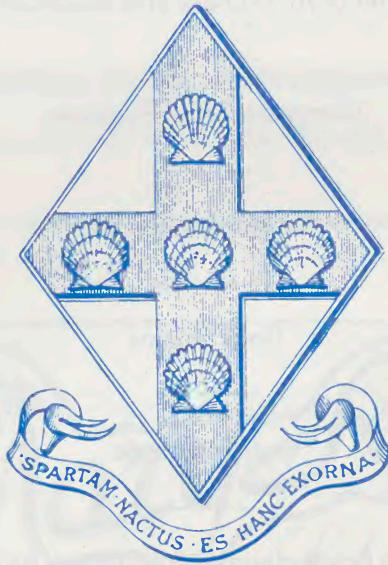


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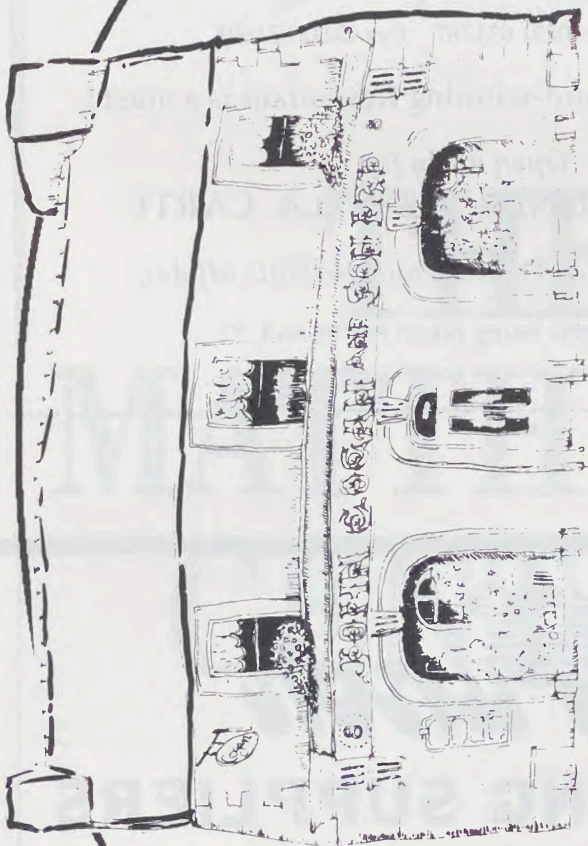
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EDITORIAL

By now, most people - including the poet himself - know that Séamus Heaney has won this year's Nobel Prize for Literature. We applaud the decision of the judges, and celebrate unreservedly an award which has met with almost unanimous approval. That, 'almost', indicates a mild outbreak of that peculiarly Irish disease - begrudgery. However, footballers manqué, gadfly columnists and critics sleepless in Seattle represent no more than an infinitesimal discord opposed to a rare, but swelling, dipolar harmony.

Prize Day is Midleton College's occasion for giving special recognition to pupils who, because of their admirable use of talent and ability, have brought honour both to themselves and to the College. Our laureates, however, albeit that their dynamism is undeniable, have no claim on the heritage of Alfred Nobel; instead, their achievements help to immortalise Midleton names such as Moore, Webster, Bennett, West and Butt. As a result, prize distribution provides a link between past and present, an emblem of a continuum in which all prize-winners become, in a sense, guardians, not owners, of their awards. Who should envy such an onerous responsibility?

But there is a downside to all this. Recipients of honours may prove unworthy of what Andrew Marvell called 'the palm, the oak or bays'. In the past, chivalrous knights have lost their standards (so to speak) and decorated officers have been cashiered. In our own time, lauded leaders continue to prove themselves unworthy of public trust; and some prelates seek to desecrate rather than to consecrate. Is it not naïveté to assume that all Nobel Laureates remain noble?

Happily, in the case of Séamus Heaney, we have no such fears. Few of us, admittedly, are experts in either ethics or poetics. Yet, instinctively and intuitively, we are certain of both man and poet. Some things are right because they *are* right.

And what of our own laureates? If they are indeed not merely holders of the present, but also guardians of the past for the future, who shall guard the guardians? How are they to remain worthy of honour? Well, if we may be so bold as to engage in poetic hubris, and misquote from Heaney's poem *Digging*, we would suggest that they equip themselves with a spade and follow men like him.

'Dig with it !'

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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

Outstanding Success: We were delighted when *four* of our former pupils graduated this year with 1st class Honours degrees. The rare and elusive 1st is the ambition of every graduate. An unprecedented four 1st Class Honours degrees is not bad for a school of 40 to 50 leavers each year. Our heartiest congratulations to:

Rachel Dungan, who won a Trinity Schol two years ago, and fulfilled her promise with a 1st in Pharmacy.

Pamela Whiting - 1st in Physiotherapy, also at Trinity.

Clodagh Tait - 1st in History at UCC .

Suzette French, already with a 2.1 in Education from Trinity, who obtained a 1st in Psychology at UCC.

An Taisce Awards: A group of Transition Year pupils was awarded the Young Reporters for the Environment Education Award for its study of the impact of the Carrigtwohill By-Pass. This award, administered by An Taisce, is a European project co-ordinated by the Foundation for Environmental Education, Europe.

Mr. Leslie Atkins, a former governor, who works with the Transition Year on their Coast Watch Project, won an An Taisce Award for his outstanding work over the years on the Blue Flag beaches.

Cadet of the Year: Nicholas Bourke won the Cadet of the Year award in the Cork RTC's Department of Nautical Studies and has since circumnavigated the world.

Rick Prendergast has published his first book *East Cork in Early Christian Times*. Rick, a former pupil of Midleton College, is a UCC graduate with a BA in Archaeology, an MA in Sociology and a Diploma in Irish Heritage Management.

Chairman Weds: We congratulate Dr Trevor West, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Miss Laura Lee on their recent marriage and wish them every happiness in the future.

History Maker: Mrs Joan Hales has made history by becoming the first lady member of the Board of Governors of Midleton College. She is a former College parent and a former Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union, an organisation deeply committed to the welfare of young people and the preservation of family life.

Dean Peter Fleming: We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Dean Fleming, a Governor of the College from 1959 to 1978. On behalf of all at Midleton College, I extend our sympathy to Mrs Fleming and the family circle.

Mary-Rose: We were deeply saddened to attend the funeral of Mary-Rose Morrison on 23rd October 1995, on what would have been her 21st birthday. Mary-Rose was a boarder in the College from 1987 to 1992; she was a brilliant scholar and was reading medicine in UCC. She always had a major heart problem and was very hopeful of getting a transplant, but that was not to be. She always handled her serious medical problems with great courage and cheerfulness - always with a smile even when she felt ill, which she did periodically.

Her death was a great shock as she had been feeling very well right up to the time of her passing. Those of us who knew her will remember her with great affection. The large number of present pupils and former pupils who attended her funeral was a clear indication of the very high regard in which Mary-Rose was held. She was a lovely young woman with so much to offer.

We send our heartfelt sympathy to her parents; to her sister Valerie, a present pupil; to her brothers John and Edward, both former pupils; and to the family circle.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to Miss O'Regan, our Art teacher, on the death of her mother.

We also extend our sympathy to pupils who suffered the trauma of bereavement during the year by the death of their grandparents.

Important Services: The Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross celebrated Holy Communion in the College Gym on 28th November and conducted a Confirmation Service for Midleton College pupils in St John the Baptist's Church on 5th March.

Beautiful Music: We thank the College choir, soloists and College Director of Church Music for leading us in the College Carol Service and for their wonderful singing in the recital of Sacred Music for Easter. The latter was disappointingly supported; those of us who were there enjoyed a real treat.

The Millstreet Experience: On Sunday 28th May '95 Bishop Warke led the people of the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross to Millstreet in a Celebration of Faith. Many pupils and staff attended and enjoyed what turned out to be a day of great fun, fellowship and spirituality, culminating in the participation of over 2,000 people in the Holy Communion. The College mounted an exhibition of Midleton College, past, present and future. Mr Noël Duggan's presence and his obvious pleasure in hosting the occasion in his magnificent Green Glens Arena were much appreciated by all.

Fair Play Trophy: The College girls' hockey club won the Munster Branch Fair Play Trophy. This is a reflection of the high regard in which they are held in Munster Hockey circles.

Double Interprovincial: Congratulations to Bryan Morris who won inter-provincial honours for both rugby football and hockey.

Sporting Success: Congratulations to Rachel Walters and Becky Grice on representing Ireland in Karate, and to Barclay Clibborn on representing Ireland in the Mirror Sailing World Championships.

World Scout Jamboree: Congratulations to Brian Donovan and John Kidney on being selected to represent Ireland in the World Scouts Jamboree in Holland during August.

Visiting Schools: Our old friends from Kineton High School, Warwickshire, visited us once again this year to play hockey and rugby under the leadership of the ever-youthful Mr Rod Dyer. We also had a visiting school from Brest in France to play rugby; and Broxbourne school from England, also to play rugby.

Welcome Visitors: James Henry Watson visited the school with his wife and daughter on 26th May 1995. Harry, now living on the Isle of Wight, left school in 1944 and worked for Fords until his retirement. He was a boarder in the College and played rugby for the Senior Cup Team in 1943/44.

Brisbane Ernest Alexander (Beano) Nicholson visited the college with his son and daughter on 24th April 1995. He left school in 1934, having played rugby, hockey and tennis for the College and worked in the aircraft industry until his retirement.

Kerry Carew, a much more recent past pupil, visited the College on 5th May 1995. Kerry is a Detective Inspector in the Royal Hong Kong Police.

Goodbye and Welcome: At the end of the last academic year we said goodbye to Miss Caroline Healy, now Mrs Dullea, to Miss Carol Welch and Miss Irene Fraser. We thank them for their contribution to Midleton College and wish them every blessing in the future. We are pleased to welcome to the staff Miss Nora Ross and Miss Anne Logan, and welcome back Mr Clive Seale.

Miss Coghlan: After a year off, Miss Coghlan, our Matron, decided to retire. We are indebted to her for 25 years of outstanding and devoted service to Midleton College, for her dedication to the care and welfare of pupils and staff, and for her management of the household. We wish her every happiness and good health in her retirement.

Staff Achievements: Mr Johnston's teaching ability is held in such high regard by the Department of Education that he was asked to go to Russia to train European language teachers there. Miss Power was selected to umpire in the European Ladies International Hockey Championships of Holland.

Staff: I thank the staff for their work and commitment, both inside and outside the classroom. Our many extra-curricular activities could not function without the staff's willingness to work far and beyond the call of normal duty. I also congratulate the staff on their professional expertise within the classroom, as the examination success of our present and past pupils testifies.

Summer School: During the summer the College premises were occupied for the first time. Jonik Ireland Ltd leased our premises and ran a very successful international school, based on the Canadian summer camp model under the experienced eye of Camp Director, Mr Joe Hartnett. Our expectation is that this will develop further in the future and that local people and businesses will enjoy the 'spin-off' effects.

Tercentenary Year: 1996/97 is the Tercentenary Year of the foundation of the College-the school charter is dated 23rd October 1696. The Governors, in consultation with the staff, decided that the future needs of the College would be best served by the provision of an Institute for the teaching of the National Sciences. This building, of 4,500 sq. feet, will consist of 3 laboratories with Preparation Rooms, a Computer Room, toilets and ancillary services, and will be built on the lawn at the front of the school.

Planning Permission has been granted and the cost will be approximately £480,000. A major appeal will be launched and you will hear from us !

White Paper on Education: The Minister for Education, Mrs Bhreatnach, is to be congratulated on the publication, in April 1995, of the most significant educational document to have been produced this century. There are, however, still a number of unanswered questions; the basic one being, will the White Paper make Midleton College a better place for the education, welfare and development of our young people? I must admit I have some doubts !

Magazine: It is with great pleasure I commend 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 commend our advertisers to you and thank them for their support, as I thank the Advertising Editor, Mr M.J. Daley, and his Committee for their work in obtaining that vital advertising revenue. I thank Mr John Levis, the Midleton College Association Editor, for so painstakingly collecting information about past pupils. I also thank Miss Pigott for the typing of the manuscript and Mrs Courtney for her supervision of the business and revenue aspects of this publication.

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The Headmaster and B.E.A. Nicholson sharing a Proustian moment during Mr Nicholson's recent visit to the College.

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	O	English, Mathematics, Biology.
Mervyn Hobbs	O	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Biology, Economics.

Note: H = Higher Level; O = Ordinary Level.

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 1995

H = Higher Level; O = Ordinary Level; F = Foundation Level.

Elmer Morrissey	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Carolyn Cuddy	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Darragh Daunt	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish.
	O	Art.
Brian McNamara	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Micheál O'Dwyer	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Eoin O'Mahony	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Matthew Thompson	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
Thomas Stewart	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art.
Chloe Early	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
Paul Murphy	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Rory O'Gorman	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies.
	O	Art.
Raymond Shortt	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Ina Herlihy	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish.
	O	Art.
Denis Murphy	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies.
	O	Art.
Andrew Potter Cogan	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish.
	O	Irish, Art.
Gillian Mohally	H	Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
	O	Mathematics.
Catherine O'Mahony	H	Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
	O	Mathematics.
Charles Dwyer	H	Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Art, Spanish.
	O	Irish, English.
Sarah O'Connell	H	English, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
	O	Mathematics.
Trevor Hales	H	Irish, English, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
	O	Mathematics, History.
Timothy O'Callaghan	H	Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Science.
	O	Mathematics, Art.
Emma Sheane	H	Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
	O	Irish, English, Mathematics, History.
Ian Carroll	H	History, Geography, Science, Business Studies.
	O	Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Art.
Ross Glascoe	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
Leon Farnham	H	English, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
	O	Mathematics.

Emma Lowther	H History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish. O Irish, English, Mathematics, Art.
Ian Wynne	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies. O Mathematics, Art.
Donal MacAuley	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science. O Irish.
Patrick Massey	H English, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies. O Mathematics, French, Art.
Rowena Crofts	H Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Art. O Mathematics, Science, Spanish.
Leon Tait	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies. O Irish, French, Art.
Thérèse Brown	H English, History, Geography, French. O Irish, Mathematics.
Alan Deller	H Geography, French, Science. O Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Art.
Catherine Brown	H English, History, Geography, French, Science. O Irish, Mathematics, Art.
Christopher Bradley	H English, History, Geography, Science, Art. O Mathematics, French.
Robert O'Connor	H English, History, Geography. O Irish, Mathematics, French.
Eoin Rooney	H History, Geography, Science. O Irish, English, French, Business Studies, Art.
Victoria Keane	O English, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies. F Irish, Mathematics.
Edward Byrne	O English, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies, Art. F Irish, Mathematics.
Claire Geary	O History, Geography, Art. F Irish, English, Mathematics.

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(University of London 'O' Levels - International)

Jennifer Dungan	English Language, Spanish, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Fiona O'Gorman	English Language, French, Spanish, History.
Fiona Heskin	English Language, History, Mathematics.
Lesley Orr	History, Art, Design.
Lorraine Murphy	English Language, French, Mathematics, Art & Design.
Donagh Craven	French, Spanish.
Siobhán Franklin	English Language, Art & Design.
Emily Walsh	Art & Design.
John O'Sullivan	Biology.
Alison Shakeshaft	Art & Design.
Paul Healy	Art & Design.
Robin Fitzpatrick	English Language.
Valerie French	French.
Roderick Jefferson	English Language.

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OUTSTANDING PUPILS 1995

Our Leaving Certificate results were again exceptionally pleasing with a pass rate of 95.2% at Higher Level and 91.1% at Ordinary Level. 18 out of the class of 44 gained 400 points or more.

Adam Walsh - 540 points including 4 As and 3 Bs.
Aisling Lyons - 500 points including 2 As and 3 Bs.
Marcus Foley - 490 points including 2 As and 2 Bs.
Simon Long - 490 points including 1 A and 4 Bs.
Evin McCarthy - 480 points including 2 As and 3 Bs.
David Tait - 470 points including 1 A and 3 Bs.
Cathal O'Leary - 465 points including 1 A and 4 Bs.
Barclay Clibborn - 465 points including 1 A and 3 Bs.
Faith Denham - 450 points including 4 Bs.
Vicky Bell - 445 points including 1 A and 3 Bs.
Alex Wynne - 445 points including 1 A and 3 Bs.
Ruairí Curtin - 445 points including 4 Bs.
Leane Hales - 425 points including 2 Bs.
David Mohally - 415 points including 2 Bs.
Allie Wrixon - 410 points including 1 B.
Simon Willmott - 405 points including 2 Bs.
Jeneen Naji - 400 points including 2 Bs.
Jenny O'Leary - 400 points including 1 B.

Some University of London GCE, 'O' Levels (International) were undertaken by a few Form V students without any specific classroom preparation.

Jennifer Dungan	1 A, 3 Bs and 1 C.
Fiona O'Gorman	1 A, 2 Bs and 1 C.
Fiona Heskin	1 A, 1 B and 1 C.
Lesley Orr	1 A and 1 C.
Lorraine Murphy	1 B and 3 Cs.

The following Junior Certificate candidates did extremely well:-

Elmer Morrissey	9 Honours: 1 A, 6 Bs and 2 Cs.
Carolyn Cuddy	9 Honours: 7 Bs and 2 Cs.
Micheál O'Dwyer	9 Honours: 2 As, 1 B and 6 Cs.
Eoin O'Mahony	8 Honours: 1 A, 4 Bs and 3 Cs.
Matthew Thompson	8 Honours: 1 A, 4 Bs and 3 Cs.
Thomas Stewart	7 Honours: 4 As, 2 Bs and 1 C.

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

Prize List 1995

MOORE MEMORIAL PRIZE: Adam Walsh.

WEBSTER MEMORIAL PRIZES: Aisling Lyons, Marcus Foley, Simon Long, Evin McCarthy, David Tait.

INTERMEDIATE SHIELD: Elmer Morrissey.

MIDDLETON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES: Carolyn Cuddy, Micheál O'Dwyer, Eoin O'Mahony, Matthew Thompson.

BISHOP HEARN MEMORIAL PRIZES: Cathal O'Leary, Barclay Clibborn, Faith Denham, Vicky Bell, Alex Wynne, Ruairí Curtin, Leane Hales, David Mohally, Allie Wrixon, Simon Willmott, Jeneen Naji, Jennifer O'Leary, James Kavanagh, Darragh O'Brien, Thomas Stewart.

J.H. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR SCIENCE: Adam Walsh, David Tait, Marcus Foley, Gillian Mohally, Matthew Thompson, Andrew Potter Cogan, Rory O'Gorman.

JAMES MCNEILL WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS: Marcus Foley, Simon Long, Cathal O'Leary.

TIMOTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS: Carolyn Cuddy, Thomas Stewart, Elmer Morrissey.

AIB LEAVING CERTIFICATE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH: Evin McCarthy.

BAGWELL PRIZES FOR LANGUAGES: Aisling Lyons, Adam Walsh, Jeneen Naji, Carolyn Cuddy, Ina Herlihy, Andrew Potter Cogan, Denis Murphy.

DEAN RIDLEY-BARKER LECTONARY PRIZE: Leane Hales.

ISAAC BUTT MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR HISTORY: Aisling Lyons, James Kavanagh.

J.W. SMYTH PRIZES FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHY: Adam Walsh, Simon Long, Marcus Foley, Barclay Clibborn.

LINDSAY MAING PRIZES FOR JUNIOR CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHY: Thomas Stewart, Micheál O'Dwyer.

DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR HOME ECONOMICS: Vicky Bell, Faith Denham.

MRS E.F. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR MUSIC: Micheál O'Dwyer.

IRIS OLIVE ATKINS PRIZES FOR BIOLOGY: Leane Hales, Evin McCarthy.

DR F.M. HILLIARD MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR O-LEVELS: Jennifer Dungan, Fiona Heskin, Fiona O'Gorman, Lorraine Murphy, Donagh Craven, Lesley Orr, Siobhán Franklin, Emily Walsh.

FORM V PRIZES: Peter King, Ronan Enright, Paul Rockley, Anglea Flynn, Lorraine O'Keefe, Carl O'Brien, John O'Sullivan, Valerie French, Lavina Mossop.

LOUIS CLAUDE PURSER PRIZE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE: Daniel Mackey.

MIDDLETON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION PRIZES: Rory O'Gorman, Ina Herlihy, Denis Murphy, Andrew Potter Cogan, Gillian Mohally.

HEADMASTER'S PRIZES: James Kavanagh, Leane Hales.

SINGING PRIZES: Jennifer O'Leary, Allie Wrixon.

LONG MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR IRISH: Simon Long, Carolyn Cuddy, Ian Wynne, Eoin O'Mahony.

ART PRIZES: Aisling Lyons, Emma Shane, Matthew Thompson.

DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR JUNIOR CERTIFICATE ENGLISH: Thomas Stewart, Carolyn Cuddy, Andrew Potter Cogan, Elmer Morrissey, Matthew Thompson.

DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR JUNIOR CERTIFICATE HISTORY: Thomas Stewart, Micheál O'Dwyer.

HOUSE PRIZES: Form VI: Rachel Walters, Yvonne Fitzell, Jennifer Cuddy, Cecil Millar.

Form III: Toria Keane, Claire Geary, Edward Byrne.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZES:

Senior: 1st, Fiona Heskin ; Equal 2nd, John Kidney and Roger Hume;

Middle : 1st, Patrick Treacy ; 2nd, Garret Fitzgibbon; 3rd, Louise Kenworthy;

Junior: Equal 1st, Aoileann Lyons and Ferga Solleveld; 3rd, Stuart Childs;

CLASS PRIZES:

Form IV: 1st, Paula Heskin; Equal 2nd, Siofra Curtin & Naomi Solleveld;
4th, Tegwyn Stephenson; 5th, Louise Kenworthy; 6th, Katherine Burns;
7th, Patrick Treacy; 8th, Madeleine Childs; 9th, Andrew Tait.

Form II: 1st, Aoileann Lyons; 2nd, Ferga Solleveld; Equal 3rd, Peter Fitzgibbon & Brenda Young; Equal 5th, Elaine Coleman & Nicky Phelan; 7th, Jessica Crowley; 8th, David Hales; Equal 9th, Alison Tait & Anolivia Tait.

Form I: 1st, Veronica French; 2nd, Sarah Levis; 3rd, Philip Thompson; 4th, William Horgan; 5th, Stuart Childs; Equal 6th, Daniel Buckley & Emma Mackey.

Hail And Farewell!

AVETE

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: THOMAS ANDERSON, KEVIN AHERNE, DAVID BROOKES, DAVID COWHEY, MARK DAUNT, RONAN DUANE, FREDERICK GILROY, ROBERT GLEASURE, MICHAEL HEGARTY, ANDREW HUGGINS, GEORGE HUSSAIN, JOSEPH KEANEY, JEAN DANIEL KUN, ANDREW LONG, SIMON LYONS, DARYL MOSSOP, RICHARD MURPHY, ROBERT MYATT, EMMET O'BRIEN, PATRICK O'BRIEN, JOHN O'FLYNN, MARK O'GORMAN, DAVID O'MAHONY, DENIS O'REGAN, RIAN RYAN, OZAN SELIM, NICHOLAS STEPHENSON, TRISTAN TAIT, CHRISTOPHER WALKER, PHILIP WILBY.

Girls: MARIE AHERN, SALLY AHERN, HANNAH ANDERSON, KATHRYN ANDERSON, CAITRIONA BOLSTER, NATASHA BOURKE, ANGELA BURKE, CATHERINE BRADLEY, ROWENA CAMPION, JENNIFER CLIFFORD, RÓISÍN CURTIN, REBECCA DAUNT, CATHERINE DENN, SARAH EDWARDES, ABIGAIL HAYES, MARTHA HOBBS, JENNIFER JAWORSKA, LARA JONES, SARAH KEANE, JESSICA KOHLER, OLIVIA MARTIN, KELDA MORRISSEY, HEATHER NAGLE, ALISON O'BRIEN, JUDE O'DRISCOLL, ALISON O'KEEFE, SIOBHÁN O'MAHONY, JANET PAMMENT, SIOBHÁN RAFTER, LESLEY-ANN RYAN, SARAH VICKERY, CLAIRE WILBY, MEGAN ZIRINSKY.

VALETE

To those who left us at the end of the last school year we extend our best wishes for happiness and success in the future.

ADAM WALSH: University of Hertfordshire (*Aerospace Engineering*).

AISLING LYONS: University College Cork (*Arts*).

MARCUS FOLEY: University College Cork (*Science*).

SIMON LONG: University College Cork (*Computer Science*).

EVIN MCCARTHY: University College Cork (*Law*).

DAVID TAIT: Writtle College (*Agriculture*).

CATHAL O'LEARY: University College Dublin (*Engineering*).

BARCLAY CLIBBORN: University College Cork (*Science*).

FAITH DENHAM: University of Luton (*Media and Drama*).

VICKY BELL: University of Limerick (*Equine Science*). *

ALEX WYNNE: University College Cork (*Earth Science*).

RUAIRÍ CURTIN: Dublin City University (*Marketing*).

DAVID MOHALLY: University College Cork (*Computer Science*).

ALLIE WRIXON: University College Cork (*Language and Cultural Studies*).

SIMON WILLMOTT: University College Cork (*Arts*).

JENEEN NAJI: John Moore's University Liverpool (*Creative Writing and Theatre Studies*).

JENNIFER O'LEARY: University College Dublin (*Arts*).

JAMES KAVANAGH: St. Patricks College, Maynooth (*Arts*).

DARRAGH O'BRIEN: Cork Regional College (*Computer Application*).

DENISE BURNS: Cork Regional College (*Civil Engineering*).

ROY CONNOR: University of Greenwich (*Engineering*).

ALAN HILLIARD: University of Glamorgan (*Criminology/ Behavioural Studies*). *

MICHELLE MALONEY: Irish-Swiss Institute of Horology.

ROBERT COGAN: LSB College, Dublin (*Business Studies*).
 JEREMY HALL: LSB College, Dublin (*Business and Marketing*).
 PAUL CLIFFORD: Anglia Polytechnic University (*Applied Biology*).
 RACHEL WALTERS: Liverpool Institute of Higher Education (*Health, Physical, Recreational Studies*).
 CECIL MILLAR: Gurteen Agricultural College.
 IVAN NAGLE: Gurteen Agricultural College.
 BRYAN MORRIS: College of Commerce (*Marketing*).
 NIAMH BUTLER: College of Commerce (*Auctioneering and Valuation*).
 MARK COLEMAN: Carlow Regional College (*Applied Biology*).
 YVONNE FITZELL: Veterinary Nursing.
 RICHARD COTTER: Coláiste Dhulaigh, Dublin (*Recreation Water Leisure and Activities*).
 STUART CHAMBERS: Cork Regional College (*Catering*).

*Deferred Entry

Working:

Ireland: David Halpin, Mervyn Hobbs.

7th YEAR STUDIES :

David Cuddy, Jennifer Cuddy, Jenifer Hales, Leane Hales, Pleuni Kramer, Damien Manning, Julian Williams.

Music Examination Results 1994-'95

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC

NAME	GRADE	RESULT	INSTRUMENT
John Kidney	VIII	Merit	Pianoforte
Jennifer Dungan	VI	Honours	Pianoforte
Ferga Solleveld	VI	Honours	Pianoforte
Madeleine Childs	V	Merit	Pianoforte
Naomi Solleveld	VI	Merit	Violin
Ferga Solleveld	IV	Honours	Violin
Alison Tait	IV	Merit	Pianoforte

ASSOCIATED BOARD

Naomi Solleveld	VIII	Pass	Pianoforte
Hiro Yamada	VII	Honours	Cello
Hiro Yamada	VI	Honours	Pianoforte

VICTORIA COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Linda Ross	IV	Distinction	Pianoforte
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LEINSTER SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Lavinia Mossop	IV	Merit	Pianoforte
Stuart Childs	III	Merit	Pianoforte

The Very Rev. J.R.W. Fleming, BD.

Dean Fleming passed away peacefully on 18th April last at the ripe age of 88 after an exemplary life of service, dedication and sacrifice. He became Rector of Middleton Union in 1959 on his return to Ireland after some years of parish work in the midlands of England. Previously he had taught in Mountjoy School, Wilson's Hospital and Bishop Foy's School in Waterford where he was Headmaster. He had already been ordained in 1940.

Peter, as he became widely known, became inextricably involved in the College from his arrival in Middleton - his musical gifts found a ready place as piano teacher and as choirmaster; highlights were musical productions at the Annual Christmas Concerts, the Carol Services and the Easter Music at which he attracted notable performers such as W.F. Watt, Robert McCullagh and the Beare brothers. His school experience made him well-equipped for the teaching of scripture and for preparation for Confirmation. He was a member of the Board of Governors for 19 years till his move to Ross in 1978. He was a keen advocate and participant in all our development during a period of unprecedented growth, even as far as making accommodation available in the Rectory for an overflow of boarders while space was being prepared at the College.

Peter was a committed ecumenist and he was widely respected by, and popular with, all sorts of people and organisations in East Cork - there were many kindnesses which stretched far beyond the boundaries of class and creed. He had a happy and winning personality which attracted people to him, and in his own home he was a jovial and genial host.

He left Middleton in 1978 to become Dean of Ross, a fitting advancement after his years at the 'coal face'. Retirement came in 1982 but activity continued unabated: filling in at parish work and Sunday duties, and holding frequent gatherings in his home in Fermoy for prayer and contemplation.

Peter's was a good life, lived to the full and this must be a consolation for his wife, Grace, and his children, Ian and Anne. To them we offer our gratitude for all he meant to us and our deepest sympathy at his passing.

"Portiter, fideliter, feliciter"

—J.W.S.

SENIOR PREFECTS 1995



Back Row: Roger Hume, Dafydd Upsdell
Front Row: Deirdre Holmes, The Headmaster, Lorraine Murphy

Middleton College Library

Prize Day 1995

The, by now annual, trek to Silversprings Hotel took place on October 27th. While enjoying the comfort, spaciousness and amenities of Silversprings, it is a pity that the more intimate atmosphere of the College and the homely cups of tea can no longer be enjoyed. Someone with a magic wand is needed !

The format was as usual: Introduction by Chairman of the Board, Headmaster's Report, Address by Guest of Honour, Presentation of Prizes and Vote of Thanks.

Mr Cairns gave his usual comprehensive resumé of the school year. He pleaded for parents to be realistic in their ambitions for their children. The Headmaster expressed the view that this time the proposals in the White Paper would be implemented and pointed out that more resources will have to be provided by the state.

Guest of Honour was Dr James Kincade, sometime Headmaster of Methodist College Belfast. Having been a schoolmaster of distinction, Dr Kincade knew his audience and thus we had one of the best speeches of recent times. He hoped that we would have three gifts - a sense of humour, a sense of wonder and good health. With these gifts one could enjoy a happy and successful life.

After his speech, Dr Kincade presented the prizes.

This year, to mark their outstanding achievements in gaining First-Class Honours degrees, the Board presented prizes to Clodagh Tait and Rachel Dungan and, in absentia, to Pamela Whiting and Suzette French.

Dr Trevor West thanked Dr Kincade and formally closed the ceremony.

— R.I. KING.

PRIZE-WINNERS



Left to Right: Micheál O'Dwyer, Dr James Kincade, Elmer Morrissey (Intermediate Shield), Carolyn Cuddy, The Headmaster

Christmas Concert 1994

The concert was held in the College Gym on ... well at this stage one can't really remember the date ... but one can remember that compere: Aisling and David with interruptions from Igor - Jeneen Nagi. That's not a name! Yes it is, it's what the programme says ... more or less. What complicated names people have these days! However, this tells you nothing about the concert as actually experienced down at the back of the hall where the packed-in audience stand and whistle at the Junior Play (produced by Mrs O'Connor), the thespian skill of Richard, Jennifer, Maureen, Eve, Emma and Helen, happily amplified this year, the tension, the pain, the nerves, the relief as the curtain falls, the whispers, the giggles, the shshshing for silence. That sentence was ridiculously long. See if you can produce something in plain direct style, something more easily and directly absorbable!

The piano duet was by Alison and Naomi: and most handsomely they tickled the ivories too! Cut it out! O.K! How about : "Snow White - A Fairytale" was performed by Form IV? Go on! Mr O'Connell produced "Rinceoirí Ógrais" performing set-dancing. A bit bald and unentertaining, lacking a certain air of verisimilitude - your prose style I mean, not the performances which were funny and lively, in that order. Who is getting complicated now? Well concerts are complicated things. Who do you think you're telling?

Comedy is always well represented in our offerings and this year was no exception. Trite & banal! Are you incapable of writing other than in clichés?

We shall start once more!

The Keanes mended the hole in the bucket. Miss Prendergast produced "The Spinsters", Deano's courting skills were much commented on. That Form III trio presented the "Carealot Pet Shop" and Eric & Dan did Mr Bean. If Irish modesty is that torturous, I wish to propose that this House support "The Paper's" drive for nudist beaches. You're meandering! Sorry! but "You can please some of the people all of the time", Form VI proved it ... to their own satisfaction at least...

How am I doing? Just keep quiet and get on with it!

Savage breasts were soothed... Watch it ! O.K. If I play it straight down the middle you complain, if I wax eloquent you do likewise. It's a question of judgement, appreciation and balance. Yes and we experienced all three from our musical performers: Naomi, Ferga and Helen performed on the violin. Hiro played the 'cello. John played the piano. "Well Beast" played and sang. How's that?

You forgot Miss Anderson's production of "A Selection from the Desert Song". I liked that. Sorry! Is that all you have to say? Yes!

Where does that leave Julie Ann's reel, or Jennifer's rendition of "Christmas" or indeed "Ride On": Robin with Michelle, Jennifer and Ali? Amongst the contributors to an enjoyable evening to whom we express our thanks, appreciation and congratulations.

-ECCLESIASTES

THE SEA

The sea is like a fierce lady
With her temper so changeable and shady,
She takes many lives with her white horses,
From yachts to canoes and other sources.
But without her we would not be,
So thank God that we have the mighty sea.

- VICKI HORNIBROOK (FORM II)

Public Speaking and Debating

Some of the senior girls took part in a number of competitions organised by various associations.

In October, Katherine Burns, Paula Heskin and Dawn Minihane competed in the Speakers' Club trials for Public Speaking, a day in the Metropole Hotel. November was busy. Owing to a mix-up on dates, we had a wasted trip to Fermoy for the Mental Health Speakers. Then Madeleine Childs, Siobhán Franklin, and Lorraine Murphy took on Carrigtwohill and Fermoy at home, and were narrowly beaten. These three girls also spent a day in Cork with the Soroptimists, a ladies' group which organised a Speaking Competition.

In the Concern Debates our team was narrowly defeated by Coláiste Mhuire, Cobh, after a very good debate. The team was Katherine Burns, Siofra Curtin, Caragh Hilliard and Dawn Minihane.

In February, Michelle Maloney, Rob Cogan and David Halpin took part in Public Speaking against the Past Pupils, who had only three speakers also. It seems likely that the format of the evening needs to be looked at again before the next encounter.

Then in May 1995, Junior Chamber Midleton organised a Speaking competition sponsored by the Trustee Savings Bank. From fourth year Madeleine Childs and Patrick Clibborn took part. From second year the competitors were Kim McCullough, Alison Tait and Richard Vickery. Madeleine and Richard then went on to the next round.

All who took part are winners and they represented the College well. The courage to stand up in public and speak will always be an asset. It is to be hoped that next time round there will be some boys participating in more of the events. All pupils in the Transition Year do receive some instruction in the arts of Public Speaking and Debating, so there should be no excuses now.

- G.P.H.

STARS, SPACE, LIFE

Life is like a meteor endlessly spinning through space,
Never quite touching solid ground.
Always moving, never stopping,
Until your course is stopped permanently.
And then it doesn't matter,
As your life is ended.
For life is on a collision course with death.

Life is the great adventure where anything can happen,
With death the only certainty.
We are like meteors,
We come from something bigger, and in the end we turn to dust.

- ANDREW POTTER COGAN (FORM IV)

The Form IV Tour to France

Prize Day was over so we set off back to school: 23 pupils and 3 teachers rushing to be off on the much awaited Form IV Tour to Normandy and Paris. We changed quickly at the College, grabbed our bags and ran for the bus. Off to Rosslare where the *St Killian* awaited. We were heading for Arromanches and Paris: the Normandy beaches and the Eiffel Tower. The voyage was calm.

The second night was spent in the Hotel Climat in Caen. But we did not sleep that well. We had been ten-pin bowling and the teachers had won. Is this a sign of a mis-spent youth?

On Sunday morning we headed for Arromanches where 51 years ago the Allies had stormed ashore to liberate France from the Germans. We went to the museum there, then on to Bayeux to see the Tapestry, then to another WWII museum. Five o'clock. We hit the road for Paris.

We spent the next two nights in the Hotel Climat in Paris, where once again we found airy rooms awaiting. The next morning, bright and early, and after a breakfast of croissants and hot chocolate we went on the Bateaux Mouches: a boat trip down the Seine.

Lunch that day was on the Champs Elysées: McDonald's, and then we went to Montmartre and to the Pompidou Centre where we were beseiged by tradesmen trying to sell us everything from beads to caricature pictures. In the end, most of us got the pictures done; most will never see the light of day again.

We went skating that night. A great time was had by all, even though lots of rear ends got wet. When we left, cuts, blisters and all, nobody complained. That night, after a night bus tour of Paris, we fell into our beds and didn't stir until morning.

The next morning we awoke to find we had to climb the Eiffel Tower. Some of us, mentioning no names, found ourselves hanging on to the lift handrails on the way up. But once at the top all fears were overcome as we gazed down at the view beneath. All of Paris set out like a model before us.

Lunch today was in the Latin Quarter before setting off to Le Harve. On the way we stopped at an hypermarché to buy "prezzies" and headed for the boat. We had a calm crossing. The boat was early and the bus was waiting. We drove back and, after a few phonecalls, we bade farewell and headed home.

A sincere and heartfelt thanks to Mr and Mrs Johnston and to Miss Power for sacrificing their mid-term break. Thanks to everyone for making the '95 Form IV Tour so memorable.

- Les Voyageurs (Form IV)

THE ALPHABET

Laboriously created
With a pencil firmly grasped
By a tiny hand with stubby fingers,
The "theory" of writing redesigned
By this Handwriting Expert.
Satisfaction beams from this
Freckled, blue-eyed cherub
At the finished masterpiece.
Now firmly poised in hand
The pen paints many pictures.
But forgotten is the masterpiece
That made the master great.

- MADELEINE CHILDS (FORM V)

Portrait of the Artists

The Art Room at Midleton College is renowned for its exceptionally talented artists. Those of us who have experienced this, realise it has been a wonderful apprenticeship, under the guidance of Ms O'Regan. Art is a very special subject. Those of us who indulge in the delights of the subject, know that drawing lines, and painting flowers is not the full reality. For, when embarking on an artistic "Eureka", one must have a practised patience, and more than just a good eye; and Ms O'Regan has never failed to drill these facts into us.

On January 26 last, Forms V and VI headed for the hub of the Irish art world, Dublin. We went to the National Museum, and witnessed many artifacts from the internationally acclaimed Treasure of Ireland Exhibition, and the works of other great artists. Afterwards we were led (awe-inspired by the sights in the other two galleries) to the Douglas Hyde Gallery in Trinity to see an Alice Maher Exhibition. Brilliant !

We left the capital city dumbstruck. This journey had given us a bird's eye view of many different interpretations of art forms. Great credit is due to Ms O'Regan for her efforts on our behalf. This was a truly educational and enjoyable experience.

- R. FITZPATRICK (FORM VI)

STILL LIFE



Form V and Form VI artists displaying harmony and integrity on the steps of the National Gallery.

Junior Educational Tour to Britain

On Friday, 7th April 1995, the last day of the Easter term, 52 pupils from Forms I and II accompanied by myself, Miss Prendergast, Mr & Mrs Johnston, Miss Dawson and Miss Fraser left for a six-day tour to Britain. This was to be similar to the successful tour we had two years previously, but with a larger number of pupils. On arrival at Holyhead we found we had a luxury double-decker coach with TVs and toilet for our journey around Britain. After our first night in two hotels in Bangor, we awoke to fine weather and the lovely scenery of the Menai Straits and the Welsh mountains. After a substantial breakfast we headed for the hills and the Llechwydd Slate caverns. Two underground train journeys revealed to us the severe conditions in which the Victorian miners worked. Even children the same age as our pupils were employed for a few pennies a week. Not many of them lived to the age of 50. Back on the surface we saw how the slate was prepared for the roofing.

We then headed for Rhyl on the North Wales coast, passing under the River Conwy through a tunnel which is similar to the one they are building under the River Lee. In the Sea Life Centre we walked through a glass tunnel and were surrounded by sharks and we met Rayfish which like to be stroked. We then spent a couple of hours in the Sun Centre, swimming, surfing, sliding and riding on the overhead monorail. Saturday night we stayed in Chester and the following morning in pleasant sunny weather everyone took boats out on the River Dee. We walked on the Roman walls around the city and had a look at the unique shopping rows. On the short drive to Jodrell Bank Science Centre, I offered to give £1 to the first person to see the 300ft high radio telescope. This helped to pass the time and cost me money as several people spotted the telescope simultaneously when we were still about 10 miles away. We spent a few enjoyable hours here learning about the universe and had a show presented for us in the planetarium called "The Night Sky". Next we travelled to London for an evening meal and then on to our hotel, the Wembley Hilton. We were amazed at the luxury accommodation we all had there - the best we ever had on a school tour. Pupils were mostly in double rooms which ordinarily cost £125 per night. They had en suite bathrooms and TV in the bedrooms and could even get videos on a special channel. Our tour company, Student and Group Travel, excelled itself in providing such accommodation for 3 nights.

On Monday morning we visited the Science Museum. I told the pupils to find Professor Walton's experiment in which he first split the atom and became Ireland's most famous scientist, winning a Nobel Prize. To encourage the pupils I offered £1 to anyone who found this experiment before I did. Knowing the location, I headed straight for the correct place and was amazed to find 15 pupils there before me! In the afternoon we went to the Tower of London and tried to make the stony-faced guards smile. We saw the Crown Jewels, but were not allowed to photograph them. In the evening we went to the musical "Grease" which was a big hit with all the pupils, and some of the staff.

The following day we had a rather short visit to the Natural History museum as I had not allowed enough time for London traffic. We took a boat trip down the Thames to Greenwich and were given guided tours around the old sailing ship - *Cutty Sark*. We then all stood on the 0° line of longitude chanting 'East-West' as

we stepped from one hemisphere into the other. A shopping centre was then visited to buy presents for those back home, followed by a walk in Hyde Park before our evening meal and returning to our luxury hotel.

Next morning we had to leave for the long drive to Fishguard. Just as we were about to leave, there was a fire in the hotel kitchen and everyone had to evacuate the building. Our coach was blocked by fire engines delaying our departure. Happily, the fire was dealt with quickly and we were on our way. We had a quiz on the coach testing pupils about what they had learnt on the tour. Prizes were then awarded for the best answers. The voyage back to Rosslare on the *Stena Felicity* was pleasant and everyone assembled on one of the outside stairways for photographs.

I made a video of the trip which clearly shows the fun and enjoyment the pupils got out of the tour. They were a great crowd to tour with and I thank them for their good humour, good behaviour and punctuality. I thank my colleagues for all their willing help and companionship. I have led many school tours, but I look back on this one as being particularly enjoyable and successful.

-R.R. LITTLE

EASTWARD HO!



Mr Little with his happy fellow-travellers at the start of their successful tour of England.

With Catlike Thread

October 3rd: Having arrived at the Cork Harbour Commissioners dockyard at 2p.m. in an excited mood, anticipating our adventure, Jane and I boarded the STV *Asgard II*, nautically jargoned, a Hermaphrodite Brigantine. Clueless as to its workings, we were greeted by strings, and wooden things: masts, yards, sheets, lines and halyards, etc. Later we were educated as to their names and uses. We met our governing crew and our fellow shipmates; a lunatic crew of passionate land-lubbers.

On the first day it was decided that we shouldn't sail owing to the bad weather, and instead we were introduced to our vessel. This involved the scaling of ninety-foot masts and learning the uses of every line, on this 104-foot-long vessel. On the second day, we were rudely awakened by those on watch for breakfast. We were then confronted by 'happy hour'. Sounds nice, but in fact it meant the cleansing of the entire ship.

We then set sail for the pirate town of Penzance in Cornwall. This turned out to be a romantic 27-hour voyage through mountainous seas, backed by force-8 winds. 15 of the shipmates didn't manage to find their sealegs (or stomachs); and in the cause of accurate journalism, it must be said that Ms Mackey was one of the flowing fifteen. While on watch at 4 a.m. I noticed a lone dolphin racing through the seas towards us, leaving a glowing trail of phosphorescence behind. An amazing sight. There is no truth in the rumour that I mistook this phenomenon for a torpedo.

On the return journey we got battered and bruised by south-westerly force 95 around Lands End until about 120 miles south of the Munster coast, when the wind dropped to a gentle breeze, and the sea lost its anger. Another imprint left in our mind by nature that we wouldn't forget.

Eating on board a rolling ship is a strenuous, but hilarious, exercise, and so welcoming ports were a godsend after every journey, with some cheerful beverages to top off the cold evening.

The voyage ended as quickly as it started; and now we are faced with the realisation that we may never achieve anything so satisfying again. We wish to thank the MCA for giving us the opportunity of a lifetime, a truly memorable experience for which we are truly grateful.

- ROBIN FITZPARICK, JANE MACKEY (FORM VI)

FORETOPPERS



Robin and Jane showing clearly that calm waters hold no terrors for land-lubbers.

Did you hear the one about the time ...

...Form IV did a project on the Carrigtwohill By-pass?

Yes, we know. When we first heard about it, we thought that it was going to be a joke too! But boy were we mistaken! The blood, the guts, the tears...well maybe 'tears' would be pushing it...that were shed, plus those exclusive "An Taisce" certificates (oooooh) that we all received as a result of all our hard work and devotion just goes to prove that our project, like the Carrigtwohill By-pass, was not built in a day.

So what effect does the by-pass have on the people of Carrigtwohill? How did the local business people react when they first discovered the plans for the new road? How are the local industries affected?

Form IV investigated...

Carrigtwohill...the unknown, the mysterious...the by-pass!! On a cold autumn day, Form IV decided to throw caution to the wind and set out for Carrigtwohill, willing to brave the elements, all for the sake of Ms Prendergast's happiness. A traffic survey was carried out at peak times during the day and the amount and type of traffic travelling in both the Cork direction and the Midleton direction were calculated. Our results were graphed under the able eye of Mr Morrissey - geography teacher extraordinaire!??

We then carried out extensive research on Carrigtwohill and the surrounding area (ICA meetings are on a Thursday night at 8.30p.m.). Most people, at this stage, were optimistic about the by-pass. They were looking forward to actually being able to cross the road without having to risk their lives, looking forward to a bit of peace and quiet for a change. But were the business people of the town as optimistic? It was too early to tell.

"On the 14th day of November 1994,

The Carrigtwohill By-pass was opened.

We'll have problems with traffic no more"

Finally, the fateful day had arrived, the first car bounded along the by-pass. Years of speculation gave way to smiles as a dream for many became a reality. No more red-faced drivers, no more trembling students in Midleton College uniforms dreading having to face Mr Johnston outside Assembly yet again this morning - late in school for the third time this week (and it's only Wednesday).

Form IV on-the-spot reporters did not miss out on the action, interviewing anything that moved - put down that cat, Daniel Mackey - from the extremely helpful Lollipop Lady, Mrs Kathleen Jeffers, who very kindly gave us permission to use an extract from the poem she composed on the Carrigtwohill By-pass (above), to the ever cheerful Council men working on the road. The reactions received were all of a positive nature. The Carrigtwohill By-pass had passed the test.

Traffic levels through Carrigtwohill have been dramatically reduced: cars are now able to stop outside the local shops, which had previously been inaccessible to customers; "lie-ins" are now possible in the mornings, much to the delight of more than one of the locals that our roving reporters interviewed, owing to the reduction in noise pollution; shop-keepers in the town are delighted that they are nowadays able to display fruit and vegetables outside their premises without their being polluted by exhaust fumes from passing vehicles; local industries find that the By-pass makes the area look more impressive to foreign investors.

But, as we all know, nothing's perfect, the Carrigtwohill By-pass included: Because the volume of traffic has been greatly reduced, this has led to an increase in the speed at which traffic travels through Carrigtwohill. Mrs Jeffers has

expressed her concern for the local school children as a result of this. The only negative effect on the wildlife of the area comes as a result of the newly-built bridges being constructed mainly of steel and cement. Because of this, the local bats are unable to build nests as they previously did in the cavities of the older stone built bridges of the area.

On the 17th of May, judgement arrived in the form of Mr Lewis, our local 'An Taisce' representative. Our hard work had eventually paid off and our dedication and team spirit shone through! The project was displayed in full in the Computer Room: our superb video (modesty is the best policy), the mighty model of Carrigtwohill, the By-pass and the surrounding area, posters, maps, graphs, information booklets, a cross-section of the make-up of the road - you name it, we had it.

To complete the project, Form IV displayed the finished article in the Midleton branch of the AIB. Many thanks to the ever-helpful staff who had the misfortune of having to put up with us for two whole days. We were delighted with the reaction of the public who seemed genuinely interested in our work and who were more than willing to ask questions. Bertie even paid us a visit, Bertie Ahern that is. We don't mean to brag or anything...

We felt we became part of the Carrigtwohill By-pass during those project days, Patrick Treacy took the idea quite literally when he had a close shave with a County Council steam-roller. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate him on becoming so involved in the project!! This does not mean to say the rest of us were not totally committed to our work. Needless to say, Ms Prendergast had 100% confidence in us 100% of the time!!

-KATHERINE BURNS AND SIOFRA CURTIN (FORM V)

BOOKMARK



Ferga Solleveld who won second prize in the Midleton Library Essay Competition.

Ógras

Cuairt ar Oireachtas '95

Thosigh an turas ag a dó a chlog Déardaoin an dara lá de Mhí na Samhna nuair a bhuaileamar go léir le chéile ag stáisiúin na traenach i gCorcaigh. Leathuair tar éis sin bhí an tUasal Ó Mathúna, Iníon de Rossa agus 34 scoláirí dea-bhéasacha ar ár slí go Baile Átha Cliath i gcomhair an Oireachtais. Bhí ár málaí codlata againn, ár gcultacha snámha, ár radio deas agus ár nguthanna áille. Bhí an traen deas compordach agus bhí ardghíúmar orainn go léir.

Tar éis dúinn an brú i Sráid Gardnér a shroichint chuamar go léir go ... McDonalds le haghaidh an tae. Níos déanaí fuairamar bus go dtí an céilí san DIT. Bhí spórt agus spraoi againn go léir ann agus bhuaileamar le daoine óga ó cheann ceann na tíre. B'iontach an rud é bheith ag éisteacht leis an slua ollmhór ag spalpadh Gaeilge. Thug sé an-spreagadh dúinn. An rac-ghrúpa "Einniu" agus an grúpa tradisiúnta "An Scadán Rua" a thug an ceol dúinn.

An mhaidin dar gcionn d'éiríomar go luath (tar éis codladh mhaith - NOT), agus bhí ár mbricfeasta againn sa bhrú. Ansin amach linn go Glas Naíon go dtí halla spóirt an DCU. Chuireamar trí fhoireann isteach ar na comórtaisí cispheile, cailíní Fé 15, cailíní Fé 18 agus buachaillí Fé 18. Rinne na buachaillí iarracht an-mhaith ach bhí an caighdeán an-ard agus theip orthu dá bharr sin. D'éirigh leis na cailíní Fé 15 an cluiche leathcheannais a bhaint amach agus tá moladh mór tuillte acu. Fuair ár gcailíní Fé 18 an lámh in uachtar sa chluiche ceannais, rud a chuir an-áthas ar fad orainn. Ar an bhfoireann, bhí Cáit Ní Bhroin (captaen), Laoise Kenworthy, Gráinne Ní Mháirtín, Paula Ní Uiscín, agus Eibhlís Ní Chlúmháin. Fuairadar bonn óir an duine ag an bronnadh níos déanaí san oíche. Ghlac daoine áirithe páirt sna ceardlanna samba, rince líne, rince seite srl. agus bhain siad taitneamh as.

Tar éis an bhua iontach sin chuamar ag bolláil go dtí Leisureplex leis na clubanna eile agus bhaineamar triail as "Quazar" chomh maith. Bhí an craic thar cionn.

An oíche sin bhí Seo Ardáin ar siúl i halla Gleeson agus damhsa ina dhiaidh. 'Y-Moniars', grúpa ón "mBreatain Bheag" a sheinn an ceol dúinn. Bhí cúpla cailín sa dara bhliain as a meabhair leis an príomh amhránaí. Bhí oíche an-mhaith againn arís agus nach orainn a bhí an t-áthas nuair a chualamar go mbeadh an banna ceoil "Y-Monairs" ag fanacht sa bhrú in éineacht linn. Ceapaim nár chuaigh éinne a chodladh go luath an oíche sin.

Dé Satharin, d'fhanamar in ár leapacha (nó na leapacha in a rabhamar) go dtí a deich a chlog agus tar éis an bhricfeasta chuamar ag siopadóireacht. Bhí na siopaí an-dheas agus tar éis cúpla uair, (chailleamar na múinteoirí) chuamar chun lón a fháil i ... McDonalds. Tar éis sin, chuamar go dtí an linn snámha agus ag imirt sacair. Ansin bhí dhá uair soar againn agus chuaigh cúpla duine a chodladh agus cúpla eile ag imirt snúcair. An oíche sin, shiúlamar go dtí an halla, bhí an oíche go deas agus an ghaeilge ag dul i bhfeabhas. Bhí gach duine an-chairdiúil agus bhí athas an domhain orainn nuair a chualamar go raibh an bua ag Coláiste Íde ón Daingean sa díospóireacht. Bhí an oíche dheireanach ar fheabhas ar fad leis an hipnóisí, Zak Powers. Chaith gach duine an oíche ar fad ag gáire gan dabht. Bhí an craic go h-iontach. Fuairamar ár mbus ar ais agus bhí cóisir mhór againn in ár seomra, chuamar go léir a chodladh go luath!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dé Domhnaigh bhí orainn ár seomraí a ghlanadh agus gach rud a chur le chéile. D'fhágamar slán ag ár gcairde nua agus ag na h-oibrítheoirí sa bhrú. Shroicheamar Corcaigh ag a cúig a chlog agus ar ais ar scoil leis na daltaí cónaithe bochta.

Ba mhaith linn buíochas ó chróí a ghabháil leis an Uasal Ó Mathúna agus le Iníon de Rossa as an deireadh seachtaine agus as an sár-obair a dhéanann siad in Ógras.

-DAWN NÍ MHUINEACHÁIN (RÚNAÍ AN GHASRA)

THE YOUNG ONES



Our Ógras group looking for inspiration to Mr O'Mahony as he captures their 'díograis' on film.

WHERE?

Where did I put them?
They could be anywhere,
On top of the wardrobe
Or under the chair.

Where did I put them,
Where are those things,
On the Eiffel Tower,
Or in the corn rings?

Where did I put them?
I think they ran away,
I need to find them,
I want them today.

Where did I put them.
Where can they be?
I do wish that my socks
Were snugly on me.

-ROBBIE GLEASURE (FORM I)

La Russie sous la neige

Everything was grey, unkempt, drab. Our line advanced slowly up to the glass cabins with marks up the side so that the immigration officer could check your height as she checked your passport. An armed militiaman saw that you did not step over a red line painted on the ground before the person in front had stepped away from Passport Control. Beyond, tables held forms for currency declaration. We guessed what was required and filled them in. Large surly baggage checkers compared our tickets and the tabs on the luggage which we had claimed. Nobody smiled.

We stepped outside the restricted area into an enormous, jostling crowd. There we were met by the Third Secretary of the Irish Embassy, an official from the Ministry of Education and a Ministry driver. All smiles. There was still snow on either side of the road, we saw a frozen lake and frozen river. It was late March. We saw the enormous "sculpture" marking the spot where the Red Army had halted the German advance on the outskirts of Moscow. There were five of us: Irish Teachers of English and French come to exchange ideas and discuss practice with Russian colleagues. Two were going East to Nijny-Novgorod and Samara - 19 hours away on the train. Three of us thought we were going even further East to Krasnoyarsk, but tonight we were staying in Moscow and tomorrow were to be shown the city.

My hotel window looked out over the river and the Kiev station. That window was triple glazed and the central heating was on full blast and Russian central heating is very hot! The Exchange rate was 4850 roubles to the dollar.

The next morning we met our guide who was to show us Moscow for the day. Young, pretty, vivacious. she lectured in English at the University of Moscow. Or at least that was one of her five jobs. It brought in \$30 a month. Every month she and all other University teachers queued up for their salaries at the University Pay Office. Sometimes the office ran out of cash before everybody was paid and they would be told to come back next day. Sometimes, to cut down on the amount of queuing, she let several months salary accumulate and lived on other salaries: international organisations and conferences paid much better. Everybody who could manage it had several jobs. You could not live on one.

We were taken on the metro. As we travelled Irena questioned me about Ireland: "Do you have divorce in Ireland?" "No." "Do you have abortion in Ireland?" "No." "Poor women! What do they do?" Later, Lena, a teaching colleague was to tell me that her mother-in-law had had 23 abortions.

We soon found that under the surly veneer Russians are charming, friendly, full of humour. Lots of jokes were told about Stalin but we got the impression that some were unaware of many of the excesses of the Stalinist régime. Irena had brought some of her students with her so that they could talk English to native speakers. Julie's hobby was lacquered boxes: tiny little boxes made of papier-maché, hand painted and lacquered. She insisted I buy one for my wife and went to great trouble to find one depicting a romantic story by Pushkin. We went to an open-air market. Economic hardship is forcing Russians to sell everything they can. It was quite saddening to see old hand-embroidered bedspreads, family heirlooms, hanging on line after line in the market, with no buyers.

That night the group split: two going east to Nijny-Novgorod and Samara. At midnight we other three embarked upon the overnight express to St Petersburg. I shared the sleeper with a young man in his thirties. We smiled at each other. He spoke no English, I spoke no Russian. I dozed but didn't really sleep. When we arrived in St Petersburg it was half-past-eight and it was snowing. A car picked us up and we drove, drove, through the thickening snow. Down a deserted Nevsky Prospekt. Past the Peter and Paul fortress. Little traffic, but what little there was being stopped by lots of police. And it was only nine o'clock on Sunday morning!

Two hours later we arrived in Zelenagorsk out on the Gulf of Finland. We arrived at the hotel where the course was being held, were given a cup of tea, and I was in class at twelve o'clock.

We were a bit concerned as to what we should do. However John was most consoling. John was American, lived in St Petersburg where he worked in an academic library. If one made a suggestion to him: "They'll love it!" "They" were our Russian colleagues who by and large have no textbooks, no cassette players, no overhead projectors, no photocopiers. Indeed I worked in a room with no blackboard. At the beginning of each lesson I sellotaped two large sheets of paper to the wall. When they were full everything stopped until the old paper came down and two new bits were put up. My Russian colleagues work in schools without names: School No.230, St Petersburg. They were charming, friendly, interested in us, where we came from. About half were weak at French, some spoke it fluently, with beautiful pronunciation, but spoke like books: colloquialisms, spoken style, they did not know. Only one had ever been to France.

My teaching duties were light. Never more than three hours a day. But then I never knew when I might be on until the night before, and that was frequently changed the next morning. I rarely knew well in advance what I might be asked to do. And that too could be changed. I once spent the best part of a day preparing three presentations and only got to deliver one of them. There was always a competing attraction. On another occasion I spent an hour and a half giving a theoretical outline and said that after coffee we would do some practical work. Those who were with me for the theory vanished and those who appeared to prepare the practical work based on it had, with a few exceptions, not heard what had gone before. But every talk was time-tabled opposite something else. Russian teachers had never had to make decisions. They did what they were told. Now as part of their retraining they were being forced to make choices.

Few people in Russia have cars. (In St Petersburg you parked outside wherever you wanted to go.) But a car was put at our disposal should we need to go somewhere. So one morning I set off to do the Irish shopping: yogurt, apples and bottled water. St Petersburg water contains a parasite called *gardia lambia* which is not recommended by the medical profession: hence the bottled water. Some bottled water appeared to have an amount of breadsoda in it. It tasted most peculiar in Irish whiskey. We set off through the snow. We had no snow tyres. Snow ploughs had been out but seemed to have made little impression. But the newly-restored church in the town sparked in the sunlight through the snow-laden pine trees. When I told the lady in the shop that I wanted twelve apples she could not believe me. I wanted to give my driver a few apples to thank him for

his kindness. He was horrified and it was only with difficulty that I persuaded him to accept one. Apples were about twice as expensive as here and to a Russian, worth a day's pay.

From my hotel window I could see the frozen sea. And every day I went down to walk on the snow-covered beach. Away out on the ice, so far away they appeared as only black dots, people were fishing. They walked out a mile or so pulling little sledges, with their fishing tackle and an enormous brace and bit. They bored a hole down into the ice and then let their lines into the water. One day we were told that a huge ice floe with fifty people on it had broken off and floated away. I never found out what happened to them.

Before we left we were brought to St Petersburg for a day. Our hotel had once been the property of the district organisation of the Communist Party. Fidel Castro had stayed there and very comfortable it was too. We saw the exhibition of Impressionist Paintings which the Russians had taken from the Gestapo and which had only recently been discovered. This was the first day it was open to the public. Peter the Great had decreed that the width of every street in St Petersburg should be greater than the height of the buildings on either side. The result is space and elegance: much of the architecture is seventeenth and eighteenth century, but the beautiful city is becoming sadly dilapidated.

Back on the overnight train to Moscow but this time with much more caution. We had heard too many stories of organised crime and robbers on the express. We survived. Irena brought us to the Kremlin, to the Pushkin museum. She was fascinated because we wanted to send post cards. Was this an Irish custom she asked. But in Russia you could still only send mail abroad from a main post office. I bought a little icon: Saints of the Holy City of Moscow. We visited the Bolshoi: Rimsky-Korsakov.

The next morning was Sunday and I went to church. It was old and dilapidated, with flaking paint. The churchyard door was rickety and I wondered if there was anybody there at all. When I got inside the building my impression was of a warehouse or store, which is probably what it had been for the last 70 years. Only one partitioned-off section had been restored for public worship. The liturgy had begun and was being sung by a youngish priest: no grey yet apparent in his beard. He had a deep, deep voice. The responses were sung by a small choir of both male and female voices; they were out of sight behind a small screen to the right. A reading was given by a young woman. The icon screen was new, but many of the icons and stands for lights around the body of the church were old. The congregation made no responses but with great frequency bowed and crossed themselves, and since I had no idea what was happening I had to take my cue from those around me and learn to follow suit. Old ladies constantly moved around tending the lamps before the icons. There were no pews, the elderly sat on chairs to one side. The service lasted three hours.

Monday morning brought us to a meeting in the Ministry of Education in Moscow. The first Irish delegation to visit the Ministry. When Mrs Bhreatnach had the meetings which set up this project she had been no further than St Petersburg. The Ministry van brought us to the airport where we filled in more currency forms. The exchange rate was 5100 roubles to the dollar: 5% inflation

in 10 days: over 180% in a year We had six security checks, six queues, before we boarded the plane. Airline food tasted delicious.

I was there ten days. I spoke no Russian, could read no newspapers, not understand the television. What I learned was filtered through those to whom I spoke, and who could speak French or English. This is therefore a surface impression of a country undergoing brutal change and a people coping as best they can: sometimes the effects are frightening. I was always in a position of privilege I had money in my pocket and a secure job.

- D. JOHNSTON

Movie Matching

THE HEADMASTER	- The Godfather
MR KING	- Remains of the Day
MR JOHNSTON	- Les Liaisons Dangereuses
MR LITTLE	- Apollo 13
MR DALEY	- The Never-Ending Story
MR LYONS	- Oliver Twist
MR LEVIS	- The Devil is a Woman
MR LEOPOLD	- Scent of a Woman
MR MORRISSEY	- Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
MRS LEVIS	- Beauty and the Beast
MISS POWER	- She Devil
MR O'MAHONY	- The Stud
MR PRESTON	- Carnal Knowledge
MISS PRENDERGAST	- A Few Good Men
MR POWER	- Baby Boom
MISS PENNY	- Shadowlands
MRS RUMLEY	- The Snapper
MISS O'REGAN	- High Anxiety
MRS JOHNSTON	- Shirley Valentine
DEAN HILLIARD	- All That Heaven Allows
MISS ROSS	- Working Girl
MISS DAWSON	- Black Beauty
MRS O'CONNOR	- Gone with the Wind
MISS ANDERSON	- The Sound of Music
MR QUAIL)	- Dumb and Dumber
MR SEALE)	
MISS LOGAN	- To Die For
MRS CAIRNS	- Honour Thy Husband
THE MATRONS	- The Witches of Eastwick
THE SECRETARIES	- Under Siege 2

- MANON DES SOURCES

Mosh Ado About Nothing

- RÓISÍN BARRETT
PETER BARRY
YVONNE BUCKLEY
DONAGH CRAVEN
BRIAN DONOVAN
JENNIFER DUNGAN
RONAN ENRIGHT
ROBIN FITZPATRICK
ANGELA FLYNN
JUNE FORD
SIOBHÁN FRANKLIN
VALERIE FRENCH
JOHN GRANDON
EMMA HALLAHAN
PAUL HEALY
FIONA HESKIN
MARTHA HOBBS
DEIRDRE HOLMES
ANDREW AND ROGER HUME
RODDIE JEFFERSON
ALEX JEFFERY
MARTIN KEOHANE
JOHN KIDNEY
PETER KING
NORA KINGSTON
JOANNA LOWTHER
MARIAN MCCARTHY
JANE MACKEY
ANDREW MASSEY
ANDREW MINIHAN
KEN MOORE
LAVINIA MOSSOP
GERALD MURPHY
LORRAINE MURPHY
CARL O'BRIEN
CARYL O'BRIEN
FIONA O'GORMAN
LORRAINE O'KEEFFE
RORY O'MAHONY
JOHN O'SULLIVAN
LESLEY ORR
PAUL ROCKLEY
PATRICK RYAN
ALISON SHAKESHAF
DAMIAN STAFFORD-SHAW
JESSICA SWEETNAM
PETER THOMPSON
GEOFFREY TUTTLE
DAFYDD UPSDELL
EMILY WALSH
DEANO WILKINSON
- Storm in a teacup.
 - I'll make love to you anytime.
 - True Colours.
 - Me and my girl.
 - Don't know much.
 - How great thou art.
 - Common People
 - The one and only.
 - Artificial Red.
 - You talk too much.
 - Dizzy.
 - Moondance.
 - King of the road.
 - Give me hope Joanna
 - Checking in, checking out.
 - Break on through to the other side.
 - The land of fantasy.
 - Love lies bleeding.
 - Two little boys.
 - Man in the mirror.
 - Sir Psycho Sexy.
 - Convoy.
 - Floyd the barber.
 - Daddy don't you walk so fast.
 - She's a baby.
 - It's a long way to Tipperary.
 - 36D
 - Sittin' on the dock of the bay.
 - Cut across shortly.
 - My name is prince.
 - Wake up, it's a beautiful morning.
 - Who's that girl ?
 - Fat boys can't dance.
 - Shopping.
 - Day Tripper.
 - Smells like teen spirit.
 - Chocolate Girl.
 - Sweet Sixteen.
 - Little fluffy clouds.
 - All the lies that you told me.
 - Dancing Queen.
 - All Apologies.
 - Leave me alone.
 - Married with children.
 - Do you think I'm sexy ?
 - Lipstick, powder and paint.
 - Welcome to paradise.
 - You'll be a woman soon.
 - Never as good as the first time.
 - When I kissed the teacher.
 - Big empty.

-SPIN DOCTOR

Nonsense Absolute

- THE HEADMASTER Orthodoxy is my doxy; Heterodoxy is another man's doxy.
- *Bishop William Warburton*
- MR KING I would not coddle the child. - *Samuel Johnson*
- MR LITTLE Not bloody likely. - *George Bernard Shaw*
- MR DALEY A noisy man is always in the right. - *William Cowper*
- MR JOHNSTON The multitude is always in the wrong. - *Wentworth Dillon*
- MR LEVIS With affection beaming in one eye, and calculation shining out the other. - *Charles Dickens*
- MR LEOPOLD I am out of the ladies' company like a fish out of water.
- *Thomas Shadwell*
- MR MORRISSEY A sophisticated rhetorician, inebriated with the exuberance of his own verbosity. - *Benjamin Disraeli*
- MRS LEVIS Man has his will, but woman has her way.
- *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- MR O'MAHONY I slept and dreamed that life was beauty; I woke, and found that life was duty. - *Ellen Sturgis Hooper*
- MR PRESTON A mortified appetite is never a wise companion.
- *Robert Louis Stephenson*
- MISS PRENDERGAST The loveliest fairy in the world, and her name is Miss Doasyouwouldbedoneby. - *Charles Kingsley*
- MISS PENNY J'accuse. - *Emile Zola*
- MRS RUMLEY I never saw a purple cow, and never hope to see one.
But I can tell you anyhow, I'd rather see than be one.
- *Gelett Burgess*
- MR NICHOLLS Such sweet compulsion doth in music lie. - *John Milton*
- MISS REGAN So little done, so much to do. - *Cecil Rhodes*
- MRS JOHNSTON Snowy, flowy, blowy, showery, flowery, bowery. - *George Ellis*
- DEAN HILLIARD You ain't heard nothin' yet folks. - *Al Jolson*
- MISS ROSS I have not yet begun to fight. - *John Paul Jones*
- MISS ANDERSON She's a bird in a gilded cage. - *Arthur J. Lamb*
- MISS DAWSON To arms, to arms! the fierce Virago cries
And swift as lightning to the combat flies. - *Alexander Pope*
- MRS O'CONNOR I'm the very model of a modern Major-General.
- *Sir William Schwenck Gilbert*
- MR QUAIL Meet me by moonlight alone. - *Joseph Augustine Wade*
- MR SEALE I am a lean dog, a keen dog, a wild dog and alone.
- *Irene Rutherford McLeod*
- MR LYONS At least one of his heads is now saner than an emu on acid.
- *Douglas Adams*
- MISS POWER The greatest thing in the world is to know how to be sufficient unto oneself. - *Michel Montaigne*
- MR POWER A harmless necessary cat. - *William Shakespeare*
- MRS CAIRNS And as for me, thogh that I can but lyte,
On bokes for to rede I me delyte. - *Chaucer*

THE POTENTIAL



The Headmaster with this year's Form I and Form Teachers, Miss A. Prendergast and Mr R.R. Little.

THE REALISATION



Rick Gleasure, Judith Cooper, Katherine Burns and Siofra Curtin, members of the Transition Year group which received the Young Reporters for the Environment Award, taken during the display of the winning project in AIB Midleton.

THE PILOTS



The Board of Governors, including our first lady governor, Mrs Joan Hales, listening to the Headmaster's speech on Prize Day.

THE STARS



Dr Kincade (Guest Speaker) and the Headmaster with Rachel Dungan and Clodagh Tait who were honoured for 'magna cum laude' success in their degree examinations.

INSTRUMENTAL



On Friday, 19th May, Mr Brian Davis gave a musical recital to the Transition Year pupils, playing two different types of harp, the large Concert Harp and the smaller Irish Harp, demonstrating the contrasting musical capabilities of each.

VOCAL



The Choir with their Musical Director, Mr Colin Nicholls, and soloists Canon William Beare (bass) and Robert Beare (tenor) after their performance of Stainer's 'The Crucifixion' in St John the Baptist's Church.

THE SHEPHERD



Mr King, as always, performing his pastoral duties with exemplary cheerfulness.

THE FLOCK



The annual caterpillar-to-butterfly metamorphosis known colloquially as 'The Guvs'.

RAMSHACKLE ROW

One evening I found myself walking
Down Ramshackle Row,
Remembering it in its glory
So many years ago.

I could see the stalls with their trinkets,
Chickens locked up in pens,
The street - a hive of activity,
For it was a market-place then.

As the stall-owners broadcast their bargains,
And the men drained the beer from the kegs,
Children ran round excited
With their shilling for Peggy's Leg.

But then reality hits me,
My market place is no more,
There's nothing but old, shelled houses,
No roofs, no windows, no doors.

The damp, grey street is gloomy
And night looms near, I know,
So I whisper goodbye, and turn with a sigh,
Remembering Ramshackle Row.

— SARAH LEVIS (FORM II)

ME

Life is the greatest gift in the world.
Everything that lives
Has to go through all the pain, the sorrow,
The joy and the happiness
That life brings to each of us.

But the greatest wonder of life
Is God's ability of creation,
His ability to make every one of us
Different from one another
Through personality and features.

The one thing I am very grateful for
Is that I am myself,
And there is nobody else like me,
I am unique-
I am me!

— STUART CHILDS (FORM II)

SNOW. . . .

First one flake,
Then two,
Suddenly a multitude,
Lazily drifting downwards
To kiss the earth and die.

Now an eye-blinding
Brain-numbing fall,
Heavier and heavier,
Swirling, twisting,
Lost, in a private world
Of dance and languid
Yet frenzied motion.

Caressing the tree branches
With their soft flakes,
Yet cold and icy
To the cheeks.
As the storm twists
And swirls in ecstasy,
I'm glad to be a looker-on
In this earth-dance,
With orange-red firelight
For company.

— NAOMI SOLLEVELD (FORM V)

LIFE'S LITTLE MESSAGES

The roar of the sea,
Is like the thunder of hell;
The hills turn green,
To mark the beginning of a new generation;
The journey of a river,
Is the map of our lives;
The tune the mocking bird sings,
Is a message from heaven;
The pictures a blind man paints,
Are the images of the world;
The strength of a poem,
Is the power of the mind behind it;
The beauty of a face,
Simply something to admire.

But the peace in the sky,
Is where we all wish to be,
Some of us sooner than others.

— VALERIE MORRISON (FORM II)

Rugby Tour '95

It has been said that winning is not important, and that it's taking part and enjoying yourself that matters. Fortunately, we did not have to make use of this phrase when we returned from our highly successful tour to Scotland, because we returned undefeated, having won three matches out of three, and having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves in doing so.

Our trip got off to a pretty slow start, as first of all we found ourselves having to wait twenty minutes for Mr Morrissey before we could take our official Tour photograph. But eventually he arrived all dolled up, having spent the previous twenty minutes in front of the mirror.

After this minor delay, we all hopped onto the bus full of enthusiasm and really looking forward to the days ahead. However this enthusiasm was soon dampened as we were ordered to shut up, sit down and keep our feet off the seats. No, it was not Mr Levis spreading 'sweetness and light'; in fact it was the cool crisp voice of the bus driver, Clint, who throughout the whole journey kept one eye on the road while the other scanned the seats behind looking for any sign of movement. His menacing stare seemed to say, "Go ahead punks, make my day."

Four painfully quiet hours later we arrived in Dublin Airport. Despite attempts by Bryan Morris to liven up the journey, Clint never gave an inch and succeeded in keeping law and order without having to resort to violence. He was disappointed.

While we were in Dublin Airport, we happened to bump into soccer star Paul McGrath. This made some of us very excited and everybody suddenly became Aston Villa fans. However, there was one member of our Tour party who was overwhelmed with emotion, and with tears in his eyes while shaking Paul's hand he looked up at him and said "Thanks for the memories." This was one of those magic moments that we will all treasure forever, the day that Mr Levis revealed his sensitive side. Anyway, after five minutes of autographing and generally annoying Mr McGrath, we parted company, as he boarded his plane for Birmingham, and we boarded ours for Prestwick.

The flight was very enjoyable, especially for the four or five who had never flown before. These people spent the duration of the flight looking down on the blanket of white clouds below us and came to the startling conclusion that it looked like snow. However, James thought of it as a giant marshmallow; typical! As we were enjoying ourselves looking down on the clouds, Ken Moore was definitely not enjoying himself looking the bottom of a sick bag. Luckily for him, and for the rest of the passengers, he survived the twenty-five minute flight without decorating the interior of the bag, and the relief on his face was obvious when we touched down.

Shortly after our arrival we met up with our bus driver Sandy, who was everything that Clint wasn't. Compared with Clint he was the Mary Poppins of bus drivers, and he looked after us from the moment we arrived. We sang our way from Glasgow to Edinburgh, aided by Robin Fitz on guitar and Dino's repertoire of rowdy rugby songs. We stopped once en route to eat in a roadside café (which shall remain nameless in case of legal action) and, to put it mildly, the food was pretty bad. In fact it was so bad that Mr Preston didn't finish his meal. Now I think you will agree that for this strange event to take place that the food must have been awful.

Late that night we reached the Cairn Hotel, Edinburgh. Needless to mention, we all fell into bed exhausted and didn't appreciate the early call the next morning. In fact, the only people who did enjoy the early calls were Mr Morrissey and Mr Leopold, because they got to do the calling.

Our first match was against Currie (a Scottish first-division side), and the toughest team that we would face on the Tour. They were a bigger and stronger team than us, but we took the game to them from the start, and managed to keep them on the back foot, pressuring them into making mistakes which we capitalised on. Bryan Morris kicked us into the lead with an early penalty, and minutes later David Halpin made a break on the twenty-two and split the defence wide open to score in the corner, a try which was converted superbly by Dafydd Upsyddell to give us a comfortable lead. We stretched this lead to 17-3 before half-time with a Bryan Morris try. Shortly after half-time, we lost Mark Coleman (who had been dominating the line-outs) with a fractured cheekbone. This put us under a lot of pressure, and Currie began to close the gap, and with just ten minutes to go the gap was down to six points. However, through courageous play by our pack, we battled our way into their half and from a back row move Morris received the ball, made a burst up the side line, and with a delicate chip beat the last line of defence to touch down in the corner for his second try of the match. This sealed our victory nicely and we ran out the winners by 22 points to 11.

After the game the Scottish lads, who had literally kicked us around the pitch for the previous hour, suddenly began to speak to us without growling, and we slowly began to realise that they actually spoke the same languages as us, and suddenly we were the best of buddies. We matched each other, song for song, and joke for joke, well into the night, until eventually, hoarse and exhausted, we parted company and returned to the hotel where we hit the sack voluntarily.

Our voices were again put to the test the following day as we cheered the Irish Schoolboys' rugby team to victory over the Scots in Glasgow. We single-handedly destroyed the Scottish support with a constant barrage of chants and songs which spurred the Irish on to beat what was probably a better Scottish side.

One lesson we learned on tour is never to wave an Irish flag in the window of a bus if there is a bus of Rangers fans alongside you. It was like waving a red rag to a bull. They called us several names, but it was virtually impossible to make out what they were saying, as they were shouting in a Scottish accent which made Billy Connolly sound like an English gent. In fact the only word that I could make out was the word "Fenian". Fortunately, the Rangers' fans eventually realised that we were not a bus of Celtic fans (even though we were, apart from Morris the traitor) but a bus of innocent Irish school-boys who didn't know any better, and so they began to smile as they called us names. How thoughtful of them. Luckily Sandy "Senna", the bus driver, managed to dodge through the traffic with ease to leave the "blue banger" which was the Ranger's bus in his wake.

After our encounter with the Ranger's supporters we did something much more dangerous; we went bowling. Now what could be more simple than knocking a few pins with a big ball? Well a lot of things as it turned out; in fact people hit everything else but the pins. But by far the most amusing shot of the night was Alan Hilliard's attempt to head the 14-pound, rock-hard bowling ball down the lane. As expected, the bowling ball came out of the collision in slightly better health than brave (some might say thick, stupid) Alan who emerged with a big bruise on his forehead. Well, as they say, you can't win them all, Al.

On Sunday afternoon we played the second match of the Tour against Mussleborough. All the lads who didn't get their chance in the first game got their chance to impress, and that they did with a fine performance which saw them win by 13 points to 3. Roy Connor had a great game, and he set up both Middleton tries; the first for Alan Hilliard who sprinted the length of the pitch to touch down under the posts; and the second with a super kick for the corner which he managed to get the perfect amount of back-spin on, to miss touch and

bounce behind the try line for Rob Cogan to score a spectacular try. It was this try that sealed the victory, with Rob Cogan the hero, although he had to come through a difficult period in the game when he was trying to determine exactly what game he was playing. He seemed to confuse soccer and the high jump with rugby, but after playing around with the idea in his head for an hour, he finally struck a happy medium and became Rob "Campo" Cogan.

Afterwards we watched the highlights of the match with the Scottish lads, and basically we just laughed at each other's mistakes, with the odd "so that's the***** who hit me" thrown in. But it was all taken in the best of spirits, and we all ate our pasties and beans, Sorry, I tell a lie. Those who could stomach it ate their pasties and beans, and then we left.

On our travels we met everyone from Paul McGrath to a Canadian women's rugby team, and somewhere in the middle was the American football team we met in Murrayfield. They were called the Scottish Claymores, and the team consisted of loads of big, black American guys who had the cheek to laugh at how small we were. However, we had the last laugh when we read two days later of how they got their butts kicked by even bigger, blacker American guys.

As well as visiting Murrayfield, we went to the cinema, the "Star Trek" convention and several fast food joints, where Mr Preston most definitely did not touch any greasy food, I swear to you Mrs Preston. In fact he ate bird seed for the whole duration of the tour, and went for a jog every morning down to breakfast where he ate one slice of dry toast. Let me tell you this Mrs Preston, that's a fine husband you've found yourself.

Our third and final match was against Linlithgow (which I have probably spelt horribly wrong). This was the game that we needed to win to return to Ireland with a 100% record, and we got off to a great start as David Mohally scored a brilliant try when the line-out move that Cecil Millar and he had been rehearsing for three whole years finally came off, and while the Scottish lads were having a polite conversation with the referee as to whether the move was legal or not, Mohally forced his way over the line beating at least 25 defenders to give us the early advantage. Minutes later, Bryan Morris added to the lead with a well-taken penalty, and at this stage, having dominated the opening twenty minutes, we were looking very comfortable. But suddenly the strain of playing three games in four days began to show, and even though we were by far the superior team, we were unable to add to our lead before half-time. After the break, they came at us strongly and eventually got points on the board when they scored a penalty to narrow the gap to just five points. But as usual the Midleton pack fought their way back into the game, with James Kavanagh, Ivan Nagle and Dino Wilkinson being the main driving force behind it, and having forced our way to the line we scored the vital try when Alan Hilliard (still sporting a big bruise on his forehead) bowled his way over the line. This gave us a cushion of ten points, but this was soon down to three as Linlithgow came back at us and scored a converted try. However we held on doggedly till the end, and even had the luxury of bringing on our patient bag-man, Marcus "Long John" Foley, who made a guest appearance on the wing. In the end we scraped through by 13 points to 10 and maintained our 100% record.

The following night we returned to Ireland penniless, battered and bruised, and with bags under our eyes. It had been a highly successful and enjoyable tour both on and off the pitch, and it was enjoyed by all. So on behalf of all the lads I would like to thank Mr. Levis for organising and managing the tour so well, Mr Morrissey and Mr Leopold for waking us up in the mornings, and generally joining in the fun, and last, but not least, Mr Preston who must take most of the credit for believing in us and turning us into a winning team.

— D.M.

Past Pupils' TableTennis

With half of the previous year's cup winning team leaving the local region, it was always going to be a tough year for our club team. A disappointing league campaign was followed by a brave, but ultimately unsuccessful, effort against Macroom in the cup.

The Stephen Perrot Cup reached its tenth year; a bitter-sweet fact, as a tenth birthday here also means a tenth anniversary. It was perhaps appropriate that the cup went to Sperr's main adversary and partner, Peter Kelly. Peter beat Edwin Thompson in the final to win the title for the fourth time. In the plate final, Wigs Cuffe beat Teddy Brady.

OBLIVIOUS

Run through the wild roses
While moonlight chases you;
On the top of the vacant hill
Little children eat moondust
While the big ones eat the world.
Empty, the stars don't shine,
The dogs are gone to the bloodrich land,
Yellow and red and fires of hell.
Run with me to the other side.
Dancing, screaming, the music spreads
The sky is falling,
Don't let it touch me.

Come with me, take my hand,
I'll take your mind,
Black and red, we can do anything,
Love and hate, rule the world
Why can't you tell them?
Flying and floating we are immortal.
You see him but he's gone,
What's the deal?
You're the one, so keep it rolling.

I can't make it to the warm place,
To my soft asylum,
But we can be here together,
The show must go on.
Do we hurt when we die?
It's over.

- MARIAN MCCARTHY (FORM VI)

Rugby 1994-'95

Senior

Not quite a champagne year but certainly one to savour, and I for one will remember it for many years to come. The one blemish in a fine season was a Mungret Cup final defeat against Árd Scoil Rís. That was the fourth game of a seven-match run, played over an incredible twenty-two days. They won six and lost one. That was an achievement in itself but I know that, judging by their own high standards, the cup final defeat will always be a disappointment.

Overall, in a twenty-match season they only lost six matches. Before Christmas we were comprehensively beaten 29-3 by Glenstal in Midleton. Our prospects in the Senior Cup having drawn Glenstal in Limerick suddenly didn't seem so good. But this group of players improved immeasurably as the season progressed and eventually showed their true potential.

Five of the team-Bryan Morris, Dafydd Upsdell, David Mohally, Barclay Clibborn, James Kavanagh and Alan Hilliard-went through the Munster 'B' trial system in October. Bryan wasn't playing to the best of his ability, but, more on reputation, again made the side at scrum-half. He played in the three fixtures against Leinster, Connacht and Leicestershire schools. Dafydd was selected as sub and was finally 'capped' against Leicestershire. The others didn't do themselves justice at this particular juncture - I am sure if we were selecting the team in March they would have been in with a real shout. Players of lesser ability have made the shake up in previous years. C'est la vie !

Our faith in Bryan was justified; he has this happy knack of saving his best performance for the big occasion and was an influential player in the red jersey of Munster. He also was an excellent school captain over a two-year period. Interestingly, he played in every senior game over a three-year period except one. That was a game against Rockwell in fifth year. I wouldn't let him play as he was representing Munster 'B' the following day. This achievement speaks volumes for the player's ability and enthusiasm for the game.

The cup campaign after Christmas began with the trip to Glenstal. A 'scoreless thriller' was how *The Cork Examiner* described it. Our cause looked as good as lost when we turned over on level terms, in spite of having played with the very strong and biting cold wind in the first half. After a few half-chances, we spent the last twenty minutes of the game in desperate defence. One will remember the try and game-scoring tackles of winger Jeremy Hall and full-back David Halpin. Our backs drifted off side - penalty in front of the posts - only several minutes to go. The ball was pushed wide of the post. An act of God ! claimed Cecil Millar. Finally the whistle blew. The post match scenes were like those of a cup final. We were overjoyed having got a 'result' against the odds: the Glenstal players had all the looks of a team expecting to win, simply by turning up.

The replay in Midleton would be a different story - we had lost the element of surprise and no doubt Glenstal would play with more resolve. Again in a close match we came from behind on two occasions to win 12-10. Dafydd's conversion of the second try proved decisive. Our reward for this victory was a place in the quarter final of the Senior Cup against Crescent, one of the favourites. The result, a 44-0 victory for Crescent, scarcely did us justice. It was a creditable result for a school of our size against one of the 'big' schools.

The Mungret Cup took us to Bandon, always a difficult place to get a result. We

came away 13-3 victors in a game that should have been sewn up at half time. Re-enter Glenstal in the semi-final. Again in another closely contested game we came out on top 13-8. Victory was sweet, but it had its costs - several injuries, the most serious of which would leave Cecil Millar, the hooker, out of the final against Árd Scoil Rís.

The final was played in Mallow and owing to the adverse weather conditions just one day before we set off for Edinburgh on our Easter tour. Cecil's injury forced a pack reshuffle that was to have major ramifications, especially in the area of the line-out. Deano Wilkinson was nominated as the thrower-in, something he didn't have practice in. Taking him out of the line-out also meant that the jumpers lost his tremendous support. It proved too much for us. We conceded a 'soft' try in the first five minutes and were never able to get on level terms, eventually going down 15-6. When one considers that Árd Scoil Rís are a school of more than six hundred boys it puts the result into perspective. We were dogged by injury and couldn't 'lift' on the day. Remarkably, over the following weekend, we played three tough games and came out on top on each occasion (more of this in the tour report).

I have deliberately avoided going through the panel on an individual basis, because, more than any other group in recent years, this was a team picked from a panel of roughly 23 players of very even ability. In ten years of being involved with the senior group, it was certainly one of the most pleasant and satisfying groups to work with. My abiding memory will certainly be two victories over Glenstal in the one season and the highly successful tour of Edinburgh. Finally, my thanks to Marcus Foley who, when unable to play for the season, took up the onerous duties of 'bagman'. He took all sorts of verbal abuse but still surfaced with a smile, making a 'cameo' appearance in the last twenty seconds of the final game on tour.

Panel : B. Morris (capt.), D. Mohally (v-capt.), B. Clibborn, I. Nagle, C. Millar, D. Halpin, A. Hilliard, J. Hall, D. Upsdell, C. O'Leary, J. Kavanagh, M. Coleman, R. Connor, P. Clifford, R. Cogan, K. Moore, B. Wain, R. Jefferson, D. Wilkinson, P. Clibborn, E. Lyons, A. Jeffery, A. Massey.

— M.P.

Second XV

A well-disciplined group made sure that 'playing the odd friendly' was not the objective for this 2nd XV. Throughout the season they trained hard and enjoyed good wins over Bandon and Newtown. A few from this group will undoubtedly become an integral part of next year's 1st XV.

My best wishes to all

Panel: J. deVere Hunt, K. Johnston, D. Craven, R. Cogan, P. Thompson, B. Wain, R. Connor (capt.), P. Clibborn, R. Cotter, E. Lyons, R.O'Mahony, R. Fitzpatrick, D. Mackey, K. Moore, B. Donovan, A. Minihan, S. Nagle, P. Massey, G. Murphy, P. Barry, T. Hales.

— N.Q

J.C.T.

Recently students in a school in Kerry made the front pages when they went on "strike" complaining that their school did not offer them any organised sport. This made me smile, since we have found in recent years that there seems to be a reluctance in some students to participate in team sports. The necessity to adhere to a set training schedule and match programme seems to place too rigid a structure on their life styles. It gladdens my heart to see that there are still many of the tougher souls who see adversity as a challenge. These characters put team before themselves, train in all weathers, get later buses when the need arises and even offer the extreme sacrifice of missing a few classes to travel to far away venues.

As a coach I salute these stalwarts. It makes training all the more worthwhile when you see that they actually enjoy it. They develop a team spirit and benefit enormously from working for each other and not just themselves. Anyway enough of me on the soap box - down to business.

Well what can I say? It's not getting any easier to put out a side that can be competitive. It was basically a season of damage limitation. We began with the ambition of becoming a tighter defensive unit. As match followed match, this ambition was realised. At least the losing margins had become smaller.

The difference between being deemed a success or a failure is often marginal and sometimes down to simple luck, or in our case lack of it. Once we had ourselves organised, any match that we lost was lost by only one score. In each of these games it is possible to look back and say if only this had happened or that had not, the result would have been different. Oh well, c'est la vie!

With the season that we were going through it was difficult to look towards the cup with anything but pessimism. Call us mad optimists, but we did look forward to it. We felt that we genuinely had a good chance.

Our back row of Ian Carroll, Johnny O'Donovan and Paul Murphy had improved enormously. They were largely instrumental in our much tighter defence. Paul Murphy was a captain who led by example. He proved to be an inspiration throughout the season.

Ralph Chambers at hooker gave us good possession in the scrums with his fast and tidy strike. We still had difficulty getting line-out ball, but we felt that we could overcome that. At half backs we had young U-14 players in Damien Smyth and James Colbert. They proved well able for the higher age group and improved with each game. Darragh Daunt and John Goold both showed mettle in defence. They also had flair in attack, but we seemed to have difficulty in getting them ball in good attacking positions.

In the event our optimism was misplaced. We lost yet again by that margin of one score, 5-0. The try, when it came, arose out of an unfortunate incident involving the referee. His part in it was even reported in that lofty journal, *The Irish Times*. Luck or lack of it? This I think confirmed our suspicions: it was not meant to be our season, despite our earnest endeavours. I wish luck to all the players and hope their enthusiasm has not been dampened by our misfortune. Remember, luck always balances out in the long run.

Panel: J.Goold, R.Nolan, D.McAuley, N.Phelan, C.Bradley, M.Street, D.Daunt, A.Deller, D.Dungan, D.Smyth, J.Colbert, P.Murphy (capt.), J.O'Donovan, I.Carroll, D.Hales, B.Moore, J.Ottman, C.Dwyer, A.Potter Cogan, R.Chambers and A.Hussain.

— R.St J.P.

Under-14

Although small in number, the Under-14 group were very enthusiastic.

David Murphy proved a very reliable full-back. Barry Buckley and Damian Erangey were two very useful wingers. Hiro Yamada showed plenty of pace in the centre and David Dungan, his partner, developed into a very good all-round player.

Damien Smyth at out half possessed an excellent temperament and shows considerable promise. James Colbert captained the side well at scrum-half and always played in a very positive and enthusiastic manner.

In the pack, Philip Smyth at prop, Evin Kingston and Harvey Tucker at second row were the mainstay of the front five. In the back row, David Hales was lively and worked hard. John Buttimer at No. 8 was exemplary in his attitude and his example both at training and in matches. His contribution was outstanding and he was awarded the cup for the best Under-14 player.

We were very glad to have had the willing services of the following 'guest' stars from time to time when injuries depleted the Under-14 panel: A. Hussain, R. Chambers, J. Goold, B. Moore, M. Street, A. Potter Cogan and N. Phelan. Their contribution was greatly appreciated.

— J.C.L.

Under-13

Last season we again fielded a First Form team since our intake of pupils did not contain sufficient Under-13s.

They were an enthusiastic group of players who enjoyed their rugby and trained well.

In the backs, Danny Buckley, Stuart Childs and Richard O'Sullivan were particularly successful, whilst in the forwards David Smyth, Peter McCullough, Robert Coleman and Michael Stephens were most effective.

The following is the full panel of players who played during the season : R. O'Sullivan, J. Jeffery, P. Thompson, S. Tait, S. Childs, D. Buckley, R. Coleman, E. West, P. McCullough, M. Stephens, D. Smyth, A. Sheane, P. Jeffery, W. Horgan, K. Byrne and S. Jordan.

— A. McC.

Under-14 Cricket

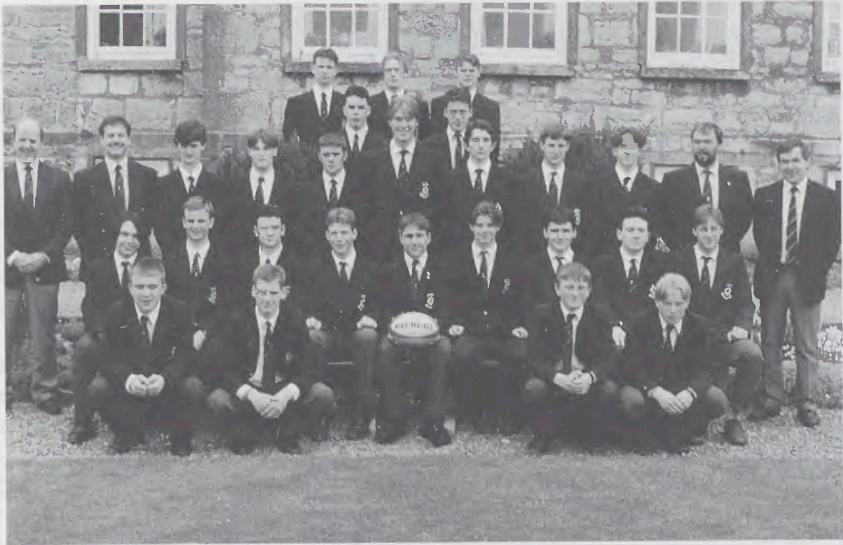
The Under-14 Cricket group had three games in the short time available, two matches against Bandon Grammar School and an Under-14 'blitz' tournament in Harlequin Park. A second 'blitz' tournament scheduled for the Mardyke was cancelled owing to inclement weather.

David Murphy captained the side and has the potential to be a good bowler and a useful batsman. Alan Sheane and Damien Smyth were enthusiastic all-rounders, while Harvey Tucker, Philip Smyth and David Smyth all hit some lusty blows with the bat, usually across the line. A straight bet is not acquired overnight ! Danny Buckley showed some promise as a bowler.

Panel : Barry Buckley, Danny Buckley, Stuart Childs, David Dungan, Julian Edwards, David Hales, David Murphy, (capt.) Alan Sheane, David Smyth, Damien Smyth, Philip Smyth, Gavin Tait, Harvey Tucker.

—I.L.

SENIOR XV AND TOURING PARTY 1994-'95



Back Row: P. Clibborn, E. Lyons, M. Foley, P. Clifford, D. Upsdell.
Third Row: Mr Morrissey, Mr Leopold, K. Moore, R. Connor, R. Fitzpatrick,
M. Coleman, R. Cogan, A. Jeffery, C. O'Leary, Mr Preston, Mr Levis.
Second Row: A. Hilliard, B. Clibborn, D. Halpin, I. Nagle, B. Morris (capt.),
A. Mohally, C. Millar, J. Kavanagh, J. Hall
Front Row: D. Wilkinson, R. Jefferson, B. Wain, A. Massey.

UNDER-14, 1994-'95



Back Row: M. Stephens, D. Murphy, B. Buckley, H. Tucker, D. Erangey, H. Yamada,
Mr Levis.
Middle Row: J. Buttimer, D. Smyth, D. Dungan, J. Colbert, D. Hales, P. Smyth, E. Kingston.
Front Row: S. Reynolds, David Smyth, D. Buckley, R. O'Sullivan

HOCKEY

Senior Boys

Returning to Midleton in September of 1994, I anticipated having quite a strong and experienced squad of players for the forthcoming season. This notion was quickly dispelled, as firstly, Julian Williams retired from the game to concentrate on athletics, and secondly, Marcus Foley had a serious leg problem which necessitated surgery. This basically meant that two vital cogs in the midfield engine-room were missing. It was back to the drawing-board.

To the credit of the squad of players available, these handicaps were not only overcome but levels of individual skill, team work and understanding developed nicely over the season amongst a most pleasant group of players. In the league the side finished in a respectable mid-table position, while in the cup we succumbed (1-0) to a very good Ashton side who eventually won the trophy rather easily.

Ruairí Curtin, our player of the year, had an excellent season as the last line of defence. His brilliance often kept us afloat in many matches. Richard Cotter was a dependable sweeper whose tackling was often outstanding. Cecil Millar, a solid and competitive centre-back, captained the side well and led his troops by example. Roger Hume was a fine attacking right-back, while his brother Andrew played his part in sealing up the left side of the defence.

In mid-field Roddy Jefferson, Bryan Morris and David Tait worked extremely hard. Bryan, a wholehearted and never-say-die sort of player, often ran himself to a standstill. There were times when it would have been better if he had tempered his enthusiasm with a more thoughtful approach, but the former often served as an inspiration to others around him in the side. Roddy Jefferson at right-midfield and David Tait at left-midfield stepped into the void left by the forementioned absentees and turned in performances beyond our expectations: Roddy a neat and busy player; David wholehearted and earnest with a deceptively good reverse-side tackle. If our mid-field had a fault it was their tendency to over-carry the ball and not release it quickly enough to the breaking front men.

Up front, Jeremy Hall was our outstanding player and goal poacher. A player with pace who made intelligent runs and turns, one always expected him to make something happen. On the flanks, Andrew Tait grew in confidence and skill. A better final pass would add more potency to his game. Darragh Daunt on the other flank showed that he had the skill, intelligence and temperament to develop into a very useful player.

Rob Cogan, Dino Wilkinson, Liam Franklin and Ivan Nagle all made worthwhile contributions when called into action. Remarkably, Marcus Foley, made a come-back towards the end of the season. His dogged determination can only be lauded, for, despite the handicap of a limp and a painful leg condition, he battled on in games as if his life depended on it.

To conclude, I would again like to express my gratitude to the Headmaster and Ms Mary Power for officiating at many of our matches. My thanks also to Eddie Fitzgerald and Tim Dineen for maintaining a fine playing surface.

Panel : Ruairí Curtin, Dan Mackey, Richard Cotter, Roger Hume, Cecil Millar (capt.), Andrew Hume, Roddy Jefferson, Bryan Morris, David Tait, Darragh Daunt, Jeremy Hall, Andrew Tait, Dino Wilkinson, Liam Franklin, Robert Cogan, Ivan Nagle, Marcus Foley.

Representative Honours : Bryan Morris - Munster Under-18

—I.L.

SENIOR BOYS 1994-'95



Back Row: Mr. Leopold, D. Wilkinson, R.Hume, L. Franklin, R. Curtin, A. Hume, I. Nagle,
R. Cogan, The Headmaster.
Middle Row: D. Tait, R. Cotter, C. Millar (Capt.) J. Hall, B. Morris, M. Foley.
Front Row: D. Daunt, R. Jefferson, A. Tait

UNDER -13 BOYS



Back Row: Miss Power, B. Horgan, E. West, W. McConnell, P. Thompson, P. Jeffery,
S. Jordan.
Front Row: A. Sheane, D. Buckley, D. Smyth, S. Childs (Capt), J. Jeffery,
R. Coleman, S. Tait.

Under-16

Expectation did not exactly run high amongst this group from the beginning. They realised themselves that the season ahead would be a task, and this fact was not helped by a few who, understandably, decided to concentrate on a single sport which was not hockey.

However, the group that remained never once put their heads down and fought constantly throughout the games. The Under-16 cup was short-lived for this squad. They faced a very strong Villiers side who ran out eventual 4-0 winners. We may also see Ross Nolan, Peter Manning and Darragh Daunt developing into fine senior players.

Panel : D. Mackey, A. Potter Cogan, L. Tait, R. Nolan, M. O'Dwyer, K. Johnston, P. Manning, D. Daunt (capt.), E. Morrissey, J. O'Donovan, P. Treacy, M. Street, I. Jeffery, I. Wynne.

— N.Q.

Under-14

The U-14 team was somewhat of a disappointment this year owing to the non-participation of boys in the age group at this level - nine boys expressed their interest to play, so we could not field a team in the Munster Minor League for the first time since the inception of this competition.

However, we played a number of friendly games by making up a team with some U-15 players. This team played six games in total - winning three and losing three. I would like to express my thanks to those players who showed a keen interest in the game during the year and were keen and eager to turn out in all weathers and to make the journey to Harlequins without a moan or a mumble. It's a pity to see a decline in interest and commitment in students so young, but, on the other hand, it was a pleasure to deal with the boys who did play. Some of these players developed well during the year, none so much as Damien Smyth who captained the side. David Murphy, David Hales, and Philip Smyth gave some very impressive performances between the posts. The determination of John Buttimer was notable and the others who made up the U-14 players were Barry Buckley, David Smyth, Harvey Tucker, Gavin Tait, Julian Edward, and Robert Crowley. Many thanks also to U-15s Ross Nolan, Johnny O'Donovan and Mark Street who were willing to play so that we could make up a team.

— M.P.

Form 1

The first year boys played a total of five games last season, of which they won two, drew 1 and lost 2. They also played in the end of season 1st year tournament in Newtown School in Waterford, which always proves to be a good day out.

These were an enthusiastic bunch-and not without a touch of skill - not, who enjoyed their hockey. Those to catch the eye at this level were David Smyth, Daniel Buckley and our net minder, Steven Tait. The side was well captained by Stuart Childs who always led by example.

The rest of the panel included : P. McCullough, A. Sheane, P. Thompson, W. McConnell, R. Coleman, S. Jordan, B. Horgan, E. West, N. O'Regan and P. Jeffery.

— M. P.

Senior Girls

Midleton College won the Fair Play trophy for the 1994-95 season. This is awarded to the school which conveys the most favourable spirit and image of the game throughout the season.

In addition to this award, the Senior Girls won the South Munster Senior B league, losing narrowly to Thurles in the Munster final. This achievement was due to a panel of interested, determined, committed and responsive players.

The team was captained by Leane Hales, whose strength on the ball, particularly on her reverse side, allowed her to play with drive and competitiveness, from the centre of midfield. Jane Mackey and Róisín Barrett completed the midfield trio. Róisín's excellent passing skills created many openings from which the team benefited greatly. Jane's immense skill and enthusiasm troubled every team we encountered, especially Scoil Mhuire, against whom she scored a tremendous equaliser.

Jeneen Naji was another player who excelled against Scoil Mhuire in the Cup Campaign, saving numerous penalty strokes. Jeneen's confidence and presence in the circle increased with every game. Siofra Curtin filled the important position of sweeper, tackling skilfully and solidly.

Tegwyn Stephenson, Yvonne Fitzell and Lorraine Murphy formed a dependable back three. Tegwyn was an athletic, attacking right-back. She created, with Jane and Deirdre Holmes, a very strong and threatening right side. Both Yvonne and Lorraine were consistent defenders, talented at timing their tackles.

Up front, Deirdre Holmes was fast and direct on the right side. Her clever dribbling skills made her an impressive player. Michelle Moloney improved at centre-forward as the season progressed, her best performance was in Dungarvan, scoring two goals. Rachel Walters dominated the left wing, her perseverance was a most useful asset to the side. Yvonne Buckley became an accurate forward, with the ability to adapt to any of the three positions.

Mid-season saw the return of Jenifer Hales from injury. Her skill, experience, positional sense and attacking powers led to her valuable contributions.

Others who contributed on occasions to a very enjoyable and successful season were Nora Kingston, Siobhán Franklin and Jennifer Cuddy.

Many thanks to those who umpired during the year and to all the squad.

— R.K.

2nd XI

Enjoyment was the main ambition of this team who discovered hidden talents under the inspired guidance of Ms Fraser. Captained by Jenny Cuddy, seven goals were scored and five conceded, which meant mid-table league placing. We hope Ms Fraser finds teaching English in Greece as rewarding.

Panel : J. Cuddy, F. Denham, S. Franklin, A. Wrixon, J. O'Leary, N. Butler, V. French, J. Dungan, N. Kingston, D. Minihane, M. Childs, T. Irwin, D. Pamment, C. Cuddy.

— R.L.

WINNERS OF SOUTH MUNSTER LEAGUE AND FAIR PLAY TROPHIES



Back Row: Miss Kohler, S. Curtin, L. Murphy, R. Barrett, J. Hales, D. Holmes,
The Headmaster.
Front Row: J. Naji, N. Kingston, J. Mackey, L. Hales, M. Maloney, R. Walters.

JUNIOR B2, LEAGUE RUNNERS - UP



Back Row: I. Herlihy, C. Geary, E. Foran.
Middle Row: Miss Dawson, E. Ryan, J. Cooper, A. Tait, M. Scott-Baird, J. Crowley,
F. Solleveld.
Front Row: V. Morrison, R. Crofts, B. Young, C. Cuddy (capt.) K. McCullough,
E. Scott-Baird, A. Rhys-Thomas.

Junior A

This group were, for me, the easiest group I have ever coached. They came to training on time, with all the equipment we needed; they came out in all weathers without complaint; they trained hard and had a go at all that was asked of them; and it was, I hope for them too, a very enjoyable year.

Katherine Burns played in goal, Louise Kenworthy, sweeper, Orla O'Donovan was centre-back, Paula Heskin usually played at right back, Liz Clifford played at centre-mid, and Grainne Martin generally played at right mid. Paula was captain, and as well as leading her team in action, she fulfilled the other captain's duties admirably. The paperwork was neat, tidy and completed on time, the medical bag was never forgotten; and we always had refreshments. She was ably assisted by Liz who was the vice-captain. Katherine and Grainne looked after all the goal-keeping equipment for the year. Louise and Orla gave invaluable help wherever it was needed. They all worked well together and their positive approach and enthusiasm helped blend in the younger members of the squad: Elaine Coleman was left-back, Emma Sheane played at left-mid, and Julie Young, Sarah O'Connell, Chloe Early and Louise Wilkinson usually played in the forward line.

The draw for the cup gave us Mount Mercy as opponents and they proved to be too strong for us. Indeed, they went on to win the Munster Cup. This year, the league was split into 2 sections and we came out top in our section. Results were U.C.B. (1-0), Scoil Mhuire (1-0), St. Augustine's (2-0), Fermoy (1-0), and Mayfield (1-0). St. Angela's won the other section and beat us at home in the play-off on December 8th. Overall, they were very encouraging results.

— J. J

Junior B2

The Junior B2 girls finished runners-up in their league. In the play-off, they were beaten by a very strong Passage team at Garryduff. It was disappointing to lose the final, but nevertheless the girls should not be too disappointed, bearing in mind that Passage has just one girls' team and thus channels all its resources into this team. Consequently, this team is very strong having a wide range of players to choose from. The Midleton Junior B2 girls were thus unfortunate to come up against such a strong team on the day.

In order to reach the play-off, the team won two matches, beating Ard Scoil, Dungarvan, 2-0, and beating Mitchelstown by a massive margin (7-0); incurred only one defeat and gained a walk-over.

The team was most ably captained by Carolyn Cuddy. She proved to be extremely dedicated and led the team with great enthusiasm. All team players trained hard all season and evidence of this high degree of commitment is borne out in their achievement in reaching the play-off. All in all, an excellent season.

Panel : V. Morrison, B. Young, C. Cuddy, K. McCullough, I. Herlihy, A. Rhys-Thomas, E. Scott-Baird, R. Crofts, E. Foran, J. Cooper, M. Scott-Baird, A. Tait, C. Geary.

— A.D.

Cricket 1995

Sad - really! Our memories of 1995 will be of sunshine and drought but this was not the case during our summer term; our miserable cricket season. The weather washed out the Old Boys' match and the Old Boys' Taverners against Form VI was played in a drizzle.

The Senior team played four matches. The first was played on May 3rd and the fourth on May 19th. That was it! And yet cricket remains popular, with 35 boys playing in the senior age group. Time and weather-and exam pressures-are the major inhibiting factors. Is there a solution? Some indoor cricket was played during the winter and we hope to do more this year. Time will tell; let us hope that cricket survives.

On the senior team Paul Clifford blossomed as a captain. He was thoughtful in his field placing and bowling changes, and encouraging to the younger players. He deserved a better season and a better team.

Cecil Miillar was a good vice-captain and our major batsman. Strong on his legs, he still nibbled outside the off-stump.

Liam Franklin showed promise but his concentration needs improving. Damian Shaw disappointed - he looks the part but doesn't deliver, perhaps next year.

Paul Clifford was the best bowler and was well supported by Dafydd Upsdell, who also clouted useful runs, and Patrick Clibborn who could be more effective with more control.

The fielding was keen and Roddy Jefferson was a tidy wicket-keeper.

The 2nd XI played three enjoyable matches enthusiastically.

— R.I.K.

Under -15

Our season revolved around three league fixtures. We lost two and tied one - just! Although we habitually participate in the league, we have long since ceased to be competitive and our standard continues to slide. The depressing fact is that there is no sign of any light at the end of the tunnel.

Our first match was in Bandon and they made fairly short work of us. We batted first and were all out for 67, many simply throwing away their wicket. Only Ross Nolan (13) and Elmer Morrissey (14) reached double figures; highest score went to extras on 18! Bandon reached the total quickly, losing only three wickets. Of our bowlers, Davd Murphy (2 for 27) was the only one to bowl a constant line and length.

The fixture against Harlequins was one of the most frustrating matches I have ever been involved in as an umpire. We made an encouraging start and finished 105 all out, Donal MacAuley (28) and Paul Murphy (22) being our top scorers. Our prospects looked good and we restricted them to 50 for 6 off 20 overs. It was unlikely that they would achieve a rate of 5-5 an over from the final ten overs. Suddenly things began to change. One of their batsmen scored 52, and we contributed with 40 extras - 27 of which were wides! Probably undeservedly, we got their last man out with the match tied at 105 runs.

The final match against Limerick ran along similar lines as the first. We were all out for 59. Although Limerick finished up 60 for 8, it never was as close as that sounds - they always looked as though they were going to get the runs. Again David Murphy (3 for 16) was the only bowler to make an impression. I hope the players got more enjoyment out of the games than performance suggested.

Panel: M. O'Dwyer (capt.), D. MacAuley, D. Murphy, P. Murphy, E. Morrissey, R. Short, P. Smyth, A. Potter Cogan, A. Deller, J. Jeffery, E. Byrne, D. Smyth, R. Nolan, C. Bradley.

— M.P.

Table-Tennis

Last season proved to be the most disappointing since Midleton College entered competitive table-tennis. Inclement weather conditions resulted in a series of postponed cup ties in other codes, extending what was a tightly organised and prolonged campaign anyway. Unfortunately with each postponement and refixture, the opportunity of playing table-tennis league matches was lost. Eventually, with a glut of fixtures which were impossible to fulfil, we had to make the painful decision to withdraw from the leagues. Although we were not in a position to win any titles it was still a move which caused shockwaves on the local scene, as we had consistently been one of the leading schools in Cork over the past 15 years. Withdrawal from the leagues removed us from the organisational sphere of influence, and this showed when the Schools' Cup (held in Midleton in recent times) was arranged for a day during one of our long weekend breaks. When the first year competition clashed with a class examination, it was just another blow in a disastrous season, during which we had not competed fully in any schools' competition.

On the playing scene, James Kavanagh (who captained the senior team) played for Munster at Under-21 level. Liz Clifford became the first girl to win the Senior Championship since 1976 when she beat Louise Kenworthy in the first ever all-girls final. Liz also won the Senior League, beating Cathal O'Leary, but was beaten by Jenifer Hales in the Girls' Final. She also partnered James Kavanagh to victory in the mixed doubles and took the Player of the Year Award. James and Cathal won the Senior doubles. At junior level, David Murphy staged a remarkable recovery in the final to overcome Damian Smyth 15-21, 13-21, 21-18, 21-7, 21-11. Peter McCullough beat Daniel Buckley in the Under-13 final.

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James Kavanagh who played for Munster at Under-21 level.

Tennis

Our participation this year in the schools' competitions was down to just one team. This was due to the competitions spanning our pre-Junior and -Leaving Certificate examinations, ruling out any players from Forms III, V, and VI. We entered an U-16 Girls' side. All of the girls involved were from the Transition Year and so were not sitting important examinations at this time.

The quantity may have been small but the quality was high. They proved to be our first ever girls' team to win a Munster Schools' trophy. On their way to winning the Shield competition at the Tennis Village, they had victories over Scoil Mhuire, Mount Mercy, Loreto Youghal and Ashton in the final. The tight schedule of the competition often results in matches being played in weather not suitable for tennis. This was certainly the case in Youghal where they had to play in torrential rain for most of the match. The girls showed their true colours, winning by sheer determination. Our heartiest congratulations go to Liz Clifford, Louise Kenworthy, Orla O'Donovan and Paula Heskin.

The improvement of our overall standard must be a direct consequence of the coaching the girls get on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from Johnny O'Mahony. Over 40 girls are involved throughout the year. Our thanks go to Johnny who will continue to coach them in the 1995-'96 season.

Our own summer competitions were once again run successfully. The winners and runners up in each age group are listed here:

Girls U-19	Winner: T. Stephenson	,	Runner-up: J. Dungan
Girls U-16	Winner: L. Clifford	,	Runner-up: O. O'Donovan
Girls U-14	Winner: A. Lyons	,	Runner-up: L. Ross
Boys U-19	Winner: D. Mohally	,	Runner-up: D. Cuddy
Boys U-14	Winner: D. Smyth	,	Runner-up: R. O'Sullivan

-R. St. J. P.

Seashore Memories

As I wander along the seashore and clamber into caves
My mind travels back in time
Time that means nothing to the rolling waves
Rushing in and out without worry or care

The summer sun glowing over the sparkling sea
And the smells of seaweed, fish and sand,
These are all memories for me
None of which I will ever forget.

Sandcastles, pebbles and gulls flying overhead
Sounds of laughter and happiness
I dream of all these while lying in bed
Just like the sound of music to your ears.

- VALDA MOSSOP (FORM III)

Swimming

This was our longest season so far with our outdoor pool. We used it for the whole of the summer term and right up to half-term in October. It was also our warmest season as the Headmaster became more generous with the heating oil and the new covers are better at keeping in the heat. The temperature was around 30°C most of the time which was most pleasant and encouraged many pupils to go in. It is also interesting to note that we have just completed the 25th season since our pool was built.

Competitions were held at the end of the summer term giving the following results:

Boys: Under-13	Trophy:	Daniel Buckley,	2nd: David Smyth,	3rd: Stuart Childs
Under-14	Cup:	Barry Buckley,	2nd: Philip Smyth and Damien Smyth	
Under-16	Cup:	Patrick Clibborn,	2nd: Trevor Hales,	
Senior:	Cup:	Richard Cotter,	2nd: Dafydd Upsdell	3rd: Marcus Foley,
Girls: Under-13	1st:	Vicky Hornibrook,	2nd: Rebecca Hales,	3rd: Lynda Ross,
Under-14	1st:	Susan Grainger,	2nd: Elizabeth Foran,	3rd: Emer Scott-Baird
Under-16	1st:	Rebecca Daunt,	2nd: Cara Hilliard,	3rd: Madeleine Childs
Senior:	Moore Trophy:	Jane Mackey,	2nd: Róisín Barrett,	3rd: Yvonne Fitzell

-R.R.LITTLE

(Swimming Pool Manager and Lifeguard for 25 years)

Golf

The season began with the East Cork Section of the Phil O'Sullivan Perpetual Trophy at Youghal Golf Club. The team of Patrick Ryan, John O'Donovan, Robert Cogan and Martin Keohane performed well and enjoyed the day.

Our second fixture for the year was the South Munster Section of the Golf Foundation Schools' Competition at the Lee Valley Golf Club. The team of Patrick Ryan, John O'Donovan, Simon Long and Robert Cogan played well on a beautiful but demanding course.

The finalists in the annual school match-play competition were James McNally, Martin Keohane and Robert Cogan. The final saw one of the greatest individual performances by the winner, Martin Keohane.

On behalf of the golfers of the school and the golf team, I would like to thank Mr Daley for all his time and effort throughout the year and our groundsman, Mr Dineen, for maintaining the course in good condition.

-P. RYAN (FORM VI)

Midleton College Association

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The year started with the AGM in the Ashbourne House Hotel on 30 January 1995, when Jack Hornibrook stepped down after a 3-year term as President. We are very grateful to him for his excellent leadership and enthusiasm during this time. The well attended meeting was very constructive, with the usual full and amusing report of the year's activities from the Hon. Secretary, and a healthy financial report from the Hon. Treasurer. We are fortunate in having four new committee members this year, and their views have added enormously to the content of our meetings.

The Dinner was held in the Midleton Park Hotel on 24 March 1995 and, with 91 people attending, we had the best support ever. Canon George Salter was our guest of honour and was the willing victim of a "red book" presentation by the Headmaster. At the request of the Governors, the dinner next year will be at the later date of 23 November 1996 so that it can be one of the early functions within the Tercentenary Celebrations. I hope that as many members as possible will make a special effort to attend this dinner.

The Association is delighted that Richard Fleury will be honoured with the Presidency of the Association of Schools' Unions in 1996 and we wish him every success in this prestigious office. We again arranged for two pupils, this year Jane Mackey and Robin Fitzpatrick, to sail on "*Asgard*" in October and they cruised from Cork to Penzance; then to Kinsale and New Ross.

Sport always forms a special link with the College. However, the weather proved to be a great 'spoil-sport' this year. The rugby fixtures did not take place due to a weather-induced backlog of school fixtures. However, two past-pupils teams did battle against each other. Rain prevented any play in the 1st XI cricket fixture, but the Taverners match did take place and was won well by the College. In table-tennis Peter Kelly won the Stephen Perrott Trophy. A perpetual trophy was presented to the Midleton College Golf Society and an annual 10-pin bowling night was inaugurated. Finally, our thanks to Jim Smyth who organised a Bridge Night in the Midleton Park Hotel.

The grateful thanks of the Association are extended to the Headmaster, Mrs Cairns, the staff and present pupils of the school for all their assistance in our various activities, and a special word of thanks to John Levis for organising the many functions for school and Association each year.

We are very pleased with the response from pre-1985 members to our request for magazine funding. This has put your Association on a firm financial footing and will allow us to continue mailing the magazine each year.

I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous 1996.

-VICTOR ROCKLEY - PRESIDENT.

Out of the Blue

Back in 1933, in a minor act of vandalism, I started to engrave my initials on the window sill of the Old Library. Sure enough, on returning to my old school after an absence of over sixty years, I found the letters 'B.E.' still there. Sadly, I had been caught in the act before I could chisel the 'A.N.'

Eddie the caretaker found me at the scene of this former crime. It was the Easter holiday, and he kindly offered me and my son and daughter a grand tour of the buildings, including the many new ones. It was he who tipped off the headmaster of my return, and on our way back to Rosslare we were warmly welcomed by Mr and Mrs Cairns.

As we were ushered into my late headmaster's study, now the Board Room, the warm welcome became especially important as I remembered this respected and sometimes feared domain, according to circumstances. A cordial reception by the Headmaster soon reassured me that in no way could he rise to the pinnacles of wrath reached by Tim West, who it is said had to justify his head of bright red hair by an equally fiery disposition.

I was delighted to reveal to Mr Cairns the origin of the "taxi" classrooms. During my last year Tim West had acquired a brilliant and rather ancient Classics Master called Mr Thackeray. He was spectre-like in appearance and seemed to float rather than walk. We were assigned to a small classroom at the bottom of the steps leading to the main school rooms, for the purpose of cramming for the impending TCD Matriculation. This room was nicknamed "Tacksy's", a label which has since mushroomed. I am pleased to report that the studies were successful, with the bonus of the Bishop of Cork's Greek Testament prize.

I was fascinated to learn that the name of Fraser lingers on. I well remember when the college was rejoicing in the acquisition of its new gymnasium. By way of marking the event, Fraser Senior managed to knock me from one end of the new gym to the other. I was not amused at the time. Little did he know that he did me a great favour, for at a later date I felt happy to decline a kind invitation to box for TCD. One of the College's greatest sporting achievements was a cricket match against the County, at no less a venue than the Mardyke. We dismissed the County for 50 runs, thanks largely to some inspired bowling by Basil Baker, who is still going strong, Mr Cairns tells me. I made 51 not out, wielding a Roy Kilner bat loaned by the late Aylmer Hall of Gentlemen of Ireland fame, father of Gerry Hall. "Pop" Hall presented me with the bat with great ceremony at the pavilion. Of course, Tim West had to buy a new hat to fit his larger head and was noticeably taller than his customary six-foot-three.

I hope you have found my reminiscences of interest. Who knows - with some luck I may make it to the tri-centennial celebrations. Thank you for making me so welcome.

-B.E.A. Nicholson

Class of 1987 Reunion

David French writes : It will soon be almost 10 years since we left Midleton. A few of us are planning to have a get-together on Friday, December 27th 1996 in Ashbourne House Hotel, Cork. For up-to-date details contact David French c/o P.O. Box 4491, Dublin, 18.

MCA Golf Society

The 1994 season was finally concluded in Water Rock Midleton on May 6 1995. This event was won by Dermot O'Sullivan with a great gross score of 76. Peter Kelly was runner-up, with Brian Walsh coming third.

Peter's score was good enough for him to take the overall title of Player of the Year for '94. This is decided on a players combined points total for his best three events during the season. The trophy for the Player of the Year is a Rhynhart statue and was kindly financed by the Past Pupils' Association. The photographs show it off to good effect !!

Peter's total was 106 points. Brian Daly who had led the order of merit up to this event finished in overall second on a total of 103. Brian Walsh came third with 101 points.

At last I can get down to talking about this year's happenings. The '95 season got off to a flying start at Harbour Point on June 10. Trevor Beamish playing on his "home course" scored a tremendous tally of 45 points. This really set him up for the season.

The results were

1st, T.Beamish ; 2nd, B.Atkinson; 3rd, M.Daley

Our second event took place in Bandon on July 29. Brian Walsh won on a fine total of 41 points. He also won the longest drive and the birdie competition holes !!

The results here were

1st, B. Walsh ; 2nd, G. Casey ; 3rd, K.O'Regan

The round of the day was a score of 36pts, by Lesley Brisley off a handicap of 4. After the summer break we travelled to the beautiful course of Lee Valley on Sept 9. Michael Daley put his name firmly forward for the Player of the Year by winning here in fine style with a score of 39 points.

The results here were:

1st, M.Daley; 2nd, G.Beamish ; 3rd, C.Ahern

The final outing of the year was set for Mallow. Everyone looked on Michael as a certainty for the trophy. As happened for the previous year, however, the leader going into the final round did not emerge the winner. A great round of 39 points by Kieran O'Regan in damp conditions was enough to leap-frog him to the top of the table. A well-deserved win following a consistent season.

The results of the day were:

1st, K.O'Regan ; 2nd, D.O'Sullivan ; 3rd, R.Power

The overall Player of the Year results were :

1st, Kieran O'Regan, 111pts; 2nd, Michael Daley, 109pts; 3rd, Trevor Beamish, 105pts.

In discussions following this outing it was decided to organise a Christmas event. The idea was to have as least one outing that was not part of the Player of the Year set up. This is to be a day of relaxed golf. The hope is to attract new members and then to hang on to them for the rest of the year!! The venue is Fota, a fine course, and a round I am looking forward to immensely.

Our calendar for '96 has been expanded to six outings by popular demand. Five of these are be considered for the Player of the Year competition and another as the Christmas one. The policy of the society is to welcome players of all standards. Any one currently involved will be sent a fixture list for the '96 season as soon as it is available. Those of you who would like to be involved can get a fixture list by contacting Michael Daley or Ray Power at the school.

- R. POWER

FROM TEE



Golf Society captain, Ray Power, presenting the Player of the Year Trophy for 1994 to Peter Kelly.

TO TEE



Kieran O'Regan, Player of the Year for 1995, receiving his trophy from Ray Power, Golf Society captain

Cargoes

When I boarded the plane in Cork airport, bound for Korea eventually, I did not have a notion of what I really was to expect. I was anxious, yet very excited. Leaving my girlfriend Ger, and my family was one of the hardest actions of my life, and to me it felt as though I was leaving for ever.

After one and a half days solid travelling half way around the world, I arrived at last in Ulsan, South Korea. The ship looked vast in the night, and it proved a struggle even to climb up the gangway to get on board. I felt totally disorientated on board, and at first I was forever getting lost aboard !

The ship itself is a 207 metres long LPG/Ammonia Carrier. It can carry up to 39,000 tonnes of liquified gas. It is very old for a ship of this type at 23 years old, and this reflects whenever anyone aboard is setting about doing a job: whatever is touched usually disintegrates, making it necessary to carry out some minor rebuilding first, and then carrying out the original job, which results in the workload being doubled.

On my second day aboard, we had to flee from Ulsan as a typhoon was heading directly our way. This was my first trip to sea on this ship and what a baptism of fire it was. On my second departure from Ulsan, again we met another typhoon. Between the two storms, they managed to strip huge areas of paint and filled the radar scanner with sea water. This gives a small idea of how bad it was, as the radar scanner is 30 metres above sea level.

We left Ulsan and were bound for Singapore to take on supplies and fuel. It was during this time that I felt my first real bouts of homesickness. It was terrible, and wasn't helped by the sea-sickness I suffered during the rough weather.

After Singapore we passed through the Straits of Malacca unscathed. This stretch is the most notorious pirate region in the world; they must not like large, rusty, old gas tankers (thank goodness) ! We crossed the Indian Ocean heading ultimately to the Port of Yuzhnyy in the Ukraine. When off India, we came across a tiny fishing boat in distress. On board were 4 very excited Sri Lankans. They were barefoot and wearing only loin cloths. They had been drifting for 13 days, but would not accept a tow as they felt that it would sink their beloved boat. Nor would they accept safe passage to Suez. Instead they decided to carry on drifting. We felt completely helpless, and had to more or less force some supplies and water upon them. They cast off and drifted away. What has happened to them I can only imagine. We did, however, report their position to the Rescue Co-ordination Centre.

A few days later we entered the Red Sea and reached the Suez Canal. The ship was locked up like a fortress for the duration of our transit. On passing through the Canal, sights of previous wars were constantly present as a reminder. Things such as shelled and bullet-riddled buildings, old military hardware, war memorials and armed guards constantly on watch all along the banks.

Once clear of the canal we pushed on to Yuzhnyy which is on the Black Sea. Passing though Istanbul and the Bosphorus was an incredible experience, only

metres from the shores of this beautiful place. The wealth and beauty made everyone feel very insignificant next to it. Eventually we arrived in Yuzhny after travelling one quarter of the way around the world in ballast. We loaded there at a tremendous rate (being finished in only 36 hours !). Unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to go ashore, but from what I could see from the ship it seemed like photos of Europe 30 years ago.

On we went to Savannah, Georgia in the U.S.A. This took about two and a half weeks in total. In Savannah we began to discharge and I got ashore for the first time in almost 2 months. What an experience it was. I suffered from total culture shock seeing cars, houses and people again. I got a taxi and went shopping. From the Mall I phoned home to my family and Ger. It was wonderful to hear all their voices again as these were my first phone calls home since I had joined. I ended up spending one and a half hours on the phone ! At sea I've discovered how isolated everyone is. The satellite communications are aboard, but the rates are so colossal, they are virtually unusable (especially on a cadet's wages). So, whenever I can, I ring from the shore and post as many letters as possible. In Savannah I received a huge bundle of mail and papers; it was like Christmas. I spent hours absorbing the news.

Next stop was Tampa, Florida. Here we encountered much confusion and ended up having to swop berths with another gas carrier. This caused a large delay and I dare say plenty of red faces ! Once again I phoned home, but that was the extent of my venturings ashore.

On we went to the Mississippi and up about 150 miles to a small town called Donaldsville, Louisiana. This is where I am writing this article. The Mississippi is a thriving artery for the southern and central USA. However, in its lower stretches through Louisiana, it appears to be the only activity as the surrounding land is so low-lying and waterlogged.

We are due to leave soon, bound for Panama, the Pacific and back to South Korea. A circumnavigation on my first trip. I hadn't expected to fulfil this lifelong ambition so soon. After Korea we're bound for Kenai in Alaska. It will be November on reaching there and will probably be bitterly cold. Until then I have a great many miles of ocean to cross and work to do.

I hope to be home for Christmas, but shipping being the business that it is anything could happen. My first trip to sea has been a tremendous experience : both good and bad. I love the travel and seeing the world, but I greatly miss my loved ones and friends also. I am only beginning now to adapt to the feeling of isolation. I am lucky that there is a very pleasant crew aboard. They are very international consisting of a Colombian Captain, 2 English officers, a West Indian Chief Officer, a Slovenian Engineer and 21 Filipino crew. They are great company and understand the difficulties of the first trip, having been there themselves.

It has been an exciting start to my career. I hope that it will be as exciting in the coming years.

-NICHOLAS BOURKE

Macker's World

It was in October of last year when the idea of travelling to South Africa for this year's Rugby World Cup first entered my head. I had been guesting for Cobh Pirates against the Pirates Club of Johannesburg in a tour match and, as it so happened, members of Cobh Pirates were organising a tour to the tournament. Inevitably, as evening turned to night, your scribe had been well and truly roped in.

The months passed and on the 25th of May of this year 28 able-bodied men and women departed from Heathrow on an SAA Boeing 747. We flew overnight to Johannesburg via Cape Town, which is akin to driving to Dublin via Belfast, and this put an extra five hours on to the flight. We had been told that the infrastructure in South Africa to cater for a large influx of visitors would be stretched, and this was borne out with the bus that met us at the airport. The fact that our tour contact and driver were both from Cape Town and had never driven in Johannesburg before only added to the fun; and a half-hour journey to our hotel turned into a two-hour one. To be fair, that was the end of the poor organisation and everything thereafter ran smoothly. While we were touring Johannesburg and its suburbs, I noticed a couple of things: firstly, nearly every house had a swimming pool and a tennis court; and secondly, that they were heavily fortified. As we were to find out, Johannesburg is a violent city and to live there you'd want to have your wits about you. One example of this occurred later that day when three members of our party went to change travellers cheques at a bank. As they left the bank, they hadn't walked two hundred yards when they heard gunfire. Everyone in the street hit the ground. As it transpired, four black youths had attempted to rob the bank and security just shot them.

The next day was the day Ireland were to enter the fray and it was an evening game at Ellis Park against New Zealand. We were invited to Pirates Rugby Club for lunch, where old acquaintances were renewed. Ellis Park is an amazing stadium, and would compare with any sports arena in the world. Ireland scored a try early on and were playing really well. There was a big group of New Zealanders in front of us who weren't too impressed when we were chanting "Easy, Easy" and "We're going to win the cup" and, needless to say, when that bully Lomu took over, one had to move to another part of the stand to get away from their childish boasting. Although Ireland lost in the end, everyone was proud of the way the team played and this was also evident from the respect the Kiwi supporters afforded us when we met some of them in McGinty's pub on the waterfront afterwards.

From Johannesburg our trip took us north west to Kruger National Park where we spent a couple of days on game drives. This park is one and a half times the size of Ireland and you really get the feeling of splendid isolation there. Mind you, in terms of seeing animals, I'd recommend you go to Fota Wildlife Park instead as the area hasn't had rain in ages and most of the animals had moved from the area around the camp where we stayed, to areas where there is still some water.

Next stop was Bloemfontein where we took on the Japanese and this was the game I was looking forward to. I was really apprehensive before the All Blacks game, but now was the day to open up and go on a scoring spree. Bloemfontein is in the heart of the Orange Free State but, owing to a lack of beds, we had to stay in

Kimberley, a two-hour bus drive away. The atmosphere with the Irish fans before the game was so relaxed that the match was hardly mentioned and our cockiness seemed well founded when Ireland scored three quick tries. I can remember giving the Japanese a great cheer when they crossed for their consolation score soon after. But what happened thereafter was straight out of a Stephen King novel. They played us off the park and we just about held on by bullying them with forward-orientated tries.

Next morning we flew to Jo'burg (as we now called it) from where we bused two hours north to Sun City. This place has to be seen to be believed. It has three 5-star hotels and the Palace Hotel which would probably, on that scale, rate as a seven or eight. It has two unbelievable golf courses and a group of us played the Lost City course, where the highlight for me came at the 165-yard par-three fifteenth, where a perfectly struck six-iron over a deep ravine, into a slight left to right breeze, to a plateau green, came to rest about two feet from the stick, from where the putt was then confidently struck home for a deserved birdie. The Entertainment centre had every facility a holiday centre could have but, situated as it is, near a black township where poverty prevailed, the decadence of it all left a bit of a sour taste. After two days we bused out and travelled back to Johannesburg for the match against Wales at Ellis Park.

This proved to be the highlight of the tour, as we beat the Welsh to move into the quarter-finals and we met up with the team at a pub called the Sports Cafe. Here I also bumped into two upstanding ex-College students, Brandon Hignett and Marc Adam, and it was good to see them again, even though what we discussed is beyond me, what with the emotion of the win and everything.

We left Johannesburg for the last time the following day and flew to Cape Town. This is definitely the nicest part of South Africa and there didn't seem to be the same amount of tension there at night, even though we did pass the townships where poverty existed as much as in Jo'burg. These townships are at the root of the violence in South Africa and, even though apartheid is over, it is still a case of the whites having, and the blacks having not. We met very few blacks socially, simply because they couldn't afford to go to places we take for granted.

We had three days in Cape Town and our next move was to Durban and the last stop of our tour. This was where Ireland played France in the quarter final and we were to leave immediately afterwards. Durban is known as the British Empire's last outpost and it is predominantly British. It has a lovely warm climate and is situated on the sea. We stayed on the beachfront and I don't have to describe what it looks like because for Durban beachfront read, for example, Benidorm. We met the players again, roaming the beach front, and here was another area which was heavily policed as crime on the beach was high. On the Friday night, which was our last night in the country, we had a farewell dinner where we made a presentation to tour organiser, Michael O'Sullivan. He was first-class throughout and did a splendid job.

The following day at King's Park, Durban we saw Ireland play badly and lose to France, but at last I got my flag on to the television. Also a difficult decision had been averted : if Ireland had won, what would have happened ? In any event we left for home and so ended a trip of a lifetime.

-ANDREW MCCARTHY

MILESTONES



Some 200 of us war veterans and emergency veterans 1948-1962 travelled out for the 50th anniversary of VJ Day in Singapore, held at the Kranji War Memorial in the presence of the heads of the Government, Ambassadors and the Duke of Kent. After a day, our party moved up through Malaysia visiting graves of our comrades: Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh, Taiping and Penang where we 'rested' amid the sand, sea and sun.

- BASIL BAKER

Deaths

We were sorry to learn of the death of Mr William James Thomas Tomkins who was a pupil in the College in the late forties. We extend our sympathy to his brothers, Val and Stan, who were also past pupils, and to the family circle.

The late Mr Tomkins' father was a well-known bank manager in Hospital, Co Limerick, and some past pupils may remember coffee stops at Hospital en route to play rugby at Glenstal.

John Foott died last December. A member of a well-known Mallow family, he was a boarding pupil at Midleton College in the late thirties. He had three brothers, Val and Frank, both deceased, and Eddie - all past pupils. Our sympathy to his relatives.

Births

Mr & Mrs James Pope (Jean Ford), Mr & Mrs Tom Moynihan, Mrs & Mrs Richard Jermyn, Mr & Mrs Michael O'Grady (Gillian McMullen), Mr & Mrs Tom Vickery, Mr & Mrs Mervyn Sweetnam, Mr & Mrs Jonathan Jennings (Twins), Mr & Mrs Ken Beamish, Mr & Mrs Ian Vickery, Mr & Mrs E. Kingston (Francis Deane), Mr & Mrs Tessier (Angela McHugh), Mr & Mrs Ivan Wolf.

Engagements and Marriages

Dorothy Jermyn & Richard Jeffery, Peter Smith, Elspeth McKechnie, Joe O'Flynn, John Punch, Daphne Garde & Tom Deane, Joseph Ford, Beth Haughton & Harold Lynch, Hugo Merry, Tracey Cairns, Derek O'Galligan, Andrew Pomeroy, Paul Twomey, Natasha Hoekman, Bryan Cashman, Edith Fitzsimmons, Valerie O'Neill, Graham Kenny, Nick Bradshaw.

Tercentenary

The next MCA Dinner will be held on November 23, 1996.

Don't forget this major event of the tercentenary celebrations.

Jottings

MARC ADAM having returned to South Africa via USA is studying for a BComm in Sports Management at RAU. He enjoys coaching cricket and rugby at Jeppe High School. Marc hopes to visit Ireland in December.

SANDRA ARMSTRONG, daughter of Rev. W.D.P. Armstrong, now living in Australia, enjoyed a visit to the College in September.

NICK BRADSHAW married in August and is living in Delgany. Nick is a professional photographer and is a partner in SKP and Associates.

TRACEY CAIRNS with a 2.1 in History from Trinity in 1993 has graduated with an LLB from Glasgow University and has won a funding scholarship for her Diploma in Legal Practice, also at Glasgow. We offer Tracey our heartiest congratulations on her recent engagement.

Congratulations to GAVIN CAPLIS on completing his final exams successfully for the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. Gavin is a management accountant with Schumberger and is based in Aberdeen. We were delighted that he took the trouble to meet up with the Senior Rugby Tour party in Edinburgh last Easter.

News of PAUL and TREVOR CAVE is that they are both returning home for a month's holiday in December. Paul is due on 3rd December and Trevor on 10th December. No doubt many friends will want to make contact. They can be contacted at either 652692 (mother's house) or at 631952, (their sister Cheryl's house.)

We congratulate RICHARD CUDDY on his graduation at UCC - the happy culmination of a saga which began 22 years ago when news of his birth came through to Midleton Bridge Club and his grandfather, who was playing with the then Headmaster, requested that his name be put down for the College there and then !

NEWENHAM de COGAN continues to work in the Bank of Ireland in Belfast. A keen sailor, he participated in the Irish Dingy Racing series in Cork Harbour.

ROY DELLER graduated with honours in Urban Estate Management from the University of Glamorgan. He is based in Reading and works for the Mitre Property Board.

ROMAN de PONTAC has achieved the first step on the long road to becoming a fully-qualified Oenologist.

GERRY DONOVAN and family have left Midleton to live in Kinsale. We wish him and Barbara well in their new surroundings. Congratulations to EMMA who graduated with a 2.2 in Physiotherapy from the University of East London. Emma is working in the Middlesex Hospital in London.

ANDY FERREIRA has gone to South Africa and is working for Ian Adam at Jeppe High School.

GLASSON FITZPATRICK has moved the other way and is back home after an enlightening stay in South Africa.

Congratulations to EDITH FITZSIMMONS on her engagement. Edith is working with the council in Midleton.

Congratulations again this year to MICHAEL FLYNN who won the award of Student of the Year at Cork RTC. Michael was in his Diploma year in Applied Physics & Instrumentation. JULIE gained a Diploma in Dental Technology at TCD and, following two years of work experience, is now studying Dental Hygiene at UCC.

Away back in the early forties, one remembers FRANKS FURNEY as a small boy wielding a tennis racquet so competently as to beat those twice his size. Well, he is still at it now in the over 60s as captain of Ireland's Four, and most successful too !

News of DES GARRETT is that he is serving with the UNIFIL Forces based in Lebanon. We hear he is managing to practise his cricket.

WILLIAM GIESBERTS is partner in an estate agency in Haarlem, Holland, and called in to the College while on his way to visit his father in West Cork.

TOM and JOHN GIFFORD, together with John's son Michael, visited the school in June. They were very impressed with the changes made since their time here in the thirties. They spoke fondly of Jim Smyth, then a teacher here, and of Tim West, the Headmaster at that time.

JOHN GOW visited the College in May while on holiday from Canada - he was surprised to see that his old home is now part of the Fota Golf Clubhouse complex. John is retired from business and living in Godrich, Ontario.

JANET HALES was raised to the priesthood in Lisburn, Co. Antrim, last June. Congratulations and best wishes to Midleton College's first lady in this category. KAREN is a dietitian in a hospital in Waterford.

Congratulations to JOHN HALES who graduated with a 2.1 in Science at UCC. He is now reading for a Master's.

KILLIAN HASSEY, reading Civil Engineering at UCC, has for the third successive year received the distinction of College Scholar for 1st Class results. Well done !

The marriage of BETH HAUGHTON and HAROLD LYNCH at the Quaker Meeting House in Cork in July is the happy outcome of a twelve-year partnership in the catering business, now located at Harold's Restaurant in Douglas village. Beth has opened a boutique in Douglas Shopping Centre.

ANITA HENDERSON (née WHITING) has moved from Skibbereen to Rosscarbery on her husband's appointment as Dean of Ross. WENDY, after eight years with CMS in Uganda, has returned to the UK where her husband, Andrew Watson, is doing a course in an Agriculture College in Kent.

Among the many Past Pupils at the diocesan gathering in Millstreet in May, it was interesting to meet NOELLE HOSFORD (née DAUNT) wife of the late STEWART. She lives in Kinsale and of the family of eleven who lived at Water Rock, Midleton, only Joe (Scotland), the Rev. Willie (Canada) and Caroline survive.

KEITH HUNT & Associates are involved in sales and marketing consultancy and are currently working with Saab Ireland. Keith is building a house in Kinsale.

We were delighted to receive a letter from JEROEN IJGOSSE who is now in Costa Rica having previously been in Guatemala.

Congratulations to PENNY JOHNSTON who has won a funding scholarship to read for a Master's at the University of Sheffield. Penny graduated from UCC in 1994 with First Class Honours.

We enjoyed a visit at the College from a granddaughter of HARRY JONES who was in the College in the 1890s.

We enjoyed the letter from GAVIN KEANE during the year. He is working for the Kingfisher group who are funding him while he attends Oxford University to do a Postgraduate Diploma in Management. Gavin did a degree in Politics (BScEcon) at Cardiff University followed by a Master's in Contemporary European Studies at Loughborough University .

CHRIS KEEGAN, having returned from a World Tour, has now enrolled in the Smurfit Graduate School of Business at UCD.

Congratulations to GRAHAM KENNY on his appointment as Assistant Manager (Marketing/ Communications), Bank of Ireland Treasury, Dublin Financial Centre. Graham of course, was a well known "Wary Bird" (see last year's magazine Page 61!). It's been quite a year for Graham, since he has also become engaged. PAUL is still working in UCD and is busy renovating an old rectory in Wicklow.

NIAMH KENNY graduated with a 2.1 from UCC. Well done Niamh.

Congratulations to RACHAEL KOHLER who graduated with a 2.2 from UCC. At the ripe old age of 21 years, Rachael is now a Senior International Hockey veteran with over 40 international caps. Rachael was a member of the UCC Ladies team which won the Intervarsity Chilean Cup. We are delighted to be able to call on her coaching skills here at the College.

We congratulate TREVOR LESTER on his appointment as Rector of Skibbereen after three years in Kilkenny Cathedral. We wish him happiness and a fruitful ministry in West Cork.

AISLING and IAIN LYONS have now joined DAVID in UCC. David, who is in the second year of his MPhil, continues to exercise his unique (?) talents in hockey and cricket. His siblings are both enduring the slings and arrows of First Arts. Iain is showing some expertise in rock climbing and is a member of the Midleton Climbing Club.

WAYNE MASSEY is reading Modern History and Politics at Brunel University. He is treasurer of the hockey club and enjoys playing. He is also a member of the committee which organises sports at the University. In his spare time he helps feed the local community by working in a fast-food outlet !!

FERGAL MEAGHER is now working for General Electrics and has moved to their plant in Luxembourg. He hopes to take up residence in Luxembourg City.

After a good deal of 'gossip column' speculation, the engagement of HUGO MERRY to Elaine Doody has been announced and celebrated. We congratulate Hugo and we wish him as much success in his venture, as he is moving in to the horse-breeding and sales industry.

MICHAEL MERRIGAN is a Golf Course Manager in Greystones.

PETER MURPHY coached the Pembroke Wanderers hockey side to victory in the Leinster Cup competition last season. This year he has turned his hand to the Pembroke Ladies with equal hopes of success.

Congratulations to DANIEL O'CONNELL who graduated with a 2.1 in Engineering at UCC.

It was nice to get a letter from DAVID (Doc) O'CONNELL recently. He is still in Chicago and has been promoted to "Director of Physical Therapy" at the Coblens Clinic which deals mostly with work injuries. Doc is hoping to return home on 5th January next, for a fortnight's holiday. He is anxious to meet as many old friends as possible. Please contact his home, is the message !

HUGH O'CONNELL has fulfilled an ambition and is studying Architecture at DIT, Bolton Street.

AVRIL O'MEARA graduated with a 2.1 in Law at UCC. Avril had the considerable distinction of finishing in the top 10 of her year. Her sister Elayne graduated with a 2.2 from UCC.

JONATHAN PAYNE continues to work in Durrus. He plays rugby for Bantry RFC and was elected Player of the Year for 1994/95. He is Captain of the 1st XV this season. David is currently in his third year at the University of Wales, studying Exploration and Mining Geology.

ROBIN POTTER COGAN, having already a BCL (2.1) from UCC under his belt, has graduated with an LLB (2.1).

COLM SCOTT-BAIRD has entered the Faculty of Music and the Performing Arts at Newcastle College. He is studying for his HND in Music Technology.

Congratulations to SARAH SINNOTT who graduated with a 2.1 in Engineering from the University of Bradford.

HUGH ST. LEGER is now Marketing Manager (food) with Dunnes Stores.

BRYAN SWEETNAM graduated from UCC with a BComm (Hons) in 1994 and succeeded in getting a Higher Diploma in Computer Science (Hons) in 1995. He is now in his first year of a two-year, MSc -sponsored fellowship with Teagax.

FRANK WEST is living in Scarborough and has recently retired from the British Post Office. His brother JOHN is, of course, the esteemed Hon. Treasurer of the MCA.

HARRY WEST, a retired engineer with the Australian Government, lives in Canberra with his wife and many canine friends. We were delighted to hear that he enjoys reading the Magazine every year.

Congratulations to PAMELA WHITING who graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Physiotherapy at Trinity. Pamela is working in Wycombe General Hospital.

Congratulations to NATASHA WILKIE who won the award of Student of the Year at Cork College of Fashion.

SENIOR RUGBY



*Back Row: The Headmaster (Mr T. West), W. T. Stickland, E.R. Daunt,
H.J.V. Packham, J.G. Nicholson, W. Tait, J. Reid, Mr D. Quinlan.
Second Row: H.E. Kenworthy, J.W. Hennessy, G.F. Kenworthy, J.A. Mattsson,
B.E.A. Nicholson, D.L. White, G.G. Hall.
Front: R.R. Palmer, B.L. Baker.*

We are indebted to Mr Horace Kenworthy for this photograph and for providing most of the names. We thank Mr J.W. Smith, Mr Bill Tait and Mr Jack Mattsson for providing the rest.

Eric H. Hill

Just on going to press we have learnt of the sad and untimely death of Eric Hill on 18th November. Memory takes us back a long way to 1937 when at the tender age of 10 he entered Midleton College from Kinsale as a boarder; as the smallest and youngest person in the school he was given the honour of making the presentation on behalf of the pupils to Timothy West on the occasion of his marriage at the end of that summer term. It was the beginning of a long and loyal connection with the College. Eric spent nine years in the College before entering AIB (then the old Munster & Leinster Bank). He was President of the PPA in 1960-'62 and he was a very active member during the years of expansion in the late Sixties. He served his last banking years in Rush, Co. Dublin, before retirement and he continued to live there. Eric's great pastime was angling and he represented Ireland on many occasions in international competitions. At school he excelled at gymnastics and he remained very much a member of the 'Keep-Fit' fraternity. His three sons, David, Nigel and Brian, all attended Midleton College in the steps of their father. Our sympathy goes out to them, to his wife Dorothy, and to his daughter Roz on their great loss.

-J.W.S.

Midleton College Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the above Association will take place on Monday, 29th January 1996 in Ashbourne House Hotel at 8p.m. It is hoped that all members will do their utmost to attend.

ANDREA HORNIBROOK - *HON. SECRETARY*

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
 2. Apologies.
 3. To receive and consider the reports of the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer .
 4. To receive and consider nominations for the election of:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice-President
 - (c) Honorary Secretary
 - (d) Membership Secretary
 - (e) Honorary Treasurer
 - (f) Honorary Auditor
 - (g) A committee of seven members.
 5. To consider notices of motion.
 6. To transact any other business relating to an Annual General Meeting.
- P.S.* Please note that Notices of Motion must be received by the Secretary 7 days in advance of the meeting.

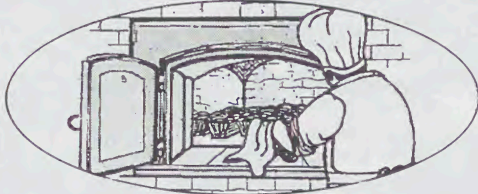
DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 1. January 29th | Annual General Meeting in Ashbourne House Hotel at 8p.m. |
| 2. February 15th | Table Quiz. |
| 3. March 22nd | Invitation Table-Tennis Tournament for the Stephen Perrott Cup. |
| 4. March 23rd | 1st, 2nd and 3rd XV Rugby matches and Ladies' Hockey match versus the College: followed by a get-together at the Mill Wheel, Midleton. Food & Music provided. All past pupils and friends are welcome. |
| 5. March 30th | Golf Outing and informal get-together/dinner at Harbour Point Golf Club. |
| 6. May 25th | Cricket match. Past pupils v College 1st XI at 2 p.m. |
| 7. May 31st | Cricket match. Past pupils Taverners XI v College at 6.30p.m. |
| 8. June 1st | College Sports' Day. |
| 9. November 23rd | Tercentenary Function. |

NOTICES

1. The Membership Secretary would be grateful for information on members for whom we have no addresses.
2. Midleton College Association Ties are available through the School Office or from D. Matthews Ltd., Academy Street, Cork. Price £9.50.
3. Membership of the Association is on a life basis for a single payment of £30.00 reduced to £20.00 for these joining within a year of leaving. Subscriptions may be sent to the Membership Secretary, J. Levis, at the College.
4. The Membership Secretary would be grateful for any information on past pupils for inclusion in the next year's jottings. Please contact John Levis at the College. We thank all those who wrote to us during the year. Letters from former pupils are much appreciated.

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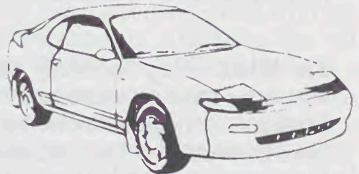
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