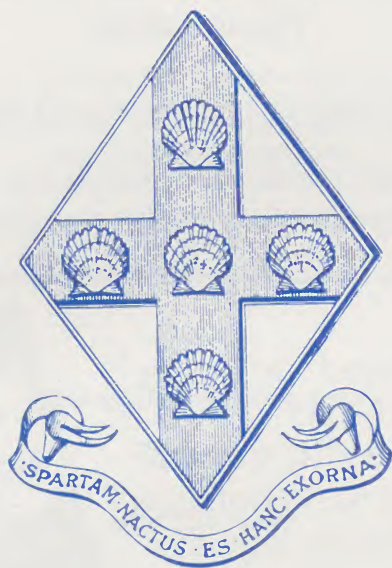


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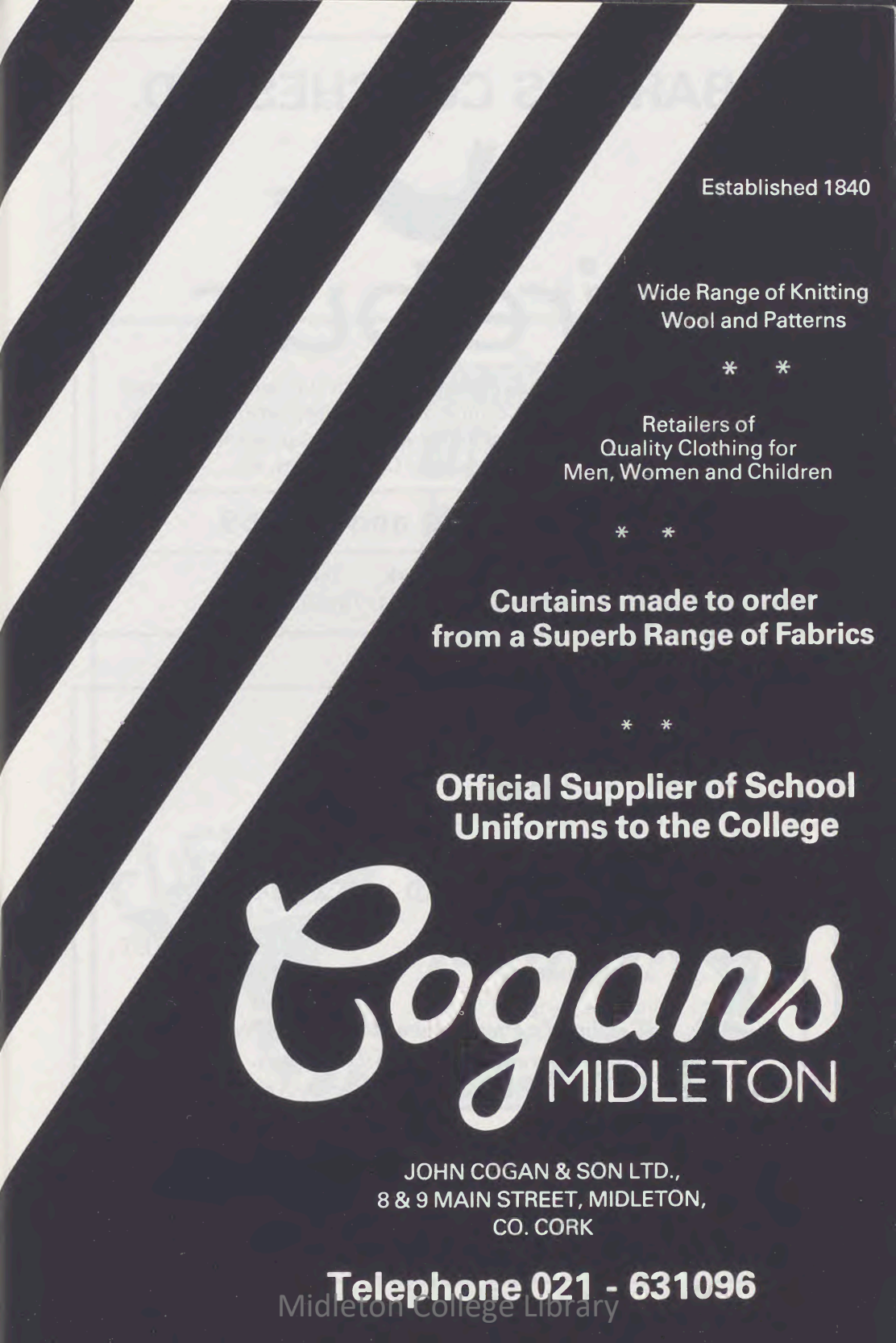
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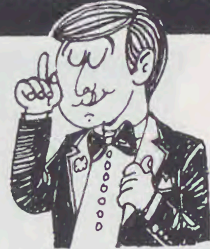
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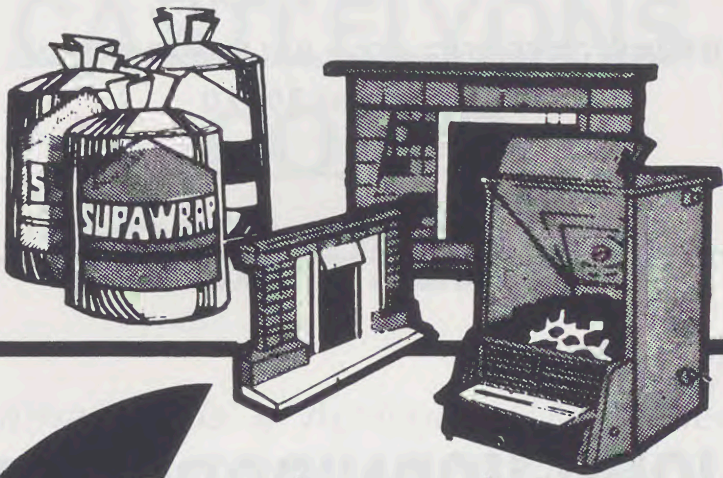
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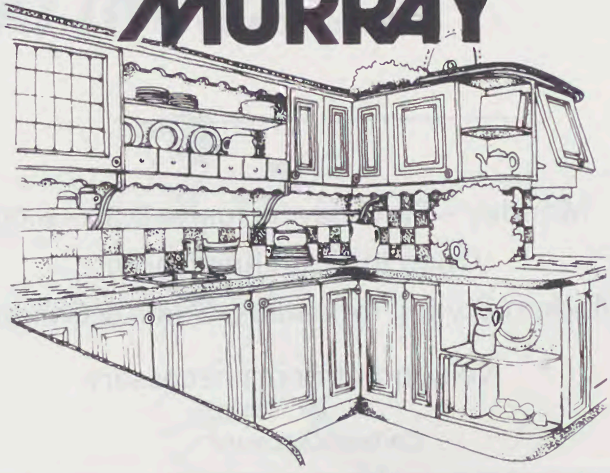
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## EDITORIAL

SAINTS and, possibly, even scholars may be thin on the ground at present. However, it is still an incontrovertible fact that Ireland is an island and that we are, literally and metaphorically, an insular people.

There are advantages and disadvantages in this condition and situation: on the one hand, our geographical independence enables us to view most wars, some diseases and many movements, both seismic and political, with a certain philosophical detachment; on the other hand, prolonged existence on the periphery may result in a cultural isolation where the polemic is endless, smugness is endemic and stasis is preferred to progress. Irish people are justifiably proud of their language, their heritage and their faith; less admirable is our use of that same language to alienate other traditions and to lend support to the imposition of sectarian beliefs.

However, if we may seek refuge in cliché, it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good; and perhaps the breezes wafted from Chernobyl last spring, which covered us so gently and indiscriminately with a patchwork of radioactive Iodine and Caesium, may awaken us to the realisation, in this nuclear age, that the electron and the neutron are both atomic particles and that is illogical to expect that the one can remain unaffected by forces emanating from the other.

Midleton College and Midleton town will soon complete three hundred years of apparently peaceful co-existence. We are aware of the town and its citizens and are happy to use the facilities on our doorstep; the townspeople acknowledge our presence and are pleased to be associated with our achievements. However, like other property-owners, we have erected walls which not only serve as sensible barriers, but have become symbols of our willingness to insulate ourselves from the life of the wider community. For their part, the people of Midleton tend to see us as inhabitants of an enclave where the laws are different and the normal writ cannot run; they grant us immunity, but find difficulty in coming to terms with the facts of our esoteric existence.

Yet, we too experienced the effects of "fall-out" last spring when an unruly mass of pupils from other schools, frustrated by the continuing dispute between teachers and the Minister for Education, moved through our gates and advanced onto our lawns. As the level of both noise and intimidation rose, teaching came to a standstill but, paradoxically, not education. For we learned a lesson, albeit a bitter one: that we are "a piece of the Continent, a part of the main", as Donne so succinctly put it, four hundred years ago.

Nothing can ever be the same again. The bell has tolled for us and, at last, we have truly found Sparta.

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## HEADMASTER'S NOTES

**Educational Change** The Minister for Education's document 'The Ages of Learning' has brought about one major change, so far, in the College curricular structure. Those pupils who entered Form I in September have already embarked on the first year of a three year Intermediate Certificate programme and will 'sit the Inter.' in June 1989. This will be followed by a three year programme to the Leaving Certificate which will include a Transition Year in Form IV. The Staff Sub-Committee is continuing its work formulating the structure of change necessitated by this document.

It has been necessary to make some small adjustments to our Form I curriculum this year to accommodate the enforced change from a four to three year Inter. cycle.

**Staff I** congratulate Mr. Raymond Power and Miss Alexandra Mackillop on the announcement of their engagement.

I am delighted that Miss Coghlan, the College Matron, has returned to us again after a long absence as a result of injuries received in a serious car accident. Likewise, I am delighted that Mr. King has recovered from a brief illness during the summer.

I wish Mr. John Power every happiness in his new teaching appointment in Enfield, London and thank him for his contribution to our school community during his Diploma year in Midleton College.

I welcome the following new part-time members of staff:

Miss Roselyn Dwane teaching Irish and French, Mr. Kieran Styles teaching Commerce and Mrs. June Johnston who returns to us teaching Mathematics. I also welcome two new assistant Matrons, Miss Jane Gash and Miss Thelma Strickland.

Our former assistant Matron, Miss Mary Wallace, has left the College to get married. I wish her every happiness in the future and thank her for all her hard work and willing help during the last five years.

**Important Services** On Sunday, 4th May, twenty-two young people from the College were confirmed by the Bishop in St. John the Baptist's Parish Church, Midleton in the presence of a vast congregation.

On All Saints' Eve, 31st October, Holy Communion was celebrated in the College Gym by the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, the Right Rev. Dr. S. G. Poyntz. The service was attended by a large number of pupils and staff.

**Bishop's Diocesan Essay Competition** All three prizes were won this year by Midleton College pupils. Elizabeth Horne was first, Gordon Beamish was second and Paul Fox was third – congratulations to them.

**P.E.A.C.E. Exhibition** I congratulate Mrs. Burke and over 50 pupils from the College who mounted a very successful and much acclaimed Art Exhibition in the Cork City Central Library last March during Peace Week.

**Congratulations** to Samantha Dwyer on winning the Under-15 Pentathlon event at the All-Ireland Club Championships during the summer; and to Graham Walters on becoming the youngest Shotokan Karate International Black Belt in the world. Graham also took the gold medal in the junior section of the European Championships held in Cork.

**Magazine** Once again I have great pleasure in commending this Magazine to you. I congratulate and thank the Editor, Mr. M. O. Lyons, and his Editorial Committee for all the hard work which has gone into its production. I also commend our advertisers to you and thank them for their support. I thank the Advertising Editor, Mr. M. J. Daley, and his Committee for working so hard to obtain that vital advertising revenue. Our thanks are also due to Miss Pigott for the massive amount of typing of manuscript and to Mrs. Courtney for her general supervision of the business and revenue aspects of this publication.

**College Development** During the summer vacation the Senior Boys' Dormitories were completely redesigned and refurbished. This involved a considerable amount of work and no small expenditure. Our building contractor, Mr. A. V. Brady, worked all summer against a tight and very definite deadline and it is a great tribute to him and his men that this work was completed on schedule. Our senior boys now have a quality of accommodation which is, I believe, second to none in any Irish Boarding School. The Board of Governors is considering a continuation of this programme of refurbishment next summer.

Alas, the vegetable garden is no more. Its upkeep was becoming too expensive and it was no longer an economic proposition. The area, however, has been completely cleared and has been set in grass. It is hoped that we shall be able to use it as a junior hockey pitch next season. At present, it forms a very pleasant back cloth for the senior dormitories.

The Board of Governors is also mindful of the necessity to update our teaching facilities and accommodation. Application has been made to the Department of Education for replacement classrooms and additional specialised rooms which would enable us to broaden the base of our curriculum.

This process is a slow one but we do feel that our case is a strong one; especially when one considers that the total amount of grant aid for building, which the College has received since the inception of the State, is the sum of £5,100.

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### WELCOME VISITORS

During the year we had visits from the following, all of whom were most welcome:-

**Mr. William Beazley** (Middleton College 1941-45, Trinity College 1st Class Honours in Engineering), Consulting Engineer in Edinburgh and his brother **Mr. Kenneth Beazley** (Middleton College 1947-51) from Cobh, visited the College in October 1985.

**Mr. George S. D. Walker** (Middleton College 1920-26, member of 1st XI hockey team), Maryland U.S.A and his brother **Mr. Ernest H. D. Walker** (Middleton College 1923-26), Fortview, Kinsale visited the College in August 1986. Mr. George Walker qualified as a Radio Officer with Marconi, emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1938 and is now involved in Teaching Sailing in the U.S. Power Squadron. Mr. Ernest Walker attended Agricultural College in Clonakilty and Dublin and retired from farming in 1974.

**Mr. Terry O'Malley**, Headmaster of Aravon School and an Old Boy visited the College in February 1986 with the Aravon School hockey team.

**Dean J. K. S. Ridley-Barker** (formerly Dean of Cloyne) and **Mrs. Ridley-Barker**, now retired to Ripon, Yorkshire, made a return visit to the College in May 1986. The Dean took Assembly on the morning of 23rd May.

**The Rev. Declan Smith** (Church Missionary Society) and **Dean William Bungafu** (Dean of Yambio, Southern Sudan) took Assembly on Monday, 22nd September and stayed on to talk to Form I.

**Mr. and Mrs. Basil Clarkson** of West of Ireland Camps, Sligo, talked to the pupils about Adventure Holidays in the West of Ireland.

**West Buckland School** – we were delighted to entertain the staff and 1st XV rugby team from West Buckland School, Devon, on 21st February 1986.

**Dublin High School** – we were again pleased to welcome Mr. Bob Fennell and his Junior Cricket team from High School.

Once again we were delighted to welcome members of the victorious Cork Hurling Team in the College. Mr. John Fenton addressed the school and afterwards the traditional autograph signing session took place.

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L. M. Bishop	H. English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Home Economics L. Mathematics, French
M. J. Gowen	H. Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology L. English, Mathematics
J. R. Coffey	H. Irish, English, History, Geography, French L. Mathematics, Chemistry
S. St. C. Manahan	H. English, Geography, French, Physics, Chemistry, Biology L. Irish, Mathematics
S. L. Hazlett	H. English, French, Physics, Applied Mathematics, Economics L. Mathematics
H. L. Loughnan	H. English, History, French, Physics, Chemistry L. Irish, Mathematics
J. Boyle	H. English, History, French, Chemistry L. Irish, Mathematics, Physics
D. W. E. Byrne	H. English, History, Chemistry L. Irish, Mathematics, French
E.R.D. Beamish	H. Geography, French, Spanish, Biology L. Irish, English, Mathematics
J. F. Stott	H. Mathematics, Geography, Physics, Chemistry L. English
N. M. Van Os	H. Geography, French, Physics, Chemistry, Biology L. English, Mathematics
R. Bryan	H. English, History, Geography L. Irish, Mathematics, French
J. F. Cheatle	H. English, Physics, Art L. Irish, Mathematics, History, French
K. J. Mohammadi	H. Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry L. English, Biology
I. Daly	H. Physics, Chemistry L. Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Biology, Accounting
T. N. Hales	H. Physics, Chemistry L. English, Mathematics, Biology
P. G. Madden	H. Physics, Biology L. Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Accounting
M. J. P. Bishop	H. Geography, Physics, Chemistry L. Mathematics, Biology
C. D. Boyle	H. Geography, Physics L. Irish, English, Mathematics, French
I. Cloosterin	H. French, Accounting, Economics L. Irish, English, Mathematics
L. G. Ahern	H. Geography, Physics L. English, Mathematics, French, Chemistry, Biology
J. B. Burchill	H. Physics, Chemistry L. English, Mathematics, French
B. J. McConnell	H. English, History, Geography L. Irish, Mathematics, French, Economics
A. M. Lynch	H. French, Biology L. English, Mathematics, History, Economics

**LEAVING CERTIFICATE 1986 — *continued***

M. E. Kenworthy	H. Physics, Chemistry
A. J. Shea	L. English, Mathematics, Applied Mathematics
D. J. Sullivan	H. Physics
A. W. Thompson	L. Irish, English, Mathematics, History, French, Economics
S. A. Kenworthy	H. Geography, Physics
D. J. I. MacDonald	L. English, Mathematics, French, Biology
A. I. Nitzsche	L. English, Mathematics, Geography, French, Physics, Chemistry
D. E. Geary	L. English, Mathematics, French, Physics, Chemistry
J. A. Hosford	L. Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Physics, Accounting, Economics
P. Barry	L. English, Mathematics, History, French, Physics, Economics
P. R. L. Beamish	L. English, Mathematics, Geography, Physics, Biology
K. A. Philpott	L. English, Geography, French, Physics, Biology, Home Economics
P. W. Kelly	L. Irish, English, Mathematics, History, French, Chemistry
M. M. Tait	L. English, Mathematics, Spanish, Physics, Biology
F. V. O'Driscoll	H. Physics
	L. English, French, Applied Mathematics

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS 1986**

E. A. Horne	Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
C. H. A. Turner	Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Spanish, Biology
E. J. McKechnie	English, Mathematics, Geography, French, Chemistry, Biology
G. M. Enright	Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Physics, Chemistry
M. J. Gowen	English, Mathematics, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
N. M. Van Os	English, Geography, French, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
B. A. Haughton	Mathematics, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Applied Mathematics
J. A. Murphy	Mathematics, French, Physics, Chemistry, Applied Mathematics
L. M. Bishop	English, Mathematics, French, Chemistry, Biology
S. St. C. Manahan	Irish, English, French, Geography, Biology
G. J. Kenny	English, Mathematics, Physics, Biology
M. L. Gray	Mathematics, Geography, Chemistry, Applied Mathematics
P. G. Fox	English, Mathematics, History, French
P. G. Madden	English, Mathematics, Physics, Biology
A. J. Bishop	English, Geography, French, Biology
J. Boyle	Irish, English, History, French
K. J. Mohammadi	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
J. F. Cheatle	English, Mathematics, History, Physics
A. J. Shea	English, Mathematics, Physics
J. F. Stott	Mathematics, Physics, Applied Mathematics
J. B. Burchill	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry
A. M. Lynch	English, Mathematics, French
C. D. Boyle	English, Geography
L. G. Ahern	Chemistry

**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION 1986**

(London 'O' Levels)

Andrew Cusack	English Literature, French, English Language, History, Biology, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics
David French	Accounting, Chemistry, English Language, Mathematics, Physics, Pure Mathematics, French
Rory Wolfe	English Language, Mathematics, Physics, English Literature, French Geography, Pure Mathematics
Gordon Beamish	Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, English Language, French, Pure Mathematics
Robert Daley	Mathematics, Physics, Accounting, Chemistry, Pure Mathematics, English Language, French
Brian O'Connell	Physics, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Pure Mathematics
Allen Gleasure	Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biology, English Language, French, Pure Mathematics
Shane O'Hara	Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Pure Mathematics, English Language, French
Tannia Creswell	English Language, Chemistry, Mathematics, French, Physics
Janette MacDonald	French, Mathematics, Art, Chemistry, English Language
Kevin Hales	Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Pure Mathematics

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION 1986 — *continued*

(London 'O' Levels)

Norman Deane	Physics, Geography, Mathematics, French
Keith Langley	Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Mathematics
Lynn Manahan	French, English Language, Geography, Spanish
Nuala Wixted	Geography, English Language, French, Mathematics
Brian Walsh	Mathematics, Physics, Accounts
Lisa Willmott	French, Spanish, English Language
Jayne Ruddock	English Literature, English Language, French
Steven Aherne	Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry
Abbe Boeg	English Language, English Literature, French
Erika Schiller	Physics, English Language, Mathematics
Hilda Smyth	Chemistry, English Language, Mathematics
Siobhán Doyle	Mathematics, Physics
Deirdre Barry	Accounts, French
Ann Connolly	Mathematics, Physics
Nina Connolly	Chemistry, Mathematics
Michael Cunnane	Mathematics, Physics
Brian Daly	English Language, Geography
Rachel MacDermot	English Language, Geography
Rory Mullally	Mathematics, Physics
Nicholas Bradshaw	Geography
Michael Cunningham	Chemistry

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE 1986

Irene Horne	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Spanish, Science, Art
Muriel Bryan	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Spanish, Science, Art
Lynne Allan	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Spanish, Science, Art
Gareth O'Callaghan	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce, Art
Fiona Keegan	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce, Art
Sinead Aherne	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Spanish, Science, Art
Ivor Bateman	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce, Music
Joseph Horgan	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce, Art
Alan Hales	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce, Art
Jennifer Hill	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Spanish, Science, Art
William Flynn	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce, Art
Caroline Martin	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Spanish, Science, Music
Carolyn O'Keeffe	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Spanish, Science, , Music
Elaine Burchill	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce, Art
Stephanie McHugh	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce, Art
Fergal Maher	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce, Commerce
Sacha Whelan	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce
Nicola Rohan	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Spanish, Science, Art
Valerie O'Neill	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce, Art
Edmund Griffin	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Spanish, Science, Art
Joanne Lyons	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Spanish, Science, Art
Natasja Hoekman	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Spanish, Science, Art
Carol Moloney	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science
Barry Rynhart	Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce, Art
Simon Walton	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce, Art
Carl Outram	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Commerce, Art
Mervyn Greer	Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Science, Art
Linda Brady	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art
Andrea Hornibrook	English, Mathematics, History, French, Science, Art
Robert Bryan	English, Mathematics, History, French, Science, Art
Tara McCarthy	Irish, English, Mathematics, Geography, Science, Art

# Music Examinations Results 1985-'86

## ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Name	Grade	Result	
Suzette French	I	Pass	Pianoforte
Alison MacDonald	I	Pass	Pianoforte
Evelyn Punch	VI	Honours	Pianoforte

## LEINSTER SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Kevin O'Regan	I	Honours	Pianoforte
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## CORK MUNICIPAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Jennifer Lucey	VI	B	Flute
Richard Nicholls	III	C	Violin

## ASSOCIATED BOARD OF ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

Clare Zuk	VI	Pass	Pianoforte
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## LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Sarah Hastie	V	Pass	Theory
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## PREFECTS 1986-'87



Front Row: T. Cresswell, C. Boyle, The Headmaster, J. MacDonald, R. Daley  
 Second Row: S. Hazlett, E. Schiller, L. Willmott, J. Ruddock, L. Manahan  
 Third Row: S. O'Hara, D. French, R. Wolfe, G. Beamish, M. Cunnane, D. Moore  
 Fourth Row: S. Aherne, B. O'Connell, N. Deane  
 Back Row: N. Bradshaw, M. Cunningham.

# Prize List 1986

- MOORE MEMORIAL PRIZE: Elizabeth Horne.
- WEBSTER MEMORIAL PRIZE: Michael Gray, Jason Murphy, Cara Turner, Graham Kenny.
- INTERMEDIATE SHIELD: Irene Horne.
- MIDDLETON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES: Muriel Bryan, Lynne Allan, Gareth O'Callaghan, Fiona Keegan.
- BISHOP HEARN MEMORIAL PRIZES: Paul Fox, Gail Enright, Elspeth McKechnie, Sinead Ahern, Ivor Batemen, Joseph Horgan.
- J. H. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR SCIENCE: Michael Gray, Graham Kenny, Fiona Keegan, William Flynn.
- JAMES MCNEILL WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS: Michael Gray, Jason Murphy.
- TIMOTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS: Fiona Keegan, William Flynn.
- A.I.B. LEAVING CERTIFICATE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH: Elspeth McKechnie.
- BAGWELL PRIZES FOR LANGUAGES: Cara Turner, Elizabeth Horne, Jason Murphy, Irene Horne, Muriel Bryan.
- DEAN RIDLEY-BARKER LECTONARY PRIZE: Raymond Bryan.
- ISAAC BUTT MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY: Paul Fox.
- J. W. SMYTH PRIZE FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHY: Amanda Bishop.
- LINDSAY MAING PRIZE FOR INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHY: Fergal Maher.
- SPECIAL PRIZE FOR BUSINESS STUDIES: Paul Fox.
- MRS. E. F. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MUSIC: Caroline Martin.
- IRIS OLIVE ATKINS MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY: Graham Kenny.
- DR. F. M. HILLIARD MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR 'O' LEVELS: Andrew Cusack, David French, Rory Wolfe, Gordon Beamish, Robert Daley, Brian O'Connell, Allen Gleasure, Shane O'Hara.
- MIDDLETON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION PRIZES: Alan Hales, Jennifer Hill, William Flynn.
- HEADMASTER'S PRIZES: David Byrne, Daphne Beamish.
- SINGING PRIZES: Stephanie Manahan, Jayne Ruddock.
- LONG MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR IRISH : Elizabeth Horne.
- ART PRIZES: John Cheatle, Cara Turner.
- HOUSE PRIZES: Denise MacDonald, Aubyn Thompson, Jackie Hosford, Annette Nitzsche, Karen Philpott, Janette MacDonald, Norman Deane, Barry Rynhart, Linda Brady.
- G.C.E. SUBJECT PRIZES: Tannia Creswell (English Language), Kevin Hales (Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics).
- BISHOP'S DIOCESAN ESSAY PRIZES: 1st, Elizabeth Horne; 2nd, Gordon Beamish; 3rd, Paul Fox.
- CLASS PRIZES:
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| Form III: | 1st Equal, Sarah O'Regan and Robert Wrixon              | 3rd, Anna Fewer  |
|           | 4th, Tracey Cairns                                      | 5th Equal, Samantha Dwyer, Grace O'Hara & Richard Street |
|           | 8th Equal, Desmond Daly, Ross McConnell and Conor Stott |  |
| Form II:  | 1st, Stephen Wynne                                      | 2nd, Brian Cusack  |
|           | 4th Equal, Conor Craven and Heather Hume                | 3rd, Mark Hassey   |
|           | 6th Equal, Jason Gasparro and Sarah Sinnott             | 8th, Kevin Mullally                                      |
| Form I:   | 1st, Rachel Dungan                                      | 2nd, Penny Johnston                                      |
|           | 4th Equal, Stephen Dineen and Robin Potter-Cogan        | 3rd, David Lyons   |
|           | 6th Equal, Paul O'Callaghan and Sorcha O'Callaghan      |  |
|           | 8th Equal, Emma Donovan and Daniel O'Connell            |  |

## *Outstanding Pupils 1986*

WE CONGRATULATE the large number of pupils who achieved excellent results in public examinations.

In Leaving Certificate, the pass rate at Honours level was 94%, and 89% at the lower level.

**Elizabeth Horne** gained 24 points including 6 'B's in Matriculation and is reading Science in U.C.C.

**Michael Gray** gained 23 points including 4 'B's in Leaving Certificate and is studying for a Degree in Mechanical Engineering in the Cork Regional College.

**Jason Murphy** gained 22 points and is reading Engineering in Trinity College, Dublin.

**Cara Turner** gained 22 points and is reading Arts in Trinity College.

**Graham Kenny** gained 22 points and is reading Commerce in U.C.C.

**Paul Fox** gained 21 points including an 'A' and 2 'B's in Leaving Certificate and is reading Commerce in U.C.C.

**Elsbeth McKechnie** gained 20 points and is reading Science in U.C.C.

In all, twenty university places were offered to Midleton College pupils.

The London G.C.E. 'O' Level examination results were the best for many years and the following achieved outstanding results.

**Andrew Cusack** passed 8 G.C.E. 'O' levels including 4 'A's and 4 'B's.

**David French** passed 7 G.C.E. 'O' levels including 6 'A's.

**Rory Wolfe** passed 7 G.C.E. 'O' levels including 3 'A's and 4 'B's.

**Gordon Beamish** passed 7 G.C.E. 'O' levels including 2 'A's and 5 'B's.

**Robert Daley** passed 7 G.C.E. 'O' levels including 2 'A's and 3 'B's.

**Brian O'Connell** passed 7 G.C.E. 'O' levels including 1 'A' and 4 'B's.

**Allen Gleasure** passed 7 G.C.E. 'O' levels including 1 'A' and 2 'B's.

**Shane O'Hara** passed 6 G.C.E. 'O' levels including 4 'A's and 2 'B's.

In the Intermediate Certificate, the results were again excellent with a pass rate of 92%.

**Irene Horne** gained 9 Honours including 4 'A's and 4 'B's.

**Muriel Bryan** gained 9 Honours including 3 'A's and 4 'B's.

**Lynne Allen** gained 9 Honours including 2 'A's and 4 'B's.

**Gareth O'Callaghan** gained 8 Honours including 2 'A's and 5 'B's.

**Fiona Keegan** gained 8 Honours including 2 'A's and 5 'B's.

**Sinead Ahern** gained 8 Honours including 2 'A's and 3 'B's.

**Ivor Bateman** gained 8 Honours including 1 'A' and 4 'B's.

**Joe Horgan** gained 8 Honours including 2 'A's and 2 'B's.

**Alan Hales** gained 6 Honours including 1 'A' and 4 'B's.

**Jennifer Hill** gained 8 Honours including 1 'A' and 2 'B's.

**William Flynn** gained 6 Honours including 2 'A's and 3 'B's.

Six other pupils gained 6 Honours or more.

# Hail and Farewell!

## AVE

The following entered the College at the beginning of the academic year. We bid them welcome and wish them happy and rewarding careers in the College.

**Boys** MARK BATEMAN, STUART BRYAN, JARLATH BYRNE, JONATHAN CRUISE, TREVOR CUFFE, ADRIAN ERANGEY, ALEX FORD, CONOR HAYES, KILLIAN HASSEY, DAMIEN HENNESSY, STEPHEN HILLIARD, ALAN HOBBS, DAVID HOLMES, PAUL HORGAN, PETER JORDAN, SEAMUS KEARNEY, RODERICK LEAN, BRIAN LEAHY, KEVIN LEAHY, IAIN LYONS, KIERAN MCCARTHY, JOHN MOORE, JOHN MORRISON, FRANK MOYNIHAN, ANDREW NICHOLLS, MICHAEL O'DONOVAN, DERMOT O'HARA, SEÁN SCOTT-BAIRD, KARL SHINE, WILLIAM TAIT, EDWIN THOMPSON.

**Girls** SHARON AUSTIN, ELIZABETH BOLAND, ALICIA COLLINS, JULIE COLLINS, SARAH DONOVAN, KATHRIN EPEL, LOUISE FORREST, REBECCA HAUGHTON, DEBBIE HEGARTY, PIP HOLLANDER, SHARON HUME, CATHY IRWIN, NICOLA JEFFERSON, NIAMH KENNY, FIONA KING, RACHAEL KOHLER, VIKI LYNCH, RUTH LYNCH, TARA MCCARTHY, CAROLINE NICHOLSON-REEVES, JILL O'BRIEN, COLLEEN PERCIVAL, PETA SWEETNAM, CLODAGH TAIT, RACHEL TOAL, DIANA THOMPSON.

## VALE

To those who left us at the end of the last academic year we wish happiness and success in the future.

ELIZABETH HORNE: University College, Cork (*Science*).

JASON MURPHY: Trinity College, Dublin (*Engineering*).

CARA TURNER: Trinity College, Dublin (*Arts*).

GRAHAM KENNY: University College, Cork (*Commerce*).

PAUL FOX: University College, Cork (*Commerce*).

MICHAEL GRAY: Cork Regional College (*Mechanical Engineering Degree*).

ELSPETH McKECHNIE: University College, Cork (*Science*).

BEN HAUGHTON: University College, Cork (*Civil Engineering*).

KOUROS MOHAMMADI: University College, Cork (*Civil Engineering*).

ANDREW SHEA: University College, Cork (*Arts*).

STEPHANIE MANAHAN: Trinity College, Dublin (*Occupational Therapy*).

JOHN CHEATLE: University College, Dublin (*Arts*).

JILLIAN COFFEY: N.I.H.E. (*European Studies*).

MICHAEL BISHOP: Camborne School of Mines, Cornwall.

PATRICK MADDEN: City and East London College (*Optical dispensing*).

JOHN STOTT: Liverpool Polytechnic (*Mechanical and Production Engineering*).

DAVID BYRNE: Harper Adams Agricultural College, Shropshire.

RAYMOND BRYAN: Gurteen Agricultural College.

IAN DALY: Gurteen Agricultural College.

DAVID GEARY: Gurteen Agricultural College.

TREVOR HALES: Gurteen Agricultural College.

BRIAN MCCONNELL: Gurteen Agricultural College.

INGRID CLOOSTERIN: Language Centre, Balfe Street, Dublin.

SARAH KENWORTHY: Language Centre, Balfe Street, Dublin.

KAREN PHILPOTT: Language Centre, Balfe Street, Dublin.

JANE BOYLE: Tralee Regional College, (*Business Studies*).  
 AUBYN THOMPSON: Cork Regional College (*Mechanical Engineering*).  
 ANNE LYNCH: Cork Regional College (*Business Studies*).  
 MAURICE GOWEN: Cork Regional College (*Business Studies*).  
 DAPHNE BEAMISH: Ashton School (*Catering Course*).  
 JACKIE HOSFORD: Skerry's Secretarial College.  
 PETER BARRY: Sanco Sales Representative Course.  
 CARL OUTRAM: AnCo Steel Fabrication Course.

**Working in:**

IRELAND – Peter Kelly, Denise MacDonald.  
 U.S.A – Amanda Bishop, Lisa Bishop.  
 CANADA – Annette Nitzsche.  
 FRANCE – Melanie Tait.  
 ENGLAND – Henry Loughnan.  
 GERMANY – Pearl Beamish.

**Attending other Schools:**

In Ireland – John Sullivan, Finbarr O'Driscoll, Gail Enright,  
 Darren O'Connor, Ivan Bryan, Rachel Durand, Brian Foley,  
 Michelle Roberts, Derek Michael, Kristian Brookes-Leahy,  
 Graham Walters, Robert Bryan, Sacha Whelan.

In Scotland – Graham Muir.

In Holland – Sophie Wijnstekers.

In England – Michael Allan, Lynne Allan, Niko Van Os.

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“DREAMS FLED AWAY, THIS COUNTRY BEDROOM—”



Four senior boys and a friendly monster enjoying the comfort of one of our new senior dormitories.

## Speech Day 1986

CARING and involved parents giving a good home life provide the foundation for all education. This was the message given by the Right Reverend Edward Darling, Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe, when he spoke at the Annual Distribution of Prizes in the Sherwood House Hotel on October 23rd.

Introduced by Professor T. T. West, Chairman of the Board, Bishop Darling, an Old Boy of the College, recalled some of the humorous happenings in his school career.

He then reminded us that only 15% of childhood is spent at school and emphasised that the home must give the initial essential character-forming values to the child. Parents, he said, must not leave this task to others. Children need to be given the values of life at an early age and be shown that life is both spiritual and material.

Bishop Darling gave pupils, parents and staff plenty to think about during the half-term break. We congratulate him and thank him for one of the best Prize Day speeches for many years.

The Headmaster gave his usual comprehensive résumé of the school year. He covered academic, sporting and extra-curricular activities and reminded us that we are an academic institution and stand or fall by our efforts in the classroom.

Mr. Cairns then referred to the changes in educational organisation proposed by the Government. He expressed concern at the possible restructuring of the Board of Governors and at the proposal to have local instead of central control over schools.

After Bishop Darling had presented the prizes, Dr. Poyntz, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross proposed a vote of thanks in a short, witty speech.

A welcome cup of tea ended the afternoon's proceedings.

— R. I. K.

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## Public Speaking

ANDREW CUSACK, Robert Daley, David French and Brian O'Connell took part in the Public Speaking Competition organised by the Speakers' Club of Cork in October. After the first round, Robert Daley was selected to go on to the Final. Here he acquitted himself well against five other competitors, but, having received the worst topic of the night, the odds were against him. I mean, what could you say for three minutes on the subject *As The Twig Is Bent, So Shall The Tree Grow*? (In the Junior Section the worst topic was *Advertising Is To Business As Steam Is To The Machine*). Well done, Robert. It was hard luck.

Debating continues, from time to time, in the College for the senior pupils, between themselves and, hopefully, increasingly against others. It is of benefit to be able to get up and say what is on your mind, without getting tongue-tied. Debating should help the pupils to be able to do this.

P.S. The School Uniform really does look good on public occasions. Appearances do count; the College Uniform scores.

— G. P. ST. J. H.

## Christmas Concert 1986

ENCORE ! A fine concert full of light-hearted fun. Daphne Beamish welcomed us charmingly and invited us to enjoy the Junior Play *The History Of Bad-Good Wood* under Miss Prendergast's excellent direction – well done, Forms I, II and III ! An amusing rattle of words by Michael Gray flung at Maurice Gowen created much laughter and this was followed by an hilarious *Top Of The Form* starring the Sixth Form transvestites – squeaky male voices and knobbly knees contrasting with extremely muscular chests. Stephanie Manahan's beautiful voice filled the hall with *An raibh tú ar an gCarraig ?*

The Drummers, under Mandy Bishop, didn't disappoint us with their usual excellent show, wheeling, spinning, marching, flips and . . . some flops ! Four Sixth Form grandads then reminisced about their good old days which raised the roof with moans from one and all. Miss Foran directed the choir with panache and they were a pleasure to listen to. The whimsical performance of Colonel Fazackerly's ghost by three Second Formers was followed by Caroline Martin's talented piano playing.

*The Man In The Bowler Hat*, Mr. Johnston's production of the Senior Play, opened the second half. Deirdre Barry and Abbe Boeg kept the five boys in order and I think the play was well received. We thoroughly enjoyed *Maria*, very nicely sung by Stephanie Manahan, Jayne Ruddock, Andrea Hornibrook and Stephanie McHugh.

Michael Gray's production of the Senior Mime gave rein to a plethora of talent – some of us laughed 'til we cried, and the Old Boys' comical skits that followed made even Mr. Cairns smile ! Six Sixth Form girls sang a very witty *Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah* – excellently done. Finally, the entire cast squashed onto the stage and somehow managed to sing some happy carols. It was a great concert thanks to the performers, staff and all the great backstage crew. Encore !

— ABBE BOEG (Form VI)

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## Easter Music

“MUSIC has charms to soothe a savage breast, to soften rocks or bend a knotted oak.”

The Easter performance of Maunder's *Olivet To Calvary* communicated most effectively the drama of redemption, in a spirited performance by the College Choir, superbly supported by the solo performances of our invited guests, the Rev. William Beare (bass) Mr. Robert Beare (tenor) and College pupils Stephanie Manahan and Jayne Ruddock (sopranos). Appreciation must also be given to Miss Prendergast, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Whiting and the late Mr. Frank Smyth, for all their help in both rehearsal and performance.

Finally a very special word of thanks to Mr. Colin Nicholls, our choirmaster, without whose considerable dedication, expertise and patience, this enjoyable and successful Easter Music performance would not have been possible.

—JAYNE RUDDOCK (Form VI)

## Arti-Facts

THE Art Department was asked to provide a peace project in the Cork City Library to coincide with Peace Week. It was a great privilege to be asked and, thanks to a great deal of hard work and dedication on the part of Mrs. Burke and pupils of the school, it was a success. The senior art students painted the scenery for the concert again this year.

The Christmas cards we had printed last year were used by SHOUT, an organisation providing shelter for homeless children.

During the summer, Fifth Form students attended a course in the Crawford Art School. The course ran for six days and was a good indication of what art school entails.

One of last year's Sixth Form students, Cara Turner, had a cartoon printed in the Student Year Book and Career Directory.

Above all, the Art Department had a very successful year and we thank Mrs. Burke for all her help and support.

— TANNIA CRESWELL (Form VI)

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## The Governors' Reception

THE Governors' reception was held on May 28th in the Ashbourne House Hotel. By 7.30 p.m. the Governors, Staff and Sixth Form were enjoying the sherry reception. The girls, shining after their frantic afternoon of washing, drying and ironing, were seen sporting roses, presented by those gallant young gentlemen of our form, who themselves were busy feigning nonchalance at the unaccustomed feel of a new suit.

We had an enjoyable meal, after which we sat back to the speeches – some of us showing signs of relief that the aforementioned “gentlemen” had not attempted a run on the kitchen, demanding their usual “seconds” and “thirds”. The speeches were made, and not many of us escaped those witty tongues.

After this, the dance-floor was cleared and we all got down to the serious business, where our elders and so-called betters – the Dean outshining us all – let it all hang out to the latest pop tune.

Many thanks to the Governors for this informal get-together to mark our last year at Midleton College.

— SAMANTHA HAZLETT (Form VI)

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THE HEADMASTER and MRS. CAIRNS  
SEND CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR GREETINGS  
to all Pupils (Past and Present), Staff and Friends of the College.

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## *Junior Tour to North Wales and London*

AT the end of last Easter term, forty-seven pupils from Forms I and II, with six teachers, departed for a tour to Britain. We took the evening sailing from Dún Laoghaire to Holyhead and stayed for the night in Llanberis in the Snowdonia area of North Wales. Next morning our coach took us through the splendid mountain scenery of this area and on down the motorways to Stratford-on-Avon. Here we visited Anne Hathaway's Cottage and were shown the fireside where Shakespeare did his courting. We explored the attractive town, did some shopping, had tea, and then travelled on to London, booking in to our hotel near Hyde Park at 10 p.m.

Next day we started with a coach tour of London to see the sights, stopping at Buckingham Palace. After this we spent several interesting hours in the Natural History and Science Museums. After lunch, we attended an impressive show about Halley's Comet in the London Planetarium and then went into Madame Tussaud's to meet all the important wax people. In the evening, we enjoyed a very slick and spectacular West End show called *42nd Street*.

The following day we travelled up the motorway system to the walled city of Chester, situated on the river Dee which separates North Wales from England. We walked on the old Roman walls, visited the Cathedral, and went boating on the river. After tea, we travelled back into Wales to visit the Sun Centre at the seaside resort at Rhyl. Here we enjoyed swimming in the pools, surfing on artificial waves, hurtling down a very long slide and riding on the monorail above the swimmers. We then travelled back to our hotel in Llanberis for the night.

Next morning we had planned to visit an underground slate mine, but, unfortunately, snow had blocked the roads to this. Instead, we visited Caernarvon Castle on the shores of the Menai Straits which separate the Isle of Anglesey from the mainland. This well-preserved castle is one of the most famous in Wales and was the location for the investiture of the Prince of Wales. We then drove along the banks of the Straits with fine views of the snow-covered Welsh mountains; then, finally, across Anglesey to Holyhead and the boat back to Dún Laoghaire.

The trip had been enjoyable and worthwhile generally, apart from the snow on the last day. Pupils were encouraged to keep a pictorial record of the trip and prizes for the best efforts in this were given as follows:

1st, Timothy Beecher; 2nd, Siobhán Zuk; 3rd, David Daley, Neil Quail and Richard Collins; 4th, Paul O'Callaghan; 5th, Edith Fitzsimmons.

— R. R. LITTLE

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### *We Congratulate*

Tannia Creswell on winning Second Prize in the 16 to 18 age group of the Bank of Ireland/Cork Examiner Schools' Art Competition held in April.

The Midleton College General Knowledge Team on being runners-up in the A.I.B. sponsored Schools' Quiz. The members were Gordon Beamish (*Captain*), Andrew Cusack, Tracey Cairns and Robert Wrixon.

Brian McConnell, who represented the Young Sheep Dog Handlers of Ireland (Under-21) at the International Sheep Dog Trials in Beaumaris in North Wales on 4th, 5th and 6th September and was runner-up in the overall results in the four Home Countries.

## *Geography Tour 1986*

ON SATURDAY, the 5th April, 1986, a band of hardy travellers left for Holland on the most adventurous and unique Geography field trip to date. We travelled by ferry and coach, a long and arduous trek through England, Belgium and across the Dutch border, passing Breda, Utrecht, Amersfoort and finally arriving in Epe which was to be our base for the stay. On arrival, the weary group was greeted by the tour representative, Anna Lane. The hotel was nestled in extensive woodland, characteristic of the IJssel region, just outside the small, attractive, agricultural market town.

The following day the realisation that this was a working holiday hit us. The Newland information centre in Eastern Flevoland was our first stop. The information centre provided us with statistics, illustrative models and a film on land reclamation in the Netherlands. Reclamation and the protection of the land from the sea and river flooding became recognisable as vital elements in the way of life and landscape in the Netherlands. Models demonstrated that, if the country were to lose the protection of the man-made dykes and the dune coastline, a large area of the country, known as Low Netherlands (less than 1 metre above sea level), would be flooded. Reclamation has created hundreds of square kms. of fertile land, providing more land for a country with one of the highest population densities in the world. The intensity of the reclamation schemes proved to us the truth in the saying "God created the world, but the Dutch created the Netherlands."

Our next stop was a fish farm near Lelystad, the capital of the polders, where an enthusiastic guide showed us the complexities of the 500 hectare fish farm. What surprised us most was the enormous size of some of the ponds, an area comparable to twenty soccer pitches! A visit to the Flevohof agricultural exhibition provided us with some comical moments, as teachers and pupils alike enjoyed a lark in the fun park.

On our return journey to Epe the first of many Farm Studies began. To our shock, we found ourselves thrown out of a bus in fours, much to the delirium of the others, until their turn came. Each group was assigned to a farm where it endeavoured to unravel the garble of bewildered Dutch farmers. This was the first of many such studies which proved so very rewarding.

After an evening meal in the hotel in Epe a light discussion was held; notes were compared and the general feeling was that the Dutch were hospitable, efficient and very, very patient.

Next morning we had a 7 a.m. start in order to complete the long journey to Rotterdam. On the journey, we did quarter-hourly transects which enabled us to notice the varying landscapes throughout the country. Windmills dotted the countryside but what amused us most was the road system for bicycles, and the fact that the motorway police drove Porsches. As we entered the suburbs of Rotterdam, the individual importance of the city was obvious. A harbour boat trip illuminated this view. The heavy water traffic and monotonous view of tanks and warehouses proved to us that it was the largest port in Europe.

Further projects and farm studies brought us back to Epe. After our evening meal, it was decided that we should check out the Dutch night life at the aptly named "Stunt Discotheque."

On the fifth day we visited the Harlingvliet Dam in the Delta region. In 1953 South Holland was inundated by floodwaters. The disaster hastened the implementation of a project to reduce the recurrence of further floods by the erection of the dam across the mouth of four main sea inlets in the region. The group was allowed to go inside the sluice gate system to see the engineering feats which operate the dam.

On our final full day in the Netherlands we set off for Eindhoven to see Evoluon, the permanent exhibition of Philip's industries, a world famous display of technology which landed us in the space age. The exhibition is housed in a building which resembles a flying saucer and aims to explain the impact of science and technology on everyday life.

On Friday, we began our long trip home, doing transects which enabled us to notice the varying landscapes across Northern Europe.

The mammoth undertaking of a European field-trip requires much financial backing, organisation and dedication. These ingredients were given by both the team members and the staff. Fund raising schemes began the previous winter with window-cleaning, car-washing and an Easter raffle. All in all, we had a very interesting and educational tour which has proved invaluable to us in our examination studies and understanding of the country. The success was primarily due to the efforts put in by the staff. Our special thanks must go to the Tour Representative, Anna Lane, who made numerous telephone calls and ensured the tour ran smoothly. To Mr. Morrissey, Mrs. Levis and Mr. Leopold we are indebted.

The following pupils took part:

Liam Ahern, Deirdre Barry, Peter Barry, Pearl Beamish, Mandy Bishop, Mike Bishop, Abbe Boeg, Colin Boyle, Nick Bradshaw, Raymond Bryan, Ian Daly, Robert Daley, Siobhán Doyle, Maurice Gowen, Ben Haughton, Denise MacDonald, Brian McConnell, Elspeth McKechnie, Kouros Mohammadi, Annette Nitzsche, John Sullivan, Aubyn Thompson, Niko Van Os and Louise Wharton.

— C. BOYLE and N. BRADSHAW (Form VI)

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"AND THE GREATEST OF THESE . . ."



Some of the girls taking part in the Annual Charity Walk having well-deserved refreshments.

## 'Behold, The Sower Went Forth To Sow'

PLUNKETT is by no means an unfamiliar name in Ireland. Whether one's tastes lie in religion, politics or literature – or in a combination of all three (a not infrequent Irish phenomenon) – the name has an immediate and exciting resonance.

For ninety-five per cent of the population, Oliver Plunkett, the martyred Archbishop of Armagh, has been the source of unflagging and controversial attention for over three-hundred years: why did the process of canonisation take so long in his case? How was it that, when Italians and Spaniards and – perish the thought – even Englishmen could achieve almost instant sainthood (and in such large numbers), the Irish, like Shakespeare, had to “trouble deaf heaven” with consistently “bootless cries” for three centuries? Was there, perhaps, a subtle and fiendish conspiracy between popes and Protestants to discredit the truly chosen people, in the pursuit of some devious political goal? Unlikely as all this may seem, the nation – including, one suspects, the “separated brethren” – breathed a collective sigh of satisfaction and relief when, in 1981, the martyr's name was finally added to the roll of the blessed.

Joseph Mary Plunkett is, perhaps, less well-known, having been eclipsed to some extent by his fellow-poet and – signatory of the 1916 Proclamation, Patrick Pearse. However, his marriage to Grace Gifford in his cell, a few hours before his execution, and the fact that tuberculosis had anticipated the British court-martial in handing down its own non-commutable death sentence ensured his immortality among a people who are ever eager to respond to the romantic and the poetical – especially when the poetry is filled (as W. I. Thompson put it) “with the thunders and seven seals of Apocalypse.”

In more recent times, the novels *Strumpet City* and *Farewell Companions* have been received with considerable acclaim; and, indeed, the mammoth adaptation and production for television of *Strumpet City*, which has achieved such success both at home and abroad, has forged a new link between the name Plunkett and the slow, painful emergence of Modern Ireland. How ironic, therefore, that the eminent author of these books, James Plunkett Kelly, is *not* a Plunkett; and that Horace Plunkett, who was so inextricably involved with the process of leading Ireland into the 20th century, should be the one illustrious bearer of this name so frequently to evoke the response: who is he?

Happily, now that Professor West's admirable biography\* has been published, this question need no longer go unanswered. This is not to suggest that his book is a pioneering work. As his extensive bibliography reveals, the life of Sir Horace Plunkett and his relationship with the Co-operative Movement have aroused considerable interest among specialists of various kinds; and the variety of published material is a more than adequate testimony to the place Plunkett occupies in the history of this country.

Professor West's achievement is to make all this available to the non-specialist reader. As we move through his pages, we become aware that, despite gaps in our knowledge, we are, nevertheless, able to share in his celebration of the life of a man whose idealism was informed by practicality; whose beliefs were unsullied by dogmatism; and whose politics were nurtured by humanity. In addition, Professor West enables us to observe Ireland's struggle for nationhood from an unusual vantage point: Horace Plunkett believed that the solution to Ireland's problems lay in co-operation – and devoted his life to that belief. As we share his experience of Nationalism and Unionism; of Home Rule and Partition; of Dominion Status and Independent Republic; of 1916 and the Civil War; of Catholic and Protestant; of North and South, we realise, with startling insight, that his problems of yesterday are our problems of today; and that his approach to a solution is as valid now, as it was then – and stands as good a chance of being rejected!

Professor West is to be congratulated for giving us a book which combines the readability and characterisation of biography with the objectivity and analytic insight of historiography.

— OLIVER LYONS.

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### THE LIFE STORY OF A RIVER

A spring breaks free from underground,  
And tumbles down the mountainside,  
Singing of lakes that are large and round,  
And waterfalls, and rivers wide.

A laughing brook flows into a pond,  
In the centre of a tree-fringed glade,  
Edged with flowers and leafy frond,  
Dappled with patches of sunlight and shade.

A majestic river meanders through a plain,  
Flanked on either side by clustering bushes,  
Dimpled with breezes or showers of rain,  
Caught in the living web of rushes.

On a hill and looking down,  
A viewer must surely give a shout,  
A living body of water flows into the town.  
A moving corpse flows out.

A transitory dump flows through the city,  
Bearing refuse; dead fish floating belly uppermost;  
Old newspapers; flowers that had once been pretty;  
Pieces of mattresses; old chairs; burnt toast.

A putrid sewer leaves the land,  
Yet refused even by the sea, a sheep's head  
Floats to the shore, to lie, abandoned, on the sand  
Eyes staring, ears listening, yet unmistakeably dead.

— MARK HASSEY (Form III)

# *The Reverend Canon Thomas Moore, M.A., LL.D.*

Headmaster of Midleton College 1863 – 1882

THE HEADMASTERSHIP of the Rev. Dr. E. P. Hodgins, appointed in 1847, was not without difficulty and the position and reputation of the College gradually deteriorated.

In 1863 Dr. Hodgins found it politic to resign, but not before he had made some provision for his own future and for the future Mastership of the College.

At a Meeting of the Trustees (Governors) on 6th February, 1863, Dr. Hodgins reported that he had been in discussion with the Rev. Thomas Moore, M.A., Incumbent (Rector) of St. Stephen the Martyr's Church, Liverpool and that he was willing to exchange positions with Dr. Hodgins. Following investigations concerning his suitability, Mr. Moore was formally appointed Headmaster at a Meeting of the Trustees on 8th March, 1863, but only after assurances had been given by Dr. Hodgins that no pecuniary consideration was made by Mr. Moore in favour of Dr. Hodgins as an inducement to this exchange and that none was contemplated.

The Rev. Thomas Moore was born in 1823 and attended Dungannon Royal School from which he was awarded a Queen's Scholarship of £30 a year for five years. In 1856 he became Incumbent of St. Stephen the Martyr's Church, Liverpool – a large city parish of 8,000 souls to whom he ministered with the help of a single curate. Mr. Moore was well thought-of in Liverpool and his parishioners, who much regretted his departure, showered him with many and valuable gifts.

When Mr. Moore took over, he began with four pupils – one boarder with three day pupils, the sons of the local dispensary Doctor. This situation altered very rapidly: by 11th June, 1864 there were 62 pupils (40 boarders and 22 day pupils) and, by 1878, the total enrolment had increased to 111 (60 day boarders and 51 day pupils). This was made possible by the erection of substantial additions to the school buildings. By May 1865, a considerable extension had been built consisting of a new School Room, Dormitory, Masters' Rooms, Classrooms and a Bathroom. By April 1878, this building was further extended to provide two new classrooms (Rooms 3 and 4) with dormitories above.

Improvements to the College grounds were also undertaken and, in this work, Mrs. Moore's skill as a gardener was invaluable. She designed and carried out work on a sunken garden which still exists today and is commonly called 'The Headmaster's Garden.' She also introduced many improvements in and around the building, which added much both to its appearance and utility. It was, therefore, a very sad blow for her husband and her seven children when Mrs. Moore died on 27th January, 1866, within three years of coming to Midleton. She died, probably, as a result of a major outbreak of Scarlet Fever which reached epidemic proportions in the area at that time. Her memory is perpetuated in the stain glass windows of East Ferry Church – the beautiful Holy Trinity Church, Gurranekeennifeake.

Like the Rev. Dr. Hodgins before him, the Rev. Mr. Moore served the people of East Ferry as their Pastor. Before 1867, he conducted services in the School House built in 1847, now called Church Cottage, and occupied by Mr. & Mrs. William Brady, whose grandchildren are currently pupils in the College.

The present church was built largely under the Rev. Mr. Moore's auspices and was consecrated and dedicated to the Holy Trinity by Bishop John Gregg, Chairman of the College Board of Governors, on Saturday 31st August, 1867. The site, as was the site of the School House, was given by Richard Goold Adams, also a Governor of the College. So began Mr. Moore's relationship with Holy Trinity Church where he was to continue as Rector, with a short break of only a few months, until his death in 1901.

Under the Rev. Mr. Moore's Mastership, the school grew in numbers and in reputation and was once again in the front rank of Irish schools – as it had been in the early years of the century under the celebrated scholar, Mr. John Turpin. In June 1880, one of Mr. Moore's sons, the famous Henry Kingsmill Moore, married Constance Turpin, a daughter of John Turpin.

The Rev. Henry Kingsmill Moore, himself a pupil at the College, and a graduate of Balliol College, Oxford was for a period the Inspector of Schools in the United Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. He was the main instigator of the Berkeley Memorial in Cloyne Cathedral and was the first Principal of the Church of Ireland Training College for National School Teachers – a position he held with great distinction from 1884 until 1927.

The Rev. Thomas Moore gave his time unsparingly to his pupils. He was indefatigable and had an insatiable love of teaching. He started work at 7.00 a.m. and, when school hours were over at 3.00 p.m., he took boys for gratuitous 'grinds,' often working until midnight. He specially rejoiced in preparing pupils seeking university places: many exhibitions and scholarships to Oxford and Cambridge, to Trinity and Queen's College were won by College pupils. During the lunch break, he always enjoyed visiting the playing fields and watching the games. It is interesting to note that in his report to the Board of Governors' Meeting on 27th May, 1870 he stated "The School Cricket Club has not been without its distinction – having beaten the Cork 1st Eleven, the Queen's College 2nd Eleven, and having a tie with the Queen's College 1st Eleven."

By 1880 the number of the pupils had diminished and on February 1st, 1881 the total enrolment was down to 55. Perhaps Mr. Moore felt that his work was done in Midleton College and that a 'new broom' was needed; so, on 1st August, 1882, he resigned his Mastership to continue his calling as a full-time clergyman. His work as a clergyman and a scholar met with public recognition. He was elected a Canon of Cloyne, and Dublin University conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Laws, *stipendiis condonatis*.

The Rev. Thomas Moore was instituted as Rector of the Parish of Killeagh and was succeeded as Headmaster by Mr. Albert Burd. His incumbency of Killeagh was very short-lived, however, for, in 1883, in succession to the Rev. Richard Chester, he was appointed Rector of Midleton Church. Thus, two long-standing associations in the life of Thomas Moore were re-established after only a few months. East Ferry parish was united with Midleton in 1883 and so Mr. Moore once again became Rector of East Ferry. On 8th June, 1883, he was invited to join the Board of Governors of the College and he became Secretary of the Board in 1888.

Dr. Moore was a keen traveller and made several trips to Egypt and the Holy Land. It was on his way back from one such visit in 1901 that he died and was buried in Marseilles. Thus died a dedicated schoolmaster and a faithful and much loved pastor. At a meeting of the Board of Governors of Midleton College held on 9th April, 1901 the following resolution was passed: "that the Board of Governors desire to express their great regret at the death of their friend and colleague, the Rev. Precentor Moore, and they also wish to record their sense of the services which he rendered to the College."

— B. D. CAIRNS.

## Through A Glass Darkly

- THE HEADMASTER: "I am opposed by all the short-haired women and the long-haired men in the province" — *Sir Rodmond Roblin*
- MR. KING: "You damned pup. I'll slap your chops for you"  
— *Sir John A. MacDonald*
- MR. JOHNSTON: "He has ants in his pants" — *Hugh S. Johnson*
- MR. LITTLE: "To learn English you must begin by thrusting the jaw forward, almost clenching the teeth and practically immobilising the lips"  
— *Jose Ortega y Gasset*
- MR. DALEY: "It is a good answer which knows when to stop" — *Italian Proverb*
- MR. LEVIS: "Yes, I am proud and must be proud to see men not afraid of God, afraid of me" — *Alexander Pope*
- MR. LYONS: "What a man most enjoys about a woman's clothes are his fantasies of how she would look without them" — *Brendan Francis*
- MR. LEOPOLD: "My mother is a pretty lady. I wish to kiss her all day but I have to go to school" — *Tania Price*
- MR. MORRISSEY: "What hath night to do with sleep?" — *Milton*
- MRS. LEVIS: "Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult" — *Charlotte Whitton*
- MISS POWER: "Some people greet the morning with a smile, but it's more natural to protest its presence with sleepy sulkiness" — *Brendan Francis*
- MR. PRESTON: "Child desires are eternal and seldom yield to the lapse of time"  
— *Sir Wilhelm S. Stekhel*
- MR. O'MAHONY: "If you think that to grow a beard is to acquire wisdom, a goat is at once a complete Plato" — *Lucian*
- MISS PRENDERGAST: "At first blush . . . ." — *Richard H. Hakluyt*
- MRS. RUMLEY: "A tiger's heart wrapped in a woman's hide" — *Shakespeare*
- MR. POWER: "I am, out of the ladies' company, like a fish out of water"  
— *Thomas Chadwell*
- MISS PENNY: "And makes one little room, an everywhere" — *John Donne*
- MISS MACKILLOP: "A curious mixture of geniality and venom"  
— *Winston Churchill*
- MRS BURKE: "Always be well-dressed even when begging" — *Hindu Proverb*
- MISS FORAN: "Please do not shoot the pianist, as he is doing his best"  
— *Oscar Wilde*
- THE DEAN: "When I am in the pulpit, I have the pleasure of seeing my audience nod approbation, while they sleep" — *Rev. Sidney Smith*
- MR. SMYTH: "He is a self-made man and worships his creator"  
— *Benjamin Disraeli*
- MISS DWANE: "You know, when I am gone you will be sorry you never heard me speak" — *Rev. Sidney Smith*

# *Artificial Intelligence - the End of Human Labour ?*

IN the inter-war era, notably in continental Europe, there briefly blossomed a modernist school of thought, reflected in contemporary art forms. Idealistic visions, manifesting themselves in new architectural feats, clearly revealed the mood of optimism so prevalent following the bloody carnage of the world's first mechanised war. Machinery was the new deity, resplendent in its panoply of steel. Those workers, spared a death in the mud of France, sought the ideal of a work-free paradise, in a world that had already changed beyond all recognition.

This intoxicating ideal foundered in the Great Depression and was vigorously suppressed by the totalitarians. It has never been revived since. Today we are confronted by the not-dissimilar reality of robotics in the workplace, a reality that has caused its own share of disorientation and resentment. Although machines replace skilled workers, they have not destroyed human labour, affirming our ability to diversify. But with the advent of artificial intelligence (admittedly, still a much-talked-about, little-researched concept), the utopia so beloved of pulp science fiction writers is not an outlandish progression.

Computers are incapable of forming an impression of assimilated data, but they can simulate logical analysis, something best illustrated by the popular electronic chess games. As yet, this attribute is not developed sufficiently to constitute the basis for a true thinking machine. Basically, what is required to make this leap are ever-greater storage capacities, coupled with enhanced processing speeds. The début of optical technology in the electronic industry (itself a significant revolution) could accelerate this end. Apart from this, if someone were prepared to devote a lifetime's work to the numberless permutations and intricacies of logical thought, artificial intelligence would be transformed from a mere fantasy to an integral part of our future.

Certainly machines, or, more specifically, computers have continuously reaffirmed their ability to perform the most arduous, mundane and mind-numbingly repetitive work with blinding predictability. Their chief flaw is their inability to process any ambiguity, which makes them inherently poor and pedantic communicators. But their most endearing characteristic is their willingness to learn; and a future in which ever more fundamental planning and administration is electronically monopolised seems assured.

In their current form, computers have the potential to eliminate physical labour and bear the burden of more elementary decision-making. But are we prepared for an imposed liberation from labour ? Have we prepared contingencies for enforced leisure ? Can we cope with the radical alteration of our aspirations and views of the human purpose ?

Is a universe without work truly paradise ?

— ANDREW CUSACK (Form VI)

## *An Old Boy's Past*

ONE of the many followers who came with William the Conqueror to England in 1066 was an Earl D'Auntre, the ancestor of a long line of Daunts associated with Gloucestershire, Western England, Wales and Co. Cork.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, and about 1589, many settlers came over from England to Co. Cork, and among them, some members of the Daunt family. Thomas Daunt got a lease of Tracton Abbey from Sir Warham St. Leger and, in 1595, purchased the town and lands of Gortigrenane from St. Leger also. This Thomas Daunt's wife's family are directly descended from the 1st Holy Roman Emperor, the great French King, Charlemagne, and from this marriage the Daunts of Owlpen and Fahalea are descended. Thomas Daunt's aunt, Elizabeth Throckmorton, was married to Sir Walter Raleigh, the great explorer, soldier, poet and historian. On one of the old family documents there is a record of Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Humphrey Gilbert, another great adventurer of his time, bringing hounds, potatoes and tobacco to Britfieldstown Cove now Robert's Cove, to Thomas Daunt. Thomas Daunt and his brother William acquired large tracts of land around the coast of Co. Cork and they stretched from the broad strands of Youghal to the Kerry border. Around the end of the 17th century, the Daunts' property included 3 castles, 100 messuages, 200 cottages, 200 tofts, 100 walled gardens, 4 mills, 50 dove cotes, 50 warrens, 50 duck ponds, 5 falconeries, 2 archeries and 5 deer parks. This information can be traced from old documents of the time still in the possession of the Daunt family, which is one of the largest collections of its kind today.

The oldest seat of the Daunts in the world today is Fahalea, Carrigaline, and is occupied by the eldest branch of the family, where the writer's father was born. Fahalea was originally purchased from the De Cogan and Myagh families, who were one of the largest and most respected landowners in the South of Ireland at that time. A 'Folly of Pleasure' was built at Fahalea for the Daunts to pursue their hunting interests in the surrounding forests and countryside. It got its name from Falaise in Normandy and was later changed to Fahalea; unfortunately, the old mansion house is no longer there. Last, but not least, I would like to mention Myrtleville House, Co. Cork, which is one of the very few old Daunt houses that are still occupied by a Daunt; incidentally, the writer was born there.

Over the centuries, members of the Daunt family have managed to maintain a consistently high public profile. Some believe that Daunt's Rock was so named owing to a duel fought nearby between James Daunt and a pirate named Barry, son of Philip Oge Barry, of Rincurran, around 1641. This James Daunt, of Tracton Abbey, was High Sheriff of Co. Cork in 1627, an office that was also filled by Thomas Daunt, in 1645 and by Samuel Daunt of Willow Hill, Carrigaline, in 1749. There is a copy of a receipt of a fine paid for refusing to accept a knighthood by Thomas Daunt around this period, in the family records. Later there is a story of a duel sought by Thomas Daunt at Daunt's Bridge from Oliver Cromwell himself in 1649. Daunt's Bridge joined the two Cork castles seen in the city Coat of Arms and was in the vicinity of the area now know as Daunt's Square, otherwise Paradise Place. This was the main centre or meeting place of the family's hunt for many years, as they had six packs of hounds distributed around their property which were hunted six day a week. With the family being very prominent in the pursuit of hunting, it is hardly surprising that Sir Bernard Burke in his Visitation of Seats and Arms notices it as a 'curious circumstance' that five gentlemen of the Daunt family married five ladies of the house of Knolles. (The Knolles were an old hunting family).

We now move on to the beginning of the 19th century, when it is recorded that Captain Joseph Daunt, of Kilcascan, Co. Cork, was shot dead on the 31st May 1826 in what is *reputed* to be the last duel recorded in Ireland; this duel took place at Rhincrew, near Youghal, and his opponent was Daniel O'Connor of Manch, Ballineen, his cousin. This Joseph Daunt's son, William Joseph O'Neill Daunt, also of Kilcascan, was a distinguished member of the Nationalist Party in Ireland. Two professions which were filled very much indeed by the Daunts in the last 300 years were the Church and Medicine. Two members of the family became deans of Cork: firstly, the Very Rev. Achilles Daunt, D.D. who was dean from 1875-1878, and was born at Tracton Abbey in 1832; and secondly, Ernest George Daunt who was dean from 1962-1967. Numerous other members of the family were clergymen and doctors, (herbal and medical).

This article would not be complete without mentioning the Daunt family of Midleton, eleven of whom took part or fought in the Second World War. This constituted a record in the British Isles at the time, which was unchallenged in the newspapers shortly after the war. Interestingly enough, eleven of the family went to Midleton College.

— HENRY DAUNT (1964-'72).

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## DESOLATION

Alone;  
Lonely;  
Cold and tired – of life.  
He carelessly shuffles his feet among the lifeless leaves.  
Merely existing.  
Grime filled fingernails and yesterday's papers  
Render a pathetic life.  
He hangs his head low,  
His empty, red-rimmed, watery eyes bring tears to mine.

My face finds his and I smile a happy smile.  
And his eyes are reawoken.  
And half unsure, as if he had forgotten how,  
He returns my smile while he relives  
A moment of lost happiness.  
Later I weep as I sadly realise how, for many,  
One simple smile is all that is needed.

— ABBE BOEG (Form VI).

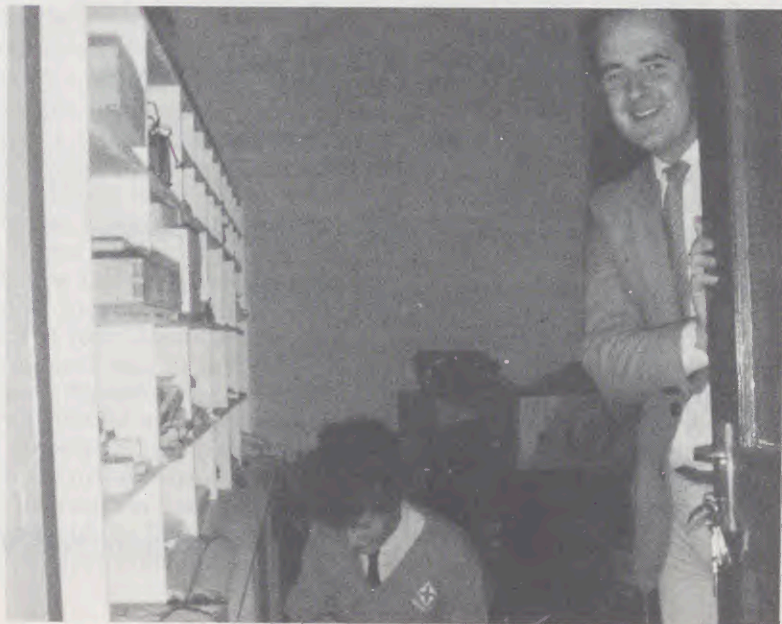
## *Hymns (and Hers) - Ancient and Modern*

THE HEADMASTER:	"Money For Nothing".
MR. KING:	"Lean On Me".
MR. JOHNSTON:	"System Addict".
MR. LITTLE:	"Left Of Centre".
MR. DALEY:	"Once Upon a Time In The West".
MR. LEVIS:	"Chemical Warfare".
MR. LYONS:	"Bat Out Of Hell".
MR. LEOPOLD:	"Man In Motion".
MR. MORRISSEY:	"Broken Wings".
MRS. LEVIS:	"John, I'm Only Dancing".
MISS POWER:	"Suffragette City".
MR. PRESTON:	"Home By The Sea".
MR. O'MAHONY:	"All I Need Is A Miracle".
MISS PRENDERGAST:	"Bring On The Dancing Horses".
MRS. RUMLEY:	"Venus".
MR. POWER:	"I Can't Wait".
MISS PENNY:	"Opportunities".
MISS MACKILLOP:	"The Power Of Love".
MRS. BURKE:	"Lipstick Powder And Paint".
MISS FORAN:	"Holding Back The Years".
THE DEAN:	"Sunday, Bloody Sunday".
MR. SMYTH:	"Maniac".
MISS DWANE:	"You're In The Army Now".
MR. NICHOLLS:	"Ebony And Ivory".

— THE CHARACTER ASSASSINS

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"WELCOME TO MY WORLD"



# *Cúinne na Filíochta - An Chéad Bhlian*

## IS MAITH LIOM

Is maith liom milseáin  
Agus coinín bán  
Is maith liom tósta dóite  
Agus uachtar reoite  
Is maith liom spórt de gach aon sórt  
Ach is fearr liom bia gleoite.

— SHARON HUME

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## SNEACHTA

Tá sneachta ag titim amuigh faoin spéir  
Ag déanamh cairpéid ar an bhféar  
Tá an aimsir ró-fhuar  
Cuirfidh mé orm mo chóta mór  
Rachaidh mé féin agus mo chara isteach  
Agus tosnóimid ag súgradh sa teach.

— FIONA KING

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## BRIONGLÓIDÍ

Shuigh mo sheanathair ar an gcathaoir  
Is d'inis sé dom scéal breá  
Faoi laethanta nuair a bhí sé óg  
Is na rudaí a rinne sé  
D'fhéach sé isteach sa tine  
Is chonaic mé a bhrionglóidí ina shúile  
Briionglóidí a bhí briste  
Cosúil lena chroí.

— CLODAGH TAIT

## *Songs of Praises*

L. AHERNE:	"Oh Julie."
S. AHERNE:	"The Unforgettable Fire."
D. BARRY:	"Sleepwalk."
G. BEAMISH:	"Pigs."
A. BOEG:	"Temptation."
C. BOYLE:	"Glittering Prize."
N. BRADSHAW:	"19 (Not Out)."
J. BURCHILL:	"Absolute Beginners."
A. CONNOLLY:	
N. CONNOLLY:	"La la la la la."
T. CRESWELL:	"Everybody wants to rule the world."
M. CUNNANE:	"Captain of her Heart."
M. CUNNINGHAM:	"Don't leave me this way."
A. CUSACK:	"Space Oddity."
R. DALEY:	"Papa don't preach."
B. DALY:	"True Blue."
N. DEANE:	"Flame in the West."
S. DOYLE:	"Fascination."
D. FRENCH:	"Electric Dreams."
A. GLEASURE:	"I want a new drug."
R. GUILFOYLE:	"Would I lie to you?"
K. HALES:	"Matchstick Man."
D. MOORE:	"Born to be Wild."
S. HAZLETT:	"Sleeping Bag."
M. KENWORTHY:	"So Macho."
K. LANGLEY:	"Camouflage."
R. MACDERMOT:	"Fat Bottomed Girls."
J. MACDONALD:	"Love don't live here anymore."
L. MANAHAN:	"Oh Lord it's so hard to be humble."
R. MCGOVERN:	"New Kid in Town."
R. MULLALLY:	"Walk like an Egyptian."
B. O'CONNELL:	"Bicycle Race."
S. O'HARA:	"Listen like thieves."
J. RUDDOCK:	"Liberal Love."
P. RYAN:	"50 ways to leave your lover."
E. SCHILLER:	"Hunting High and Low."
H. SMYTH: }	
O. SMYTH: }	"Sisters are doing it for themselves."
B. WALSH:	"Hole in my shoe."
L. WHARTON:	"Panic."
L. WILLMOTT:	"The Brazilian."
N. WIXTED:	"Small Blue Thing."
R. WOLFE:	"Anarchy in the U.K."
D. VICKERS:	"Too good to be forgotten."
TABLE-TENNIS CLUB:	"Strangers in the night."

— SIR ROBERT GELDING.

## Labhair Gaelige

“Labhair Gaelige” = “Speak Irish.” After 14 years of education I can translate from Irish to what is really my native language. What *practical* use is this hard-earned skill to me? None of my form dares hope for a ‘B’ at higher level Irish, unlike Physics and Applied Maths. There is only one reason I study Irish; to use it *once* as a qualification, (which is its only conceivable use to me). The maximum number of subjects taken to Leaving Cert level is 8 (for a normal person). Compulsory Irish restricts this to 7, cutting out a possible German language course/ Technical drawing class . . . the list is endless.

The view of the proponents of Irish is that it is ‘important’ to learn Irish. Why so? From a student’s point of view it is a simple choice between a useless language (whether inside or outside of Ireland) or a useful subject. Are we trying to imprison our young people by teaching them a skill which is useless outside their native land?

There’s no need to neglect Irish, but conversely, there is no need to place such an emphasis on it. Like History it is part of our culture and encourages patriotism. Unlike History, however, the student is forced to study it up to Leaving Cert level. History however, *may* be dropped in favour of a more beneficial course of study. Why can’t the same be done with Irish?

Forced Irish study fosters resentment towards both the subject and the enforcing establishment. This is damaging both to patriotism and to the Irish language.

Our country has one of the best standards of education in the E.E.C.; she also has the greatest proportion of her population at school-going age (about 29%). Assuming that one-fifth of these will use Irish as a language in their later lives (an extremely optimistic assumption) then there are over 829,000 young people being forced by the Dept. of Education to waste at least one-eighth of the time they devote to schoolwork. If that is not a frightening waste of a valuable national resource, then what is?

If this country is lucky then the current “Use Irish” fever throughout Ireland is just the false strength of a dying language.

— DAVID FRENCH (Form VI).

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### THE TROUBLES

Weep you wretches, weep!  
While pupils die  
The time-bomb sleeps;  
Who shall die for liberty?  
Who dares mourn the slaughtered?  
While roses bleed in shattered sympathy,  
The red hand closes once again!  
Stay safe, my love, ’till I return in spring,  
To watch the barbed-wire blooming.

— RICHARD Ó LOIDEOIN.

## *Behind the Contorted Masks*

Behind the contorted masks of hatred  
Are human faces.  
The hands that grope for petrol bombs  
Are human hands.  
Tensed with fear  
Shielded by steel and visor  
Are human beings.  
While far above the concrete jumble  
Of the shattered streets  
A solitary bird sings  
Sings to a better dawn.

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## *A Sanctity of mind*

Trace it there – the gulf that yawns  
within an average mind  
and find it scorns all metre – this  
unknown quantity behind  
To swim into this desert place  
this sanctity of mine  
Unconfined to cranium  
nor conformity of time  
when I have shaken logic off, and  
– shelved it among  
the proven perplexities of this age  
I stand at last  
Invulnerable and isolate  
freed of the finite canvas  
All creation to recreate.

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## *I felt there was a Witness . . .*

I felt there was a Witness  
Standing aside yet near  
Enough to cast his shade  
upon me. I started,  
And turned to seek  
– a Master there behind  
But – as I feared – none else  
Stood there,  
– But another of mankind.

*“Behind the Contorted Masks”* won 1st Prize for Andrew Cusack in the 1985 “Poem for Peace” Competition sponsored by *The Cork Examiner*. We forgot to publish this poem last year, so now we make amends by publishing two other pieces by him as well.

## *Sleeping Beauty*

To King and Queen one early morn  
A Princess fair and fresh was born.  
They sent out invites straight away  
To fairies near and far away.  
The fairies all gave to the child  
Their wishes of good luck and smiled:  
They granted beauty, wealth and charm  
But, suddenly, there came to harm,  
The wicked fairy who cast a spell  
That undid all that boded well.  
But one good fairy who came late  
Was saddened by the Princess' fate;  
He changed the spell from death to sleep  
For one hundred years, so very deep,  
And although the Queen took constant care  
Of the Princess in her growth and fare,  
She came upon a curious tower  
And, oblivious of its awesome power,  
She followed the stairs up to the top  
And what she saw there made her stop:  
A little old woman at her spindle sat  
And beside her purring, her sleek black cat.  
The Princess asked if she could try  
To spin as she – oh why, oh why?  
She should have left, but she did linger  
And so, alas, she pricked her finger.  
She dropped to the floor, in deepest sleep –  
The wicked fairy for joy did leap.  
By and by, went many a year  
The palace lost its warmth and cheer,  
And round it grew a savage wood  
Of weeds and thorns, and all things crude.  
Until one day a Prince out riding  
Found this castle in its hiding,  
He whacks and batters every thorn  
Until his clothes are badly torn,  
But, at last, he finds the castle door.  
He knocks, but sound there is no more;  
He creeps inside the dusty place  
And sees the Princess midst her lace.  
So bending over sleeping miss  
He tries her tender lips to kiss:  
The maiden opens her eyes and winces  
At the ugly face which is the Prince's  
She calls the Prince a crummy creep  
And swoons once more into her sleep!

— PAMELA WHITING (Form II).

## The Thunderstorm

WHY is the magical excitement of the imagination confined to a time when it can be least appreciated? When we were young in mind and body, memories of strange and fascinating tales lingered in the wondrous imagination that only youth enjoys. Events both natural and mystical were seen, and unquestioned, as one. The examples closest to my heart are the magical connotations ascribed to the rainbow and the snow-covered landscape. The relief that Noah felt after forty long aimless days in the ark; then to rise to a crisp and clean morning; to the beauty of one of God's sundry manifestations. The rainbow was a present to Noah and, in its magnificence, we view the happiness that God felt in his faith. Yet, as He used nature to evince happy and joyous occasions, thus too He has used the sinister and more frightening elements to express His capriciousness.

It is a fundamental trait or failing of our race that we view things only in the light that we wish. As the adage informs us, there is none so blind as those who don't wish to see. Thus in the throes of our childhood, we learnt on long winter evenings of God's love for us and our forebears. Yet, if God manifests His emotions through Nature's moods, then as balanced adults removed from the censorship of our innocent days, we must look for the darker, sinister side of our Maker. The story I will unfold was one, related to me by a stranger when I had the pleasure of his company, on one sultry July day on the timeless roads one only encounters in the mountainous regions of this country; as we and they waited for the heavy sky to release its pent-up fury.

As rain streamed down I cursed softly and we both quickly sheltered under the old oak tree. Turning to my companion to exchange indignation at the inconvenience of the elements, I noticed that this rugged mountain man had removed his tweed cap and was softly praying. Suddenly, as if sensing my silent questioning, he turned, smiled, and said "You know, if I told you that this is not just a thunderstorm you would probably just laugh inwardly and say, 'Peasant superstition.' But city people like you have, unfortunately, lost the gift of recognising God. Don't you realise this is Calvary. Our Lord was crucified over two-thousand years ago on a mountain such as this. The day, as I was told by my father, and he by his, was a clear, crisp, spring day. A motley procession left the city gates to walk slowly to their deaths, carrying on their tired and bleeding shoulders the crosses that they would soon be hung upon. In the midst of these bedraggled criminals, walked a man with a double burden. The burden not only of His cross but also of the sins of His people. To His left and right gaped the jeering crowd, goading on the soldiers, caught up in the evil vindictive ways that had urged death for their eventual Saviour.

The Saviour who endured their callous taunts died for their sins that same afternoon. Then His Father, in His frustrated anger, sent them a sign to expose their iniquities; the sign that would transcend time and be forever a reminder of both His power, and complete love for us; the most brilliant and frightening natural occurrence ever. Day became night, night became day, clouds blackened by sins rolled and crashed, sending swords of lightning to show people the injustice they had committed. Panic-stricken, the jeering crowd stumbled to hide their guilt and shame; aware now of their insignificance in the awesome exhibition of the Father's frustration and sadness.

"This is Calvary. It is a simple reminder of the sacrifice that the Father endured for us in sending His son to die." With these simple word, he turned, perhaps in an embarrassed way, because he had exposed a deeper inner self to a stranger.

“It’s time,” he said. He suddenly started and looked around, breaking the spell. I saw the first ray of light glisten on the shiny wet road. We continued along our path, both silent, immersed in thought. Then a quarter-of-a-mile on, at a crossroads, we shook hands and parted amiably, I to the left and down once again to the hubbub of city life. His route took him straight on and up into the crystal air of his homeland.

‘Twas then, on the long weary road home, I began to question. Why in my worldly materialistic ways had I felt so small and insignificant before the simple philosophy of this pure and wise man? Perhaps we have become derailed from God’s plan for us? Perhaps in our slick ways we have scorned the simple truths and categorised them as fodder for mere childhood fantasy. Perhaps we, like the jeering and goading crowd, need more than just the memory of that day.

— RORY MCGOVERN (Form VI).

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### HEAVEN

Come with me  
To a Sunday’s building site;  
Let us play amongst  
The half-built houses,  
Let us dance  
To the chilly song  
The wind sings.  
Build a little house for me  
From broken blocks,  
And light a little fire.  
Buy twenty cigarettes  
And let’s pretend it’s luxury  
As we huddle here:  
So that I might,  
Maybe,  
Just for a little while,  
Fool the insanity  
Inside me.

— RICHARD Ó LOIDEIN.

# Rugby Notes

## Senior

THE 1985-'86 SEASON was remarkable in that it saw the second retirement of Ian King from coaching the senior rugby team. Although the boots have now gone to their final resting place – a hook in the “Barna Hut” – Ian is still actively involved in rugby. He is Chairman of the Munster Schools and co-ordinator of fixtures for the College. He rarely missed a first team game last season and his thoughts and experience were much appreciated in a novice's ear.

On the playing field we did not have one of our better Midleton teams. In the past we have had up to five representatives on the Munster ‘B’ team; this season we had but one – Finbarr O’Driscoll. He deservedly played for Munster ‘B’ v Connaught, having been a sub in the game against Leinster ‘A’. This lack of representative honours reflected the inexperience of the side. Fortunately, many of the personnel who gained valuable experience last year are playing useful rôles on this year's team.

Apart from the inexperience, our pack lacked weight, though they often made up for this by showing a keen spirit – a hallmark of Midleton rugby. Liam Ahern, Simon Walton and Paul Ryan made up the front row – all are available again this season. Michael Cunningham and John Stott were the eventual second row combination: John was good in the tight whilst Michael won good possession out of touch. The back row of Finbarr O’Driscoll, Ray Bryan and Michael Cunnane improved throughout the season. Ray made up for lack of weight by his shrewd reading of the game. Michael was always in the thick of things and gave of his best. Finbarr captained the side and led by example – he is one of the better forwards the school has produced. Michael Bishop, who was over age for schools' competition, played many of our friendly fixtures and had a magnificent season – he is the epitome of a loose forward. His reward along with Finbarr O’Driscoll was to be awarded a “rugby colour” for the season.

Behind the scrum, Henry Loughnan had many good games at scrum half. Peter Kelly, although slow at times to get his line moving, excelled in his reading of a game and his astute tactical kicking was invaluable. Peter Barry and Ruadhri Guilfoyle filled the centre positions. Peter was a much improved player by the end of the season – he possessed great speed and tackled well. Ruadhri spent long periods on the sideline but, when fit, was a useful member of the team. John Cheatle, when not in the centre, moved out to one wing; whilst Ivor Bateman, also a junior player of last year, was a strong runner and tackled fearlessly on the other. David Byrne showed promise at full-back until injury put him out for the season. Another junior player, Gordon Beamish, proved an admirable deputy. Other players to feature throughout the year were Mark Kenworthy, Colin Boyle, John Daly, David Moore and Norman Deane.

— M. C. P.

## Seconds

The 2nd fifteen throughout the season, proved to be a spirited and able squad. Made up of players from ‘seventh’ to third form, the team was a mixture of all ages and sizes.

Mike Bishop as captain, while being better than the grade, was over age for the first team. He was both pleasant and co-operative in training while being aggressive and hard-working in all our games.

The season got off to a particularly good start. In the first term we played Glenstal and Bandon twice, winning the three games quite comprehensively. Later in the season, however, changes, as can only be expected for the second senior team, took place. Mainly due to injuries in the first team, players such as Liam Ahern and Simon Walton graduated to greater things.

The changed side lost narrowly to Patrician Academy, Mallow, by nine points to eight and later fourteen points to six. In the end we played seven matches, winning three and losing four, including the game against the Old Boys.

The team was best served 'up-front' by George England, Liam Ahern and Frederick Bryan, while Kouros Mohammadi, Niko Van Os and Michael Gray worked hard in the backs.

I wish Mike Bishop, a spirited captain, and his assistants, who have now left Midleton College, well in the future and thank them for a thoroughly enjoyable season.

— J. W. S.

### Junior Cup Team

We managed to overcome all our usual opponents in some rousing matches. We had a panel of twenty-two players in all. They were a dedicated group, eager to train and to improve. We were fortunate to have good quality in our substitutes since they were required on many occasions.

All our preparations came to a head on January 23rd, the first round of the Munster Junior Cup. Our opponents were St. Paul's of Waterford. We had played them at the beginning of the season and won 23-10. We had hoped for similar success on this occasion. It turned out to be a very tough match. We eventually won 6-3. Our score came from an opportunist's try by Gavin Caplis just before half-time. This was converted by John Manning, who had proved himself a capable kicker throughout the season. During the second-half we were camped on our own line. We survived as a direct result of strong tackling by such players as Robert Wrixon, Conor O'Neill and Stephen Wynne in the backs; and David O'Connell, Jonathan Orr and Frederick Lynch in the pack.

We were through to the second round. We, unfortunately, lost to Ard Scoil Rís on a cold windy day in Limerick. It again was a close match. The pack performed well as usual under the captaincy of David O'Connell. Brian Cashman, Frank Boland, Allen Gleasure and Conor Stott all performed well against their larger opponents.

All good years come to an end and so did this one, but not without some good memories. Hopefully these players can look forward to successful years to come with the senior team.

— R. ST. J. P.

### 'Under-14'

Last season we had, for once, quite a large panel from which to pick our team. This produced a promising side which won four out of the eight matches played. Strongest in the backs were Stephen Wynne and Conor O'Neill who ran well and usually tackled. Chris Keegan at scrum-half and Trevor Beamish at out-half also played well. Best in the pack was Brian Sweetnam who played with determination and was hard to stop. Jonathan Orr and Graham Eady also had some good moments. David Daley, when running, looked impressive.

Others who played successfully for the team were:

*Forwards:* R. Neilson, E. Irwin, R. Turner, B. Cashman, C. Seale, A. Hobbs.

*Backs:* G. Casey, J. Gasparro, B. Foley, T. Brady, S. Callan.

— R. R. L.

### 'Under-13'

This was a spirited and enthusiastic group who enjoyed their rugby and showed great promise. They played seven games and were only beaten once.

Ashley Hobbs was outstanding, scoring a remarkable fourteen tries. David Lyons, Robert Fitzpatrick, David Luskin, Richard Cuddy, Jonathan Payne, Stephen Dineen and Cathal Daly deserve special mention for their consistent performances in the pack; whilst Chris Gleasure, David Toal, Kevin O'Neill and Derek Hales were the mainstays of a very talented backline.

— J. C. L.

## SENIOR RUGBY TEAM 1985-'86



Back Row: Mr. Preston, R. Guilfoyle, N. Deane, J. Cheatle, I. Daly, M. Cunningham, M. Kenworthy, C. Boyle, L. Ahern, The Headmaster.  
Middle Row: D. Byrne, P. Ryan, R. Bryan, F. O'Driscoll, P. Kelly, G. Beamish, P. Barry.  
Front Row: R. Daley, D. Moore, M. Cunnane, H. Loughnan, S. Walton, J. Stott, I. Bateman.

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## 'UNDER-13' RUGBY TEAM 1985-'86



Back Row: Mr. Levis, R. Fitzpatrick, A. Boyle, C. Boeg, M. Neylon, R. Cuddy, D. Luskin, J. Dwyer, J. Payne.  
Middle Row: A. Hobbs, C. Daly, D. Hales, C. Gleasure, D. Lyons, K. O'Neill, D. Toal.  
Front Row: D. O'Connell, S. Dineen, D. Joy, R. Potter-Cogan, J. Hales, G. Quail.

# Cricket 1986

COLD, wet, windy – that was the summer term 1986 in case you didn't know! But we did manage to play some cricket – twenty-one matches in all, and we did win the Munster 'Under-19' Cup and the 'Under-15' Cup.

The Senior team only played five matches and won all of them, but not without getting several frights and several character examinations. The margins of victory in two league matches were very slight. Against Bandon we made 87 after being 18 for 5 and the opposition were 72 for 3 and were all out for 80. Our tradition and experience saved us, as they did against Newtown.

Peter Kelly was a very good captain. He led by example and encouragement and kept a cool head when necessary. He deservedly won the batting prize and bowled handily and fielded keenly. He stands well up the list of Midleton College captains and it was a pity he had not more opportunities to lead his team. Paul Ryan supported Kelly well; he bowled enthusiastically on unresponsive wickets, had one fine innings and fielded very keenly.

Aubyn Thompson was not his usual reliable self with the bat but he saved us against Newtown and was always hard to dislodge. David Byrne improved with every game and was the hero against Bandon. Paddy Madden also developed, both as batsman and bowler, and was unfortunate to injure himself against Bandon and thus missed two matches. Nick Bradshaw proved our best bowler. When he bowled a length, he was very dangerous and had a glorious leg break. However, his concentration often lapsed and then he was expensive.

The revelation of the team was Steven Aherne. Converted into a wicket-keeper, he improved steadily and was a great asset, while his batting also blossomed. The remainder of the team all had their moments and most will be back in 1987.

Thirty-two boys played for the 2nd XI, spread over five matches. These games were enjoyable, friendly encounters and well-worth having.

Peter Kelly defeated Paul Ryan in the final of a keenly-fought single wicket competition in which forty-five took part.

— R. I. K.

## 'Under-15'

After an absence of three years Midleton once more regained the league title. Although finishing with the same points as Bandon, we deservedly took the trophy. This was due to a far superior runs scored per wickets lost record. In three of our league outings we compiled no less than 412 runs. In those three games C.B.C. were bowled out for 48, Cork Schools for 22 and Newtown for 64. Only in the game against Bandon did we fail to score: having bowled out the opposition for 51 we were then somewhat surprisingly bowled out for 35 – the only hiccup to a fine league performance. We played a close and exciting game with our annual Dublin visitors, High School. Scoring a modest 50 runs we didn't leave an awful lot for the bowlers to aim at – but cricket is a strange game. Economic bowling from Steven Wynne (5 for 26) and Chris Keegan (4 for 10) had High School struggling at 9 for 49 before they scraped the winning runs.

Chris Keegan was the most correct bat, scoring some useful runs. He also took many wickets with his naggingly accurate leg spin. Steven Wynne and Jason Gasparro were admirable supporters, opening the bowling and also scoring runs

as high order batsmen. Alan Bryan and Trevor Beamish were also amongst the runs. The game, though, is not just about batting and bowling – there were some fine fielding performances, most notably from the captain Robert Wrixon and Derek Hales. Darren O'Connor, Conor O'Neill, Reinder Kouwenberg and John Manning completed a well-balanced team.

— M. C. P.

### 'Under-14'

The 'Under-14' squad were quite a skilful and competitive outfit last season.

The side played four cracking matches against both Bandon and Newtown, respectively. On each occasion, the result was in the balance right up to the end of the match. We triumphed at home, but lost away.

In the 'Under-14' tournament held at the Mardyke, we finished runners-up to Bandon in a most exciting final. The issue was eventually decided after a prolonged 'shoot-out', both sides having finished with the same number of runs after the allocated overs.

The side's strength lay in its batting rather than its bowling. As a result, we tended to bat first in most of our matches, if at all possible. Our batsmen appeared to be happier when not chasing runs.

Derek Hales had a very good season with the bat and was our top scorer, while John Hosford, Neil Quail, Chris Gleasure and Gavin Keane all produced invaluable performances throughout the season.

Of the rest of the side: Andrew Boyle and Daniel O'Connell showed promise as all-rounders; while Daragh Joy could yet develop into a useful cricketer.

Bowling was the most disappointing aspect of our play. Too many deliveries on the wrong line and length were bowled and cost us dearly in some instances.

Batting technique certainly improved throughout the season and this was a most pleasing development. However, some promising innings were brought to a premature end by the cursed and unnecessary swing across the line to a ball on the wicket.

*Panel N. Quail, J. Hosford, D. Hales, C. Gleasure, G. Keane, A. Boyle, D. Joy, C. Daly, D. O'Connell, K. O'Neill, D. Lyons, R. Potter-Cogan, R. Nicholls, A. Hobbs.*

— I. L.

### 'Under-13'

While I had an enthusiastic group this season, it proved difficult to find games for this age group, a trend which has developed over the last few years. The reason is that many children now beginning their secondary school education are older than this age limit.

Instead, therefore, we decided to play as a first form unit and we had two games against Newtown and Bandon. While we drew with Newtown, we beat Bandon comprehensively.

Derek Hales captained the side with interest and ability having had the previous year's experience. John Hosford also benefited from a year's experience and developed into one of the anchor-men of the side. Of the newcomers, Daniel O'Connell showed the most promise with the bat, while Kevin O'Neill improved throughout the season as a bowler. Kevin was also rewarded for his efforts by winning the 'single wicket' competition against an able all-rounder, Derek Hales.

Other prominent members of the side were David Lyons, Keith Watts, Robin Potter-Cogan, Daragh Joy and Andrew Boyle.

— J. W. S.

## SENIOR CRICKET TEAM 1986



Back row: S. Aherne, M. Cunnane, N. Deane, Mr. King, N. Bradshaw, R. Bryan, R. Wolfe.  
Front row: D. Byrne, P. Ryan, P. Kelly, A. Thompson, P. Madden.  
Front: M. Greer.

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## BOYS' FIRST XI HOCKEY TEAM



Back row: Mr. Leopold, B. McConnell, P. Madden, S. Aherne, P. Ryan, N. Bradshaw,  
The Headmaster.  
Middle row: R. Guilfoyle, R. Bryan, P. Kelly (Captain), M. Bishop, D. Byrne.  
Front: M. Cunnane, A. Thompson, G. Beamish, R. Wolfe.

# Hockey

## Senior

LAST SEASON was one of frustration with regard to senior hockey. The inconsistent form of the side before Christmas bore no resemblance to that which emerged in the New Year. This was largely due to the fact that key personnel were all missing at different stages in the pre-Christmas period. Patrick Madden and Nicholas Bradshaw, ankle injuries, Ruadhri Guilfoyle, shoulder; and Peter Kelly illness; all experienced campaigners, missed vital games. Unable to field a full-strength side, the team lacked the cohesion and skill necessary to make a worthwhile impression on the league. We finished in fifth position, having lost three games, drawn one and won one.

Our cup hopes ended in the first round when we were defeated by the eventual winners, Ashton, on a 2-1 scoreline. This was a match we might well have won, but luck was not on our side.

In March, we entertained Kilkenny College in our annual fixture, winning it by three goals to one. Later in the month we travelled to Dublin to play St. Andrew's College. This was a unique experience as it was the first time any of the side had played on the superturf pitch at Grange Road. We won the game by two goals to nil and considered the venture very worthwhile and certainly worth repeating.

Steven Aherne, in goal, had a mixed season. While performing heroically at times, he conceded a number of soft goals, untypical of this consistent performer.

Ruadhri Guilfoyle, at sweeper, missed many games due to a recurring shoulder injury. A powerful hitter of the ball he had the ability to clear his lines very well; however, his unfortunate tendency to over-elaborate when in possession proved costly at times.

Nick Bradshaw was a skilful right-back who, while having the odd defensive lapse, contributed positively to the side. Michael Cunnane at centre-back was a rugged and tenacious marker who gave his opposing centre-forward very little room in which to move. Patrick Madden turned in many competent displays at left-back, once he was suitably motivated to tackle the task at hand.

In mid-field, Michael Bishop, who returned to the game after an absence of two-years, was perpetual motion. In many respects his greatest contribution to the side was as a defensive mid-fielder whose ball-winning ability, speed of recovery and marking were invaluable.

Peter Kelly, our player of the year, performed the rôle of playmaker in the centre of the mid-field. A player with quite a good tactical awareness, he always looked comfortable on the ball.

Raymond Bryan, the third member of the mid-field, turned in many fine performances. Dove-tailing well with Kelly, he created and scored many valuable goals.

David Byrne and Gordon Beamish were skilful and pacy raiders on the wings; unfortunately their finishing did not always match their fine approach work. David suffered an unfortunate ankle injury during our cup match which brought a premature end to his season.

Paul Ryan, at centre forward, possessing a fine shot and an aggressive attitude, worked hard at his game. A higher level of fitness and a greater degree of self-control could see him develop into a very useful asset indeed.

Brian McConnell, Aubyn Thompson, Andrew Shea and Rory Wolfe all played their part for the side when called into action.

*Panel:* S. Aherne, R. Guilfoyle, A. Thompson, N. Bradshaw, M. Cunnane, P. Madden, M. Bishop, P. Kelly (Capt.), R. Bryan, G. Beamish, P. Ryan, D. Byrne, A. Shea, R. Wolfe, B. McConnell.

The 2nd XI played four matches last season, winning them all. The team was well served in defence by Conor O'Neill, Aubyn Thompson, Norman Deane and Brian McConnell; while, up front, Andrew Shea, John Sullivan, Rory Wolfe and David Moore tended to dominate proceedings.

*Panel:* C. O'Neill, A. Thompson (Capt.), B. McConnell, N. Deane, G. Kenny, R. Mullally, B. Haughton, A. Gleasure, A. Shea, J. Sullivan, R. Wolfe, K. Hales, I. Daly, D. Moore, B. Daly, N. Van Os.

In conclusion, may I again thank: U.C.C. Hockey Club and Ashton Hockey Club for accommodating us with much needed match practice; Ivan Wolfe for organising some friendly matches and taking some coaching sessions; and, lastly, members of the Munster Hockey Umpires' Association who gave freely of their time to officiate at our matches.

— I. L.

### 'Under-16'

The majority of this year's side had just graduated from the Under-14 ranks and, consequently, lacked the physical strength and maturity which playing at this level demands. No wins were recorded in our league campaign although a 2-2 draw with Newtown, and a narrow loss by 5 goals to 4 at the hands of Douglas, were very creditable performances. We made our exit from the cup competition in the semi-final losing 0-2 to the eventual winners, Ashton. Mervin Greer captained the side very well. Other players to impress were A. Bryan, S. Whelton, S. Wynne and C. Keegan. Joe Horgan was selected as substitute goalkeeper on the Munster panel. This was a very pleasant group to deal with, hard-working and spirited. With continued effort and attention to skills, the future looks bright for this talented squad.

*The panel was:* J. Horgan, C. Keegan, S. Walton, M. Greer, G. Lenehan, M. Merrigan, J. Gasparro, C. Seale, R. Kouwenberg, S. Wynne, A. Bryan, T. Beamish, R. Wrixon.

This year we also had a B team who recorded good victories over Ashton and Douglas.

— L. O. M.

### 'Under-14'

Last season's Under-14 squad worked enthusiastically throughout the season and enjoyed all their games. This was a very young and inexperienced side which progressed steadily as the season moved on. In our league campaign we had wins over Bandon (1-0), and Villiers (3-1), drew with Newtown (1-1) and we were beaten (0-3) and (0-1) by Ashton and Douglas respectively. We met Ashton in the first round of the cup and, despite a gritty performance, we finally succumbed by a (2-0) scoreline.

Towards the end of the season we played a friendly match against Aravon and played very well to come out on the right side of a highly exciting five goal game.

The team was captained by Gavin Keane who led in the best possible way, by example. Gavin has become quite a skilful player, but must learn not to take too much out of the ball. With determination Gavin could become a good player. Others to impress during the season were Derek Hales, whose ability to hit the ball cleanly, and his timing of the tackle at the back saved our blushes on many occasions. Daragh Joy in his first year playing hockey commanded a regular place on the side, and is developing into a very tidy player indeed. Chris Gleasure also had his moments. He has the potential to be a good player but he must cure his over reliance on the reverse stick. John Hosford played his heart out, and was our top scorer. To round off the season we entertained Kilkenny in Midleton. The age group in Leinster is 7 months older than the Munster one, so this gave many of last year's U-14 stars a chance to show their promise as they were eligible to play in this age group. They dished up a sparkling display of hockey winning by a margin of five goals to nil.

The rest of the U-14 squad included:

Jonathan Payne, Bryan Foley, Cathal Daly, David Daley, Bryan Sweetnam, Keith Watts, Robin Potter-Cogan, Carlos Boeg, Richard Nicholls, David Lyons, David Toal and Ashley Hobbs.

— M. P.

### **Form I Boys**

The second term saw the minnows of boys' hockey take to the pitch. They played three games, winning 4-0 v Douglas and 2-1 v Newtown and were beaten 1-2 by Ashton. These were a lively and enthusiastic bunch and were not without a certain amount of skill.

Players to impress besides the aforementioned were Richard Nicholls, Kevin O'Neill and David Lyons.

— M. P.

### **Senior Girls**

This season's squad was the most successful to date. We began the season in a privileged position of having eight of the previous year's squad. This meant the usual process of shuffling and sorting was eliminated. An experienced, determined and united team quickly evolved. These qualities were evident throughout the season and are supported by their results.

We won the Intermediate Girls' League. The team finished on maximum points out of six matches with no goals scored against them. Many of these matches were tough and exciting, particularly Fermoy and the old rivals Regina Mundi.

The Cup Campaign was also successful, but our clear run eluded us on the day of the final. The day was windy, rainy and miserable and the spark which had fired the team until now was extinguished. We lost 1-0 to Presentation Convent, Thurles, in a disappointing spectacle. To get to the final we had beaten Mt. Mercy 3-0, Youghal 4-0, U.C.B. 2-0 and Fermoy 3-2.

The team was captained for a second time by Jackie Hosford who had a good season as left back. Jackie represented Munster in the Schoolgirls' Reserve squad. Annette Nitzsche, a strong defender, partnered Jackie in defence. Annette also got through two trials for the Schoolgirls' squad but had to withdraw with a back injury. Muriel Bryan filled the position on the school side while Annette recovered. Muriel did very well in many tense matches.

Elsbeth McKechnie effectively controlled the mid-field and her spirit and skill added much to the side. Louise Wharton and Daphne Beamish were the left and right halves respectively. Both had a good season.

Fiona Keegan mastered the right wing, a plucky, small but 'mean' flyer. Janette MacDonald did great work, both in defence and attack, as the right inner. Jayne Ruddock, as centre forward, developed some lovely touches. The Bishop partnership monopolised the left side with Lisa and Mandy as inner and wing respectively. This duo worked well together. In goal, Tara McCarthy had a reasonably slack season (for once) but managed some great saves when the time demanded. This group worked well together and their enthusiasm made them a special bunch!

Having sung the praises of the 'firsts' we can repeat the tune for the 'seconds' who did well and were equally as enthusiastic. They were ably captained by Muriel Bryan, who managed to walk the tightrope of having a foot, or stick, in both camps. An unenviable position!

They came third in their league, 'Intermediate B.' Their Cup campaign was exciting. They played Ashton Intermediate A (a grade higher than ourselves) and beat them 3-1. In the next round they were eventually beaten by U.C.B. This match was exciting and hard fought.

*Panel:* S. Manahan, K. Philpott, M. Tait, S. Kenworthy, D. MacDonald, G. Enright, I. Cloosterin, A. Rynhart, A. Boeg, D. Barry, L. Manahan, V. O'Neill, N. Hoekman, S. McHugh, A. Hornibrook and C. O'Keeffe.

The annual 'Old Girls' match was a disappointing affair this year. The 'Old Girls' were unable to field a full team, so it was a *mélange* of school and Old Girls.

To finish, I would like to thank the Headmaster for his willingness to umpire our matches; and Eddie for the attention and care he lavishes on the pitch.

— A. M.

### **First Year Girls**

This year we gained many promising hockey players. We played some friendly matches and the first year seven-a-side tournament. Excitement compensated where success eluded!

— A. M.

### **Junior A Girls**

Not to be outdone by the previous year's success the members of this team believed enough in themselves to keep the league title in Middleton. I feared for them, yet felt so many new players must be given every encouragement. The first match was won but we still had a lot to learn; the next match resulted in a draw. "That will make them realise it's not so easy," I thought. "If we win all the remaining matches, the title could be ours," – the self-assurance of youngsters today! Going into the final match, a draw would give them the title; it did.

I salute this exuberant bunch of teenagers, willing guinea pigs in the 3-3-3-1-1 formation. Samantha Dwyer (Captain), Carol Moloney, Michelle Hoekman, Emma Donovan, Una Wallace, Debbie Dineen, Lulu Heckett, Alison MacDonald, Cliona Rutledge, Jackie Hall, Gillian Beamish, Sineád Ahern and Clare Zuk.

— R. MACD. L.

### **Junior B Girls' Hockey**

As the year progressed, this team improved greatly and finished third in their league. Sineád Ahern was particularly impressive in scoring some memorable goals. The team was reliably led by its captain, Jane Willmott. The rest of the panel consisted of:

C. Horgan, P. Johnston, T. Cairns, I. Goodney, S. Hastie, T. O'Galligan, C. Zuk, K. Fitzpatrick, G. O'Hara, A. Barker, S. O'Donnell, E. Fitzsimmons, M. Roberts.

M. R.

## *Table-Tennis*

THE highlight of the past year was undoubtedly Peter Kelly's achievement of selection for the Munster 'Under-17' team, thus becoming the first school player to represent his province. The team competitions brought only disappointment – six events were entered, and six times we took runners-up position.

Peter's honour was indeed well-deserved, and a fitting climax to his school career. It was no mere coincidence that he was a member of every successful College team, tasting success in the 'Under-13' championship (twice), junior cup, senior league and senior cup-winning teams. Last year he dominated Cork 'Under-17' table-tennis, winning all the tournaments he entered, including the prestigious Top Table competition, with some degree of ease. He also won the second division of the Leinster Open, a competition of national importance. He claimed the school senior cup for the second time, and the Player of the Year Award for the third time. Not only was he successful as a player, but his encouragement and coaching of juniors were invaluable. Not surprisingly, he is now a driving force in the newly-formed past pupils' club.

The senior team had a disappointing season, commencing with an early setback in only drawing at home against Rochestown. A narrow defeat in the return fixture ended our league hopes. The cup promised better things and we qualified for the final, and a chance to avenge our league loss. The final was hailed as being one of the more memorable occasions of Cork table-tennis in recent years, and the supporters of both schools gave atmosphere to a clash which was rich in skill and excitement. Mervin Greer, Peter Kelly and David Byrne gained convincing wins in the singles, yet a 3 – 3 scoreline was disappointing at this stage. The first two doubles were close, hard-fought encounters, but, to our bitter disappointment, both were lost. Three days later we faced Ard Scoil Rís in the Munster final (Rochestown having concentrated on the junior event), and were heavily beaten.

Yet this was a good team which deserved better, and with a little luck could have achieved more. Some losses in league and cup matches against Rochestown were as inexplicable as they were fatal. Peter Kelly was an inspirational captain. Colin Boyle became more attack conscious, and became one of our more dependable players. His runner-up position in the school senior cup was a fitting finale to a fine season. David Byrne was most impressive early in the season (gaining a Munster trial). But a four-month lay-off due to injury meant that he missed most of the season, and, not surprisingly, never really regained his best form. It is a tribute to Mervin Greer that one was inclined to forget that he was still a junior, such was the maturity of his play. His performance against the top Rochestown player, in almost retrieving a match and title which were slipping away, was one of the highlights of the season. Ben Haughton continued to be enigmatic; at his best when confronted by the best. Steven Aherne was at times brilliant, but lapses of concentration cost him dearly. Aubyn Thompson and Ray Bryan completed the squad, and though their senior appearances were limited, their contribution was most significant.

Our 'B' team was involved in a highly competitive Division 2. Defeat in Macroom in the final match gave them the title and us the runners-up position. Aubyn Thompson and Ray Bryan gave many fine performances and were well-supported by Nick Bradshaw, Michael Cunningham, Darren O'Connor and Robert Wrixon. We also entered a 'C' team who finished a creditable second in Division 4.

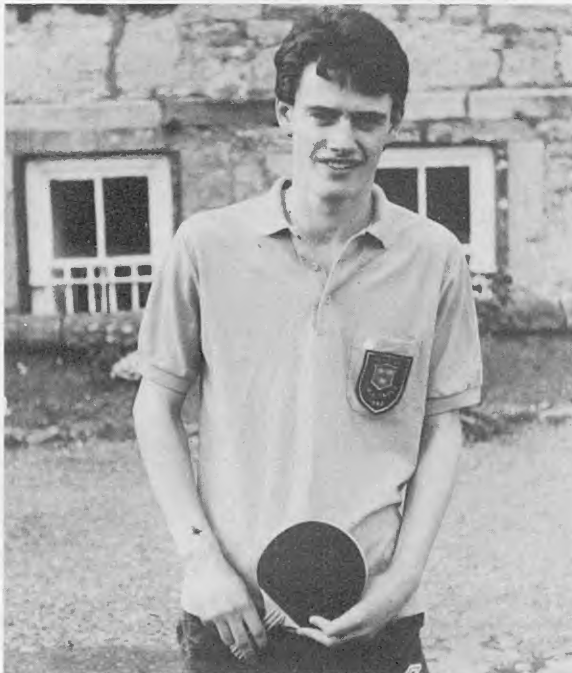
The usual side here was John Sullivan, Brian Daly, Ian Daly, Norman Deane, Paddy Madden and Niko Van Os. The efforts of a very young 'Under-13' were the most promising aspect of the season. With four of the side eligible again this year, their performance in reaching the final, and stretching a highly-fancied Rochestown side, augurs well for the future. Players such as Derek Hales, Chris Gleasure, Cathal Daly and Andrew Boyle have much potential and they were well aided by Daragh Joy and Kevin O'Neill. Andrew Boyle had further success here, when he reached the final of the individual championship for first year pupils in Cork.

Peter Kelly had one of his more difficult matches in defeating Colin Boyle in the final of the school championship. Peter also won the doubles with David Byrne, and was runner-up to Ben Haughton in the league. Ben also partnered Jackie Hosford to victory in the mixed doubles. At junior level Mervin Greer completed his second successive clean sweep, beating surprise packet Derek Hales in the championship, Robert Wrixon in the league final, and partnering Robert in the doubles. The girls' events were dominated by Carol Moloney who beat Andrea Hornbrook in both the championship and league, and they teamed up to win the doubles. This year saw a new trophy for 'Under-13' table-tennis presented by the Perrott family in memory of Stephen. We are very grateful for their interest and support. The inaugural 'Under-13' title was won by Chris Gleasure who defeated junior finalist, Derek Hales, in the semi-final, and went on to beat Cathal Daly in the final.

— B. M.

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### MUNSTER 'UNDER-17' TABLE-TENNIS



Peter Kelly who was the first Midleton College player to achieve selection for his province.

# Tennis Notes

This year we had three teams representing the school in the Munster Schools' Competition. The Under-19 boys were promoted to division 1 and both the Under-19 girls and Under-14 boys played in division 2. We, unfortunately, lost to the eventual winners in all three competitions. The U-19 boys lost to Coláiste Mhuire, Cobh in the first round. The U-19 girls were narrowly beaten in the semi-final by Mount Mercy. The U-14 boys lost a keenly contested semi-final with the Patrician Academy, Mallow.

The competitions within the school had a large entry. These were entertaining and produced some good matches. Victor Drummey came to the school to coach this term. This was a popular addition in the games section which many pupils availed of.

Our school teams were:

- U-19 Boys – Michael Cunningham, M. Gray, P. Kelly and C. Boyle.
- U-19 Girls – L. Wharton, C. Rutledge, E. McKechnie and G. Enright.
- U-14 Boys – Martin Cunningham, D. Joy, K. McGrath and C. Seale.

On a more individual level, both Michael Cunningham and Louise Wharton were selected to play for Munster at U-18 level. Both of them also performed well during the summer at club level. Michael, in particular, had a good result in the Donny Press competition, losing narrowly in the third set of the final to Keith Kenny.

— R. P.

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# Swimming

LAST WINTER much needed improvements were made to our pool. New tiles and a stainless steel grab-rail were put around the sides, and a new filter and heat exchanger were installed. The covers were repaired and now roll on and off more easily. These, together with a gate to give access to the pump house, have made pool maintenance much easier. Experiments with a cheaper form of chlorine were unsuccessful and we had to empty the pool at the start of this term, the last 200 gallons being bucketed out by a chain of boys. The pool was refilled and has been perfect since. It is usually heated to a pleasant 22 degrees Centigrade.

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

BOYS	Under-13	1st: D. O'Connell	2nd: J. Dwyer	3rd: Equal C. Floody C. Nicholls
	Under-14	1st: J. Orr	2nd: K. Watts	3rd: C. O'Neill
	Senior	1st: M. Bishop	2nd: I. Daly	3rd: R. Daley
GIRLS	Under-13	1st: A. Wixted	2nd: S. O'Callaghan	3rd: E. O'Donovan
	Under-15	1st: S. Dwyer	2nd: M. Hoekman	3rd: L. Heckett
	Senior	1st: L. Bishop	2nd: M. Bishop	3rd: S. Ahern

— R. R. L.

## Golf Notes

LAST YEAR the members of the school golf team had their closest sniff of victory when, in the East Cork section of the Phil O'Sullivan perpetual trophy, they were runners-up to the Youghal C.B.S. team by two shots. This competition was played at the East Cork Golf Club. The school was represented by R. Daley, B. Haughton, P. Kelly and R. Wolfe.

This team also represented the school in the South Munster section of the Golf Foundation Schools' Competition at Douglas Golf Club; and at Monkstown Golf Club, for the Munster section of the Irish Schools' Golf Competition. Respectable scores were returned by all team members.

The annual school golf competition was held, as usual, during the summer term. After some very close matches, the finalists emerged as N. Bradshaw, P. Kelly, R. Kouwenberg and R. Wolfe. The final was exceedingly close with R. Wolfe beating P. Kelly on the 18th green and N. Bradshaw finishing in third place.

Many thanks to Mr. Daley for the time and effort he has willingly contributed to the maintenance of the course and the organisation of the team. I would also like to thank the East Cork Golf Club for allowing the team to use the course for practice.

— ROBERT DALEY (Form VI).

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### GIRLS' FIRST XI HOCKEY TEAM



Back Row: Miss Mackillop, F. Keegan, M. Bishop, E. McKechnie, A. Nitzsche, L. Bishop, L. Wharton, The Headmaster.  
Front Row: T. McCarthy, J. Ruddock, J. Hosford (Capt.), D. Beamish, J. MacDonald.

# *Sports' Day 1986*

FORTUNATELY, the first real summer's day seemed to arrive this year on Saturday, 14th June, providing bright sunshine for our end of term Sports' Day. The gym display was held first, followed by handicap races and various fun events which attracted many participants. Visitors' races for the very young and not so young concluded the athletic activities and everyone adjourned for afternoon tea. Prizes were then distributed by Mrs. Byrne before we all said our goodbyes and departed for the long vacation.

— R. R. L.

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## *Championship Day 1986*

	Senior Boys	Intermediate Boys	Under-13 Boys	Senior Girls	Junior Girls
100 metres	D. Byrne 12.64 seconds	R. Wrixon 12.53 seconds*	A. Hobbs 14.32 seconds	L. Bishop 14.90 seconds	S. Dwyer 14.32 seconds*
200 metres	M. Merrigan 26.5 seconds	D. O'Connell 27.2 seconds	A. Hobbs	L. Bishop	S. Dwyer 30.0 seconds*
400 metres	—	B. Cashman 64.1 seconds*	A. Hobbs 66.8 seconds*	L. Bishop	S. Dwyer 74.0 seconds
800 metres	M. Merrigan 2:19.6*				
Long Jump	M. Merrigan 4.90 metres	D. O'Connell 4.87 metres	A. Hobbs 4.07 metres	L. Bishop 3.89 metres*	S. Dwyer 4.48 metres
High Jump	P. Barry 1.55 metres*	D. O'Connell 1.44 metres*	A. Hobbs 1.19 metres*	J. Hosford 1.30 metres*	S. Dwyer 1.36 metres*
Shot	P. Barry 9.3 metres	D. O'Connell 10.6 metres	—	J. Hosford 6.6 metres (*SCHOOL RECORD)	
Overall Champions	M. Merrigan	D. O'Connell	A. Hobbs	L. Bishop	S. Dwyer

### ENGAGEMENTS and MARRIAGES

Michael O'Grady to Gillian McMullen, Noel England, David Steele, Mervyn Sweetnam, David Ross, Gordon Jermyn, Simon Tindall to Cindy Murrells, Clive Salter, Ken Beamish, Jervis Arnopp, Allie Mackillop.

# Midleton College Association

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THE Association held its A.G.M. on 27th January, 1986, at Ashbourne House Hotel. On behalf of the Committee and Past Pupils I would like to thank Fred Oakley, who retired as President, for his commitment to the Association during his term of office and his participation in its activities in strengthening and fostering our link with the College at all levels.

As the A.G.M. is never as well supported as we would wish, it is becoming more difficult each year to fill the various offices and form a general committee. If the current trend continues, we will not be able to raise a full committee in the near future. Bearing in mind that it is your Association, I would ask all members to make a special effort to attend our next A.G.M. which will be held on 26th January, 1987.

Communication from members living overseas is always welcome. Clive Salter has succeeded in making contact with past pupils in other countries who are prepared to offer advice to anybody contemplating emigration. This service has been spearheaded by Clive who can be contacted c/o The College. We are not advocating emigration, but hope that, where the necessity arises, we can be of some help to anyone undertaking such a major step.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the untimely death of Frank Smyth of Cloyne who died on 31st August. To his wife, Jean, and family we offer our deepest sympathy.

The dinner dance was held on 23rd November, 1985, at Ashbourne House Hotel. The decision to change the venue to the Ashbourne House Hotel and the date from Spring to late Autumn was most successful.

The Association proposed the motion "Ireland, it is now time to abandon ship" in a debate with the College on the 22nd April, 1986. A very able College team, who were enthusiastically supported by their fellow students, defeated the motion.

Our sporting activities continue to thrive thanks to John Levis and Ivan Wolfe who organised the various matches with the College. A social evening was held following the rugby and hockey matches during the Spring term which was well attended by the younger and more agile members. The cricket match, which was held in June, was won by the College.

Unfortunately, we did not retain either the Union of Irish Schools' or the Association of Schools' Unions' Golf trophies both of which we won in 1985 for the first time.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank the Headmaster and Mrs. Cairns and the Staff of the College for their continued support and help which are always so freely given.

— JONATHAN A. FLEURY, *President*

## *Jottings*

IAN BARDON, who has been pursuing a career in ships, is now doing a course in Aquaculture at Galway Regional Technical College.

MATTHEW BELOPOFSKY is now married and running his own Joinery business in London.

Congratulations to DONAL BERNIE who, on completion of his training, is now a member of the Garda Síochána.

ROBIN BOLSTER is Captain of Spanish Point Golf Club. He had the honour of welcoming President Hillery who took part in his Captain's Day Competition.

STEPHEN BRADSHAW is working for BMW in West Germany and playing soccer for a local club in Mainburg.

PHILIP BROWNLOW is now married and is working in the family business in Cork.

IVOR BRYAN has graduated in Mining Engineering at Sydney University. He is now working in the mining zone of South Australia. JOY is a trainee nurse in the General Hospital, Toowoomba, Queensland.

JAMES BRYAN continues to play Rugby for Youghal. He married in December.

PETER BUTLER continues his bank-sponsored course at N.I.H.E. in Limerick. He is also Commodore of the Lough Derg Sailboarding Club.

ANDREW COGLAN won a Certificate of Merit for table presentation at the International Cookery Competition and Exhibition held at the Hotel Olympia in London last January.

JERRY COLEMAN is now married and living in the U.S.A.

PADDY COLLINS has taken up a teaching position in faraway Botswana.

NEWENHAM DE COGAN wrote to us during the year. Since 1981, he has been Manager at the Bank of Ireland in Newtownards. He still plays hockey for Northern Ireland Civil Service Hockey Club and the odd game of cricket with Bank of Ireland Taverners. Last year, he was the winner of the Newtownards Sailing Club Open Dinghy Autumn Championship in his GP14.

ANDREW EADIE is Chairman of the Church of Ireland Youth Council.

Congratulations to MICHAEL FORDE on gaining his B.Comm. degree at U.C.C. He is still playing rugby with Youghal R.F.C.

TOM FERGUSON has become something of a T.V. personality, after his polished performance (together with his four-legged ladies!) on R.T.E.'s programme *Faces And Places* during the summer.

GARRY FORT is not only playing rugby for Tralee, but we hear he is also coaching the ladies' team!

WILLIAM GIESBERTS is doing his national service in the army of the Netherlands. He has attained the rank of sergeant and is based in West Germany, training to become a tank commander. He went to some trouble to meet Mr. Morrissey, Mrs. Levis (for whom he has a soft spot!), Mr. Leopold and the Senior Geography Group who were on tour in the Netherlands last Easter. He keeps in regular contact with his friends in Ireland and his visits are always eagerly awaited.

MAURICE GLEESON was awarded First Class Honours in his B.E. (Elec.) final examination. He is now working as an electronic design engineer for Digital Equipment, Ireland's recently-opened design centre in Galway. URSULA continues her studies in Dentistry at U.C.C.

GEORGE GOOD was appointed Production Services Director of Guinness (Dublin) last June.

We were delighted to welcome RODNEY GOODWIN who visited us last May. He is very much involved with the family business in Portarlington.

RONNIE GIBSON has been appointed Unit Fire Officer for Westminster Hospital, London, and is responsible for five thousand staff occupying thirty-four premises.

MURRAY HENNESSY, having completed a university course in the U.S.A. and in France, is now an International Management Consultant and spends quite a large portion of his time in Japan. His sister, LIBBY, is in Paris studying Literature. She has been doing voluntary work.

DICK HILL, formerly R.T.E.'s Director of T.V. Programmes, has been appointed General Manager of the Cork Opera House and took up his post in April 1986.

STUART HILL is working as an Architect in London.

DAVID HILL is working on board the *SIR WALTER RALEIGH*, an expedition ship sailing around Australia.

NIGEL HILL is Deputy Manager at the Imperial Hotel in Hove.

BRIAN HILL is a Sales Representative for General Binding Co., Cork.

AUDREY HILLIARD was home in May from Australia. She and her husband run a Dairy Farm at Sale in East Victoria.

KELVIN HITCHMOUGH is building up a high reputation as a Horse Trainer at Carrigaline. We look forward to more exciting successes from such performers as 'Brittany Boy' and 'Fair Is Fair'.

CLIVE HUTCHINSON, ornithologist extraordinary, has published a book, *Watching Birds In Ireland*, a definitive survey, county by county, and a basic text-book for those interested in 'feathered friends'.

JEREMY HUTCHINSON is lecturing in Hotel Management in Stafford.

PETER LOANE and BILLY SKUSE are respectively Savings Bank Managers in Skibbereen and Clonakilty.

BRIAN MARTEN is a Senior Geologist with B.P. Minerals International Ltd., at the Head Office in Newbury. He is working on selecting new areas for minerals' exploration and in-house consulting on projects around the world.

Congratulations to TRACEY MERRY on her appearance on *The Late Late Show* during the year. She received great praise for her hard work in setting up her own company, Vitro Flora Limited, of which she is Managing Director. Her efforts gained her the premier award of £20,000 in the Venture '86 for initiative in industry.

CHRIS JENNINGS has established his pub/restaurant successfully, at Ashe Street, Clonakilty. Call to the 'Sand Lighter' when you are passing through.

TOM MULLINS has returned from Limerick to Cork and he is now a Lecturer in the English Section of the Education Department in U.C.C.

PETER MURPHY has been making efforts to retire from competitive hockey. He continues as an inspiration at Pembroke Wanderers and he is now an Irish Selector.

Yet another Midleton College Staff Room romance has led to ALLIE MACKILLOP'S engagement to Ray Power. Congratulations both!

ELIZABETH McHUGH is working with Guardian Royal Insurance Co. in St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. We congratulate her on her selection for the Munster 'Under-21' Hockey panel. Her brother, JOHN, works as a Sales Representative for Beecham (Ireland) Ltd.

JOHN MCGILLIVRAY visited the College in October, all the way from Zimbabwe.

PETER MILLEN has joined Dunnes Stores in Limerick. He was playing Rugby for Wexford Wanderers, 1st XV last season. Meanwhile JANE is still working at Portobello Beauty Saloon.

JOE O'FLYNN paid us a visit early in 1986. He is still working for the Irish Bloodstock Agency.

DERMOT O'SULLIVAN has returned to Paris to study French after spending the summer in Crookhaven. He is playing rugby for a Paris club and featured on their team which reached the quarter final of a national competition.

DAVID PEARE has left the 'Blue Haven', Kinsale, and he has opened his own restaurant, 'Elsinore', at Rosses Point, Co. Sligo.

The Rev. ROBIN RODDIE has recently been appointed Methodist Minister in Cork. We welcome him back south.

STEPHEN ROOKE is working with Quinnsworth in Stillorgan.

We were delighted to meet JOE SAFLUND who visited us early in 1986. He is attending the College of Graphic Design in Sweden.

Congratulations to ERICA SCHILLER on gaining 2nd Class Honours in her final B.A. examination at U.C.C.

MARK SALTER-TOWNSHEND has been selected for the Munster Junior Rugby team.

DICK SWEETNAM has been appointed Managing Director of Associated Irish Gases, a Guinness concern.

PAUL TWOMEY is working for City Life Insurance Co. and playing rugby with Cork Constitution.

BERT VAN MOURIK has left Liverpool for two years on an exchange to New Zealand in his practice as an anaesthetist. WICO, who left part of his young heart in Midleton, has now qualified as a doctor in Holland.

Omitted in last year's jottings: We were delighted to see TREVOR PERROTT, NIGEL HILL and JAMIE HORTON who came to see us on our Rugby Tour in London in March 1985.

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## BIRTHS

Mr. & Mrs. John Jeffery (Glanmire); Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Newenham; Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hosford; Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay Maing; Mr. & Mrs. Peter Loane; Mr. & Mrs. Dan Cross; Rev. & Mrs. Nigel Baylor; Mr. & Mrs. M. Barry (Jayne Matthews); Mr. & Mrs. Kelvin Hitchmough; Mr. & Mrs. John Andrew; Mr. & Mrs. Billy Jermyn; Mr. & Mrs. John Kershaw; Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Lester; Mr. & Mrs. Chris Jennings; Mr. & Mrs. James Tait; Mr. & Mrs. Damon Ackland; Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Shorten; Mr. & Mrs. John Moore; Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Murphy; Mr. & Mrs. Ian Fleming; Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Nicholson; Mr. & Mrs. Tony Stieber.

## Obituaries

### MR. FRANK SMYTH

IT was with great shock and deep regret that we learned of the sudden death of Frank Smyth on 1st September, 1986. Frank was a pupil in Midleton College during the 1960s.

After leaving the College, Frank went to Gurteen Agricultural College, where he spent two years. Since then, farming had been his life. He was an excellent farmer, and took a great pride in his work.

Frank was closely involved with the East Cork Choral Society for many years and also with various charitable organisations. Frank's contribution to his Church was outstanding, and gained the respect of all those in the community.

Frank had a tremendous character and a good sense of humour, and was loved by all who knew him.

We shall all miss him, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and son.

— J. T.

### MISS MOLLY HARRINGTON

Miss Molly Harrington died in Dublin in December 1985 just after last year's issue went to press. Her links with the College went back to the pre-West era. She served as Matron with Dr. Layng and left with him for Foyle College in 1928. Subsequently she worked in King's Hospital and in Wesley College. She belonged to an old Midleton family. Some Past Pupils will remember her brother, Bill Harrington, who worked in Lesters, Cork, and who predeceased her by several years.

### MR. DONALD JEFFERY

Donald Jeffery, Senior, died in January last, after a period of indifferent health – nevertheless he lived very actively after retiring from the Lee Garage a few years ago. He was a founder member of this firm, where he is succeeded by his son, Frampton. Donny belonged to the well-known East Cork family which has had such close connections with the College over the years – and to them we extend our sympathy.

### MR. TOM MULCAHY

In early July we were all very distressed indeed to learn of the death of Tom Mulcahy following a period of illness. Tom had been our school caretaker for three years and was always most conscientious and totally reliable. He was a well-known character and a gentleman in the old tradition. In his younger days he was an outstanding soccer player. In the early 1960s he was a member of the Midleton U.D.C., as was his father before him. Tom was held in the highest esteem in the local community and we mourn his passing. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

### MR. EDDIE MOONEY

We were shocked to learn in late spring of the death, at a very early age, of Mr. Eddie Mooney, father of our former pupil, Paul. Eddie was a well-known figure in the business life of Cork City and was also a stalwart member of the East Cork Choral Society. He was a big man in every way and we shall miss his genial and straight-forward presence and approach to life.

# Sport

**RUGBY** T. Levis, J. Waterman, J. Whitaker, T. Walsh, M. Sweetnam, C. Woollam, B. Geary, P. Hitchmough, J. Healy, W. Sullivan (*Dolphin*), P. Good, P. Twomey, R. Daly, P. Kelly, F. O'Driscoll, I. Daly, P. Barry (*Cork Constitution*), S. Kelly (*Trinity College*), J. Tait, B. Deane, J. Smyth, G. Kingston, A. McCarthy, J. McHugh (*Midleton*), B. Skuse, I. Shorten, R. Chambers, S. Kingston, G. Perrott, M. Brown (*Bandon*), J. Bryan, M. Forde, M. Brookes, S. Meehan (*Youghal*), R. Salter-Townshend, M. Salter-Townshend (*Skibbereen*), A. Boyle, G. Fort (*Tralee*), J. Foley (*Cobh Pirates*), J. Farrar (*Enniscorthy*), M. Smyth, J. Ludgate (*Crosshaven*), H. Jermyn (*Kinsale*), I. Thompson (*Portlaoise*), L. Deane (*Malloy*), K. O'Regan (*Clonakilty*), D. O'Sullivan (*France*), M. Grandi (*Galwegians*), K. Mohammadi (*U.C.C.*).

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**TABLE-TENNIS** The annual table-tennis match against the School was replaced this year by an invitation past pupils' tournament for the Stephen Perrott Cup. The inaugural winner of the event was Mark Sullivan, a popular winner who, during his school days, lost the senior final on three successive occasions. In the final Mark defeated Karl Fort 16 – 21, 21 – 13, 21 – 18. In September, a past pupils' club was formed, based in the College, which will compete in the Cork table-tennis league.

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## SPORTING SNIPPET

On 17th February, 1986, the sports pages of *The Irish Times* were adorned by mention of three old Midletonians:

DICK FLEURY, winner of the Hilary Pro-Am Golf at Portmarnock, twenty years after his first success in the event.

DAVID MOORE, a hat-trick, in the Irish Junior Hockey Cup tie, for Pembroke Wanderers against Collegians.

STUART EGNER, marshalled Harlequins' defence well in the Irish Senior Hockey Cup Final victory over St. Ita's.

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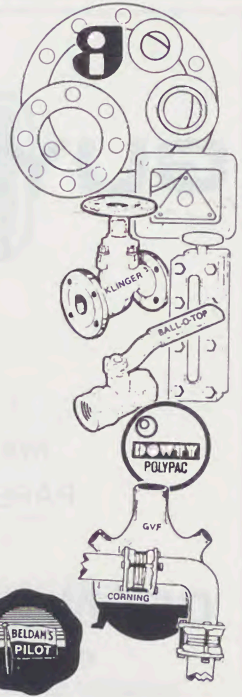
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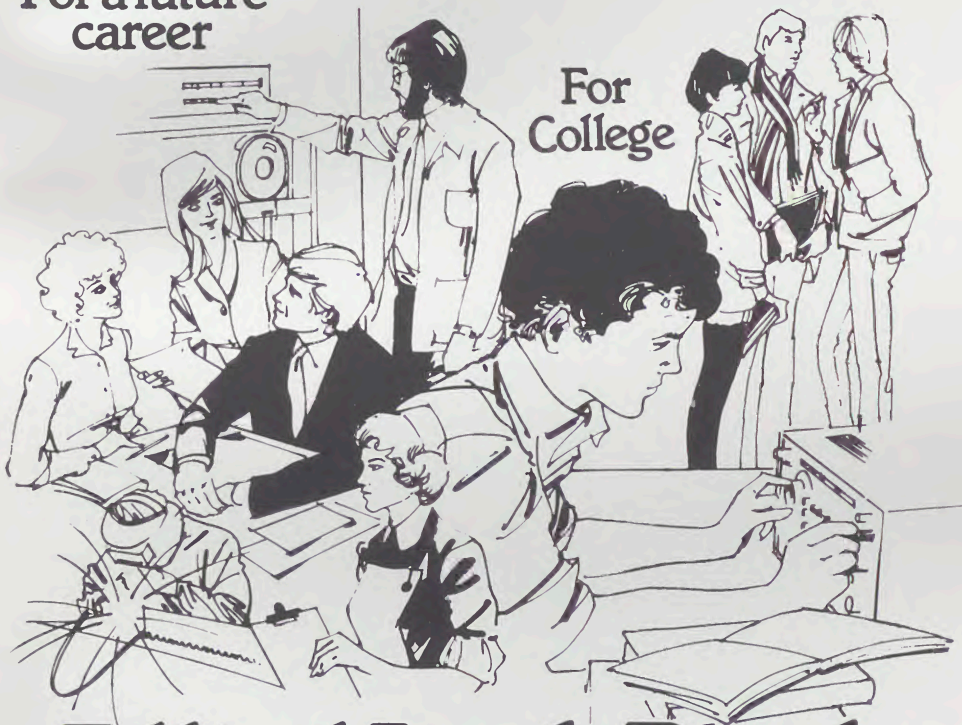
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