or the Colonial Service have widened their catchment area in the former case to include lay people on an equal footing with members of the Orders or have virtually disappeared in the latter case to be replaced by bodies referred to above whose recruitment is based on technical qualifications rather than religious belief.

Ireland as a neutral country with a missionary tradition, already has a high standing in this field by virtue of the devoted service of generations of Irish people in many countries. As a small nation we have no axe to grind, as an ex-colonial nation we are in a position to be sympathetic to the problems of former colonies of the great powers and to understand (and perhaps to guide) their emerging political aspirations. I believe that an increased involvement in the Third World is essential to the health of our own nation. *In my opinion the crucial difference between society in the Republic and in Northern Ireland is that we are more open to outside influences while Northern Ireland is introverted, fearful of these influences consequently its people lack the courage to control their own destiny.* Since we do control our own destiny after centuries of struggle, with this aim in mind let us play our fulfilling role in partnership with the emerging nations in the most important of all political developments to take place in the final quarter of the twentieth century.

—TREVOR WEST

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Jottings

IAN ADAM wrote to us from South Africa early in the year. He is now a Senior Assistant Geography teacher in Mondeor High School, Johannesburg. He is married and has two children. TEDDY has qualified as a Civil Engineer, and is working on a construction site in Port Elizabeth.

We were delighted to see DAVID BLOOMER's name amongst those selected for the Connacht Hockey XI this season.

NOEL BENNETT has been appointed business manager for Far East Broadcasting Associates, a missionary radio network in the Seychelles Islands.

MARK CASEY is at present studying music and some other subjects for 'A' Levels at a college in Liverpool. He has several engagements as an organist and has lessons on the organ of the famous Catholic cathedral in the city. We were glad to see him at the College recently.

PETER CAVE has received his Associate of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (A.R.I.C.S.). He works with Osborne, King and Megran.

ROBERT CHAMBERS, along with GRAHAM PERROTT, is now at Lackham Agricultural College in Wiltshire. We hear the Rugby is tougher than in West Cork !

JONATHAN CLINTON is in Car Sales with Keane's of Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

MARK CAMERON is now at school in Reigate College in Surrey.

CYRIL CUFFE playing with Bohemians, Cork, had an excellent season with the bat. He was chosen to represent Munster in all their matches.

LISA COOK, who is a member of the Haulbowline Drama Group, won the award at the West Cork Festival for the best supporting actress. This gained her a scholarship in August to the Advanced Drama Course at Gormanstown College, Co. Meath.

TIM DIXON has won a cadetship to the Merchant Navy. We wish him happy days at sea.

ALAN DAGG has been home on a long leave from West Africa where he is in Guinness Brewery at Benin, Nigeria. He was still good enough in water-skiing to take the Irish Close Championship in Monaghan in July and the Irish Open at Omagh in September. Well done, Alan !

DONALD EADIE finished his Natural Science course in Organic Chemistry in Trinity with Second Honours, and he has now taken up a research position in the University of Victoria, Vancouver Island, Canada.

RICHARD FLEURY continues to hit the headlines in golf. He again represented Munster in the Interprovincial matches and has figured prominently in many tournaments and competitions.

We are glad to see TOM FERGUSON farming so successfully at his home in Gubbeen, Schull. He and his charming wife are indeed first-class hosts in this wonderful part of the world.

We congratulate DAVID and IAN FLEMING on their recent attainments in the academic sphere. David has gained a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons and Ian has obtained his degree in Veterinary Medicine. A great year for the family.

TIMOTHY FAIR has gained a clerkship with Allied Irish Banks, and he is stationed in Waterford.

PHILIP GIBSON walked into the College (Nov. 10) quite unexpectedly and we were delighted to see him. He was over on a business trip in connection with his firm's (Eli Lilly) proposed industrial plant at Dunderrow near Kinsale. Philip has had a wide experience of work as financial advisor to the Latin American section of the company, regularly visiting places like Guatemala City, Caracas, Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. PETER is still in Florida. He continues to play Rugby and has been on a tour of South America with a United States selection. He has gone into the motel business as a side-line. MICHAEL is in Louisville, Kentucky, working for Johnson & Johnson. We have been seeing snaps of his beautiful blonde fiancée from South Carolina.

GEORGE GOOD has been transferred from Dublin to Kilkenny. He is in the engineering division of Smithwicks' Brewery, a subsidiary of Guinness.

DAVID GOOD (Rineen) has opened a record shop in Skibbereen. We wish him 'top of the pops' !

KENNETH GOOD was ordained deacon for the parish of Willowfield, Belfast, by Dr. G. A. Quin, Bishop of Down, on 27th June. We wish Ken God's blessing in his ministry.

ROLY GREEN paid us a visit in July. He works in architecture with Frank Murphy in Cork.

MICHAEL GARDE who is attached to the Mennonite Centre in London is at present on a lecture of U.S. and Canada. CHRIS continues in the hotel business at Harbour Castle in Toronto.

BOB HOSFORD has had over last summer a long sojourn in New Zealand. He has now returned, married, and given up Hockey.

FRED HARRISON who works with Sun Alliance Insurance is now posted to Durban, South Africa.

ERIC HILL was a member of the runner-up A.I.B. team in the Inter-Bank Trout Fishing Trophy. We hear he 'sold the pass' on his colleagues by giving some of his flies to the winning team, Ulster Bank !

RICHARD HILLIARD takes a very keen interest in the welfare of the College and the Association. We were delighted to see him and his wife up all the way from Killarney for the recent dance. DAVID and ADRIAN are both successfully placed in the footwear business in the South of England.

We congratulate ALAN HICKEY on his dual Interprovincial representation of Munster in Hockey and Cricket.

RUPERT JEFFARES was a very welcome visitor to the Association A.G.M. in Cork. He is still in the footwear business with Tylers.

At the recent Association Annual Dance at Garryvoe Hotel, we were told that there were thirty-six JEFFERYS present ! This is a wonderful record. One of them GEORGE (Junior) is a member of the National Grain Committee which fixes the price of barley. We congratulate SAM on gaining his Medical degree in U.C.C. recently.

CHRIS JENNINGS is in charge of the vast sporting complex including the all-the-year-round swimming pool at the Westlodge Hotel, Bantry. Drop in for a 'dip' when you are passing !

DAVID KEEGAN has taken up residence in the Isle of Man where he has a managerial appointment with Allied Irish Banks.

AMIR KHAMBALIA is studying in a School of Law at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

JOHN LEVIS is this season's Chairman of the Midleton R.F.C. The 'elder statesman' position has in no way affected his agility on the field.

SIMON LINNELL is in the School of Agriculture in U.C.D.

JOHN MCGILLIVRAY has switched from Cape Town Univeristy to do Agriculture at Pietermaritzburg. We wish him well in this new course.

It is hard to keep the MOORES out of the news in Hockey circles. ANDREW, PETER and JAMES were members of the C.I. team which won the Munster Junior Cup, while PETER and JAMES also appeared on the C.I. panel for the Irish Senior Cup Semi-final. This season Peter has been selected as goalkeeper in succession to BOB HOSFORD on the Munster Senior XI. Andrew is a quantity surveyor with Bowen & Mullally and Peter is a Director of Latchfords, Tralee.

GERRY MURPHY has been adding to his laurels in Cricket, again captaining North Leinster in the Guinness Cup, and showing good form as batsman and wicket-keeper with his club, Phoenix. He scored 504 runs in the Leinster League at an average of 25.20. Peter continues with Y.M.C.A. and put in some useful performances, but it is at Hockey that he continues to make his mark. A well-established member of Pembroke Wanderers (socially also) he has been picked again to represent Leinster this present season.

JOHN MARKHAM is in Dental practice in Newport, Isle of Wight.

JOHNNY MURPHY paid us a visit on St. Patrick's Day. He is doing Accountancy in Cooper Magennis and had a three weeks' stint of work in Cork. RALPH is living in Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary, where amongst other things he is operating a relief milking business.

TOM MCMANN has completed his Arts degree in U.C.C. and has returned to the U.S. He is now doing a Master in Business Administration course in New York University.

BRIAN MARTEN turned up at the Past Pupils' Rugby match. He is a senior geologist with BP Mineral in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and he has recently obtained his PhD. We were delighted to see him.

CECIL NORTHRIDGE, who is now a fully qualified Medical Doctor, has taken up a position in a hospital in Keighley, West Yorks.

PATRICK NEWENHAM represented C.I. in the Irish Senior Cup Semi-final in Hockey.

JIM PARKER paid a visit to the College during the summer to recapture some of the old atmosphere. He was on holiday from Canada, where he has a paediatric practice in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

FRANCIS PEET has successfully completed his course in Business Studies at U.C.D. and hopes to take up a job in Western Canada in the near future. His brother BOB has taken first place in the third year bakery course at Kevin Street School of Technology.

We are sorry that MERVYN SHORTEN has had to retire from Rugby owing to a recurring injury. However, he is doing excellent work in coaching juniors in Mallow.

KIRSTEN SORRIG who always writes to us from Denmark at Christmas, should by now have finished school and looks forward to revisiting Ireland some time.

HENRY ROOKE has finished his Civil Engineering degree in T.C.D. with Second Honours taking fourth place in his year. This is a great and well-deserved performance. DAVID has gained his degree with Honours in Business Studies in U.C.D. and hopes to go into personnel management. STEPHEN is working with an electronics firm in Bray and specialises in organ assembly and repair. We hear he is in the 'pop' business as a side-line.

ALAN TATE whom we were glad to see in Cork with his wife, GILLIAN, during the summer has taken up an accountancy appointment in Brussels.

JIM TAIT is Chairman of the Aghada Branch of the Irish Farmers' Association. We were sorry to hear of his recent farmyard fire, but we were glad it was kept within reasonable limits.

JOHN TAIT (Hermitage) has completed his year's course at Athenry Agricultural College, Co. Galway; while there he represented the College in ploughing matches.

BILL TAIT (Hermitage) is President of the Association this year. The great success of the recent dance at Garryvoe was in no small measure due to the popularity and efficiency of himself and his wife, EDNA.

DAVID TOWSON is managing the 'Jet' filling station at Dean's Grange, Co. Dublin.

It gave us great pleasure to see TREVOR WEST retain his seat in the Senate of Ireland so comfortably. It is a tribute to his popularity and to his contribution to the affairs of state in recent years. He is still as busy as ever – globe-trotting in the interests of Mathematics, maintaining a reasonable discipline as Junior Dean in the precincts of T.C.D. and of course C-in-C of sporting activities in College Park and in the Pavilion.

JOHN WEST continues to make a wonderful contribution to the coaching of youth in cricket as well as maintaining his International status as a Rugby referee. He took charge of the recent close encounter (Nov. 12) between France and New Zealand at Paris.

ENGAGEMENTS and MARRIAGES

WE CONVEY our best wishes to Leslie Payne, Bert van Mourik, Kenneth Good, Daniel Cross, Richard Jermyn, John Jermyn, Cecil Northridge, John Ludgate, Robin England, Bob Hosford, James Tait, Mark Tyrrell, Paul Cave, David Fleming, Michael Gibson, Billy Jermyn, Peter Cave.

BIRTHS

WE CONGRATULATE the following on the birth of children since our last issue: Mr. and Mrs. Clive Brownlee, Mr. and Mrs. Brian West, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Minchin, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Jeffares, Mr. and Mr. Victor Hales, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Chapple, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Roycroft, Mr. and Mrs. John Packham, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Ludgate, Lt. and Mrs. Trevor Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Donovan.

Obituary

CECIL GAY

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET that we record the death of Cecil Gay, who lost his life in a drowning accident at Castletownshend in early summer.

Cecil was in Midleton College in the mid-fifties and on leaving joined the Ulster Bank. Later he went into the family building business and under his direction the Gayline system-built bungalow evolved.

Cecil was an all-round sportsman. He was a good Rugby scrum-half on the 1st XV at School and he later played with Old Wesley and Cork Constitution. But it was through his skill and enthusiasm for Sailing that he was best known having successes both in Dublin and Cork with National 14's, Fireballs and Dragons, some in close association with his brother David. He was a popular member of the Cork and Kinsale Yacht Clubs, and he did much to develop and encourage the sport among young people.

We offer our sympathy to his wife and family, and especially to Tony, his son, still here at school with us.

Sport

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Dublin Letter

THIS TERM BEGINS with what would look like a very promising year in the Dublin area with six newcomers to College life. Geoffrey McMullen has begun a joint honours course in Economics and Engineering, Mike Pilkington and Lori Milch in Natural Science, and Robert Brownlow in the College of Marketing and Design, Nicky Barber studying Natural Science in Belfield (when he has time off from photography !) and Yvonne Tsu taking a course in Veterinary Science in U.C.D.

Among the more familiar faces, Philip Kermode is completing final year General Studies. Martin Preston (now bearded) is in his second year in History. Rodney Goodwin, Peter de Montfort and Richard Boyle are in the Business and Economics Department.

Of the Natural Scientists, Oliver Fallen is still involved in Players. This year we notice he has founded the contemptible (contemporary) Music Society. Peter Keller having proved himself on the rugby pitch has now been seen wielding a hockey-stick in College Park. Social jet setters David Vernon and Wilton Flynn along with Richard Boyle have taken up residence in a "small mansion" in Templeogue as they continue in their Engineering courses. Mark Lynch goes on with his studies in Maths.

Many of us are staying in the same area of Dublin which leads to frequent "gatherings", most frequently at Nick's, Syd's and Clive's flat. We note with concern that Sydney has changed from Engineering at Trinity to Veterinary at U.C.D. ! A strange coincidence since Yvonne has also taken up Veterinary in Belfield. (A Barber comment).

We congratulate Henry Rooke, Donald Eadie, Tony Stieber, Francis Peet and David Rooke, on their graduation this summer and we hope to see them around in the new year.

Clive Salter is to be found in Arnotts gaining practical experience for a general Business Diploma and we believe Stephen Rooke is with a firm in Bray. Occasionally one meets Jonathan Murphy, who is a trainee Accountant. Jonathan Clinton and Dave Towson although rarely seen, are believed to be prospering in the car business.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION is now on a life basis for a single payment of £10, reduced to £7 for those who left within the previous year. We are anxious for an increased membership and we would ask those already in to encourage others to join. Subs may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, M.C. Association at the College.

THE HEADMASTER and STAFF of the College appreciate the interest of many Past Pupils, established in life, in the problem of obtaining positions for those leaving school in the present period of job scarcity. Help in this direction is most welcome.

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