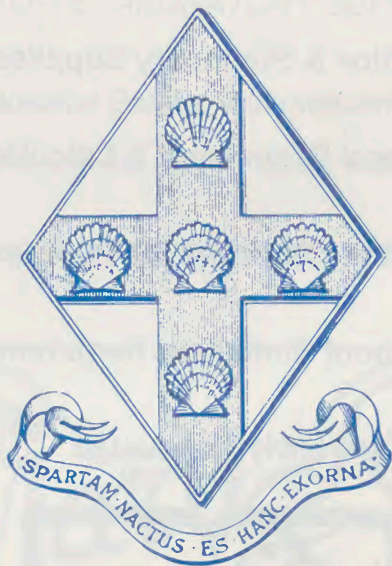


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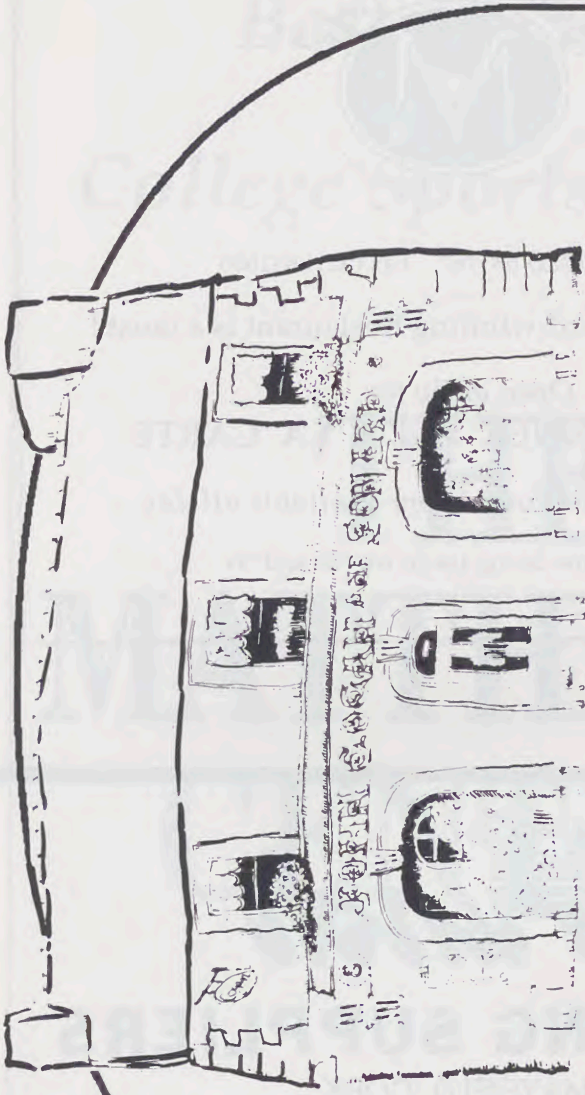
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EDITORIAL

As we usher in the Tercentenary Year and look forward to the visits of past pupils and friends of the College, we are, perhaps, reminded that welcoming is a regular and important part of school life. Each year we extend greetings to new pupils and members of staff; and attempt to reassure both groups that there is, indeed, a middle way between the frequent timidity of the former and the occasional over-confidence of the latter.

This year we are privileged to welcome one who manifests neither of the extremes of timidity and over-confidence. Mr Derek Johnston, the newly-appointed Vice-Principal and Senior Master, is truly a man who, in his thirty years as a teacher and colleague in Midleton, has learned the value, not only of firmness, but also of compromise and the golden mean. We applaud his well-earned promotion and assure him of our support as he tackles new and challenging responsibilities.

Of course, as the Roman poet Catullus implies, every *hail* must be balanced by a *farewell*. At the end of the summer term we experienced the bitter-sweet emotion of saying good-bye to, not only the Sixth Form, but also Mr Ian King. For thirty-six years, Ian embodied all that is best in our society; his service gave renewed energy to that hackneyed saying "a man for all seasons"; and who can doubt that, even though superannuated, he can never be retired? We find solace in the realisation that he will never go gently into any night, good or otherwise.

For three hundred years, scholars and teachers have come and gone in this remarkable foundation of Lady Elizabeth Villiers. Such systolic and diastolic activity is both natural and essential for the life and continuation of any educational body: its success in our case has been documented by Professor Trevor West in his timely history of Midleton College. Fortified by this awareness of our past, we look with renewed confidence to the future.

Et in perpetuum, ave atque vale.

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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

A Busy Tercentenary Week: Midleton College celebrated the 300th anniversary of the signing of its Charter on Wednesday, 23rd October with a Thanksgiving Service of Holy Communion in the College Gymnasium which was attended by the whole school, staff and some visitors. The celebrant and preacher was the Right Rev. Roy Warke, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne & Ross assisted by the Very Rev. George Hilliard, Dean of Cloyne and chaplain to the College, the Rev. Peter Anderson, a parent and Mrs Joan Hales, a Diocesan lay reader, former parent and member of the Board of Governors. After this special Charter Day service the pupils, staff and friends were entertained to refreshment in the school Dining Hall.

The Tercentenary Week of celebrations commenced with a special RTE Broadcast Service on Sunday, 20th October from St John the Baptist's Church in Midleton. This service of thanksgiving and praise for 300 years of Midleton College was led by the school choir with pupils and staff reading the lessons and intercessions. The preacher was again Bishop Warke.

The week culminated with the Tercentenary Prize-Giving Day in the Conference Centre at the Silversprings Hotel when the Guest of Honour was His Grace the Most Rev. Dr R.H.A. Eames, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland.

Tercentenary Building-The Jameson Institute For The Teaching of The Natural Sciences: To mark the Tercentenary in a permanent and tangible way, we are building a new extension to the school - the Jameson Institute for the teaching of the Natural Sciences including state of the art laboratories. Those who are in the school regularly could hardly fail to notice the building site and I hope that you will enjoy watching the building grow. We are greatly indebted to our neighbours, Irish Distillers and its Managing Director, Mr Richard Burrows, for being the foundation donors of our project and for making a very substantial contribution.

So far about half the sum required for the completion of the building has been accumulated or promised and the next phase of our fund-raising involving parents and past pupils will begin shortly. The building of the Jameson Institute is a great act of faith by the Board of Governors in the future of the school and I know that you will support us by your contributions.

Tercentenary History of Midleton College: The history of the school is a fascinating one and the story is told in the Tercentenary History of the College written by Dr Trevor West, the Chairman of the Board of Governors. The book was launched in the Jameson Heritage Centre on 21st June by our good friend Dr Seán Pettit of UCC, a former member of the Midleton College staff, who launched the book in his characteristically enthusiastic and flamboyant style. I congratulate Dr West on producing a most readable and interesting history of the school - a book which has engendered great interest. Copies of the book are available from the College (£8 + £1 post and packaging). A specially-bound numbered edition, limited to 100, is also available from the College at a cost of £50 - a real collector's item.

Tercentenary Dinner: The Midleton College Association, on behalf of the College, has undertaken the organisation of the main social event, the Tercentenary Dinner which will take place on Saturday, 23rd November in the Midleton Park Hotel just about the time this magazine goes to print. This dinner will be fol-

lowed by a service of Thanksgiving on the Sunday morning in St John the Baptist's Church in Midleton at which the preacher will be a distinguished old boy of the College, the Right Rev. Edward Darling, Bishop of Limerick.

Tercentenary Examination Success: The Tercentenary Year could hardly have started better, for because of the hard work of our pupils and staff, the Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate results were outstanding and for any school which values its academic tradition and performance, as we do, this is of paramount importance. The performance of our top Leaving Certificate student was indeed quite remarkable for at higher level Jennifer Dungan gained 7 As. To mark this outstanding achievement in our Tercentenary Year the Midleton College Association presented her with a special prize. This was presented on Prize Day by the President of the Midleton College Association, Mr Victor Rockley. We also congratulate Ferga Solleveld on gaining 8 As at Higher Level in the Junior Certificate examinations.

Mr Ian King has retired after 36 years of outstanding and devoted service to Midleton College as Vice-Principal and Senior Master. He joined the staff along with Mr Smyth, the then new Headmaster in 1960. An outstanding Mathematics teacher, Mr King was also for many years games master and spent many hours coaching rugby and cricket. Many generations of pupils have been grateful for his advice, encouragement and friendship. He was a schoolmaster in the old tradition - a tradition of service, of dedication, of hard work and good teaching. I wish him good health and a long, happy and active retirement. A further tribute to Mr King appears elsewhere in this magazine.

Mr Derek Johnston: We congratulate Mr Johnston on his appointment as Vice-Principal and Senior Master in succession to Mr King. He is a highly-acclaimed academic and author, a teacher of proven ability and an excellent organiser. We wish him a long, happy and rewarding career in his new post.

Trinity Entrance Exhibitions: We congratulate Fiona Heskin on being awarded an Entrance Exhibition (Scholarship) by Trinity College, University of Dublin.

Academic Success: We congratulate the following former pupils on their academic achievements: Elizabeth Horne, following her 1st Class Honours degree, has now been awarded a PhD; and David Holmes and Killian Hassey have both been awarded 1st Class Honours degrees.

Great Sadness: Sadly in April we were stunned by the death of a young former pupil, Lucy Linnane, at the age of 22. Lucy had a medical problem all her life and she handled this with great courage and cheerfulness. I did not realise that her medical problem was life threatening but obviously over the years the strain was too much. Lucy had a marvellous talent for acting and she was an outstanding singer and musician. Few who heard her will forget her singing of 'Music of the Night' from Phantom of the Opera in the school concert. Lucy was a lovely person and is sadly missed; we mourn her passing. We extend our deepest sympathy to her parents and brother Bill.

Mr Sydney Fraser: We were also saddened by the death of a former member of staff, Mr Sydney Fraser. He was our gym instructor for over 50 years, as was his father before him. He was a colourful character with a direct approach in his teaching methods. Even up to his retirement in 1993 he was not averse to perform-

ing an occasional somersault himself to demonstrate that he clearly led by example. We extend our most sincere sympathy to Mrs Fraser and the family circle.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to Mr O'Mahony, our Irish teacher, on the death of his father and to our history teacher, Mr Preston, on the death of his mother.

We also extend our sympathy to a number of our pupils who have suffered bereavement through the death of grandparents.

Gifts: We greatly appreciated receiving a number of gifts during the year and we thank the following: the **Presentation Sisters**, Midleton for the gift of beautifully embroidered Corabbeey linen to commemorate our Tercentenary.

Miss Christine Bogan (a former pupil) for a gift of her own cross-stitch embroidery work depicting various aspects of the life of Midleton College.

Mr David Bourke (a parent) for the gift of an antique silver salver in memory of his mother.

Mr Jack Mattsson (former pupil and Irish international rugby player) for the gift of his international cap, triple crown blazer, badge and signed match programmes.

Mr Ivan Wolfe for mounting Mr Mattsson's gifts in a beautiful display cabinet located in the front hall of the College.

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90th Birthday: We congratulate Mr Robin Hilliard of Co. Kerry on his 90th birthday. We think he is our oldest former pupil.

International Sporting Success: Congratulations to Liz Clifford on playing table-tennis for Ireland and Richard Murphy on sailing for Ireland. Rachael Kohler has now won 50 caps for the Irish Senior International Hockey team.

An Taisce Award: Congratulations to our Transition Year students on their study of East Ferry and the Lower Cork Harbour, which won them the Young Reporters for the Environment Award sponsored by An Taisce.

Class Re-union: During the year we had a 10-year reunion when over 20 former pupils who left 10 years ago returned to the College for lunch and talk. It was interesting to listen how the stories of their exploits while at school grew in magnitude and increasing incredulity by the minute, and it was fascinating to hear exchanges of baby stories - a number of them are now parents.

Welcome Visitors: Being the year that's in it many past pupils returned to their alma mater. Some travelled long distances - Dr James Parker, a boarder in the 1940s and a Trinity medical graduate, visited us from Vancouver. Some of our visitors, while not former pupils themselves, visited the school because of family connections - Mr & Mrs John Gardiner from Australia visited the College in May. John Gardiner's grandmother (nee Lily Turpin) was a daughter of John Turpin (Headmaster 1830-47). A visit too from a former member of staff, Mr Michael O'Meara, who taught Irish in the College between 1945 and 1948. His reminiscences of his days in the College appear elsewhere in this magazine.

Goodbye and Welcome: At the end of the last academic year we said goodbye to Miss Nora Ross, Mr Neil Quail and Mr William McCann. 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 Aideen McCarthy and Mr Andrew McKay.

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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JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 1996

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

Ferga Solleveld	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music.
Aoileann Lyons	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
Nicholas Phelan	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
Anolivia Tait	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
David Hales	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Elaine Coleman	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
Becky Grice	H English, Mathematics History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Music. O Irish.
Brenda Young	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish. O Music.
Peter Fitzgibbon	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
Alison Tait	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music.
Valda Mossop	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
Emer Scott-Baird	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish. O Music.
Damien Smyth	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
Jillian Cooper	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish. O Art.
Ross Nolan	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art. O Irish.
Barry Buckley	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish. O Irish, Art.
Julian Edwardes	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies.
Karen Fitzell	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish. O Art.

Marika Bourke	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish. O Irish.
Jessica Crowley	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish. O Art.
Mark Street	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish. O Irish.
Valerie Morrison	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies. O Irish, Art.
Máiread Scott-Baird	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies, Music. O Irish, French.
Gavin Tait	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art. O Irish.
Damian Erangey	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music. O Irish.
Hirotsugu Yamada	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music. O Irish.
Harver Tucker	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish. O Irish.
Maureen Cuddy	H History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music. O Irish, English, Mathematics.
David Dungan	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies. O Irish, Art.
John O'Donovan	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies. O Irish, Art.
John Buttimer	H English, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies. O Irish, Mathematics, French, Art.
Elizabeth Foran	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish. O Irish.
Ian Jeffery	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies. O Irish, French, Art.
Colin McCarthy	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies. O Irish, Art.
Amy Rhys-Thomas	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art. O Irish.
Seán Reynolds	H Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies. O Irish, English, Art.
James Colbert	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Art, Spanish. O Irish, French.
Kim McCullough	H English, Mathematics, Geography, French, Science, Spanish. O Irish, History, Art.
Claire Wilby	H English, Mathematics, Geography, French, Science, Art. O History.
Richard Vickery	H English, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies. O Irish, Mathematics, French, Music.
Louise Wilkinson	H History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies. O Irish, English, Art.
Robert Crowley	H Geography. O Irish, English, Mathematics, History, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Jayne Aherne	H Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish. O Irish, English, Art.
David Murphy	H Irish, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies. O English, Mathematics, Art.
Emma Ryan	H English, History, Geography. O Irish, Mathematics, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Emmet O'Brien	H English, History, Geography, French, Art. O Irish, Science, Business Studies. F Mathematics.
John Gould	H English, History, Geography. O Irish, Mathematics, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Sally Aherne	H Geography. O Irish, English, Mathematics, History, French, Science, Art.
Julie Young	H Geography. O Irish, English, History, French, Science, Art, Spanish. F Mathematics.
Philip Smyth	H History, Geography. O Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Ralph Chambers	H Mathematics, Geography, Business Studies. O Irish, English, French, Art.
Joanna Martin	H History, Geography. O Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.

Arthur Hussain	O Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Jervis Ottman	H Geography O History, Science, Business Studies, Art. F English, Mathematics.
Cillian Kelly	H Geography O English, Mathematics, History, French, Business Studies, Art.
Susan Grainger	O English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish. F Irish.
Brian Moore	O Mathematics, History, Science, Business Studies, Art. F English.
Evan Kingston	O History, Geography, Science, Art. F Irish, English, Mathematics.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION 1996

(University of London 'O' Levels - International)

Louise Kenworthy	English Language, History.
Katherine Burns	English Language.
Madeleine Childs	English Language.
Elizabeth Clifford	English Language.
Paula Heskin	English Language.
Kathryn Anderson	English Language.
Thomas Stewart	English Language.
Síofra Curtin	Art & Design.
Andrew Tait	Physics.

PEOPLE IN NEED



This year's Telethon raised over £1000 for charity. The photograph shows Ms Marie Wall of AIB Midleton being presented with a cheque by members of the organising committee.

OUTSTANDING PUPILS 1996

Our Leaving Certificate results were once again very pleasing with a pass rate of 91% at Higher Level and 97% at Ordinary Level. 14 out of the class of 52 gained 400 points or more. Our top student Jennifer Dungan gained 7As in her Leaving Certificate including 4 A1s: a remarkable achievement.

Jennifer Dungan - 580 points including 7 As.
Fiona Heskin - 550 points including 4 As and 3 Bs.
Paul Rockley - 515 points including 3 As and 3 Bs.
Angela Flynn - 465 points including 1 A and 3 Bs.
Jane Mackey - 455 points including 1 A and 3 Bs.
Fiona O'Gorman - 455 points including 4 Bs.
Carl O'Brien - 450 points including 3 Bs.
Lorraine O'Keefe - 445 points including 3 Bs.
Lesley Orr - 425 points including 4 Bs.
John Kidney - 425 points including 3 Bs.
Rory O'Mahony - 420 points including 1 A.
Ronan Enright - 420 points including 4 Bs.
Lorraine Murphy - 420 points including 2 Bs.
Siobhán Franklin - 415 points including 3Bs.

Some University of London GCE 'O' Levels (International) were undertaken by a few Form V students without any specific classroom preparation. 6 pupils sat the English Language paper and all six achieved A grades. They were **Louise Kenworthy, Katherine Burns, Madeleine Childs, Elizabeth Clifford, Paula Heskin and Kathryn Anderson.** **Thomas Stewart** from Form IV also sat this exam and achieved an A grade.

The following Junior Certificate candidates did extremely well.

Ferga Solleveld	9 Honours	8 As and 1 C.
Aoileann Lyons	9 Honours	5 As and 4 Bs.
Nicholas Phelan	9 Honours	3 As and 6 Bs.
Anolivia Tait	9 Honours	3 As, 5 Bs and 1 C.
David Hales	9 Honours	3 As, 4 Bs and 2 Cs.
Elaine Coleman	9 Honours	2 As, 4 Bs and 3 Cs.
Becky Grice	8 Honours	2 As, 5 Bs and 1 C.
Brenda Young	8 Honours	3 As, 3 Bs and 2 Cs.
Peter Fitzgibbon	9 Honours	2 As, 4 Bs and 3 Cs.
Alison Tait	9 Honours	1 A, 6 Bs and 2 Cs.

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 1996

MOORE MEMORIAL PRIZE: Jennifer Dungan.

WEBSTER MEMORIAL PRIZES: Fiona Heskin, Paul Rockley, Angela Flynn, Jane Mackey, Fiona O'Gorman

INTERMEDIATE SHIELD: Ferga Solleveld.

MIDDLETON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES: Aoileann Lyons, Nicholas Phelan, Anolivia Tait, David Hales.

BISHOP HEARN MEMORIAL PRIZES: Carl O'Brien, Lorraine O'Keeffe, Lesley Orr, John Kidney, Rory O'Mahony, Ronan Enright, Lorraine Murphy, Siobhán Franklin, Róisín Barrett, Elaine Coleman, Becky Grice, Brenda Young, Peter Fitzgibbon, Alison Tait, Emer Scott-Baird, Damien Smyth.

J.H. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR SCIENCE: Jennifer Dungan, Fiona Heskin, Paul Rockley, Ferga Solleveld, Aoileann Lyons, David Hales, Damien Smyth.

JAMES MCNEILL WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS: Jennifer Dungan, Fiona Heskin, Paul Rockley.

TIMOTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS: Aoileann Lyons, David Hales, Becky Grice, Brenda Young, Ian Jeffery.

AIB LEAVING CERTIFICATE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH: Jennifer Dungan, Jane Mackey, Rory O'Mahony, Siobhán Franklin.

BAGWELL PRIZES FOR LANGUAGES: Jennifer Dungan, Angela Flynn, Fiona O'Gorman, Donagh Craven, Ferga Solleveld, Aoileann Lyons, Anolivia Tait, Valda Mossop, Jessica Crowley.

DEAN RIDLEY-BARKER LECTIONARY PRIZES: Jennifer Dungan, Valerie French.

ISAAC BUTT MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY: Jane Mackey.

J.W. SMYTH PRIZE FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHY: Fiona Heskin.

LINDSAY MAING PRIZES FOR JUNIOR CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHY: Ferga Solleveld, Aoileann Lyons, David Hales, Marika Bourke.

DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HOME ECONOMICS: Jennifer Dungan.

MRS E.F. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR MUSIC: Ferga Solleveld, Máiread Scott-Baird.

IRIS OLIVE ATKINS PRIZES FOR BIOLOGY: Jennifer Dungan, Fiona Heskin.

DR F.M. HILLIARD MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR O-LEVELS: Tegwyn Stephenson, Paula Heskin, Katherine Burns, Louise Kenworthy, Madeleine Childs, Elizabeth Clifford, Kathryn Anderson, Thomas Stewart.

FORM V PRIZES: Sófra Curtin, Patrick Treacy, Naomi Solleveld, Caragh Hilliard, Andrew Tait, Judith Cooper.

LOUIS CLAUDE PURSER PRIZE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE: Daniel Mackey.

MIDDLETON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION PRIZES: Jillian Cooper, Ross Nolan, Barry Buckley, Julian Edwardes, Karen Fitzell, Marika Bourke, Jessica Crowley, Mark Street, Valerie Morrisson.

SINGING PRIZES: Jane Mackey.

LONG MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR IRISH: Lorraine Murphy, Ferga Solleveld, Aoileann Lyons, Anolivia Tait, Brenda Young, Peter Fitzgibbon, Valda Mossop.

ART PRIZE: Lesley Orr.

DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR JUNIOR CERTIFICATE ENGLISH: Ferga Solleveld, Nicholas Phelan, Anolivia Tait, Becky Grice.

DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR JUNIOR CERTIFICATE HISTORY: Ferga Solleveld, Aoileann Lyons, Elaine Coleman, Brenda Young, Mark Street.

HOUSE PRIZES: Form III: Jervis Ottman, Julie Young, Claire Wilby, Richard Vickery.

Form VI: Emma Hallahan, Deirdre Holmes, Alex Jeffery, Jessica Sweetnam, Emily Walsh.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZES:

Senior: 1st, John Kidney;	2nd, Fiona O'Gorman;	3rd, Fiona Heskin;
Middle: 1st, Aoileann Lyons;	2nd, Peter Fitzgibbon;	3rd, Ferga Solleveld;
Junior: 1st, David Cowhey;	2nd, William Horgan;	3rd, Stuart Childs;

CLASS PRIZES:

- Form IV: 1st, Carolyn Cuddy; 2nd, Angela Burke; 3rd, Elmer Morrissey;
Equal 4th, Rory O’Gorman & Eoin O’Mahony; 6th, Hannah Anderson;
7th, Andrew Potter Cogan; 8th, Catherine O’Mahony.
- Form II: 1st, Sarah Levis; 2nd, Veronica French; Equal 3rd, Stuart Childs &
Philip Thompson; 5th, Emma Mackey; Equal 6th, Shirley Millar,
Linda Ross, Robert Coleman, Daniel Buckley & William Horgan.
- Form I: 1st, Nicholas Stephenson; Equal 2nd, Natasha Bourke & David Cowhey;
Equal 4th, David Brookes & Lara Jones, Equal 6th,
Jessica Kohler & Christopher Walker; Equal 8th, Daryl Mossop,
Alison O’Brien & Simon Lyons.

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: BERTRAND BERTHOUX, PETER BROOKES, RAYMOND BROSNAN, RORY CARROLL, GORDON COLEMAN, JONATHAN COWHEY, JOHN DEVANEY, DAVID DUNN-GALVIN, WAYNE ELMES, JONATHAN FULLER, DARRAGH GARDE, ROSS GODDARD, RAYMOND HOBBS, NICHOLAS LYNCH, SIMON MCNAMEE, DAVID MOORE, ROBERT MOORE, PHILIP MORRIS, ANDREW O’BRIEN, ALAN O’CONNOR, SIMON PAMMENT, JOHN PHILIPS, CRAIG REIDY, EDWARD RHYS-THOMAS, JOHN ROSE, COLIN SCANLON, DAVID SIVYER, MATTHEW STEPHENS, JAMES THOMPSON, CHRISTOPHER WEST, BRYAN WRIGHT.

Girls: LIZ AHERN, KAREN BRIEN, ALISON BURNS, KATE CANNING, CATHY CROSS, JANE CROSS, NAOMI FARIS, CHLOE FARNHAM, KIRSTY GODDARD, ZARA HORNIBROOK, ZARAH HUSSAIN, FIONA MCCARTHY, PIPPA MENSAN-QUAINOO, PAULA MORRISON, NICOLENA MORROW, JEMIMA OTTMAN, SUZANNE PHELAN, ELAINE ROSS.

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.

JENNIFER DUNGAN: Spanish Institute (*Diploma in Spanish*)
FIONA HESKIN: Trinity College Dublin (*History and Politics*)
PAUL ROCKLEY: University College Cork (*Civil Engineering*)
ANGELA FLYNN: Cork Regional College (*Chemical Engineering*)
JANE MACKEY: University College Cork (*Language and Culture*)
FIONA O’GORMAN: University College Cork (*European Studies*)
CARL O’BRIEN: Dublin Institute of Technology (*Journalism*)
LORRAINE O’KEEFFE: Trinity College Dublin (*Science*)
LESLEY ORR: Trinity College Dublin (*Classical Civilisation and Russian*)
JOHN KIDNEY: University of Warwick (*Medical Chemistry*)
RORY O’MAHONY: Cork Regional College (*Mechanical Engineering*)
LORRAINE MURPHY: University of Limerick (*Business Studies*)
SIOBHÁN FRANKLIN: Heriot-Watt University of Edinburgh (*Business Organization*)
RÓISÍN BARRETT: King’s College London (*Immunology*)
LAVINIA MOSSOP: Cork Regional College (*Social Studies*)
DONAGH CRAVEN: University of Manchester (*Hispanic Studies*)
ROBIN FITZPATRICK: Bournemouth University (*Information Systems Management*)
MARIAN MCCARTHY: University Hospital Cork (*Nursing*)
DAMIEN STAFFORD-SHAW: University of Plymouth (*Ocean Science*)

JUNE FORD: Cork Regional College (*Applied Chemistry*)
DEIRDRE HOLMES: Montessori College Dublin (*Teacher Training*)
EMILY WALSH: Buckinghamshire College London (*Media Studies*)
ROGER HUME: Skerry's Business College (*Business Studies*)
GERALD MURPHY: Manchester Metropolitan University (*Business Administration*)
JESSICA SWEETNAM: College of Commerce (*Beauty Therapy*)
MARTHA HOBBS: Central Technical Institute Waterford (*Creative Studies*)
DAFYDD UPSDELL: College of Commerce (*Computer Studies*)
CAROL O'BRIEN: Trinity College Dublin (*Dental Nursing*)
PATRICK RYAN: Writtle College (*Sports Turf and Golf Course Management*)
ALEC JEFFERY: Gurteen Agricultural College
PAUL HEALY: Cork Regional College (*Electronic Engineering*)
EMMA HALLAHAN: Buckinghamshire College (*Tourism Management*)
ANDREW HUME: Darra Agricultural College
YVONNE BUCKLEY: Buckinghamshire College (*Travel and Tourism Management*)
NORA KINGSTON: South Bank University, London (*Nutrition and Diabetics*)
JOANNA LOWTHER: Brighton University (*Hotel, Catering and Institutional Management*)
ALISON SHAKESHAF: Birmingham College (*Hotel, Catering and Management*)*
KENNETH MOORE: Birmingham College of Food Tourism and Creative Studies
(*Hotel Management*)
DEANO WILKINSON: Gurteen Agriculture College

*Deferred Entry

Working:

John Grandon, Martin Keohane, Andrew Massey, Andrew Minihan, Peter Thompson.

7th YEAR STUDIES :

Peter Barry, Brian Donovan, Ronan Enright, Valerie French, Roddy Jefferson, Peter King, John O'Sullivan, Geoffrey Tuttle.

EXIT

As the waters lap against the cliff,
Where I stand on top,
I think of the days gone by,
I wonder what my life was worth.

My mind begins to whirl,
That's when I hear the cries and laughter,
My heart goes out to their happiness.

Their faces flash before my eyes,
Merry times, glee smiles
All from long ago,
When we had not a worry.

I move a little bit closer,
And take the adventurous step.
To follow my mother's footsteps,
I leave the solid of the cliff.

-VALERIE MORRISON (FORM IV)

AGUS TIOCFAIDH SÍ



Miss Ross and Mr O'Mahony with a happy group of Ógras members. Enthusiasm for Irish cultural activities continues to grow in the College.

RITE OF PASSAGE



Mr Leonard O'Mahony with a group of Form IV pupils who were presented with certificates to mark their successful completion of the Transition Year.

Christmas Concert 1996

The flash of lights, the smell of grease paint, the jingle of the piano all combined to bring us another Midleton College Christmas Concert. This year it was a bumper one with something for all the family - from Flower Power to Victorian Melodrama, from Oasis to the Beatles!

The Junior Play this year was "The Perils of Prince Percy of Pomegranate" produced by Mrs O'Connor. This was a colourful and fun play set in fairytale land. Well done to the actors and actresses from Forms I and II.

Mrs Anderson produced a "Sixties Revival" for all the Flower Power Babes. I bet many of you felt nostalgic as we were reminded of our youth as we sang along to the "Age of Aquarius"! Jane Mackey and the choir did us proud.

There was Victorian Melodrama in "The Master and the Maid" produced by Miss Prendergast which had some very fine acting by Becky Grice, Andrew Minihan, Madeleine Childs, Nicky Phelan and Valerie Morrison - not to mention Arthur Hussain who as the Projectionist caused the world to go a little backwards!

A new departure this year was a piece of serious drama *as Gaeilge* called "Pádraigín is ainm dom" produced by Mr O'Mahony. The cast were all members of Ógras. This was an excellent production where we saw the perils of drugs in our society and how young people can so easily fall prey to them.

We had musical items from Alison and Naomi on piano. "The Sleeping Gimp" gave us some Oasis numbers - I enjoyed these thanks to Robin, Peter, Daffyd, Jamie and Eric. Marie, Eve, Clare and Helen sang "Stand by You" with Jamie on guitar. Natasha danced to Blue and "Rinceoir Thír na nÓg" gave us some Set Dancing which was produced by Miss Ross. They looked great in their new costumes!

Comedy came in the form of "My Brother" with Dawn, Orla, Patrick, Paul and Katherine accompanied by John Kidney. The story of Cinderella was retold for those of us who had forgotten. Car trouble is one thing but "Ass Trouble" is a horse of a different colour! Daniel, Patrick and Paul helped us to deal with such a problem should it arise!

"It's a hard one to swallow" showed us the joys of being ill with Valerie, Kim and Amy. "Talkabout" with Micheál, Matthew and Elmer told us about Midleton College. Form VI gave us "A Basket of Eggs"

All was kept in line by Nora and Lorraine with interruptions from John and Andrew to bring us another very enjoyable Christmas Concert.

-A. PRENDERGAST

STARGAZING

As I look at the sky
On a moonlight night,
'Tis like a fairy land
As the stars are bright.

Trees are swaying
In the cold night air,
Stars are shining
As I gaze and stare.

Tercentenary Prize Day 1996

Our annual assembly, during which we give an account of our stewardship and laud those who have achieved Sparta, was held on October 25 in Silversprings Hotel. The Guest of Honour was the Most Reverend Robin Eames, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland.

In his well-balanced and comprehensive report, the Headmaster gave fresh life to the minutiae of the College's hopes and activities during the previous year. Having congratulated not only the academic high-fliers, but also those who by dint of personal effort had achieved success for themselves in a variety of ways, he singled out for special mention the outstanding Leaving Certificate results of Jennifer Dungan; and Killian Hassey who was recently awarded a First Class Honours Degree in Civil Engineering.

In the course of his address, Archbishop Eames said that Prize Day should emphasise the need for vision, integrity, justice and faith in each member of the College; that these qualities were necessary if we wished to combat sameness and apathy, to accept new challenges, and to become what God intended each one of us to be. He stressed that there was an onus on each individual to empathise with others and to recognise that their views, opinions and obligations might well be different from ours.

Subsequently, during prize distribution, Dr Eames managed the well-nigh impossible task of making the moment of presentation special and unique for each one of the many prize-winners.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by the Bishop of Cork who suggested that Archbishop Eames had all the necessary traits of a Prize Day speaker: to be well-known, a good communicator, an exemplar of desired standards, and finally, but very importantly, one who likes and tells a good story. Bishop Warke himself exemplified the last of these traits by sharing more than one "good story" with an audience still attentive after almost two hours of ceremony and speeches.

A most enlightening and entertaining Prize Day, which in this tercentenary year was also fittingly graced by the presence of Mrs Kathleen Woulfe and Mr John Hurley representing Midleton UDC, was brought to a close by the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Dr T.T. West, who presided over the occasion with an appropriate mixture of ceremonial awareness and ease-creating humour.

-LUGDUNUM

THE HORSE CHESTNUT

Its white flowers spoke of my arrival,
And since then we have passed the year together.
I have watched the seasons come and go
In just observing it.
White flowers become fruit.
Its green leaves tinge brown and fall to the ground.
I walk through them kicking my feet.
Again the flowers are in bloom
And I will return when the fruits
Will fall to meet the ground,
When the wind will scatter the leaves.
The seasons will pass,
And the flowers will speak of my departure.

- MADELEINE CHILDS (Form VI)

The Riddle of the Sands?

Buntline, Clewline, Halliards, Bracing Stations. What you may ask are these. The answers I didn't know until . . .

We boarded the STV *Asgard II* in Waterford on Saturday, 28th September 1996. From my point of view, I was definitely 'clueless' and a fish out of water. My companions, Patrick Clibborn and Andrew Potter Cogan, had an advantage over me - both are experienced sailors. Spot the odd one out!

Saturday was spent getting to know the ship, our companions and the crew. The real work started on Sunday as we began our voyage. After a brief stop off in Dunmore East (due to bad weather) we ventured on. Destination : Penzance. It was not a comfortable journey and nearly all on board experienced what-goes-down-must-come-up syndrome. I wouldn't deny that I was one (neither would Patrick!)

Monday night found us ashore in Penzance and on Tuesday we spent an enjoyable day at St Michael's Mount, a fortress surrounded by a little village overlooking Mount's Bay. There we were enlightened on the history of the area and the history of the Mount itself.

We returned to Ireland on Wednesday. By then we all had found our sea legs and life aboard was more enjoyable. Kinsale welcomed us on Thursday morning. We discovered the 1601 (slight connections with the battle) and definitely terrorised the multi-talented musicians for our 2-night stay.

The *Asgard* departed full sail from Kinsale and Saturday's calm seas gave rise to an opportunity for sail training. Following the exercises we sailed towards Monkstown.

Asgard motored to Cork on Sunday morning and I disembarked with more knowledge of the *Asgard II* than I had when I first boarded.

We would like to thank the MCA for the provision of such an opportunity to experience life on board the *Asgard II*. We enjoyed the cruise immensely and would encourage others to avail themselves of this chance to explore the wonders of the sea and the riddle of the sands.

- MADELEINE CHILDS (FORM VI)

THE SEA

The sea is a lady,
How cruel she can be,
With her temper so changeable,
She captivates me.

I listen to her moaning,
She is talking to me,
About the pollution,
And state of the sea.

She has a long memory,
Much older than me,
Which she shares with me daily,
I do love the sea.

- ZARA HORNIBROOK (FORM I)

Gentleman, the King!

Ian King retired from Midleton College at the end of July this year and so brought to a conclusion a long teaching career which started in Kilkenny College in 1949 and continued from 1952 in the King's Hospital before his coming to Midleton in 1960. His decision to join me then was a most fortunate day not only for me but more importantly for Midleton College where he has given 36 years exemplary service.

Ian assumed the position of Senior Master from the beginning and remained so for his entire career in the College, with the additional title later on of Vice-Principal; his brief included not only responsibility for scholastic matters but for the whole boarding regime. His influence in all spheres of life was crucial to the development of the College in the critical years of the late sixties and the early seventies when major expansion was taking place and numbers grew from 60 or so to over 200. When he married in 1971 his decision to remain inside the walls was a very welcome and telling one.

Ian in his career and outlook has typified the schoolmaster as distinct from the teacher: the comprehensive development of the pupils of the College in every respect was his aim, and his influence and work outside the classroom were paramount in this aspiration. This does not belittle his gifts in the classroom as a teacher of Mathematics to which many past students will pay just tribute - indeed Ian could as easily have taught most other subjects, brilliant all-rounder that he was. His classes were always made the more attractive by his natural bonhomie and good-humoured repartee.

Sport was very high among Ian's interests and his input to games at the College was tremendous - especially in Rugby and Cricket. There are many coaches who can pass on a good technique, but it takes inspiration as well to create a good team - and this Ian had in plenty. His was no small touch-line voice - rumour has it that it was recognised across the width of Lansdowne Road. Games at school demand time and patience and these Ian amply gave. One of his main regrets in Sport was the decline in schools' cricket with shorter summer terms and more emphasis on public examinations. The regard in which Ian was held in Munster Schools' Rugby was recognised in his many years as a selector and, latterly, as Chairman of the Schools' Committee - well deserved honours.

On the cultural side Ian's interest in and love of music were passed on to pupils through the recitals he organised, and his knowledge of books and his avid readership were great assets in the building up of the College Library. His up-to-date information on current affairs - he is a newspaper addict - kept his charges abreast of political and social development.

All Ian's accomplishment and endeavours were leavened by the personality of the man; he was the walking endorsement of the contention that schoolmasters are born not made. He was equipped with an easy and non-assertive discipline which gained him respect and attention. He was firm and definite when it was required, and sympathetic and approachable in genuine problem cases - his judgement in distinguishing one from the other hardly ever erred, and many a pupil has been grateful for and benefited from his advice or his reprimand.

In Staff Common Rooms where punditry and pedantry abound, Ian's was the down-to-earth voice of common sense. He was highly respected and popular with

his colleagues where his organising ability was much appreciated; and surely his example in dedication must have stirred others to better things. Time never worried Ian: long trips to such as Glenstal and Newtown, hours at the cricket nets, cold sessions on a variety of touchlines, all were taken in his stride. Modern ills such as 'stress' and 'burn-out' were not in his vocabulary, and if they were, they were kept very carefully under wraps.

Ian was always good company - many a serious occasion was brightened by a quip, a joke or a laugh. He really enjoyed school life and I know that he gained a large measure of fulfilment from it. The best wishes of all MC connections - pupils, parents, staff and governors - go with him on his retirement, with the hope that much of the pleasure he gave to others will now accrue to himself, as he takes advantage of more leisure for his various pursuits and interests.

- J.W. SMYTH

STERN TO VIEW



*All attempts to get Ian to smile for a posed photograph usually fail.
The above reveals one of the lighter moments.*

SOME DAYS

Some days you wake up complaining
Some sunny days you wish it was raining
Some days are sulky, some days have a grin
Some days have a bouncer that won't let you in.
Some days are better than others.

-RAYMOND HOBBS

Tour to Tulipland

"The early bird catches the worm" The worms weren't even considering waking when we left Midleton early on Thursday, March 28.

The Hook of Holland greeted us on Friday morning and we geographers, not being the king of people to laze about, began work immediately - that is after running back on board the ferry to wake the late sleepers!

Rotterdam, the world's number one port, was our first destination. Our boat trip on Spido gave us a comprehensive insight into the port at close quarters. From Euromast the River Maas could be seen winding its way through the Dutch countryside. Gouda is a very picturesque town but it was where we came to the conclusion that Dutch cyclists are dangerous!

Flevoland was our base on Saturday. The New Land information centre gave a clear explanation of the reclamation of the Zuider Zee. A visit to the modern town of Lelystad followed where town functions and visual-impression surveys were carried out. It wasn't very impressive - it is a planned town and nothing in Lelystad happened by accident; every building and street looked the same which made getting lost so much easier! Land on the polders is given on contract by the Dutch Government. One must have top-class agricultural qualifications to prove the land will be farmed to its full potential. It was here Paul Moore met the woman of his dreams - he could be seen dreamily clinging to every syllable Ms de Schuiller spoke in her fluent English with a Dutch accent. Unfortunately he didn't get the chance to exchange addresses as the bus arrived and we could see "The Geog. Dept." making faces at us to hurry. That afternoon we visited Jacobshoeve cheese farm where we were enlightened in the process of cheese making. (No one realised how 'soft' Senior Rugby Squad members become at the sight of kid goats!)

Palm Sunday saw the bus bedecked with blessed palm. We travelled to the Haringveldt Locks a major Dutch project; the storm barrier of the Eastern Scheldt. At the Delta Expo. Mr Morrissey and Mrs Levis were so proud of themselves when the guide requested a copy of the questionnaire (The fact that we were frantically trying to find answers to it is neither here nor there). Later, on our farm studies, we got an insight into the cultivation of flowers and bulbs for the auctions and a lesson not to stand on a bulb field.

The worlds largest flower auction Aalsmeer was our destination on Monday. This 630,000m² complex has 5 auction halls. 14 million flowers, destined world wide, exchange hands in auctions that begin at 6.30a.m. By 9 a.m. the majority of the plants and flowers have already left Holland due to the proximity of Schipol Airport. It was a flower power day as we also visited Keukenhof tulip gardens spread over 70 acres and that afternoon we strolled though Holland's version of Bunratty, Zaanse Schans, based on 17th and 18th century Holland.

The guided boat trip along the canals gave us a wonderful introduction to Amsterdam 'The Venice of the North'. Many features of our tour were recognised at the smallest town in the world 'Madursdam' a representation of Dutch life all on a scale of 1:25: Dam Square, Euromast, Gouda, Rotterdam, Schipol Airport to mention but a few. Madursdam also was the site of the kidnapping of Teddy, our alcoholic and cigarette smoking mascot - but you'll be relieved to know he was just hiding.

We left Holland enriched by its Geography. Mr Morrissey decided that a trip from Fishguard to Holyhead would be wonderful bonus to his little band of geographers - it was unfortunate to actually see the ferry we were supposed to be on sail away. All that aside, after an overnight sail and trojan driving by Kieran, our bus driver, we found ourselves greeted by Mammies and Daddies a day later than expected.

Hitches, hold ups, headaches (there were many!) aside it was a fantastic tour. On behalf of all who travelled to Holland I would like to thank our wonderful Geography teachers, alias 'The Questionnaire Writers of the Year', Mr Morrissey and Mrs Levis - and Mr Leopold - for an excellent and most enjoyable tour.

- MADELEINE CHILDS (FORM VI)

TULIPS FROM AMSTERDAM



Geographers during a rare moment of relaxation from the rigours of a Morrissey - Levis Tour. The teddy bear disgraced himself and will not be taken again - not even on a picnic.

BLACKBIRD AT SUNSET

Mauve - blue sky,
the colour of blackberry
juice; blackberry juice
in which the blackbird
is bathing.

The tree reaches out
its kindly arms to him,
but he is anxious to
escape, nocturnal freedom
awaits.

Next the robin, who sits
proudly atop on ivy-clad
woodenstake. He makes
a pretty silhouette and
fills the crisp, cold evening
air with notes of pure
musical ecstasy,
as clear and true
as any choir boy.

All is still, the
world waits for night.

REMEMBER!



Our photograph shows the magnificent memorial created by the sculptor, Ken Thompson, one of our parents, which commemorates all the innocent victims of war and oppression worldwide. It was unveiled in October at Westminster Abbey by Queen Elizabeth II.

AUTUMN

A strong gust of wind
sends the leaves scurrying
across the yard like
children at play.
Clouds race after them,
trying to catch up, but
disappearing on the horizon
before they can get closer.

The light in autumn is
different somehow, it
makes everything clearer,
intensifies colour and outlines the trees at sunset
as if someone had cut them
out of paper.

Everything in autumn turns
red gold when the sun shines,
and grey-green when it
doesn't.

The deer's summer coat, the
squirrel's tail, even the
rabbit's ears, all create
a sunburst glow, the
last vestige of colour before
the monochrome of
winter arrives.

Book Review

Midleton College, 1696-1996. A Tercentenary History.

All those associated with Midleton College will relish this elegant publication which chronicles the varying fortunes of a well-loved place over a remarkably long span of time. It is most appropriate that it should be written in this Tercentenary Year, and in Dr Trevor West the college found the man to match the moment. As an Old Boy, as the son of a long-serving Headmaster, as an academic at Trinity College, Dublin, and as the current chairman of the Board of Governors, he has a unique vantage-point from which to view the unfolding panorama of time and events. The result is an account which is lucid, authoritative, and a pleasure to read.

Wisely remarking that "the health of the school hinged almost entirely on the drive and ability of the headmaster", the author deftly uses the terms of office of the fifteen headmasters as the framework around which he constructs his narrative, while being careful to place each period within the broader context, religious, political and educational, of the era. The lack of archival material at the College must have been frustrating, but that state of affairs applies almost universally to Irish schools; the one glorious exception being the schools of the Quaker community, whose library in Dublin contains an illuminating selection of letters from parents and pupils dating from the middle of the eighteenth century. However, Dr West makes excellent use of one of the most reliable primary sources he could have wished for, namely the Minute Books of the Board of Governors. Using these as a rich quarry, he takes the reader through the many weighty matters of policy and practice which underpin the day-to-day life of a boarding school.

These are many references to a gallery of colourful characters, beginning with Elizabeth Villiers, a former mistress of King William of Orange, whose act of Christian benevolence led to the foundation of the College. She was in the tradition of those patrons who endowed alms houses for the aged and charitable infirmaries for the poor, fulfilling a vital social function at a time when no European state was spending a penny on education or the range of social services now undertaken by the State. A former pupil, John Philpott Curran, was associated with Henry Grattan and the bright hopes held out by him of Protestant nationalism and civil liberties for Catholics in the 1780s. In the next century another former pupil, Isaac Butt, founded the Home Rule Party which brought Charles Stewart Parnell to the forefront of Irish politics. And there is this charming reference to a headmaster at the beginning of this century: "he was a devotee of the Gaelic League as well as a keen fly-fisherman who passed on his skills in that noble art to many of his pupils on the banks of the Cahermone River."

The final chapter dealing with the modern period, 1928 to 1996, is a celebration of success. As the College celebrates its Tercentenary Year it is larger in numbers, more extensive in its buildings, more comprehensive in its curriculum, and more representative of the broad spread of Irish society than at any time in its long and historic past. This book is a worthy tribute to the many generations of dedicated headmasters and teachers, and to the hundreds of pupils who came to Midleton College as children and left on the verge of adulthood, having received a well-rounded education in a place where tolerance and individuality were fostered.

- SEÁN PETTIT

Dr Seán Pettit taught history in Midleton College where his lively and innovative teaching methods stirred the imagination of his pupils. He subsequently accepted a lectureship in UCC and used his unique talents to open the minds of aspiring teachers in the School of Education. Dr Pettit is an acknowledged expert on the social history of the city of Cork.

Junior Soccer Tour

When trying to think of something different for a Junior Tour last year I considered the tremendous interest many of our pupils have in British soccer, so I suggested a soccer tour to them. The idea was received with enthusiasm and I started to try to arrange fixtures for them to play and a Premier League match to watch. I decided that Chester would be a good place to base our holiday as there are several premier grounds within easy reach. As the schools were on holidays many turned us down but eventually I got a fixture with Tarporley High School near Chester and a club in Conwy, North Wales. I obtained tickets to see Liverpool play at Anfield. However Sky Sports T.V., which seems to dominate British soccer, changed the date. I managed to rearrange the tour and then they changed the date again. Eventually I got tickets to watch Blackburn Rovers and we were all set to go.

On Friday, March 29th after a short and rather sleepless night due to the excitement, we set off for Rosslare at 5 a.m. In our party were 17 boys and 2 girls from Forms I and II with Miss Nora Ross and myself. After arriving safely at Fishguard we travelled first to Machynlleth in mid-Wales to visit the centre for alternative technology. Here we attended a lecture and looked around at the exhibits of wind, wave and solar energy, and at low energy buildings and organic gardens. This proved to be an interesting and educational break in our journey through Wales. We travelled on to Chester and settled in to our comfortable hotel for the night. Next morning at 10 a.m. we played our first soccer match. We began well, but Tarporley High School were regular players and proved to be more skilful, and eventually beat us easily. After the match we were given refreshments kindly provided by the mothers of our hosts. This was most acceptable as we were then able to travel up the M6 to Blackburn without having to stop for lunch. Ewoodpark is a fine stadium and we had good seats with all facilities close by. We saw Blackburn Rovers beaten 3-0 by Everton. There were mixed feelings about the result but the spectacle and atmosphere of this premier league match were enjoyed by all of us. On the way back to Chester we stopped for a motorway meal and then went ice-skating. Most pupils got moving quite well during the two hours we had at the ice-rink.

The following day we travelled about 60 miles from Chester to Alton Towers leisure park. Here everyone had a great day as all the rides were free once we had paid the entrance fee, and the park was uncrowded. Some braver pupils went on rides such as 'Nemesis' and 'Thunder looper' where they were hurled upside down and in all other directions whilst others opted for more gentle activities. Miss Ross did however persuade me to accompany her on a thing called the 'Black Hole' in which we went round in ever decreasing circles amongst stars and galaxies before dropping vertically into darkness. We survived and at 6.30 p.m. collected 19 happy pupils to travel back to Chester. After an early breakfast and packing next day we journeyed to Manchester for a visit to the Old Trafford football ground and Manchester United Museum. Their huge new extension was still under construction and I was unable to obtain tickets for a match here. However we saw the players' lounge, dressing rooms and walked through the players' tunnel to look at the pitch and sit in the manager's seat. We then wandered through the museum to see all the cups that had been won and the tributes to players and managers including the legendary Matt Busby. Then we visited the magnificent souvenir shop and had a happy half-hour spending what we could afford.

Our final visit was to Conwy where I was expecting a club side to play us. Despite checking several times, including the previous day, that all was well, the side failed to turn up. Their coach didn't even appear to explain what had hap-

pened. In desperation I phoned one of my Welsh relatives who is a P.E. teacher and he saved the day by arranging for us, at a moment's notice, to join in with a local holiday activities group who were having an indoor soccer competition. We entered two teams of 7-a-side and had several games until it was time to get on our bus and travel to Holyhead for the Sea Lynx trip to Dun Laoghaire and the coach back to Midleton.

It had been a hectic four days with plenty of varied activities. I thank the pupils for their good behaviour, and, in particular, I thank Nora Ross for her companionship and help. Without her the tour would not have been possible. I hope that all enjoyed the tour and will look back on it in future with pleasure.

- R.R. LITTLE

LITTLE LEAGUE



The band of brave hearts who pitted themselves against the might of British soccer.

GHOST

It was Hallowe'en night
And the moon was bright
And the trees and their branches creaked
When all of a sudden
There was such a thuddin'
That all of the animals shrieked
I ran for the fear
That some mighty beast near
Upon me would suddenly sneak
But when I looked around,
And looked at the ground,
There was nothing of which to speak.

- ALAN O'CONNOR (FORM I)

In their own dimensions like themselves

- THE HEADMASTER Next to enjoying ourselves, the next greatest pleasure consists in preventing others from enjoying themselves. - *Sceptical essays*
- MR JOHNSTON Had I been present at the Creation, I would have given some useful hints for the ordering of the Universe. - *Alfonso the Wise.*
- MR LITTLE He was born an Englishman and remained one for years. - *Brendan Behan.*
- MR DALEY The forgotten man at the bottom of the economic pyramid. - *Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- MR LYONS You can tell a lot about a fellow's character from the way he eats jellybeans. - *Ronald Reagan.*
- MR LEVIS If I could remember the names of all these particles I'd be a botanist. - *Enrico Fermi.*
- MR LEOPOLD He is the very pineapple of politeness. - *Richard Brinsley Sheridan.*
- MR MORRISSEY To do nothing and get something, formed a boy's ideal of a manly career. - *Disraeli.*
- MRS LEVIS I will not stand for being called a woman in my own house. - *Evelyn Waugh.*
- MISS POWER Abroad is bloody - *George VI.*
- MR O'MAHONY Nuair a bhíonn an chat amuigh, bíonn an luch ag rince. - *Seanfhocal.*
- MR PRESTON The Right Hon. was a tubby little chap who looked as if he had been poured into his clothes and had forgotten to say "When". - *P. G. Wodehouse.*
- MISS PRENDERGAST I agree with no man's opinion. I have some of my own. - *Ivan Turgenev.*
- MR POWER Married, charming, chaste, and twenty-three. - *Lord Byron.*
- MISS PENNY Curiouser and curiouser! - *Lewis Carroll.*
- MRS RUMLEY Mathematics may be defined as the subject in which we never know what we are talking about, nor whether what we are saying is true. - *Bertrand Russell.*
- MISS O'REGAN A woman is like a teabag: it's not until she's in hot water that you realise how strong she is. - *Nancy Reagan.*
- MRS JOHNSTON For every marriage then is best in tune, When the wife is May, the husband June. - *Rowland Watkyns.*
- THE DEAN How can you expect to convert England if you use a cope like that? - *Augustine Pugin.*
- MRS O'CONNOR The thinking man's crumpet. - *Frank Muir*
- MRS ANDERSON) You are there and I am here; but where is Beethoven ?
- MR NICHOLLS) - *Arthur Schnabel.*
- MISS MCCARTHY) The old order changeth, yielding place to new. - *Alfred, Lord*
- MR MCKAY) *Tennyson.*
- MR SEALE When in charge, ponder; when in trouble, delegate; when in doubt, mumble. - *James H. Boren.*
- MISS LOGAN I'm only here for the beer. - *Ross Levenstein.*
- MISS DAWSON All I say is, if you cannot ride two horses, you have no right in the circus. - *James Maxton.*
- MRS CAIRNS It's very difficult to find a book with no alcohol, no sex and no reference to men whatever. - *Victoria Wood.*
- SECRETARIES All organization is, and must be, grounded on the idea of exclusion and prohibition, just as two objects cannot occupy the same space. - *Arthur Miller.*

OSCARs WILD!

- KATHRYN ANDERSON
KATHERINE BURNS
MADELEINE CHILDS
PATRICK E. CLIBBORN
LIZ CLIFFORD
JUDITH COOPER)
CARAGH HILLIARD)
SÍOFRA CURTIN
RACHEL DAUNT
NIGEL FOLEY
LIAM FRANKLIN
RICK GLEASURE
KAREN GRAINGER
PAULA HESKIN
ALAN HORGAN
THÉRÈSE IRWIN
KEITH JOHNSTON
LOUISE KENWORTHY
ERIC LYONS
- JAMIE McNALLY
DANIEL MACKEY
PETER MANNING
GRÁINNE MARTIN
PAUL MOORE
STEPHEN NAGLE
OLOF NORTH
ALAN O'BRIEN
PADDY O'BRIEN
ORLA O'DONOVAN
DARRELL PAMMENT
NAOMI SOLLEVELD
TEGWYN STEPHENSON
ADAM TAIT
ANDREW TAIT
WARREN TIVY
PATRICK TREACY
BARRY WAIN
- Clueless
 - Pinocchio
 - Up Close and Personal
 - Big
 - The Snapper
 - Twins

 - Get Shorty
 - Taxi Driver
 - Pee Wee's Big Adventure
 - Flirtin
 - Revenge of the Nerds
 - Much Ado About Nothing
 - Almost An Angel
 - Waterworld
 - Man Trouble
 - My Father the Hero
 - Tank Girl
 - And you thought your parents were weird ?
 - Loverboy
 - Priscilla Queen of the Desert
 - Striptease
 - The Age of Innocence
 - Scent of a Woman
 - Superman
 - Species
 - When a Man loves a Woman
 - Babe
 - Bed of Roses
 - Nine Months
 - Gone with the Wind
 - Stolen Hearts
 - Batteries not Included
 - The Quiet Man
 - The Man without a Face
 - Young Einstein
 - Wayne's World

- FRANK HORGAN COPPOLA

Horse Tales from New Ross, Wexford and Inishannon

Midleton College was represented on three occasions in equine events in the academic year 1995-1996. This was a substantial improvement in the level of participation, when compared with the previous year's school involvement. This is attributed to the increasing popularity of horse riding as a school sport, within the College. On a widescale basis, more and more schools are participating in all forms of riding events, ranging from dressage, showjumping to cross-country. At the Inter-Schools Cross-Country event held in New Ross, this year, eighty more schools participated, as compared with last year.

On Sunday, March 3, two Midleton College teams participated in an Inter-Schools Dressage Competition. This event took place at the Skevanish Equestrian Centre, Inishannon. Our A team, composed of Rebecca Daunt, Rachel Daunt, Jessica Kohler and Siobhán Rafter finished an extremely commendable third in the competition; and our B team composed of Lara Jones, Kathleen Denn, Jennie Clifford and Alison O'Brien finished seventh.

Dressage is considered to be the most difficult of all riding disciplines since it requires elegance, concentration, and composure on the part of the rider; and on the part of the horse, it calls for total obedience to the rider, as it simultaneously restrains its natural tendency to gallop. Dressage in many ways is comparable in human terms with ballet. Movements such as loops, lengthening of the stride, changing of diagonals, changing of the rein are just some of the many complex movements that horse and rider are expected to perform in a dressage test. In order to achieve a high mark in a test, the rider must average high marks in the following three categories: general impression, obedience and calmness; paces and impulsion; position and seat of the rider and correct use of the aids.

The placing of the Midleton College A team was an excellent and a truly well-deserved result. Nevertheless, it is important not to let this achievement overshadow the achievement of the inexperienced B team. None of the B team riders had ever performed in competition before, and for each of these riders, it was an extremely daunting task to learn off not merely one dressage test, but *two* dressage tests and subsequently perform them on horses with which they were barely familiar within the enclosed confines of a dressage arena, under the stern, watchful eye of the dressage judges. Riders were warned in all cases to smile at the judges before commencing! Jennie Clifford's smile and subsequent laughter caused the judges to break their stony countenance. The placing of the B team was thus a remarkable achievement.

On March 17 the Inter-Schools Cross Country event was staged at New Ross, Co. Wexford. As in previous years underfoot conditions were atrocious. Conditions were so bad that the organisers even contemplated cancelling the Junior Individual Competition, in which Stephan Jordan and Jessica Kohler were representing the school.

From early morning, rain fell in heavy, incessant sheets. Many cars and jeeps on entering the fields were extricated from the knee-deep muck by the JCBs and tractors, waiting on hand. Many parents opted to withdraw their children from the competition, fearing that the ground conditions would put too much strain on older ponies' tendons.

The course proved to be just as daunting as the Punchestown course. The organisers must think that by devising amusing names for the fences, the riders'

attention will be hopefully diverted from the difficulty of the course! Bridie's Splash, Holly Bank, Maura's Pallet, The Moor Leap, Liam's Planks are just some examples from the myriad of other fence names, which bring a wry smile to the faces of competitors setting out.

Jessica and Stephen did extremely well, only incurring penalties at the last two fences, as a consequence of their mounts finishing extremely tired in the sticky, holding mud.

On May 4, Kathleen Denn, Siobhán Rafter, Stephen Jordan and Alison O'Brien, all travelled to Wexford town to compete in the extremely prestigious All-Ireland Open Inter-Schools showjumping competition. Miss Prendergast submitted very kindly to my request to accompany me and support the team.

After completing two showjumping rounds, our team did not qualify for the jump-off against the clock, but attention must be drawn to Stephen Jordan's execution of two excellent clear rounds; and in addition to this, our other three riders improved vastly on their first round scores. Again, this was largely a very much inexperienced team and next year they will be able to reap the benefits from this experience and newly-found confidence.

In conclusion, this marked a most successful year in the horse calendar. All the riding events by nature entailed a lot of hard work, training and grooming of the horses. Indeed in some cases, households were disrupted in the small hours of the morning as fellow team members noisily recited dressage tests to each other! In another case, a parent was called upon to tow a horse box for the first time - no easy task, considering the winding, meandering nature of the road to the Skevanish Riding Centre! In short, as is evident, many sacrifices were made. I look forward with optimism and enthusiasm to the College's involvement in equestrian events this year.

- A. DAWSON

GALLOP APACE



*Stephen Jordan, Alison O'Brien, Siobhán Rafter and Kathleen Denn with their
Chef d'Equipe, Miss Ann Dawson*

INNER FEELINGS

Times of great distress,
Not knowing what to do,
Insanity around the corner,
What a hopeless view.

I have tried but failed my many tasks,
For now I walk in a valley of darkness,
My steps sinking into the ground,
My heart falls amongst the lonely shadows.

The depth of the feeling of love
Leaves its scars to view
Now I live forever
Drowning in the sorrows of the blue.

- VALERIE MORRISON (FORM IV)

TO EOGHAN

When I see something beautiful
I think of you,
And I wish you were there
Seeing it too.
I wish you were here
For now and forever
But someone else wanted you
Some one much greater,
Though you were with us only for a little while
You still make us happy, you still make us smile.
I miss you so much you'll never know
My little man, I love you so.

- DARRELL PAMMENT (FORM VI)

THE CALM



The green sward awaits the arrival of the agents of construction (?).

THE STORM



Yes, it is terrible. We can only hope that a beauty is being born,

SENIOR SUCCESS



Jennifer Dungan, who received a special presentation for her outstanding Leaving Certificate performance, is seen in the company of the Headmaster, the President of MCA, Archbishop Eames and her parents.

JUNIOR JOY



Ferga Solleveld receiving the Intermediate Shield from Archbishop Eames for her excellent Junior Certificate results.

THE MAN



The Board of Governors made a presentation to Mr Ian King on the occasion of his retirement. Also in the picture are Dr Trevor West, Mrs Alma King and the Headmaster.

THE MACHINE



AIB Midleton made a most generous gift of a computer to the College. The picture shows the Headmaster receiving this valuable addition to our facilities from Ms Marie Wall of AIB

THE CAPTAIN OF THE PINAFORE?



Mr Little looking happily blessed among women as team photographs are taken.

THREE LITTLE MAIDS FROM SCHOOL?



Miss Ross, Miss Prendergast and Miss Logan reacting in different ways to the photographing of the Senior Rugby team.

THE WORLD

Our world is dying
But do we care?
No. We just go on killing, destroying.
Is that really fair?

We pollute all our waters,
Kill all the fish,
Destroy the forests,
Is it really what we wish?

WE control the world
WE have a say
But we just kill each other
Day after day.

When will we realise that we
Have to change?
When it all is destroyed
We will regret it.
Now doesn't THAT sound strange.

- JEMIMA OTTMAN (FORM I)

IRISH LAND

The lush green grass fills
The valleys and the hills
With grand woodland
and icy lakes
What a great land
God did create
It's called Ireland
Let's enjoy it a little
For life is short and brittle.

- EDWARD RHYS-THOMAS (FORM I)

LIGHT

Slowly.
The mantle rises
Piece by piece.
Gradually
The folds
Separate.
Through chinks in the curtain
Rays fall on the water.
And like the waters,
Parting on the Red Sea
The veil is lifted.
The darkness disappears.
Flickering beams penetrate
Becoming stronger,
And so shines the
Light.

- MADELEINE CHILDS (FORM VI)

HALCYON

Sun-bright,
clouds drift lazily
across the sky, which
is a fresh, light blue,
washed clean and pure
by the storms of winter.
A gentle breeze strokes
the trees. Every now and
then a gust sends them
dancing, frenzied, only to
return to their former stupor
seconds later.
The fields lie in the sun like
an old dog, gorse with its
fire-bright tears illuminates
the hedgerows, transforming
them into jewelled, proud
ramparts. The only sound is
the lazy barking of a dog
and the wind singing its
lonesome tune in the tree branches.

- NAOMI SOLLEVELD (FORM VI)



Mr Brian Crowley, MEP, who made quite a favourable impression on Transition Year pupils, pictured with the Headmaster and Mr King.

Royal Irish Academy of Music 1995-1996

Name	Grade	Result	Instrument
Veronica French	VII	Merit	Piano
Linda Ross	V	Pass	Piano
Stuart Childs	IV	Honours	Piano
Chloe Farnham	Primary	Honours	Piano

Rugby 1995 - '96

Senior

We had a successful opening to the season, winning our own blitz in Midleton. Visitors Newton, Bandon and Waterpark were all beaten in competitive 30-minute games and hopes of a successful season were high. In the full games against the same oppositon we dispatched Bandon 29 - 3 and Waterpark 34 - 0 at home whilst going down to Newtown in Waterford 14 - 12, both teams scoring two tries but we only managed one conversion. We brought a depleted side to Glenstal for one reason or another and they put out a suitably adjusted side that defeated us 10 - 3 on the day. This was to give us no indication of how good they were going to be in the second half of the season in the various cup competitions.

The month of October in recent years has been dominated with selection and preparation for the Munster 'B' teams. Last year the selection process was very time-consuming, not just for potential players but also for selectors. We started with a southern trial and development day in Midleton, which was to produce a southern team to play the north in a trial in Clanwilliam. That match then produced two teams for the final trial in Midleton. There is no doubt that those who came through the process thoroughly deserved a place on the team.

Roddy Jefferson and Barry Wain were chosen at outside-half and first-centre respectively and acquitted themselves well. Indeed Barry should, barring injury or poor performance, make the team again this year. Deano Wilkinson was as good as any of the forwards but was just shaded by the 'man in possession' from the previous year. He was selected as sub-prop and sub-hooker. He subsequently played in the first game against Leinster and performed very well. It wasn't enough though to hold his place for the second game of the series against Connacht. Patrick Clibbon came very close to selection at blind side wing-forward. His tendency to drift in and out of the game cost him dearly. He is going to have to learn to be prominent for 70 minutes in order to impress the selectors this year.

In the New Year our Senior Cup Campaign was short but not so sweet. We travelled to Bandon for the first round and were lucky to escape with a 6-5 victory; so much for the 29-3 result before Christmas! There was a touch of controversy surrounding the match as there is no doubt that the referee blew his whistle five minutes early with Bandon on the attack! In our second round match we played Glenstal at home in near perfect conditions. We were duly dispatched 3-32. In fairness Glenstal played some superb rugby and outclassed us in all facets of play. We can draw some consolation from the fact that they went on to trouble one of the 'A' schools in the next round.

We had a marathon run in the Mungret Cup; playing Crosshaven on three occasions before being defeated! We travelled to Crosshaven first, led briefly and went behind. Late in the game we scored a try to draw the game - the conversion would have secured the victory. A week later, again in a very close game, we had to come from behind to snatch a draw. Unfortunately the final replay a week later was played during our mock examinations and the preparation was less than ideal and certainly the focus was not on the rugby pitch. We were beaten in a close encounter, but I think on balance Crosshaven deserved it on the day.

It is appropriate at this point to write a few words of thanks to Ian King for his advice and assistance to me over my period of involvement with rugby in the College. It is enough to say that he was always there when needed, working behind the scenes, booking buses, early lunches, etc. and generally looking after all the tedious but very necessary administrative work. We are pleased to have had his presence on the touchline already on several occasions this season. We wish him a happy and long retirement.

Panel: D. Wilkinson (capt.), R. Jefferson (v-capt), A. O'Brien, B. Wain, L. Franklin, K. Johnston, P. Manning, A. Jeffery, J. O'Donovan, E. Lyons, R. O'Mahony, G. Fitzgibbon, P. Clibborn, R. Hume, P. Massey, A. Hume, A. Massey, I. Carroll, P. Barry.

- M.P.

PRODESSE PER PROVINCIAM



'B' interprovincials Barry Wain, Deano Wilkinson and Roddy Jefferson.

J. C. T.

This particular group of players are easy to write about with enthusiasm. They were a cheerful bunch who enjoyed a bit of "craic" with training and yet took their rugby seriously. With some team spirit and aggressive play have to be worked upon. This year there was spirit a-plenty. The task was to control and direct their naturally aggressive style of play.

The season began on a negative note with us struggling to make up the numbers necessary to make a panel. We had to rely on some average players to begin with. They gave us the time to develop some of the less experienced members of the panel, before they were introduced to the fray. Our thanks go to Ralph Chambers, Brian Moore, Emmet O'Brien and John Goold who were very helpful in this regard.

A season's results can be very misleading when taken at face value. We lost a number of games by as little as one score and, to be fair, won some by equally tight margins. Overall we lost more than we won, but every opposition we encountered knew they had been in a game.

Throughout these games James Colbert was a worthy captain. He led by example, always producing gritty performances. Wherever there was action, he was in the thick of it. During the season we rearranged the team to try to get all of our better players on the pitch. To this end, James was asked to move to hooker from his usual position at scrum-half. He did so without question. If anything he seemed to relish this role even more!

Our cup campaign began with a trip to Pallaskenry who proved to be a physically strong and competitive side. The pitch was probably the largest we ever encountered. It was a full twenty metres longer than a standard pitch. The effect of this was for most of the game to take place closer to half-way than to either of the goal lines.

The match went our way, mostly owing to the solid tackling of our back row of John Buttimer, David Hales and Peter Fitzgibbon. The backs were also called into defensive action all too frequently. Damien Smyth at out-half and the centres of David Dungan and Hiro Yamada all put in sterling performances. On the day, kicking proved to be the most effective way of gaining ground. We were lucky to have the services of the big boot of David Murphy at full-back.

The spirit of this side showed in coming back from three points down to emerge victorious eight points to three. A penalty by David Murphy and a typically gutsy try by David Hales were just reward for the day's efforts.

In the second round we were away again. On this occasion we travelled to St Enda's in Limerick City. To cut a painful story short, we lost 17-3. This flatters St Enda's somewhat as we dominated the second half and a try by prop Philip Smyth went unseen and consequently was not awarded. This was one of a number of occasions on which we came close to putting more points on the board. On the positive side, this was one of those situations when there was plenty of pride in defeat and hopefully will prove to be a good memory in the years to come.

I thoroughly enjoyed the season and the credit for that must go to the players. I wish them well in their rugby pursuits. I say this knowing that four of them are already featuring on this season's Senior Firsts. Long may their success continue.

Panel: D. Murphy, B. Buckley, H. Yamada, D. Dungan, S. Childs, D. Smyth, D. Buckley, P. Smyth, J. Colbert (capt.), S. Reynolds, P. Fitzgibbon, H. Tucker, E. Kingston, D. Hales, J. Buttimer, P. McCullough, T. Anderson, K. Byrne, D. Smyth, R. O'Sullivan and R. Myatt.

SENIOR SQUAD 1995 - '96



Back Row: Mr Preston, D. Mackey, I. Carroll, A. Hume, R. O'Mahony, R. Hume, P. Clibborn, A. O'Brien, The Headmaster.

Middle Row: E. Lyons, P. Barry, R. Jefferson, D. Wilkinson (capt), B. Wain, A. Jeffery, A. Massey

Front Row: R. Chambers, P. Massey, J. O'Donovan, S. Nagle, P. Manning, P. O'Brien, G. Fitzgibbon, K. Johnston, R. Fitzpatrick.

UNDER-13 SQUAD 1995 -'96



Back Row: A. Huggins, A. Long, G. Hussain, J. O'Flynn, S. Tait, R. Coleman, T. Tait, Mr Seale.

Middle Row: R. Murphy, S. Lyons, D. Smyth (capt.), J. Jeffery, K. Aherne, N. Stephenson.

Front Row: D. Cowhey, P. Wilby, O. Selim, D. O'Regan.

Under - 13

Last year U-13 wasn't possible owing to participants being over age or pupils not playing rugby, resulting in a First Year team with occasional U-14 players.

The team was captained by David Smyth, an U-13 Second Year, with our first outing being the 10-a-side rugby blitz held in Midleton where we finished 3rd. Subsequently we travelled to Newtown and won 43-7 with excellent play by D. Smyth, T. Tait and S. Lyons. By the end of the next match, reality had set in and we lost to Rockwell 27-6. We then played CBC and won 40-5. After this result it was a double shock to lose to Sunday's Well and Waterpark, 12-17 and 10-17 respectively. Excellent performances by J. O'Flynn and Mark Daunt could not prevent CBC from gaining revenge at home 24-19.

With the season drawing to a close, we had our last match of the year against Prior Park School, on tour to Ireland from Swindon, England. This match was very close all the way through, with Midleton winning 10-8 in the end.

May I thank D. Buckley, J. Jeffery, P. Jeffery, R. O'Sullivan and P. Thompson for playing at various stages during the year and also John Levis and Neil Quail for helping during the season.

Panel: D. Cowhey, T. Tait, K. Aherne, D. Smyth (capt.), J. O'Flynn, D. O'Mahony, G. Hussain, M. Daunt, P. Wilby, O. Selim, S. Lyons, N. Stephenson, A. Long, R. Murphy, D. O'Regan.

- C.S.

Second XV

These Seconds players were a dedicated group of individuals who, for one reason or another, were unable to make the first team selection, being either too young or too old.

We played six matches: Newtown away, PBC away, Bandon Grammar at home, CBC away, Dolphin at home and the Old Boys at home. We soundly beat Dolphin 26-0, but alas, that was our only win. However, we managed to draw with Bandon 3-3.

Many thanks to our coach, Mr Neil Quail, who trained us hard, but enjoyably. We wish him good luck in his new appointment.

Panel : K. Moore, R. Fitzpatrick, A. Minihan, B. Donovan, D. Stafford-Shaw, D. Craven, P. O'Brien, P. Moore, S. Nagle, N. Foley, L. Tait, I. Carroll, C. Dwyer, A. Deller, E. O'Brien, J. McNally.

-P. O'B (FORM VI)

Under-14

A small panel of players meant that the Under-14 team utilised some of the better Under-13s and occasionally some "guest players" (Andrew Huggins take a bow) in many of their fixtures.

A new boy, Tom Anderson, fitted in well at full-back and Philip Thompson was an ever-present reliable centre. Richard O'Sullivan missed most of the season through injury, depriving the team of a very talented out-half. Stuart Childs proved an able deputy and Danny Buckley captained the team at scrum-half.

Stephen Tait made the transition from the backs to prop-forward with admirable ease. Robert Coleman worked hard at hooker and Tristan Tait and David Smyth shared the other prop position. David also played in the back row and filled in very effectively at scrum-half when the need arose. Michael Stephens and Peter McCullough occupied the "engine room" and improved as the season progressed. Alan Sheane and Mark Daunt played at wing-forward and No. 8 respectively.

Apart from the aforementioned, Kevin Aherne, Simon Lyons, Ozan Selim, Nick Stephenson, George Hussain, John O'Flynn and John Jeffery played a valuable role and we look forward to seeing them on future College teams.

- J. C. L.

Hockey

Senior Boys

Six years ago the school won both the senior schoolboys' league and cup. Since then, however, our standard of hockey has been on a gradual downward spiral to the level at which we find ourselves at this moment in time, namely a 'B' school at all grades.

There are palpable reasons for this decline. Firstly, over the last six or seven years our intake has not produced enough quality sportsmen to compete at the highest level. Secondly, the game of hockey is now astro-turf orientated, a surface which requires different skills to those acquired on a grit surface. To avail of an astro-turf facility in Cork demands travelling time of one and half hours for the sake of one hour's pitch time. This puts quite a burden on players, coaches and parents as our returning time is never before 6.45 p.m. Thirdly, the standard of schoolboy hockey has improved to such a degree that the majority of players in the leading hockey schools play nothing but hockey and often turn out for a division one or two men's side at the week-end. A school of our size, where our top sportsmen often play more than one sport, cannot compete on equal terms with these schools. Lastly the commitment of many modern schoolboys leaves much to be desired. The majority wish to play on their terms and very few are interested in perfecting skills unless forced to do so. For the reasons stated our future in hockey would appear to be at seconds' level, with the odd sojourn in the higher standard should a sufficiently skilful and committed group of players emerge from time to time.

Last year's senior squad proved to be quite a mixed group. Some players worked and really improved their skill level. Others went through the motions of the it-will-do syndrome. It is frustrating to have to tolerate such an attitude in a team. However, when one's squad of quality players is so small, one cannot automatically pressurise these individuals from within the squad.

Our goalkeeper, Dan Mackey, had a very good season, bringing off some fine saves and was deservedly our player of the year. Andrew Hume was solid and resourceful in defence, while Deano Wilkinson was a committed left-back who worked hard at his tackling. Liam Franklin was probably our most improved player. His tackling skills and concentration improved beyond all recognition. Keith Johnston and John O'Donovan tried very hard but need to tighten up their basic skills. Adam Tait battled well in matches. However, his retirement from hockey in the middle school, retarded his skill development. In mid-field Roddy Jefferson and Roger Hume were both skilful players but inclined to be too individualistic. Roddy unfortunately lasted only half the season as the pressure of work forced him to chose one sport. Roger filled the difficult centre mid-field role. A more natural forward player he found this position too restrictive. Andrew Tait worked hard to improve his skills and showed some very neat touches both in mid-field and as a forward. Better positioning off the ball and greater vision when passing would make him a very good player indeed. Peter Manning, Ian Wynne, Damien Smyth and Ross Nolan all showed potential when called into action. Dafydd Upsdell displayed admirable enthusiasm but lacked the necessary skill and game sense of someone who has played hockey all the way up to the school. Hopefully in the near future a 'B' league and cup might come into existence at senior level. This would give a greater incentive to all concerned.

In conclusion I would like to express my gratitude to the following: Ms Mary Power for officiating at many of our matches; Ms Jane Gash and Ms Thelma Strickland for their medical and general off-the-field back-up; the kitchen staff for staying late on Harlequin nights; Eddie Fitzgerald and Tim Dineen for their pitch maintenance.

Senior Squad: Dan Mackey, Andrew Hume, Liam Franklin, Adam Tait, Deano Wilkinson, Roddy Jefferson, Roger Hume, Andrew Tait, Keith Johnston, John O'Donovan, Peter Manning, Ian Wynne, Damien Smyth, Ross Nolan, Patrick Treacy, Patrick Ryan, Dafydd Upsdell.

-I.L

Under-16

The Junior (Under-16) hockey squad had a very successful season, winning both the Junior (B) League and Cup.

Andrew Potter Cogan had a fine season in goal making some vital saves in the important matches. In defence, David Murphy was an adventurous sweeper, John Buttimer a workman-like right-back, John O'Donovan a strong centre-back and Micheál O'Dwyer a solid left-back. In mid-field Ian Wyne, Damien Smyth and Ross Nolan formed a skilful and competitive engine-room. In attack Elmer Morrissey and Harvey Tucker were enthusiastic and aggressive, while David Hales was a pacy and dangerous right-wing.

For the record, the team beat Ashton (2-0) in the Cup semi-final, with goals from Harvey Tucker and Elmer Morrissey. In the final, Bandon were defeated (1-0), David Hales netting the all-important goal.

Panel: Andrew Potter Cogan, David Murphy, John Buttimer, John O'Donovan, Micheál O'Dwyer (capt.), Ian Wynne, Damien Smyth, Ross Nolan, Elmer Morrissey, Harvey Tucker, David Hales, Emmet O'Brien.

-I.L.

Under-14

This squad played a total of 7 matches last season and recorded 1 win, 1 draw and 5 losses. The interest in the Form II area was very disappointing and we had to rely on many new recruits from Form I. While the commitment and enthusiasm of these boys was heartening, their lack of skill especially at the beginning of the season made the going rather tough in their matches. The panel was always rather thin on the ground and the unavailability sometimes of even one player could have disastrous consequences. Hockey has changed a lot in recent years and with the advent of artificial surfaces, training on these is of utmost importance to improve the skills in the game and to compete with other schools.

That being said, enthusiasm and commitment can go a long way in overcoming these adversities, and that was definitely evident in the albeit small panel that we ended up with during the season. Many thanks to those boys who turned out on all occasions without a moan and who always tried their hearts out on the pitch.

Panel: Steven Tait, Stuart Childs, Peter McCullough, Robbie Gleasure, Nick Stephenson, Daniel Buckley, David Smyth, Richard Murphy, Stephen Jordan, Edward West, Neil O'Regan, John Jeffery, Gavin Tait, Mark Daunt, David Brookes, Robert Coleman.

- M.P.

Form I

Form I boys played a number of friendly matches and competed in the First Year Tournament held annually in Newtown School, Waterford. Fifteen players were involved during the season in all matches, with Robbie Gleasure, Tristan Tait, David Brookes, Richard Murphy and Nick Stephenson also being involved on the U-14 team during the season. Overall it was an enjoyable season for me during coaching sessions and matches.

Panel: T. Tait, D. Mossop, R. Gleasure, D. Cowhey, M. O'Gorman, K. Aherne, N. Stephenson, D. Brookes, J. O'Flynn, A. Long, R. Murphy, R. Ryan, J. Keaney D. O'Regan, P. Wilby.

- C. S.

JUNIOR B LEAGUE AND CUP WINNERS



Back Row: Mr Quail, E. Morrissey, I. Wynne, J. O'Donovan, M. Tucker,
A. Potter Cogan.

Middle Row: D. Smyth, M. O'Dwyer (capt.), J. Buttimer.

Front Row: D. Dungan, D. Hales, E.O'Brien, M. Street, D. Murphy.

SENIOR BOYS 1995 - '96



Back Row: Mr Leopold, K. Johnston, P. Ryan, D. Upsdell, D. Mackey,
L. Franklin, J. O'Donovan, The Headmaster.

Middle Row: A. Hume, R. Jefferson, R. Hume, A. Tait, D. Wilkinson,
P. Manning.

Front Row: P. Treacy, I. Wynne, D. Smyth, R. Nolan.

Hockey Trek

After a quick photo session with Mrs Cairns, we all trundled into our luxury Barry's bus. With a joyful shout, we were off chugging our merry way to the bright lights of Dublin. Yes, it was time for all Dublin mothers to lock up their sons, the Senior Girls were on the loose!!

We stopped off along the way to play a friendly match against Kilkenny College. Afterwards we were showered, fed, packed on our bus and sent on our way. We reached Dublin on Friday evening dressed in our Midleton College finery. We placed our bags in the hostel, changed into our Doc boots, denim shirts, ragged jeans and headed for the cinema. Two hours later we were back, thirteen hyperactive girls and three not so hyperactive teachers. After a cup of tea and bed-time story we were tucked up in our bunks.

Next morning, we passed a very interesting hour at Dublin's Medieval Centre, passed an even more interesting hour shopping and then went to the Ireland v Wales Ladies' Hockey International at Belfield. Here we exercised our vocal chords by cheering on our former school friend and coach, Rachael Kohler. Then it was more shopping and dinner at the Chicago Restaurant at Stephen's Green. Later the real fun began - we "hit", (and I mean this literally!), the ice rink. Tired, wet and sore we gratefully collapsed into bed after an hour and a half of skidding, scraping and falling, especially Miss Logan who had, let us say, an action-packed time.

And so our last day. After Religious Services we went to the second international match, again Ireland v Wales. Then we set off, homeward bound for Cork, tired after a truly excellent weekend. Thanks very much to our three mentors: our map reader, Mrs Lewis; our assistant map reader, Mrs Johnston; and last, but not least, our streetwise coach, Miss Logan. Thanks also to my team mates : it has been great playing with you and thanks also to a certain Sixth Form boy who paid a quite unexpected visit, both for us and himself, to our hostel on the first night.

- JANE MACKEY (SENIOR GIRLS' CAPTAIN 1995 - '96)

THE NEXT GENERATION



Back Row: M. Childs, R. Barrett, S. Franklin, L. Murphy, L. Kenworthy, K. Burns.

Middle Row: Miss Logan, D. Holmes, S. Curtin, É. Clifford, Mrs Lewis.

Front Row: D. Pamment, J. Mackey, G. Martin, P. Heskin.

Senior Girls

We started the season with a friendly, away to Newtown, which proved to be a valuable exercise, even though we lost 3-0. Our league campaign opened on September 27, when we were at home to Mount Mercy. Some naïve defending brought about a 0-1 defeat, although the team performed well in general. On October 18 we beat Scoil Mhuire 2-1 on the astro-turf in the Mardyke; there is no doubt that our friendly against Christ the King on turf the previous week helped us to achieve this victory. An at-home encounter with St Augustine's on October 20 resulted in a drawn game (0-0) in which the different styles of the two teams tended to counter-balance each other. Nevertheless, this was a hard-fought encounter producing some worthwhile and visually pleasing hockey.

In the first round of the Cup, we met Mount Mercy in an away game which saw us creating some wonderful chances, thanks to the skill and running of Deirdre Holmes on the right wing. However, both teams failed to score. On the following Friday, the replay took place in Midleton. Despite our best efforts, we failed to penetrate their defence - even after being awarded two penalty strokes - until, in extra time, Louise Kenworthy smashed a short corner home.

Our second-round game against St. Angela's on November 15 was probably our best match. Outstanding mid-field play by Jane Mackey and Gráinne Martin forged openings for our forwards, Deirdre Holmes and Yvonne Buckley, who propelled us to a 2-0 victory.

And so to the third round. (Why does this have to be played before Christmas?). December 4 saw us facing St. Augustine's in Dungarvan on a bumpy pitch which did not encourage true hockey. However, we threw everything we had at a side whose technique was simply to hit long balls up the pitch; but to no avail. One of those bouncing passes ended up in the back of our goal. It's frustrating to lose to a side that does not play hockey.

Finally, in two friendlies our team showed merit and true grit. We drew with Kilkenny and came close to causing an upset against UCB Senior A in a scoreless, but exciting, encounter.

Thank you girls for a very enjoyable, competitive and truly memorable season.

- A. L.

Intermediate

The Draw Merchants, as I like to call them, shared honours with Mount Mercy, Youghal and Scoil Mhuire before finally achieving a 2-0 victory against Ard Scoil na nDéise from Dungarvan. Subsequently Sífra Curtin, Julie Young, Elaine Coleman and Paula Heskin carried us to a resounding 6-0 defeat of Presentation, Mitchelstown. Finally, we were at home to Carrigtwohill and sealed our newly-discovered prowess with a satisfying 3-0 result.

Many thanks go to Nora Kingston who was outstanding as Captain and made my job much easier; to Dawn Minihane for always making me laugh; and to everyone who got stuck in and played.

Panels: Senior: K. Burns, L. Kenworthy, E. Clifford, T. Stephenson, L. Murphy, G. Martin, J. Mackey (capt.), R. Barrett, A. Holmes, S. Franklin, Y. Buckley, D. Minihan, S. Curtin, P. Heskin, N. Kingston.

Inters: D. Minihane, S. Curtin, K. Grainger, D. Pamment, I. Irwin, C. Cuddy, O. O'Donovan, J. Young, M. Childs, E. Coleman, N. Kingston (capt.), P. Heskin, C. Geary, M. Zirinsky, I. Herlihy.

- A.L.

SENIOR GIRLS 1995 - '96



Back Row: Miss Logan, K. Burns, L. Murphy, E. Clifford, L. Kenworthy, D. Holmes, N. Kingston, The Headmaster.
Front Row: S. Franklin, P. Heskin, J. Mackey (capt.), G. Martin, R. Barrett, S. Curtin.

SOUTH MUNSTER LEAGUE WINNERS



Back Row: Miss Kohler, E. Sheane, A. Rhys-Thomas, E. Foran, S. Ahern, K. McCullough, A. Tait.
Middle Row: A. Tait, E. Coleman, I. Herlihy (capt.), S. Grainger, L. Wilkinson.
Front Row: J. Cooper, B. Young

Under-16

Having begun the year with Rachael Kohler as their coach, this team went on to set the record as the group who had the greatest number of coaches in a season ! Far from being a deterrent this seemed to inspire them and in fact they won their league in South Munster playing five matches and winning a very exciting play-off against Ballincollig Community School, Emma Sheane scoring the vital winning goal. Their cup campaign was short-lived losing by the only goal of the match to Scoil Mhuire. Clonmel and Newtown provided opposition for the friendly games. Ina Herlihy captained the side admirably, both by her play and by coping efficiently with the organisational side of the team. We thank Rachael for her input in coaching over the last few seasons.

Panel: S. Ahern, J. Aherne, A. Burke, E. Coleman, J. Cooper, E. Foran, S. Grainger, I. Herlihy, K. McCullough, A. Rhys-Thomas E. Sheane, Alison Tait, Anolivia Tait, L. Wilkinson, B. Young, J. Young.

- R. MACD. L.

Junior B2

The team had a somewhat disappointing season. In the league, the team failed to reach the play-off stage. Three friendly matches were played. In the first of these friendlies, the team drew 0-0 with Carrigtwohill. Many of the Junior B2 squad were in action in the second of the friendlies played against the visiting Kineton team. The result was another scoreless draw. In the third friendly, Midleton lost by two goals to Loreto Convent, Clonmel.

Of the league matches played, Midleton drew 0-0 with Loreto Convent, Youghal; beat Mount Mercy at home, with Helen O'Mahony here providing the winning goal; lost to Ard Scoil na nDéise, Dungarvan by two goals; beat Carrigtwohill 2-1, with Julia Hockenhull and Eve Manning here scoring for the team; drew 0-0 with Regina Mundi; lost by two goals to Christ the King. The dominant feature of the season was the inability of the forwards to bring the ball forward. Too often, the ball seemed to stay around the half-way line. Defence was generally good, but the lack of goals scored prevented the team from progressing to the play-off stage. Aoileann Lyons, Eve Manning, Veronica French all had a particularly good season. Well done!

Nevertheless, despite a disappointing performance in the league, it is important to point out that most of the Junior B2 girls played in a second-year day tournament and emerged as winners. In this competition, the team beat Youghal, drew with Ballincollig and beat Bandon. This latter result, achieved against Bandon, was one of some considerable merit. Congratulations to all those players involved.

Panel: A. Halpin, V. Morrison (capt.), A. Lyons (v. capt), K. Fitzell, E. Scott-Baird, V. French, E. Manning, H. O'Mahony, J. Hockenhull, J. Keane, C. Wilby, E. Coughlan, J. Martin, J. Keane, J.A. Moore, E. Ryan, R. Curtin.

-A.D.

U-14 Minor

We played three friendlies and six league matches and finished second in our league. After Christmas it was time for the Minor Cup. The first two rounds went well and one goal each time was enough to see us through against Regina Mundi and Ashton, but it was not enough on the gloomy February day that we visited St Augustine's in Dungarvan where, against the run of play, we were defeated by two goals to one. Goal tally for the season was 12 and the leading goal scorer was Jude O'Driscoll with 5 of them. She was awarded the Seale Trophy for the most promising beginner on Sports' Day.

Sarah Levis, Linda Ross and Vicky Hornibrook attended Munster U-14 coaching sessions and they benefited greatly from these. Shirley Millar captained the team, Vicky was vice-captain, and the panel also included Emma Mackey, Elizabeth Hobbs, Claire Brennan, Ceili Fitzgerald, Jessica Kohler, Olivia Martin, Rebecca Daunt, Jennifer Jaworska, Heather Nagle, Jenni Clifford, Catriona Bolster, Kathleen Denn and Ciara Herlihy.

- J. J.

CRICKET 1996

Senior

In 1996 the 1st XI played only 3 matches; compare that with the fact that 8 matches were played in 1961 which was the present writer's first year in charge. Enough said.

A very much shorter summer term means increased pressure on time and also increased pressure on pupils and teachers for public examinations. It must be said however that what has also changed is the appetite of players for hard work. Batsmen are not prepared to work on technique and bowlers are not prepared to concentrate on line and length. The quick fix is all! The nets are no longer a place for correcting faults and improving strokes; rather they are a place for a slog and a bit of fun? Perhaps this is a symptom of the age we live in, but it is a pity.

In the 3 matches played only 6 batsmen scored over 20. Liam Franklin scored a good 52 against Bandon and Gerald Murphy a good 43 in the same game. Murphy was a keen captain who would have been more successful in a better side. His batting improved and he never lost his enthusiasm. Franklin was also a useful cricketer but must overcome his bugbear of poor concentration. David Murphy holds out promise for the future as batsman and bowler. Patrick Clibborn has potential as a bowler but lacks control - it could come with lots of practice. Of the others, Damian Stafford-Shaw and Geoffrey Tuttle were always keen and willing but never quite reached a good standard.

In conclusion, may I thank all those whose participation in cricket gave me so much pleasure over 36 years. I hope they enjoyed it also. I hope cricket in the College overcomes its present problems and goes on to further success in the future.

- R. I. K.

Under-15

The number of competitive games we play each season continues to fall - this season we managed only two games with a third game against Presentation unfortunately not being refixed after they pulled out of the original fixture. This lack of fixtures reflects on our ability to compete with a better than average side. We were beaten by a mediocre Bandon side having been bowled out for 51: of that total Philip Smyth managed a creditable 37 n.o., six players recorded 'ducks', next highest score being extras at 8. We did manage though to take six Bandon wickets as they moved towards a total of 52; David Murphy and Alan Sheane taking three wickets each. Importantly though we gave 16 extras away - not good enough with such a small total to defend.

Against Harlequins we proved far too strong. Battling first we scored 143 off just sixteen overs. All the top order batsmen got into the runs but this was against very loose bowling. In reply Harlequins could only manage a total of 37 all out. Alan Sheane took four wickets, Philip Smyth three and David Murphy two.

Panel: D. Murphy (capt.), D. Dungan, P. Smyth, D. Smyth, H. Tucker, R. O'Sullivan, P. McCullough, A. Sheane, D. Buckley, N. O'Regan, D. Smyth.

-M.C.P.

Under-14

This group played two matches against Bandon Grammar School last season. Unfortunately the Under-14 Blitz Tournament did not take place due to a fixture mix-up in Cork. This was most unsatisfactory as this tournament is the highlight of the U-14 season.

Alan Sheane was a very good strike bowler and effective batsman. Danny Buckley and Peter McCullough also revealed potential with both ball and bat, while Richard O'Sullivan and Andrew Long showed signs of being useful bowlers. Stuart Childs was a good fielder, Robert Coleman a patient batsman and David Smyth a big hitter.

Panel: Danny Buckley (capt.), Alan Sheane, Stuart Childs, Robert Coleman, Richard Murphy, Andrew Long, David Smyth, Neil O'Regan, Philip Wilby, Bill Horgan, Tristan Tait, Peter McCullough and John O'Flynn.

-I.L.

Under-13

As usual, our new boys took to cricket with great enthusiasm despite the old 'foes' of weather, wet wickets and a short summer term.

Philip Wilby was technically the best batsman and was also a useful bowler. John O'Flynn, Simon Lyons and David Smyth enjoyed hitting the ball and also bowled well. Nick Stephenson and Andrew Long were others to impress with the bat and ball. Other members of this enthusiastic panel were : Tristan Tait, Richard Murphy, David O'Mahony, David Brookes, Kevin Aherne and George Hussain. Philip Wilby and Andrew Long shared the prize for the most promising beginner.

The single-wicket competition was won by Robbie Gleasure who beat John O'Flynn in an exciting final.

- J. C. L.

CAROLAN'S CONCERTO?



The symbolism of this encounter between the Transition Coordinator and the National Emblem does not in any way suggest the presence of string-pulling as a factor in Irish Education.

Table-Tennis

The highlight of the table-tennis year came after the school season had ended. During the summer Liz Clifford was selected to play for the Irish Schools' junior girls' team in a quadrangular tournament in Cardiff. Liz thus became only the second College player to achieve international honours, joining Jenifer Hales in this exclusive club. Liz also played for Munster in the interprovincial championship as they annexed the title for the first time ever. It was a year of individual success for a quality player.

In team events, the Cup competitions provided our brightest moments. This year the Cups were divided into separate competitions for boys and girls. Our B team won the Plate in the boys' event, and our senior girls' team were extremely unlucky to lose the semi-final of the Cup. Here against St Angela's (the eventual All-Ireland champions), Gráinne Martin, returning to the game after a few years of retirement, gave us a sensational winning start. Defeat for Jennifer Dungan levelled the scores. The next two matches would be decisive. Liz Clifford and Louise Kenworthy were drawn against our opponents, two top players. Both gave strong performances taking their opponents to a third game - both unfortunately lost! Liz in particular gave a tremendous performance in losing narrowly to the player ranked number 3 in Ireland. In the boys' section our B team won the Plate in comfortable fashion. In the final they defeated Scoil Eoin 3-1. The team consisted of David Dungan, David Murphy, Daniel Buckley and Peter McCullough. The senior team of Peter King, Andrew Tait, Ross Nolan and Ronan Duane reached the semi-final of the Cup where they were beaten by the all-conquering North Monastery A team. The leagues provided us with little success - the best performance being that of the senior team who finished runners-up in Division 2.

The end of season match against the Past Pupils for the Past Pupils' Trophy was a most exciting affair when an eight-player team of Liz Clifford, Louise Kenworthy, Jennifer Dungan, Peter King, Andrew Tait, Ross Nolan, Ronan Duane and David Dungan battled bravely to a 10-10 draw; but in a deciding doubles Liz and Ronan were defeated by Ben Haughton and Clive Seale.

Liz was the dominant player in the school and a deserving Player of the Year winner. She won the senior championship by defeating Ross Nolan and beat Jennifer Dungan in the finals of the girls' championship and league. Her only setback came in the final of the senior league where she lost to Ross Nolan 25-23 in the third set of a great match. Ross was also runner-up in the Player of the Year. At junior level David Dungan led the way and had comfortable wins against Daniel Buckley in the junior championship and Peter McCullough in the junior league. Andrew Long won the Under-13 title beating Richard Murphy in the final.

- B. M.

Past Pupils

The Stephen Perrott Cup once again provided us with marvellous entertainment as from a record entry of nineteen players the two most frequent winners, Ben Haughton and Peter Kelly, battled out the final once again. On this occasion it was P.K.'s cool attitude (a recent addition to his game!) which won through as he took the cup for the fifth time (equalling Ben's record) on the score 15-21, 22-20, 21-18. In the Plate final Derek Hales defeated Brian Daly.

The Midleton club side had a successful season when regaining the Cork Table-Tennis League title last held in 1993. Last season the league was divided into two sections and a late run saw Midleton top their section. The final against Cork RTC saw the side gain a dramatic win, as with the match itself ending 5-5, a deciding doubles was won by Paul Cronin and Brian Daly to bring the title to Midleton. The squad which won the championship was Clive Seale, Brian Daly, Andrew McCarthy, Paul Cronin, Dermot Spillane, Bud Morrissey, Liz Clifford and Louise Kenworthy. In the Cup an unfortunate mix-up saw the side short a player and 3-0 down before action commenced. A brave performance was not enough to overcome this handicap against UCC.

PLATE-WINNERS



*Back: Mr Morrissey, D. Murphy, P. McCullough
Front: D. Buckley, D. Dungan*

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Liz Clifford who played for the Irish Schools' Team in a quadrangular tournament at Cardiff. She also received interprovincial honours by playing for Munster.

Tennis

This year we had two teams competing in the Munster Schools' competitions. Our senior girls participated at U-19 level and we had an U-16 boys' team.

Our girls won their first encounter against St Peter's, Passage West but unfortunately lost in the second round to Dungarvan. The boys fared a bit better winning their first two matches against Ballincollig and Tramore before finally losing to Douglas.

The teams were :-

U-19 Girls: E. Clifford, L. Kenworthy, K. Burns, P. Heskin

U-16 Boys: R. Duane, S. Long, D. Smyth, J. O'Donovan

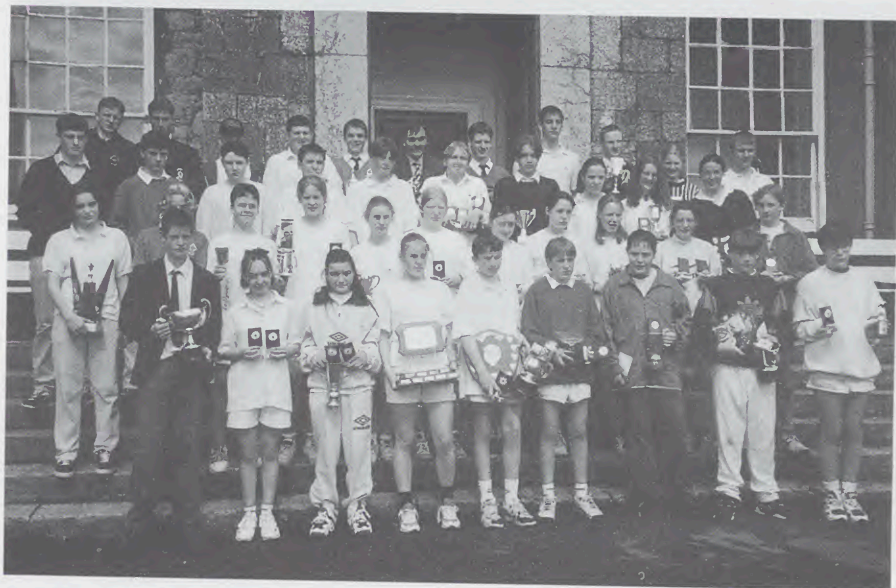
Coaching continued this year with Johnny O'Mahony. He coached the girls every Tuesday and Thursday, weather permitting.

The summer school championships took place as usual. This year the numbers taking part were down on previous seasons. There were still almost eighty players who participated, however. The results from these competitions are listed below :-

		Winner	Runner-up
Boys:	Junior	A. Long	David Smyth
	Intermediate	R. Duane	Damien Smyth
	Senior	R. Jefferson	L. Tait
Girls:	Junior	A.O'Brien	L. Ross
	Intermediate	K. McCullough	E. Coleman
	Senior	E. Clifford	L. Kenworthy

VICTORES LUDORUM

- R. St J. P.



A group of prizewinners taken on our unusually wet, but very successful, Sports' Day.

Golf

The season began with East Cork Golf Club hosting the East Cork section of the Phil O'Sullivan Perpetual Trophy. The team, P. Ryan, J. McNally, J. O'Donovan and R. O'Mahony all played well and enjoyed the outing.

Next on the golfing calendar was the South Munster section of the Golf Foundation Schools' Competition which was hosted by Lee Valley Golf Club. It was a very windy day with difficult playing conditions. The team, P. Ryan, J. McNally, M. Keohane and R. O'Sullivan all played well on this demanding course.

The final event of the year, the Mixed Schools' Golf Challenge, was hosted by East Cork Golf Club. It was a very fine day with good playing conditions. The school was represented by J. McNally, J.O'Donovan, R. Duane and R. O'Sullivan. J. McNally was on the winning team and R. Duane was on the runners-up team.

In the summer term the annual school match-play competition took place with the usual large outing. The final was between J. MacNally, M. Keohane and A. Hume. M. Keohane won in what proved to be a great final.

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

- J. McNALLY (FORM VI)

PAR EXCELLENCE !



Ray Power presenting the Player of the Year Trophy to Dermot O'Sullivan.

Midleton College Association

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Our Annual General Meeting in the Ashbourne House Hotel on 29 January, 1996 was the start of a year of activities leading up to the Tercentenary Celebrations beginning in October 1996. I take this opportunity to thank those members who have given their support so generously to the Association, both as committee members and as supporters of its various activities, which allowed us to maintain those important contacts between College and past pupils during the year.

Throughout 1996 there were the usual sporting links with the school. The Association team won the 1st XV rugby match and narrowly lost the 2nd XV match while the ladies' hockey team were beaten by the school 1st XI. In cricket the past pupils had a comfortable win in the Saturday match but lost the Taverners' game on a memorable evening, being Ian King's last game after 36 years guiding Midleton College cricket. We owe him a great debt of gratitude. The Stephen Perrot Trophy for table-tennis was won by Peter Kelly.

Our congratulations to ASU President Richard Fleury who led a Midleton College team to an excellent 3rd place finish in the Association of Schools' Unions Annual Golf Competition in Dublin and we hope that some of our Golf Society in Cork will be able to give him support in numbers for the next competition on 26 June, 1997. Once again the Bridge Evening organised by Jim Smyth in the Midleton Park Hotel was a resounding success and we are indebted to him for all his work and to the Association members who contributed prizes.

In this Tercentenary year we sponsored three pupils, Madeleine Childs, Patrick Clibborn and Andrew Potter Cogan, to sail on *Asgard II* and they enjoyed a cruise in rough weather from Dunmore East to Penzance to Cork. On arrival in Cork, Jonathan Fleury and Ivan Wolfe presented a college shield to the Captain in recognition of the very happy relationship between Midleton College and *Asgard* over the years.

Many of you reading this will have been in Midleton for our Tercentenary Celebration Weekend on 22-24 November and the organising committee are looking forward to seeing many members from far and wide, at the various functions. It will be very pleasing if we achieve capacity attendances at the Dinner on Saturday and at Midleton Church on Sunday when Bishop Edward Darling is expected to preach. We hope that there will be more opportunities in 1997 for past pupils to meet and reminisce.

As always the Association acknowledges the support it continues to receive so generously from the College staff and, in particular, we thank Mr & Mrs Cairns for all their help throughout the year and John Levis for organising the various sporting events between School and Association.

I conclude by wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.



Old Boys form a guard of honour for Ian King as he carries in the stumps from the final Taverners' Match of his teaching career.

HOWZAT !



Presentations were made by Bert van Mourik on behalf of the Old Boys; and by D. Stafford-Shaw and G. Murphy on behalf of the Senior Cricketers.

MCA Golf Society

This year we had 41 players in all with an average attendance per event of 19. The increase was due in part to the interest shown by our more recent school leavers. Long may it continue!

Our calendar this year expanded to six events, not including the Christmas outing. These six events were part of the deadly serious and hotly-contested Player of The Year competition while the Christmas day-out is treated more as a festive occasion.

We began at Harbour Point. The attendance was disappointing. With hindsight March 30th may have been a little too early in the season. Many of us probably still had our clubs in moth balls following the winter.

Mahony's Point, Killarney was a different story, however. We had the maximum number of players we could accommodate in our time slot. It was one of those beautiful May days and the scoring matched the day with Mary Power beating Kieran O'Regan on count back.

The idea for the Killarney venue came from Andrew Thompson. He had fond memories of four-balls played there with Dermot O'Sullivan, Andrew McCarthy and Paul Twomey in the years following their school days. On these occasions they played for an imaginary trophy called the Gardener Cup. This year the cup became a reality. Andrew generously presented the society with his Gardener Cup. Each year we are going to play for this at one of the courses in Killarney. We have already booked the Killeen Course for May of next year.

Further events followed at West Waterford, Fermoy and Water Rock. At each of these, points were being accumulated towards the Player Of the Year competition. It was all to play for at the final outing in Mallow. With the best four scores from the season's events to count, there were many possible outcomes, but in actuality it was down to three players: Brian Daly, Dermot O'Sullivan and Ivan Beamish.

These contenders were placed together for their round at Mallow. Brian had the best total going into this round. Dermot, however, had one poor score in his total at this stage, which left him needing a score of 30pts or better to pass Brian, provided Brian did no better than 30pts himself. Ivan needed 35pts to catch Brian. Under normal circumstances these scores would be very manageable. In the heat of competition, however, things are not always normal.

On the eighteenth tee Brian declared that Dermot needed a birdie to get 30pts. He only managed par and so finished on 29pts. They thought that Brian had won.

In the club house Bud Morrissey acting as auditor checked and re-checked the totals. They had tied on a total of 139pts for their best four competitions. In such a situation we had decided to award the trophy to the player with the best individual score during the season. Dermot had a marvellous score of 40pts in Fermoy off a handicap of 7 and so became the Player Of Year for '96. This has been a great season for Dermot. He also won the Player Of The Year in Bantry in his first year at the club. Congratulations Dermot.

Let us not forget Brian, however. He played great golf throughout the season. This is his second time to come so close to winning. Maybe it will be third time lucky!

It was nice to see both Dermot and Ivan doing so well in the competitions as we owe them a great deal of thanks for their continuing generosity in their sponsorship of prizes.

I could not finish this article without mentioning our senior member, Basil Baker. He left school in 1936. He has played regularly this season and can still teach us a lesson or two on the course. We all enjoy his company and look forward to his participation next year.

The seasons results were as follows :-

Harbour Point	1st, J. McHugh;	2nd, R. Power;	3rd, I. Beamish
Mahony's Point	1st, M. Power;	2nd, K. O'Regan;	3rd, D. O'Sullivan
West Waterford	1st, B. Daly;	2nd, R. Cogan;	3rd, I. Leopold
Fermoy	1st, D. O'Sullivan;	2nd, I. Beamish;	3rd, B. Daly
Water Rock	1st, J. Hegarty;	2nd, B. Daly;	3rd, H. St Leger
Mallow	1st, K. O'Regan;	2nd, B. Baker;	3rd, D. O'Sullivan

POWER AND THE GLORY



A close encounter as Andrew Thompson presents the Gardener Cup to Mary Power.

ASU Report

Congratulations to Richard Fleury on his term as President of the ASU in 1996.

The 57th Annual Golf competition was held in June at St Anne's Golf Club. The Midleton College team finished in third position. This was a splendid effort by Midleton's Dublin-based, ageing warriors, Clive Brownlee, David Fleury, Richard Fleury, Alan Jeffers, Brian Levis and Richard Nichols. Weak finishing over the closing holes denied the chance of overall victory.

The following are the important dates for 1997 :

9th March: Sports' Service at St Patrick's Cathedral

26th June: Annual Golf Competition, St Anne's Golf Club.

Jottings

Congratulations to IVOR BATEMAN on qualifying as a Chartered Accountant. If you wish to use his services you will find him at O'Donovan, Cuddy & McCarthy!

Any past pupils who find themselves in Singapore should drop in to Molly Malone's Irish Pub where GILLIAN BEAMISH is Manager. She is travelling around Asia and Australia.

News of PETER BAILEY - he is a Captain in the Merchant Navy and living in the Wirral. We have at last got his correct address!

Our congratulations and best wishes to PETER CAVE on joining the Board of Directors of Hamilton Osborne King.

The CLARK brothers, ALEX, EWAN and DUNCAN, called to the College in June. They are now in south-west England. Alex is teaching in Exeter University, Ewan is a Careers Officer in Bristol and Duncan a social worker in Exeter.

Congratulations to JONATHAN CRUISE who graduated with a 2.1 in Business Management.

ALICIA COLLINS is travelling around the world at present (in 80 days?). When we last heard she had reached Tel Aviv!

Any Midletonian looking for legal advice in Glasgow should look no further than TRACEY CAIRNS who is working as a Solicitor. Following her 2.1 at Trinity and her LLB at Glasgow, Tracey had the distinction of coming first in her Diploma in Legal Practice Year and won the Ernst and Young Law Accountancy Prize.

ROY DELLER is working for a Property Management Company in Reading.

ALAN DAGG is General Manager Marketing and Operations for the Grain Pool of Western Australia which involves marketing the State's grains such as barley and canola into export markets including Asia, the Middle East and South America. He continues to water-ski and windsurf and enjoy life in Perth.

Congratulations to OLI DALY who graduated from the University of Liverpool in Radiography, and is now working in a hospital in Liverpool. Oli celebrated (very well I hear!) his 21st birthday last October.

Cricket is alive and well and flourishing in Kerry. Tralee to be exact - where GARY FORT is a prominent member of Co. Kerry C.C.

It is difficult to believe that FRANKS FURNEY, the M.C. tennis prodigy of the early forties, has qualified for free transport. He is still playing and we congratulate him on winning the over-65 Men's Doubles Championship of Ireland at the recent Veterans' Competitions.

GEORGE GOOD is now Exporting Director of Guinness Ireland and has joined CLIVE BROWNLEE on their Board. George has left Kilkenny and is now living in Dublin.

PHILIP and PETER GIBSON visited Ireland and the College during the summer along with their parents who were celebrating their Golden Wedding. Both Philip and Peter are still working in the U.S. with Eli Lilly, the pharmaceutical firm. We wish Philip every happiness on his recent re-marriage.

RONNIE and ANNE-MARIE GIBSON have left England and are now settled in Rhode Island, U.S., where they have taken up work. Their second daughter was born in June.

We were delighted to hear from GAYNOR HOURIGAN who is working in Thailand, and enjoying it. She spent a week trekking in the jungle and we hear was nearly eaten by a crocodile! Malaysia, Indonesia and Australia beware, they are next on Gaynor's list!

Congratulations to SHARON HUME who graduated from UCC with a 2.1 in European Studies. Sharon is working for Christian Union in Dublin for a year.

ADRIENNE HALES and family have returned to Midleton. Adrienne's husband, Vincent Kearns, has taken up the position of Deputy Director of Care at St Luke's Home.

DEREK HALES continues to make a name for himself on the hockey pitch. He is representing Munster at senior level and is Captain of Cork C of I first team this season.

It is not everyday that we have a 90th birthday to celebrate. Our congratulations to ROBIN HILLIARD, now living in Dooks, on reaching this notable occasion. Is he the oldest existing past pupil?

KILLIAN HASSEY gained 1st Class Honours in Civil Engineering at UCC and came 3rd overall. He now works with Ove Arup. Congratulations and best wishes.

It was good to meet KEN HARBORD looking so well at his niece's wedding in Kinsale in August. He continues to live in Berkhamsted, Herts.

Congratulations to LIZ HORNE, who having gained a First-Class Honours degree at UCC has now a PhD. Her thesis was entitled: "The application of immobilised calixarene macrocycles in liquid chromatography and chemical sensors".

DAVID HOLMES achieved a First-Class Honours BSc degree in Construction Management at Waterford RTC. Congratulations David!

REV. JAN HALES is now a curate in Lisburn. Her first baptism was a very special occasion in that it was her nephew, Trevor and Anne's son, who was being baptised in Midleton.

BEN HAUGHTON'S success as a table-tennis coach continues. Ben spent some time this year swotting his Chinese in preparation for a 2-week trip with fifteen girls from St Angela's College where he coaches. He also guided them to two All-Ireland titles last season.

We offer heartiest congratulations to FIONA HESKIN who has been awarded an Entrance Exhibition by the Board of Trinity College. This award is based on outstanding merit in public examinations. We wish Fiona well in her studies.

CLIVE HUTCHINSON'S interest in ornithology continues unabated. He is a member of the Irish Wildbird Conservancy and was recently the subject of an interview by *The Examiner*.

We enjoyed a letter from CLIVE JONES during the year. Clive is running a commercial laundry in Kent employing 49 staff. He has a son and two daughters and is an enthusiastic member of the local Cliftonville Hockey Club. Clive accompanied IVAN WOLFE on a trip to Berlin in 1989, 10 days after the Berlin Wall fell, and lived to tell the tale!

ALAN JEFFERS was appointed organist and choir master at Kill of the Grange parish church. Alan enjoys his golf in Portmarnock and sails in Dun Laoghaire. He is a regular on the Midleton College team which competes in the ASU golf outing.

Congratulations to PETER JORDAN who graduated with a 2.1 in Engineering at Trinity. Peter came 5th in his year and won the Trinity prize for his Engineering project followed by the Irish Institute of Mechanical Engineers Project Prize.

Congratulations to FIONA KING who graduated with a 2.1 in European Studies at UCC and had the honour of finishing 4th in her year.

JOHN KIDNEY is enjoying life at Warwick University where he is reading Medical Chemistry. He had a successful audition with the chamber choir, has been invited to join the Coventry Cathedral Choir and he also sings in a small madrigal choir. He also finds time for the canoe club and hockey club, not to mention a few University societies.

RACHAEL KOHLER, at the grand old age of 22, has now won 50 Senior International hockey caps for Ireland. A magnificent achievement!

DAVID LYONS has been awarded the MPhil degree for his thesis on aspects of post-war Soviet foreign policy. Jolly well done!

After his successful period as coach of the Irish Rugby Team, GERRY MURPHY coached Terenure College to win the Leinster Senior Cup.

If any past pupil should drop into Kerry Airport at Farranfore and ask for the Manager, they will meet PETER MOORE.

KIERAN MCCARTHY graduated in Engineering at UCC. Well done Kieran.

Congratulations to ANDREW NICHOLLS on graduating from Brunel with a 2.2 in Engineering.

TRACEY O'GALLIGAN graduated from Oxford Brookes University with 2.1 in Languages for Business, with an award for Oral Distinction in French. She is now working for Regus Business Centres in Oxford.

Congratulations to CLARA O'CALLAGHAN who graduated from Limerick University with a 2.2. in Law and European Studies.

We had a delightful visit from ORLA POOLE early this term - full of "joie de vivre". Having graduated from UCD Orla spent a year in London and has been in America for the past 10 years. She has a Master's Degree in Education and Counselling and lives in Seattle with her daughter Neidín where she is a Forensic Psychologist for the Superior Court. She has hopes of moving to Australia in 1998.

Congratulations to DAVID PAYNE who graduated with a 2.1 in Exploration Geology from the University of Wales. David intends to take a year out and then return to study for a Master's Degree.

Well done to GRAHAM REEVES on achieving a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering with a Distinction from Cork RTC. Graham is now proceeding to the Degree course. He was also chosen as one of fifteen delegates from the Church of Ireland Youth Council, Cork to join a gathering of 200 young people in Dublin to look at Youth and the Church. Valerie French and Martha Hobbs were also chosen to join in the conference.

SEÁN and COLM SCOTT-BAIRD are both attending Newcastle College studying Music Technology.

We had a very pleasant visit last April from CHRIS SCARFFE-CODY. Any past pupil who steps out of line in the U.K. may meet Chris who is a Prison Officer in Wandsworth, London.

Congratulations to MERVYN SWEETNAM on being awarded the Star Supplier Award in the Dairy Gold CMP Farm Exam Liquid Mild Quality Awards last August.

Midleton Rugby Club is going very well this season and no wonder with BILL TAIT, SENIOR as President and Graham Eadie as Captain. Graham has also been selected on the Munster Junior Rugby Team. Congratulations and best wishes to both!

A Pleasant Memory

A visit from Lady Swinfen, better known to Midletonians as Avril Humphreys, to the College Sports in June was welcome and interesting. Lady Swinfen entered the College for two terms in 1929. Two Humphreys families lived at Broomfield and Bilberry, north of Midleton, and six members of her family, including her brothers Langley and Max, attended the College. Langley is now living in Devon and Max in Belfast. She was one of a pioneering band of ladies who came to Midleton in 1929 (Sheila Blundell was another) in Timothy West's tenure as Headmaster. The reason for her arrival, she says, was whooping cough which got so bad that Rochelle wouldn't take her back!

Lady Swinfen has lived at various times in Sneem, Doneraile, Corofin and in England. She now resides at Thomastown in County Kilkenny.

At school she was a contemporary of Horace Kenworthy and Jack White (Seán Bán). A cousin, Daniel Peard Humphreys, was for many years a governor of the College.

Births

Mr & Mrs Guy Percival, Mr & Mrs Ivan Wolfe, Mr & Mrs Keith Chambers, Mr & Mrs Desmond (née Pearl Beamish), Mr & Mrs David Matthews, Mr & Mrs Brendan Ottman, Mr & Mrs Trevor Hales, Mr & Mrs Mark Chambers, Mr & Mrs Ronnie Gibson (née Anne-Marie Taylor), Mr & Mrs Wyon Stansfeld, Mr & Mrs Ivan Beamish, Mr & Mrs Andrew Eadie, Mr & Mrs Ivan Johnston, Mr & Mrs Eddy Kingston (née Frances Deane), Mr & Mrs Gordon Wood (née Michele Roberts), Mr & Mrs Jack Hornibrook, Mrs & Mrs Uwe Schiller, Mr & Mrs Alan Hales.

Engagements and Marriages

David O'Flynn, Pamela Whiting, Hugo Merry, John McHugh, Avril Northridge, Gerald Sweetnam, Edith Fitzsimmons, Andrew Pomeroy, Bryan Cashman, Tracey Cairns

Obituary

Bob Jeffery, one of our most senior Past Pupils, died in April last, after a long and successful farming career in East Cork. He was particularly expert at the breeding and rearing of sheep for which he won many awards at shows throughout Ireland. Bob was a loyal supporter of the College - attending its functions and subscribing to its needs over the years. We extend our sympathy to his wife and all the family members, and especially to his son, Brian, also a Past Pupil.

From Rucks to Rucking

I went to Midleton College in September 1927. Dr Layng was the Head then. Two other Masters lived in the school: Watson the senior and, for two terms, Mr Donaghy who I think was a good, if not well-known, poet. Donaghy was succeeded by a man called Ingram.

Midleton was a very small school then of approximately 24 pupils: 14 boarders and 10 day boys. S. F. Palmer was head boy. The five senior boys slept in the dorm over where the old laboratory used to be and the remaining nine in the room leading to same.

There was gas lighting then and in the junior dorm there was just one naked jet; a mantle and globe never having being replaced. We did prep sitting around the large table in the library. It happened before my time that one of the pupils attached a rubber tube to a jet in the lab. and, with the aid of a bicycle pump, extinguished half the lights in the town.

On Sundays we had to wear a dark suit and long trousers, but small boys still wore shorts at that time. We also had stiff, starched white collars, which were most difficult to put on and a black tie. To crown it all, we had bowler hats, in which regalia we marched to church morning and evening.

The last Sunday of the school year was called 'rucks hat' Sunday, when you grabbed some one else's head gear and kicked it about while trying to pursue your own.

The winter game was hockey, which the Head was very keen on. As well as a school team there was one composed of old boys, some senior lads and a few outsiders. The team played in a junior league. When any of the teams won, we got off prep for the next day. Mr Watson introduced a form of rugby in the Easter term. In the summer term, tennis and handball were played, and if the weather was fine we swam in the mill stream that flowed to the distillery. (No wonder Paddy whiskey tastes so good). Occasionally we cycled to Garryvoe.

- J. A. MATSSON

SKILLED TO RULE



Mr Michael O'Meara, who taught in the College from 1945 to 1948, made a welcome return visit during the year and was immediately at home in the Study.

Et in Arcadia Ego ?

I arrived in Midleton College in September 1945 to begin what turned out to be a three year period teaching Irish, Latin and Greek. The staff was small but, being large in dedication, was sufficient to serve the needs of a student roll of about eighty. That was some years before the government instituted free secondary education, when buses brought greater numbers from extended catchment areas. In the previous May, Germany had surrendered to the allies and we all hoped that the restrictions and irritants of the war years would soon be removed. These for the most part resulted from the rationing of scarce commodities. The rationing of petrol and rubber didn't impact directly on students but rationing of tea, sugar and clothes did. Consequently, boarders coming to the college had to bring with them tea and sugar coupons so that the college could purchase these things for them during term.

Imported fruit was not available at all and I distinctly recall there was quite a stir in the school and in the town in the spring of 1946 when the news broke that oranges were once again available in the fruit shops.

In addition to the secondary school, there was a small preparatory section which was taught by an elderly lady, Miss Bailey. There were five full-time teachers and two part-time. One was Mr Bill Sheehy who came from Cork every Thursday to teach drawing; the other, Mr Fraser, was a gymnastic instructor who, being near retirement, was soon replaced by his son, Mr Fraser, Junior. Four of the resident full-time teachers including the headmaster bore the brunt of the non-teaching duties. I was the only non-resident.

Mr Timothy West was the head and he was a commanding figure whose very presence established or restored discipline as required. He taught Mathematics. It was interesting during "prep" to observe the time and attention given by students to mathematical homework in preference to facing the headmaster's displeasure, if written work was considered inadequate. The deputy head was Mr Andrew MacBride, a native of Templepatrick, Co. Antrim. Many times over the intervening years I have mentioned Andrew MacBride as the hardest working teacher I have ever known. Besides assuming responsibility for Science and senior Mathematics, it fell to him to teach music to individual students as well. Being a much-talented man, it was inevitable that he would be called upon to do "extras". The other subjects on the curriculum were covered by Messrs Richard Cox and Rodney Shorten. Though they were very junior members of the staff at the time, both have already passed to their reward.

Apart from class-room work, they also did many "extras" such as: supervision of games, presiding over "prep" and keeping general control in the evenings and at week-ends. They found time also for such valuable exercises as student debates. I remember one debate in particular in which I was to partipate. The motion considered the legal propriety of the Nuremberg trials of the Nazi leaders, as the law by which they were arraigned, and ultimately condemned, was made by their conquerors subsequent to the commission of their war crimes. In western countries this ran counter to the principle of not making penal laws retrospective in their

effect. The question at the time was a controversial one, many doubting the fairness of such a law. However, the students debated the issue and agreed with the international court that the accused should be convicted. Personally, I had the doubtful distinction of being on the losing side in the debate. The debates were conducted under a student chairman which had an obvious value for later life: adult leadership needs many skills. It was Winston Churchill who coined the oft-quoted phrase of "*so many owing so much to so few*". This was in the course of his paying a tribute to the airman who led the defence in the Battle of Britain; but the concept has an application when one considers the work of the resident teachers at that time. The staff of a boarding school today must wonder how so much was done with so few to "cover".

Miss Bailey's preparatory school was small. I remember the headmaster's sons, Trevor, John and Brian, among the pupils. They hadn't yet reached secondary level when I left in 1948. It is interesting to note that Trevor is now chairman of the Board of Governors, having served for many years in public life representing the constituency of Dublin University in Seanad Éireann. In the intervening years John became familiar to many, appearing on their TV screens while refereeing rugby games in the Five Nations Championship. Keeping good order seems to have been a hereditary quality of the West Family.

On a recent visit to the college, courtesy of the headmaster and staff, I was amazed at the growth of the student body and of the facilities required to cater for them. Instead of five full-time and two part-time teachers, there are now almost twenty full-time and some part-time as well. The expansion of student numbers is roughly four times what it was in the forties. For one approaching the historic building through the main gate, the physical developments do not immediately meet the eye, hidden to the rear as they mostly are. A very fine refectory and kitchen are now located where the garden was formerly, while the former refectory is now a library. More building is yet to come when new science halls, already planned, are constructed. A slight pity, however, that part of the lawn has to be sacrificed for this development.

In the years since 1948, as in most schools, a break has been made in the long-standing tradition of studying Ancient Classics. Science has made insistent demands on available teaching time to the exclusion of Greek and Latin. In terms of gender there have been changes also. There were few girls in the school in the forties, none some of the time. Ecumenically, too, there are big changes. On Sunday, nowadays, as many worship at the Catholic parish church as attend at the church of St John the Baptist's.

The games which were played in the college were generally the same as those played today. Rugby and hockey in the winter months gave way to tennis and cricket after Easter. Teams were entered for Munster Schools' competitions but it would be unrealistic to expect frequent victories over schools with much bigger enrolments, of which there were many in the province. One recalls rugby friendlies with schools, such as Glenstal, which became a tradition which is still maintained.

The larger staff to-day must wonder how the school survived the small enrolments of the post-war period. Just as in many other institutions, there is a number below which viability weakens and ultimately vanishes. Midleton was surely teetering on that brink until, in the fifties, all schools saw an explosion in student numbers as education became increasingly recognised as the way to fulfilment and prosperity by parents, governments and boards of management. Since that time the college, not merely saw its numbers soar, but also enjoyed the accolade of parental trust and approval which ultimately decides whether a school is to expand or decline. The ecumenical dimension, too, points to a wider support in its catchment area.

When questioned why they choose Midleton College for their children's education, parents say that the students who pass through its halls are given "something extra" in terms of confidence and self-esteem, which in the last analysis adds up to an ability to approach adult life with verve and a will to win. The success which a school achieves can be considered in layers. The lowest layer is proficiency in class-room subjects. On this there must be a superstructure of spiritual value which provide the mainspring and chief ingredient of self-worth. If one insists on defining the educational process in a single word, that word must surely be sanity. "*Mens sano in corpore sano*" encapsulates a student's spiritual and religious needs as well as his physical development; thus achieving the ideal of a well-rounded and complete person.

A Tercentenary is a joyful occasion and a very rare one too. For historical reasons alone not many Irish schools can have such a celebration in our time or for some generations to come. Pausing then on the threshold of a fourth century, still announcing its message of sanity, the college can reflect with pride on the achievements of the past and entertain great hopes for the future. *Floreat semper.*

- MICHAEL O'MEARA (STAFF: 1945 - '48)

Nil Nisi Bonum

We are most grateful to Mr Smyth, Dr Pettit, Mr Mattsson and Mr O'Meara for their invaluable contributions to this year's magazine. They, and many others who have so whole-heartedly given of their time and memories in previous years, add an extraordinary richness to the texture of our publication. Truly have they succeeded in the challenging task of embellishing Sparta.

-The Editor

The Browne Family - Can you help ?

I recently received a letter from Australia enquiring about the Browne family but, unfortunately, I was unable to help as we have no pupil records of the time.

Brief details below :-

Parents - William G and Lucinda (née Harding) Browne. Family estate at Coolcour, the family estate about one and a half miles south-east of Macroom.

Family - 6 children of whom 3 boys attended Midleton College as boarders in the 1840s and 1850s.

William Walter Harding Browne - born circa 1831, eldest child. Trained as a diplomat, entered the civil service, wife and child died, remarried, had one daughter, travelled widely, settled in America.

Henry Walter Harding Browne - born mid 1830s, second boy, died tragically aged 14 as a result of an accident at Midleton College (impaled on a spiked fence during a game of leap frog).

Richard Browne - born 1841, third boy. One year of medicine at Trinity College, Dublin. In 1860 went to Australia to see gold mines, intending to return, but stayed permanently.

All this information came from Australia. I would appreciate any help or suggestions.

- B.D. CAIRNS

A Link with the Past

The Dean of Cloyne received the following letter in October after the Broadcast Service.

Thank you for the lovely service broadcast from your church this morning.

It was of special interest to me as, many years ago, when I was 11 and in a class in school with girls of up to 15, the doctor ordered six months in the country. So I was brought to Midleton College where my Uncle Arthur was the headmaster.

The matron of the college, Miss Harrington, was also church organist and, of course, we all attended the local church.

Best wishes to you and the present headmaster.

Mabel Layng

Dr Layng was headmaster from 1920 to 1928 (editor).

Midleton College Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the above Association will take place on Monday, 27th January 1997 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 27th | Annual General Meeting in Ashbourne House Hotel at 8p.m. |
| 2. February 13th | Table Quiz. |
| 3. March 7th | Invitation Table-Tennis Tournament for the Stephen Perrott Cup. |
| 4. March 8th | 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. May 31st | Cricket match. Past pupils v College 1st XI at 2 p.m. |
| 6. June 6th | Cricket match. Past pupils Taverners XI v College at 6.30p.m. |
| 7. June 7th | College Sports' Day. |

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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