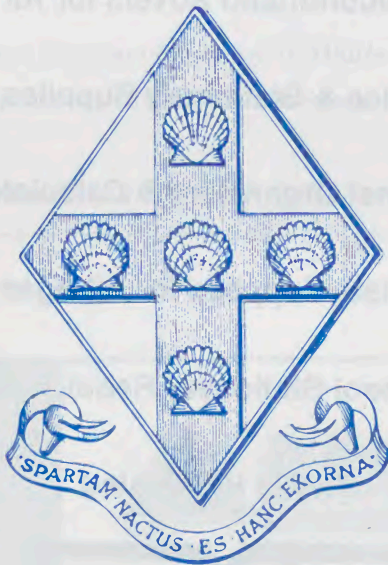


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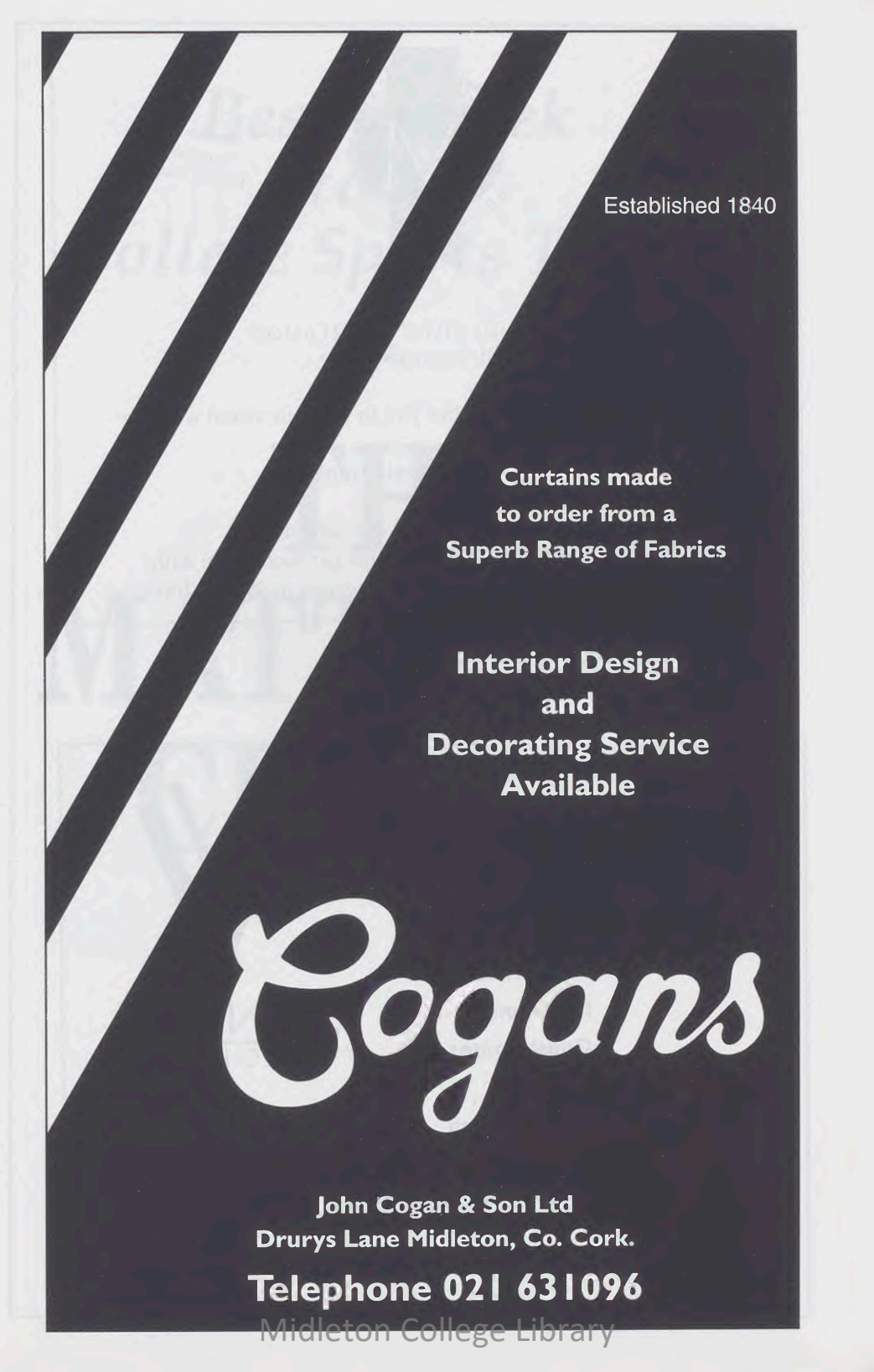
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Mr Richard Burrows, Chairman Of Irish Distillers, officially opening the Jameson Institute. Also in the picture are Mr Brian Cairns, Headmaster, and Professor Trevor West, Chairman of the Board of Governors.

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Once again it is our privilege to offer for your information and pleasure the magazine, *your* magazine. Wherever you are, and whenever you have the chance to read our book of hours, days and months, we hope that tensions will be eased, emotions freed and nostalgia heightened as you strengthen or renew your ties with the life of Midleton College.

The magazine is like all publications in that it neither creates nor perpetuates itself, and more than a modicum of human activity is needed to ensure the annual reappearance of this *liber fastorum*. Without the dedicated and unpaid efforts of not only writers, photographers and cartoonists but also of determined harriers of businesses and institutions in the relentless pursuit of advertising, our yearly offering would be a thin volume indeed. Your editor would like to thank all those members of staff and pupils, past and present, who have contributed so generously and subjected themselves without complaint to snarls, expletives and the threatening blue pencil of the editorial process.

Much of the magazine is devoted to accounts of school activities and the fruits of pupils' creative urges. And indeed it is right that headmasters should have their say; that coaches should analyse their teams' performances; and that pupils and teachers should be provided with a showcase for poems, cartoons and flights of fancy in general.

However, as was stressed in the opening paragraph, this is your magazine; and the pronoun by no means excludes past pupils. On the contrary, we strongly urge you to submit articles, photographs, stories and poems; and, even if the muse is on strike, jottings and letters are always welcome, both for their informative value and the links they establish and maintain.

Finally, a word to the wise, No matter how brilliantly produced, a magazine is singularly useless if it never reaches you. So, keep us up to date with regard to your addresses; and, if ten years have passed since you joined the Association, have you renewed your subscription?

By way of a postscript, we should like to express our sorrow at the passing of the English Laureate, Ted Hughes; and our joy at the creation of the Nobel Laureates, David Trimble and John Hume. As the Celtic Tiger increasingly seeks the approval of the Irish electorate, we cast our vote for poets and peacemakers.

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The Jameson Institute for the Teaching of the Natural Sciences was built to celebrate, in a tangible way, the Tercentenary of the College's Foundation in 1696. It comprises a magnificent suite of 'state of the art' laboratories and a Lecture Theatre.

The new Institute was officially opened on Friday, May 29 by Mr Richard Burrows, Chairman of Irish Distillers the foundation donors, before a large audience of parents, pupils past and present, members of the Board of Governors and invited guests including local TDs.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Professor Trevor West, welcomed the large gathering of guests and pupils and thanked all involved in the designing and building of this fine Institute. He also welcomed special guests, Mr & Mrs Richard Burrows. He then invited Mr Burrows to officially open the building.

Mr Burrows in his address spoke of the long historical relationship which Irish Distillers have had with the town of Midleton and his delight that the new building was to be called the 'Jameson Institute'.

In his speech the Headmaster, Mr Brian Cairns, thanked all those who had supported the Appeal by making donations large and small for the building of the Institute. He thanked Mr Burrows for his personal interest in the new development and Irish Distillers for making it possible for the College to embark on such an ambitious project.

He then mentioned the future. Form I with their history teacher, Mr Martin Preston, had produced a Time Capsule containing a variety of items of what life in Midleton College was like in 1998. This had now been sealed and would be placed in the roof space of the Institute for 50 years until 2048. He charged all members of the First Form to return on 29th May 2048 to see the opening of their Time Capsule.

The Dean of Cloyne, the Very Revd George Hilliard, then read from the Bible and led prayers to bless the new building.

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Dean Hilliard who led the prayers and blessed the new building

HEADMASTER'S NOTES

Bereavement: This year the pain of bereavement once again affected our School community past and present. A number of our former pupils died and obituaries appear in a later section of this magazine. A number of our pupils suffered the loss of grandparents, uncles and aunts and two of our families, the Sollevelds and the Ottmans, experienced the trauma of the death of their father. The Thompson family suffered the loss of their little sister aged 12.

A former member of the Board of Governor, Mr Sam Moore, also died during the year. His family are former pupils and his grandchildren are present pupils.

The fathers of two members of our staff, Miss Mary Power and Mr Ivan Leopold, died during the course of the year.

We extend our sympathy to all of these families.

Parent-Teacher Association: The work of the Steering Committee is now complete and the first A.G.M. of the Association took place on October 9th 1998. A Committee was elected and is now up and running. The officers of the Association are :

Chairperson - Mrs Rosemary Cuddy

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The other elected parents are: Mr Pierce Smyth, Mrs Jill Cross, Mrs Rosemary Cuddy, Mrs Claire Kohler, Mr Robin Smith and Mrs Carmel Devaney; and the elected members of staff are Mrs June Johnston, Miss Mary Power and Mr Michael Daley.

Midleton College Association: At the A.G.M. in January 1998 a new President was elected, Mr Robert Chambers; we wish him well during his period of office. We thank the immediate past President Mr Victor Rockley for the leadership he gave during his three-year period in office, a period which due to the Tercentenary was one of the busiest in the history of the Association.

Hockey Umpires: The finals of the Ladies' and Men's Irish Senior Cups at the end of last season were unique occasions as far as Midleton College was concerned, for three of the four umpires involved are connected with Midleton College. Miss Mary Power (Ireland's top lady umpire) and Miss Ann Logan, two members of the Midleton College staff, umpired the Ladies' Final and Gary Quail, a former pupil, umpired the men's final.

Great Academic Success: We were delighted to hear that 5 of our former pupils graduated this year with 1st Class Honours degrees: Catriona Hassey (UCC - Zoology), Michele Neylon (Limerick University - European Studies), Aisling Lyons (UCC - French and Archaeology), Kerrie Carroll (St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, London - P.E. and Biology) and Adam Walsh (University of Hertfordshire - Aerospace Engineering). Adam had the distinction of being the top student of his year.

Robert Wrixon was conferred with a Doctorate of Philosophy at Berkeley University in California and the following were conferred with Master of Science degrees: Penny Johnston (University of Sheffield), Pam Connolly (University of Ulster), Brian Sweetnam (UCC) and David Payne (University of Wales), who was top student of his MSc year.

Second Class Honours 1st division degrees were conferred on Emma Seale (UCC - Zoology), Sarah Dungan (TCD - Microbiology), Ciaran Ahern (Heriot Watt University Edinburgh - Marine Biology), Aisling Smith (University of Wales - Biomedical Science), Desiree Murphy (University of Kingston and Thames - Biomedical Science) and Emmeline Searson (UCC - Arts).

We Congratulate: Emmet O'Brien on his international success in Karting and John O'Flynn on his appearance for the Irish U-16 soccer team. Three of our pupils, Alison Tait, Ceili Fitzgerald and Chloe Farnham, took part in a very successful vari-

ety show 'Razzle Dazzle' in the Midleton Academy of Music on November 6th and 7th. An excellent performance by all three - well done, they did us proud.

Transition Year: On 26th May 1998 we had a very successful Transition Year parent/pupil evening when the work of the students was on display and when awards and certificates were presented. At the suggestion of parents we had this year on 6th October 1998, for the first time, an evening for parents to introduce the aims and work of Transition Year. The innovation proved to be very successful and parental support and enthusiasm for our excellent Transition Year Programme is very evident and much appreciated.

We will remember them: In November each year we remember, at a special Remembrance Service in Assembly, those who died in two World Wars, members of the Irish Defence forces who died on U.N. duties, members of the Garda Síochána killed while defending the Civil Law, defending the freedom we all enjoy and the victims of terrorism. Inevitably we think of the 8 former pupils of the school who died as a result of the Second World War - Harold Daunt, William Fogerty, Eric Law, Ulick Love, Gordon Nicholson, Nicholas Taylor, Eric Webster and Kingsmill Williams. Over the last few years I have met the relations of 5 of these men. They have visited the school and seen the War Memorial. On 10th September 1998 Mrs Elizabeth Peers, a niece of Eric Webster, and her husband visited the school. She has not forgotten nor should we. An article about the remarkable Webster family is to be found in this magazine.

Welcome Visitors: We were delighted to welcome a number of English, Scottish and Welsh schools to the College to play rugby and hockey, including our old friends from Kineton High School, Warwickshire, now regular visitors; Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen; the Oratory School, Reading; Greenhills School, Tenby, South Wales and King Edward VII School, Lancashire.

Goodbye and Welcome: We say goodbye to Miss Aideen McCarthy, Miss Anne-Marie O'Donovan and Miss Mary Kelleher, thank them for their contribution to Midleton College and wish them well in the future. We are pleased to welcome to the staff Miss Louise Larmour, Miss Meabh Ní Loingsigh, Miss Marie O'Reilly and Mr Stephen Carson.

Retirement of Bishop: Earlier this year the Bishop indicated that he would retire at the end of 1998.

At that time he was unaware that he would have to have a heart by-pass operation, which he had immediately on his return from the Lambeth Conference. We are delighted that he is making an excellent recovery.

The Bishop has been a member of the Board of Governors since 29th February 1988 and he will be sadly missed. He always showed a great interest in the welfare of the school and in the wider community and he was an outstanding leader of the Church of Ireland in this part of Munster. All who come into contact with him, regardless of religious affiliation, are impressed by his commitment, his concern and his integrity.

He always took time out of his incredibly busy schedule to attend College Carol services and the Easter Music and each year celebrated Holy Communion in the College Gym. After this year's Communion Service on 15th October 1998, a second form pupil was heard to say 'that man is worth listening to'. What greater accolade could any Bishop hope to receive!

We wish the Bishop and Mrs Warke good health and God's blessing in retirement.

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 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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- Mark O'Gorman** H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
O Irish.
- Catherine Bradley** H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
- Jennifer Jaworska** H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish.
O Art.
- Philipp Wilby** H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.

- Rebecca Daunt** H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
Kelda Morrissey H Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish.
O Mathematics, Art.
Heather Nagle H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish.
O Irish.
Olivia Martin H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies, Art.
O Irish, Mathematics.
Siobhán Rafter H Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music
O Mathematics.
Denis O'Regan H English, History, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies.
O Irish, Mathematics, Art.
David O'Mahony H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies.
O Art.
Mark Daunt H English, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies.
O Irish, Mathematics, Art.
Sarah Keane H English, History, Geography, French, Business Studies.
O Irish, Mathematics, Science, Art.
Caitriona Bolster H Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish.
O Mathematics, Art.
Jude O'Driscoll H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies, Art.
O Irish.
John O'Flynn H English, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies.
O Irish, Mathematics, Art.
Siobhán O'Mahony H English, History, Geography, French.
O Mathematics, Science, Business Studies, Music.
Mark Murphy H English, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies.
O Mathematics, Art.
Tristan Tait H Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies,
O Irish, English, Art.
Josephine Tanzer H Geography, Art, German.
O English, Mathematics, History, French, Science.
Janet Pamment H Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Science.
O Mathematics, Business Studies, Art.
George Hussain H History, Geography.
O Irish, Mathematics, French, Science, Art.
Kevin Aherne H History, Geography, French.
O Irish, English, Mathematics, Business Studies, Art.
Rowena Campion H History, Geography, French.
O Irish, English, Mathematics, Science, Spanish, Music.
Abigail Hayes H Geography, French, Science.
O Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Art.
Rian Ryan H History, Geography.
O Irish, English, French, Science.
F Mathematics.
Michael Hegarty O English, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art.
F Irish, Mathematics.
Sarah Vickery O History, Geography, French, Science, Music.
F Irish, English, Mathematics.

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

OUTSTANDING PUPILS 1998

Our Leaving Certificate results were again pleasing this year. The top students were:

- Angela Burke** - 540 points including 4 As and 1 B.
Elmer Morrissey - 480 points including 2 As and 3 Bs.
Thomas Stewart - 480 points including 3 As and 2 Bs.
Carolyn Cuddy - 470 points including 1 A and 3 Bs
Micheál O'Dwyer - 530 points including 3 As and 3 Bs
Hannah Anderson - 495 points including 1 A and 5 Bs.
Louise Kenworthy - 490 points including 2 As and 4 Bs.
Eoin O'Mahony - 445 points including 4 Bs.
Denis Murphy - 435 points including 4 Bs.

The following Junior Certificate candidates did extremely well.

Lara Jones	9 Honours	3 As and 5 Bs.
Christopher Walker	8 Honours	3 As and 4 Bs.
Jennifer Clifford	10 Honours	1 A and 4 Bs.
David Cowhey	9 Honours	4 As and 2 Bs.
David Brookes	8 Honours	2 As and 5 Bs.
Simon Lyons	9 Honours	2 As and 4 Bs.
Cathy Cross	10 Honours	4 Bs.
Ross Goddard	8 Honours	4 As and 3 Bs.
Nicholas Stephenson	9 Honours	1 A and 4Bs.

MUSIC AND DRAMA EXAMINATION RESULTS 1997-98

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Name	Grade	Result	Instrument
Maeve Stronach	I	Honours	Pianoforte
Heather Deane	III	Merit	Pianoforte
Mairead Scott-Baird	III	Merit	Pianoforte
Laura Cuddy	III	Honours	Pianoforte
Stuart Childs	VI	Pass	Pianoforte
Alison Tait	VII	Merit	Pianoforte
Linda Ross	VI	Pass	Pianoforte
Naomi Faris	IV	Pass	Pianoforte

LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Name	Grade	Result	Activity
Chloe Farnham	III	Honours	Singing
Ceili Fitzgerald	V	Honours	Singing
Mairead Scott-Baird	III	Honours	Clarinet

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Name	Grade	Result	Activity
Veronica French	V	Distinction	Theory of Music

Prize List 1998

MOORE MEMORIAL PRIZE: Angela Burke

WEBSTER MEMORIAL PRIZES: Elmer Morrissey, Carolyn Cuddy, Micheál O'Dwyer

INTERMEDIATE SHIELD: Lara Jones

MIDDLETON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES: Christopher Walker, David Cowhey, Jennifer Clifford

BISHOP HEARN MEMORIAL PRIZES: Hannah Anderson, Eoin O'Mahony, Matthew Thompson, Catherine O'Mahony, David Brookes, Ross Goddard, Simon Lyons, Cathy Cross, Nicholas Stephenson, Alison O'Brien, Sarah Edwardes

BANK OF IRELAND LEAVING CERTIFICATE PRIZE FOR PHYSICS: Elmer Morrissey

J.H. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE CHEMISTRY: Carolyn Cuddy, Micheál O'Dwyer, Denis Murphy

J.H. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR SCIENCE: Christopher Walker, David Cowhey, Ross Goddard, Philipp Wilby

JAMES MCNEILL WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS: Elmer Morrissey, Carolyn Cuddy

TIMOTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS: Christopher Walker, Ross Goddard

AIB LEAVING CERTIFICATE PRIZES FOR ENGLISH: Angela Burke, Micheál O'Dwyer, Matthew Thompson

BAGWELL PRIZES FOR LANGUAGES: Angela Burke, Matthew Thompson, Lara Jones, Christopher Walker, David Cowhey, Nicholas Stephenson, Róisín Curtin.

DEAN RIDLEY-BARKER LECTONARY PRIZES: Veronica French, Jennifer Keane.

ISAAC BUTT MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY: Angela Burke.

J.W. SMYTH PRIZES FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHY: Angela Burke, Elmer Morrissey, Eoin O'Mahony.

LINDSAY MAING PRIZES FOR JUNIOR CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHY: Lara Jones, David Brookes, Ross Goddard, Simon Lyons, Philipp Wilby, Mark O'Gorman.

DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HOME ECONOMICS: Catherine O'Mahony

MRS E.F. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR MUSIC: Jennifer Clifford, Ross Goddard, Sarah Edwardes.

IRIS OLIVE ATKINS PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY: Angela Burke.

DR F.M. HILLIARD MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR FORM V: Aoileann Lyons, Jessica Crowley, Craig Reidy, Peter Fitzgibbon, Ferga Solleveld, Becky Grice, Valda Mossop, Nicky Phelan, Anolivia Tait, Mairead Scott-Baird, Alison Tait, Claire Wilby.

MIDDLETON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION PRIZES: Róisín Curtin, Robert Gleasure, Daryl Mossop, Jessica Kohler, Richard Murphy.

HEADMASTER'S PRIZES: Hannah Anderson, Ian Carroll.

SINGING PRIZES: Ceili Fitzgerald, Kate Canning, Chloe Farnham.

LONG MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR IRISH: Angela Burke.

ART PRIZES: Elmer Morrissey, Heather Nagle, Lara Jones.

DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR JUNIOR CERTIFICATE ENGLISH: David Cowhey.

DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR JUNIOR CERTIFICATE HISTORY: Lara Jones, Christopher Walker, David Cowhey, Jennifer Clifford, David Brookes, Ross Goddard, Nicholas Stephenson, Mark O'Gorman.

HOUSE PRIZES: Form VI: Ian Carroll, Toria Keane, Patrick Massey, Alan Deller, Claire Geary.
Form III: Sarah Keane, Rowena Champion, Sarah Vickery, Michael Hegarty, Abigail Hayes.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZES:

Senior: 1st, Andrew Potter Cogan;	2nd, Micheál O'Dwyer;	3rd, Aoileann Lyons.
Middle: 1st, David Cowhey;	2nd, Stuart Childs;	3rd, Tom Anderson.
Junior: 1st, Robert Moore;	2nd, John Phillips;	3rd, John Rose.

CLASS PRIZES:

Form IV: 1st, Stuart Childs; 2nd, Sarah Levis; 3rd, Veronica French; 4th, Bill Horgan; 5th, Stephen Jordan; Equal 6th, Daniel Buckley and Linda Ross; Equal 8th, Emma Mackey and Shirley Millar.

Form II: Equal 1st, Andrew O'Brien and Colin Scanlan; 3rd, Liz Ahern; Equal 4th, Robert Moore, John Rose and Elaine Ross; Equal 7th, John Devaney, Alan O'Connor and Suzanne Phelan; 10th, Naomi Faris.

Form I: Equal 1st, Laura Cuddy and Maeve Stronach; 3rd, Heather Deane; 4th, Stephen Nicholls; Equal 5th, David Horgan and Brian Massey; Equal 7th, Richard Flood and Sarah O'Dwyer.

SENIOR PREFECTS 1998



Back Row: Peter Fitzgibbon, Alison Tait, John Buttimer, Jane Cross.
Front Row: Professor Trevor West, Mr Eamon Stack, The Headmaster.

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: MAXIMILIAN BECKER, ALEXANDER BUELLESBACH, RICHARD BYRNE, JONATHAN CLIBBORN, DARRAGH CURRIVAN, DAMIEN EDUARDES, PETER FARIS, PETER FLEMING, SEREN FLORENCE, TIMOTHY GARDE, CORY GLENN, SEÁN HOLLYWOOD, CLIVE JACKSON, EOIN KAVANAGH, JAMES KEATING, PETER KINGSTON, EDDIE LEUNG, JASON MCCARTHY, ROBERT MOHALLY, ROSS MORGAN, DAMIEN O'DOHERTY, JAMES ROBSON, FELIX SAILE, JUSTIN TAIT, KIERAN TREACY, SERGEY TUCHAPSKIY, CRAIG WHYTE.

Girls: CECILE BECKER, GILLIAN BRADY, RUTH COUGHLAN, SALLY CROSS, ELISE DEEGAN, AILEEN DROMGOOLE, RUTH HACKETT, BECKY JOY, EIMEAR KAVANAGH, OONAGH LEE, CLAIRE LUCEY, YVONNE MOYNIHAN, SARAH JANE PHELAN, SOPHIE ROBSON, FIONA RUSSELL, NICOLE RYALL.

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.

HANNAH ANDERSON: University Of Bristol (*Early Childhood Studies*)*

ANGELA BURKE: University College Cork (*Arts*)*

IAN CARROLL: College of Commerce (*Marketing*)

CAROLYN CUDDY: University College Cork (*Computer Science*)

ALAN DELLER: Birmingham College of Food, Tourism and Creative Studies (*Catering and Institutional Management*)

CHARLES DWYER: Cork Institute of Technology (*Mechanical Engineering*)

LEON FARNHAM: I.T.C. Sligo (*European Environmental Engineering Science*)

CLARE GEARY: Cogan Institute of Child Care

ROSS GLASSCOE: Blackpool and the Fylde College (*Hospitality Management: International Hotel Management*)

PATRICK MASSEY: Sparsholt College, (*Wildlife Management*)*

FIONA MCCARTHY: Ballymaloe Cookery School

ELMER MORRISSEY: University College Cork (*Civil Engineering*)

DENIS MURPHY: University College Cork (*Arts*)

TIMOTHY O'CALLAGHAN: College of Commerce (*Computer Programming*)

MICHEÁL O'DWYER: University College Cork (*Biological and Chemical Science*)

RORY O'GORMAN: Birmingham College of Food, Tourism and Creative Studies (*Adventure Tourism Management*)

EOIN O'MAHONY: University College Cork (*Arts*)

EMMA SHEANE: Ballymaloe Cookery School

ELMER MORRISSEY: University College Cork (*Civil Engineering*)

IAN WYNNE: College of Commerce (*Computer Applications*)

* Deferred Entry

Working:

Edward Byrne, Victoria Keane, Robert O'Connor, Leon Tait, Matthew Thompson.

7th YEAR STUDIES :

Ray Brosnan, Ronan Duane, Gillian Mohally, Andrew Potter Cogan, Tom Stewart.

Prize Day 1998

Let us begin by giving thanks to those whose separate and combined energies made this day possible: Mrs Cairns, Mr Johnston, Mr Little; the members of staff who became bus conductors, ushers, and greeters for the nonce; the secretaries, Mrs Courtney and Miss Pigott; and, of course, the man who had the unenviable task of revealing all to the large gathering of pupils, parents, governors and guests - the Headmaster.

In his eighteenth annual report, Mr Cairns *inter alia* expressed his pleasure at the quality of the Leaving Certificate results; stressed the vital importance of the Transition Year Option in our total educational programme; and assured us that the College is striving to meet the new and exciting demands of the twenty-first century. Speaking on behalf of all present, he referred to the forthcoming retirement of Bishop Warke, and, having thanked him for his unflagging service to the college, wished him many happy years of freedom from episcopal cares.

Our Guest of Honour, Mr Eamon Stack, Chief Inspector of the Department of Education and Science, said that it was a privilege to be invited to a school so rich in years and tradition. However, he pointed out that, while we rightly honoured the past, there was a need for an awareness of, and a commitment to, the changing nature of society. He believed that the College had the right perspective in this regard, and expressed confidence in its future.

Mr Stack concluded by congratulating the prize-winners. He sympathised with those who had not made the lists on this occasion, but emphasised that the success of others should be a stimulus to increased effort. Kipling's well-known lines on winning and playing the game were not the full truth: competition was necessary to stimulate improvement.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Bishop Warke who made a comparison between the Department of Education and the House of Bishops: each has leaders of high profile, and each is attempting to cope with change. As a result, they are frequently in the position of having to deal with criticism. The Bishop felt that he could empathise completely with the Chief Inspector as he and his officials attempted to create a new educational understanding between the Department and the various social partners.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Professor T. T. West, conveyed the Vote of Thanks and reminded us that, while relations with the Department of Education in the person of Mr Stack were excellent, we should not underestimate the value of having a Minister of Education from Cork whose wife happened to be a native of Midleton. He also voiced his high opinion of Mr Cairns' report and pointed out that the achievements noted therein would have been impossible without the guidance and dedication of the Headmaster.

And so began half-term.

— LUGDUNUM

SUNSET

Warming shafts of heat
From a halved sun
Clouds are coloured fire
The last of light is shone.
Then dark turns the world
And dew on green grass lies
For night has taken over
Another day has died.

— ROBBIE GLEASURE (FORM IV)

Choral Tidings

The service of Easter Music was given in the church on Wednesday, April 1st. The choir sang extracts from Messiah by G.F. Handel and the school was again very grateful to our long-standing soloists, Mr Bobby Beare and Canon William Beare. Helen Hassett was our guest soprano soloist and Ann Prendergast sang her alto aria 'How beautiful are the feet'.

The choir rehearses in the new lecture theatre every Thursday evening. Admission depends on singing ability and interest. Although the vast majority of the choir boards, day pupils are welcome to participate if circumstances permit.

Towards Christmas the choir prepares for the Carol Service. In addition to the singing of well known carols, we also prepare some Christmas music which is a little more challenging, and less often heard sung by most Christmas choirs and congregations.

– IAN R. SEXTON

EMERITUS



In the picture are the Headmaster, Bishop Warke, Mrs Warke, Mrs Stack and Mr Eamon Stack. Bishop Warke was attending his last Midleton Prize Day before his retirement from the active ministry

YOU

I walked down the street yesterday
Crowded, although to me deserted
Because in that thronging mass
You were not present.
The rest of the human race is irrelevant,
They do not bring me joy,
They do not bring me love.
So remember:
If you see me from a far-off place,
Walking down a street in a totally different place,
I'm thinking of you.

– ANDREW HUGGINS (FORM V)

Christmas Concert 1997

The Christmas Concert opened with the Junior Play, "The Happy Man" produced by Mr Hickey and Miss O'Donovan. This was a play about Kings and Queens and Pages! Forms I and II had great fun here including Richard Flood as the "Vagabond". Our next treat was Ceili Fitzgerald and Helen O'Mahony singing "Call the Man" accompanied by Chloe Farnham on violin and Alison Tait on piano. We have some very promising musicians here.

Where would Christmas be without Pantomime? This year we had two. "Cinderella" had us in fits of laughter. Arthur has a possible career ahead of him - in drag! "Snow White" entertained us helped along by Philip, David, Stephen and Christopher. The show this year was "West Side Story" produced by Miss Anderson. We had some lively chorus numbers with soloists Ceili, Alison, Chloe and Kate. Natasha performed a beautiful dance accompanied by Hannah and Matthew. Some tears were shed over the "Lion King" from Form V but happily the story ended well.

Don't allow your daughter to marry a policeman, especially if you happen to be a petty thief. This we found out in "Queer Street" produced by Miss Prendergast. Some very fine acting here by Nicky, Aoife, David, Arthur, Valerie and Harvey.

Musical items were a French Horn solo from Stephen Nicholls - a first for the concert I think. Chloe played Elgar on violin and the band "Superfluity" with Colin, Seán, Nick, Cillian and Gillian on vocals played Pearl Jam and others. Traditional music came from Ógras with Helen, Siobhán and David O'Mahony and Alison.

Laughter came from Andrew Huggins and Neil O'Regan with P.C. Savage and Form VI gave us "Tons of Laughs." Marie Ahern closed the show with a vocal number accompanied by Seán and Aoife.

All in all, another great Christmas Concert.

— A. PRENDERGAST

WORK IN PROGRESS



Sarah Levis, Aoife Halpin, Emma Mackey and Stephen Tait displaying their wares to Mr Brian Crowley, MEP at the Transition Year Mini-Company Exhibition held in the Heritage Centre under the aegis of ECAD.

Kartography

I got the good news in late August that I was to be one of a team of six chosen to drive for Ireland in the Five Nations Karting Cup, to be held in Galspie near Inverness. The trip to Scotland was seventeen hours long but it was a good laugh.

Friday, Day One: All the teams were testing. The track was dry but very cold. This made it difficult to generate heat in the tyres so conditions were slippy, which made it harder to push in corners.

Saturday, Day Two: In the morning, we signed on and went through scrutiny (safety checks). Then qualifying commenced. It was lashing rain with a cross-wind. The quickest Irishman lined up fifth on the grid. The second-fastest Irishman was myself: I lined up on the fifth row of the grid in ninth place. I was happy with my performance although I was half a second off pole. There were several heats that day: the first saw me finish third in the wet; the second eighth with conditions drying out. The next two were disappointing; retirement following a puncture, and a low fourteenth place finish. I had to sit out the fifth heat, just as each member of the team had to sit out one.

Sunday, Day Three: On Sunday morning, the Irish team received a fax from the Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, wishing us good luck.

The pre-final is a very important race because it determines your position for the final. Wherever you finish, that is where you start for the final. I was locked into battle with an English driver; we had touched in one of the heats so there was a bit of bad blood between us. In the pre-final, he was behind me and he nudged me off in a fast bend. I was angry and so was my manager. I was checked over in the ambulance for fifteen minutes and was passed to race for the final. That incident put a degree of tension between the English and the Irish!

In the final, I had to start from the back of the grid since I hadn't finished the pre-final. I started alongside Ireland's Number One, Alan Dwyer; we helped each other by using each other's slipstream throughout the race and made a hard charge up to ninth and tenth places respectively. I was happy enough with this because our lap-times were very competitive. A Scotsman won the 100s race in front of an English driver; the best-placed Irishman was fourth.

This year has been brilliant for me: I raced well and was very happy to be selected for the Irish team. I finished second in the Irish championship and will be hoping to improve by one place next season.

– EMMET O'BRIEN (FORM VI)

WIZARDS

Wizards,
Lost in a blizzard,
Their dark blue capes spinning in the snow.
Their beards frozen,
On their icy hands they blow.
Their eyelids frozen together,
Their wands shrivelled up,
Their toes black with frostbite,
They stumble into a cave
Magic a fire,
And die,
Nastily,
From food poisoning.

– ANDREW HUGGINS (FORM V)

Telethon 1998

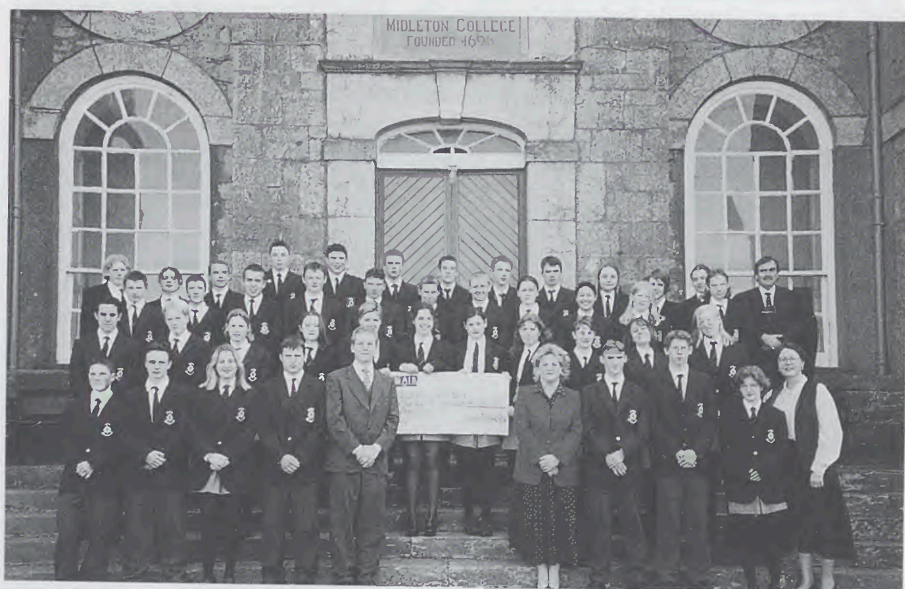
Friday, April 24th was Telethon Day for People in Need. Midleton College showed its true colours by raising over £1000 with a Music Marathon. Form V held the mantle of organising the event and co-ordinated non-stop music from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Headmaster opened the Marathon at 9 a.m. by leading the College singing of our College Hymn "Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah". The music continued from then on with Vocals, Instrumentals, Bands, Choirs, etc. Staff performed (well done Mr O'Mahony) past pupils came to lend a hand and a voice. All day long Form V kept the enthusiasm going with the stars of the show appearing at 4 p.m. 'The Spice Boys'. They were so popular that they made the front page of the "Echo". Still the music rolled on and the money rolled in. Mr Johnston closed the event by ringing the school bell at 9 p.m.

Many weary bodies went to bed that night tired but happy that we had raised so much money for charity. A quick dash to Cork to the RTE Studio at 11 p.m. where Richard Vickery and Emer Scott-Baird pledged £1557.61 live on TV for Midleton College. Well done to Form V and to all who took part in such a worthy event.

— A. PRENDERGAST

CHECK IT OUT!



As well as the long-singing members of Form V, the picture includes the Headmaster, Miss Prendergast, Mr Kieran O'Regan and Ms Ann Walsh of AIB Midleton – and the cheque!

The Ship of the Gods

We boarded the STV *Asgard II* on September 25th at Dingle and were immediately overwhelmed by an apparent confusion of ropes, halyards and brass. However, the crew made us feel at home and introduced us to the seventeen other trainees.

Having spent the night getting to know the ship (and also the local hostelrys), we set sail on Saturday morning on our voyage of discovery to exotic places such as Valentia, Bere Island, Cape Clear, Cobh, Kinsale, Monkstown and Waterford. During the day there was exciting and often exhausting sail training; when we docked in ports at night there was a chance to recover – especially when we had been rolling around in a force 8 gale.

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to the Master and crew of the *Asgard* for an unforgettable week; and to the MCA for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

– JANE CROSS, DAVID DUNGAN (FORM VI)

POINT OF EWE



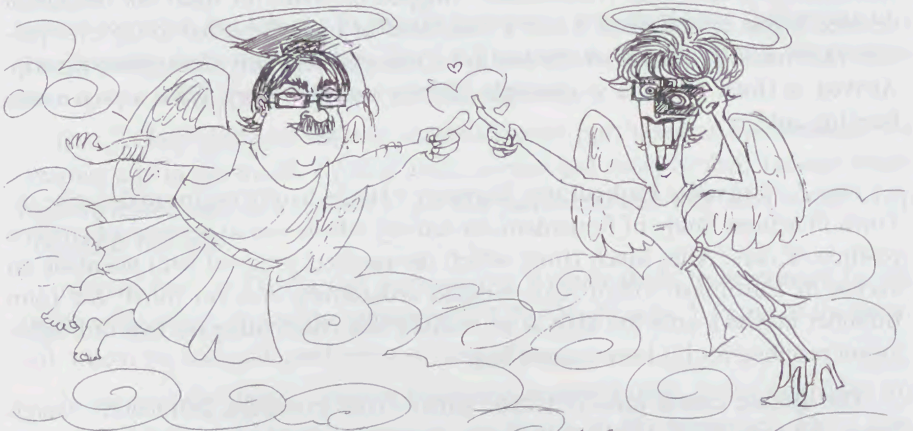
ANOTHER CASE OF MAD COW DISEASE?

Athenians and Spartans

- THE HEADMASTER Let my will replace seasoned judgement –*Juvenal*.
MR JOHNSTON When he has ladies to please, every feature works.
–*Jane Austen*.
- MR LITTLE I should always prefer influence to power –*Kingsley Martin*.
MR DALEY It's not what I say, but the way I say it. –*Mae West*.
MR LYONS Do you think my mind is maturing late, or simply rotted
already? –*Ogden Nash*.
- MR LEVIS Marriage is a bribe to make a housekeeper think she's a
householder. –*Thornton Wilder*.
- MR LEOPOLD Oh, he's a darlin' man. –*Seán O'Casey*.
MR MORRISSEY He was an innocent, affable man who had somehow
preserved his good humour. –*Evelyn Waugh*.
- MRS LEVIS I had to put up with a lot –*Horace*.
MS POWER I am the kind of woman I would run away from.
–*Nancy Astor*.
- MR O'MAHONY The great Gaels of Ireland are the men that God made mad.
–*G.K. Chesterton*.
- MS PRENDERGAST The art of being kind is all the sad world needs. –*Ella Wilcox*.
MR PRESTON The hungry coach is the best coach. –*Don Cherry*.
MR POWER I'm playing golf like Tarzan and scoring like Jane.
–*Chi Chi Rodriguez*.
- MS PENNY People who say nothing carry something within themselves.
–*Alexander Solzhenitsyn*.
- MRS RUMLEY Who loves me must have a touch of earth. –*Tennyson*
MS O'REGAN Give a man a free hand and he'll put it all over you.
–*Mae West*
- MRS JOHNSTON A soft answer turneth away wrath. –*Proverbs*.
MRS ANDERSON Teaching music is not my main purpose. I want to make good
citizens. –*Shin'ichi Suzuki*.
- MR HICKEY The little things are infinitely the most important.
–*Sir Arthur Conan Doyle*.
- MS NÍ LOINGSIGH Though she be but little, she is fierce. –*William Shakespeare*.
MS LARMOUR Your youth adorns the garden of your face.
–*Lord Herbert of Cherbury*.
- MS O'REILLY Where do these women come from? –*Thomas Hardy*.
MS LOGAN Equality is a myth, women are better. –*Graffiti*.
MR SEALE It cannot quit its place of birth. –*Lord Byron*.
MR CARSON A permanent public temptation. –*Oscar Wilde*.
DEAN HILLIARD A God-intoxicated man. –*Novalis*.
MRS CAIRNS There is something behind the throne greater than the King
himself. –*William Pitt*.
- MR SEXTON Music, Maestro, please. –*Herb Magidson*.
THE SECRETARIES A secretary is not a toy. –*Frank Loesser*.

– THALIA

PARADISE REGAINED



A match made in Heaven....

WHY?

Why do you only see me
When I'm having a bad hair day ?
And why do you only hear me
When words about you I say!

How come you only watch me
When I'm running or when I fall ?
And how come if I'm wearing a new top
You never stop or stall ?

It's these moments I feel like I want to die
For the ground to open wide,
Like when I'm lying flat on my face
And my trousers have split at the side.

– SOPHIE ROBSON (FORM II)

Dutch Diary

Day 1: Thursday 2nd April 1998 Departed Dublin, arrived Charleroi, Belgium. Travelled to Noordwijk, Netherlands. Stopped en route for meal but restaurant decided it was closed when it saw a coachload of Irish. Reverted to the ever present McDonald's, a habit which was to be repeated regularly throughout the trip. Arrived at Hotel Mariatta at midnight. Lovely seaside resort. What a pity it was freezing cold!

Day 2: Rotterdam Harbour trip, Europort ('Huge' barely begins to describe it). Town Functions Study of Rotterdam, an activity which was to become a favourite pastime of ours. After lunch (from which the teachers returned late) we made an ascent of Euromast. 200m high seemed a daunting task for most; for John Buttimer maybe a little too high as he realised that confronting his fear of heights meant reaching for his brown paper bag.

The historic cheese town of Gouda with its corn exchange, fish market, weigh house and heavy rain shower provided an interesting location for our second town study. Overnight at the hotel proved to be a hair-changing experience for some of the male members of the party.

Day 3: Polderlands A visit to the reclaimed land in the north of the country. First, a call to the twenty-year-old town of Lelystad and its fascinating exhibition on the history and execution of land reclamation. A walk on the polders, a chance to meet the native farmers and in my group's case a chance to meet the native animals, namely their unfriendly dogs.

Lots of cheese, that " looks like a sausage, smells like a fish ", was bought at a cheese farm near Edam.

Day 4: Praised the Lord in Dutch Travelled southwards to see the Delta Expo at Haringvliet Locks - an explanation of the Delta Scheme of Southern Holland. The beautiful moated town of Brielle was a good place for a lunch stop and the inevitable Town Functions Study. Finding suitable locations for Farm Studies proved difficult.

Day 5: Aalsmeer The largest flower auction in the world. Fourteen million flower sales every day. For two of our faithful brethren this many flowers changing hands meant one thing, lots of transportation in the form of trucks. Afterwards Eddie and Arthur were found praising the Lord for Scania's, Daf's and Volvos. Finally the trip was worthwhile!

The seventy acres of tulip gardens at Kenkenhof and the authentic replica of an eighteenth century windmill village at Zaanse Schans were even more amazing than the tourist brochures suggested.

Day 6: Amsterdam A day of sightseeing - we were allowed to leave our workbooks behind ! Firstly a canal boat trip of the city dubbed " the Venice of the North ", followed by a visit to the Gassand diamond factory. The sight of such expensive stones even aroused a reaction from the ever-dormant Mark. Most then headed for lunch but others (to remain nameless) continued their sightseeing in a less desirable district of the city. They did manage to join the rest of the party to stare in awe at the Night Watch in the Rijk museum.

Day 7: Last day Last minute souvenirs were purchased at Madurodam, the smallest city in the world. Typical Dutch scenes and many of their famous buildings are reproduced on a scale of 1: 25. The last tourist trap was Delft pottery shop - beautiful but dear.

Arrived back in Dublin that night on our Ryanair flight to be greeted by our Ballincollig coach driver, the antithesis of " The Highlander ", Patric of the pony-tail, whom we had said goodbye to in Belgium.

In between the cheese, clogs and picturesque tourist traps, a very enjoyable trip was had by all and I wish to express our thanks to Mr Morrissey, Mrs Levis, Mr Leopold, Miss Prendergast and Mr Seale.

– P. FITZGIBBON (FORM VI)

CARTOPHILES



The members of the geography tour were allowed complete freedom of movement as long as they stayed close to the bus.

Confessions of a Sixth Form Girl

- CRAIG REIDY - Dr Doolittle
ROSS NOLAN)
BARRY BUCKLEY) - The Bravadoes
JAMES COLBERT - Lock up your Daughters!
DAVID DUNGAN - The Sheepman
PETER FITZGIBBON - The Harder they Fall
CARL HOMEYER - White men can't jump.
AOILEANN LYONS - Lies my father told me.
AMY RHYS-THOMAS - Only when I larf
MARK STREET - No skin off my ass
RICHARD VICKERY - How to succeed in business without really trying
LOUISE WILKINSON - Wild in the country
ALISON TAIT - The Punisher
EMER SCOTT-BAIRD)
MAIREAD SCOTT-BAIRD) - Double Impact
ARTHUR HUSSAIN - The Last Tycoon
JESSICA CROWLEY)
FERGA SOLLEVELD) - Theatre Girls
JOHN BUTTIMER - Escape from the Planet of the Apes
SALLY AHERN - Born to be Bad
DAMIEN ERANGY - Loverboy
BECKY GRICE - British Sounds
IAN JEFFERY - Phenomenon
RORY O'GORMAN - Vroom!
BRIAN MOORE - BMX Bandits
DAVID HALES - Little Big Man
MAUREEN CUDDY - Breezy
MARIKA BOURKE - We are not alone
RALPH CHAMBERS - Cinderfella
JULIAN EDWARDES - The Men's Club
ANOLIVIA TAIT - French Kiss
SEÁN REYNOLDS - Carlito's Way
PAULA MORRISON - The Money Pit
CILLIAN KELLY - Machine Gun Kelly
CLAIRE WILBY - The Web
NICKY PHELAN - The Illustrated Man
VALDA MOSSOP - Feedback
LIZ FORAN - Little Girl, Big Tease
JANE CROSS - Carry on Columbus
KAREN FITZELL - Tale of Ordinary Madness
COLIN MCCARTHY - Little Shop of Horrors
JERVIS OTTMAN - The Return of a man called Horse
DAVID SMYTH - Housekeeping
GAVIN TAIT - Hackers
HARVEY TUCKER - Beware! The Blob

- A WOMAN UNDER THE INFLUENCE

ANGEL LOVE

You fell to Earth,
my angel love,
from Heaven.

I long to touch your heart
and know your mind

Confused and conflicting
emotions make me vulnerable.

Smile at me
let me steal your perfect essence.

Whisper dark secrets,
on the wind,
touch my hand.

Protect me from myself,
a task I no longer care for.

The dice believed in fate
therefore to toss them would
be to toy with destiny.

I'm sorry that you fell with me.

– AISLING CURRIVAN (FORM V)

MEMORIES

When I feel lonely or sad,
I think of all the times together
Times we laughed, times we cried,
Times I'll hold in my heart forever.

The little things you said and did,
The little things that made me smile
Things I knew were only for me,
These will stay but only for a while.

Why you left, why you had to go,
The answer, I'll never know.
So I'll hold forever,
Memories we shared together.

– NAOMI FARIS (FORM III)

Elizabeth Villiers– Our Mysterious Foundress

Elizabeth Villiers was a favourite, probably a mistress, of William of Orange. Her parents were both courtiers and she came from Richmond outside London. Her mother acted as governess to the Princesses Mary and Anne, daughters of James, Duke of York and when the marriage between Mary and the Prince of Orange had been arranged Elizabeth went to the Hague in 1677 as Maid of Honour in Mary's suite together with her sister and brother.

She quickly became a favourite of William's, much to the embarrassment of the Princess, and in 1695 William arranged for her to marry one of his supporters, Lord George Hamilton who was to become the first Earl of Orkney.

Little is known of Elizabeth's early life but recent research by Dr Antóin Murphy of the Economics Department in TCD has uncovered rumours (which are difficult to substantiate) of her involvement with the rakish element of London society. Murphy's work culminated in a splendid new biography of John Law, the Scottish financier/economist who was responsible for the Mississippi System in which the French nobility were persuaded to exchange the debts which they were owed by the state for stock in the Mississippi Company, which had been set up to develop the largely uncharted territory annexed by France in the Mississippi delta.

Prior to his move to France, Law had killed Beau Wilson, a celebrated London rake, in a duel and rumour had it that he had done so at the instigation of Elizabeth Villiers. Villiers' connection with Wilson (and with Law) is difficult to unravel but King William took a discreet interest in Law's imprisonment and death sentence and certainly seems to have connived at his escape from jail, perhaps because of a suspected liason between Elizabeth Villiers and Beau Wilson.

Whatever about her other affairs, the King made his feelings clear by offering her the enormous grant of all King James' confiscated Irish estates in 1695 totalling 96,000 acres spread over 16 counties and valued at £338,000! William's lavish grants (to his Dutch and English supporters) conflicted directly with his parliament's intention of using the confiscated land to reduce the national debt by paying off the English army. The estates were therefore confiscated by parliamentary decree, but Elizabeth Villiers managed to hold on to a small proportion of the original grant with which she endowed the College. The trustees on the indenture which she made on 23rd October 1696 (the College's charter) included Alan Brodrick, who twenty years later would be created the first Viscount Midleton, as well as the Earl of Inchiquin who was married to Elizabeth's sister Mary and who resided at Rostellan. This latter fact may have been the reason why the Duchess of Orkney chose to endow her school in the town of Midleton.

– TREVOR WEST

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WAVES

Hearing the waves crash against the cliffs,
Feeling the water wash over me, I think of you,
With each flip of the wave, I can hear your voice.
I can see you, feel you, touch you,
Yet you are so far from me.
Your memory is fresh in my mind,
For it is not so long ago that you were here.
Remembering clearly the day you went away,
A pain in the pit of my stomach
A hole in my heart each time I recall hearing the words.
My tears were wet, and still today they fall
The waves will never stop their crashing,
My memory will never fade.

– ANOLIVIA TAIT (FORM VI)

BOYZONE?



Seán Reynolds, Nick Stephenson, Cillian Kelly and Colin McCarthy, music-makers at the Christmas concert.

THE DAY OF THE DEMON

A hush descends on the Chernobyl countryside,
Nature humbly awaits her chastening,
Though she has done no wrong.
A single, sinister cloud passes over the looming dome below.
Then, with a thundering roar,
The dome erupts
Releasing the demon within.
Revelling in his new-found freedom,
He soars upwards, showering the countryside with his lethal spears,
Piercing nature's tender breast.

She weeps but knows the worst is yet to come.
For now, his dramatic entry over,
His ashes blown away on the breeze
He seems to have perished, yet still,
His unseen spirit lives,
Leering, leaking from the depths of the dome,
Strontium, Cesium,
Uranium, Plutonium.

Flowers smell the bitter air and cower as the phantom sweeps by.
Rivers and streams are venomous, tasting the rancid rapids,
Nature can feel him crawling on her skin,
Sinking deep
Penetrating her soul for a thousand times, a thousand years.
She wails and cries for help.
But no one hears.

Ninety times Hiroshima pumping in her veins.
She screams it's not fair.
How now can she yield her fruits? provide for her children?
His hand has touched her, she is dirty, impure.
Where once there was beauty, mutation prevails,
Creatures with four eyes, no brain, three tails.
Tormented beings
Locked in distorted shapes
Waiting for, praying for death.
Not content with his work,
Still the phantom spreads,
Oblivious to the flimsy fences
Attempting to contain him.
And nature, weak and broken
Surrenders to her agony
Forever.

– SARAH LEVIS (FORM V)

OUR UNDYING LIGHT

You are our light
And you'll guide us through
The hard times when
We don't know what to do.

This isn't goodbye
This is hello
We'll all see you again
That I do know.

Don't worry about us
We'll be all right
I know you watch us
When we sleep at night.

We know you are here
We can feel your love
And if we want to see you
We'll just look up above

Up to the sky
Where we know you are
You'll see in our eyes
That you are in our hearts.

– JEMIMA OTTMAN (FORM III)

RAW

A smile could never inflict such pain
But it does because it's just for show.
Deep down, I know she's raw inside
Her heart is broken after all those years.
So many around her also feel the pain
They feel hers and they feel their own.
Time will help, but for now,
That empty smile reopens the wound every time.
I so much want to hold her
To take away her pain with my arms
But this is just a fantasy
Because only the breaker of her heart
Could make her pain disappear.

– ANOLIVIA TAIT (FORM VI)

ENNUI

God, I'm bored. This is dull.
Someone shoot me. Stop this lull.
Clock is ticking on the wall,
Waiting for a pin to fall.
Sixteen minutes, then I'm free,
An end to all this misery.
Boring facts from boring places,
Boring words from boring faces.
Perhaps the weather causes this,
But I would give this class a miss.

Help! This is as dull as hell,
Oh to hear the fire bell!
Escape from school and sit outside,
Teacher coming, have to hide.
Pushed inside for the next class,
So depressed, I'd like to pass.

School is over, you can go,
Mind is just about to blow.
Go on home, turn on TV,
Open University.
Go upstairs, get into bed,
Time to rest a heavy head.
Go to sleep and start to dream,
Wake up frightened, start to scream.
Dreamt that school had just begun,
Suddenly, back in Form I
Six full years of agony,
Waiting in room two for me.

Get up early, eyes won't close,
Try to sleep, can't even doze.
Dress in uniform, light grey,
Time to start another day.
Books are opened, pages pawed,
Oh such dullness! God, I'm bored.

– BECKY GRICE (FORM VI)

REFUGEE

Deprivation everywhere
Tension caught up in the air,
Child of hope, come now, please join us
Refugee from world of war.

Prosperity everywhere
Greediness hangs in the air,
Child of war you live below us
Refugee from world of war.

Racial hatred everywhere
You are prone to evil stares,
Child of war, I wish we'd helped you
Refugee from worldwide war.

– ZARA HORNIBROOK (FORM III)

HEAVEN COMES

Tomorrow never comes for me
I wash away the worries of living
Sharp, jagged edge slits easily
Brings a literal meaning to past blood baths
Copper taste, rose petal red
Five more minutes to the land of dead
I slip below the rose water
Now my passionate life force falters
Dark velvet envelops me
Angelic figures with holy grace
Flutter and descend to where I lie
Offer me a guiding hand
And a gently smiling face

– AISLING CURRIVAN (FORM V)

THE DARK POOL

I saw her stand there by that pool
She stood so still, she hardly moved
Though the tears she cried would prove no good
She'd deal with her loss as best she could.

Her love had held him close to home
From foreign shores he'd reach alone
Side by side they'd spend their days
Ever lost in each other's gaze.

Although in heaven far above
She hoped he'd felt undying love
And all the time she stood; stared
While deep inside strong feelings flared.

She didn't blink or look around
Just slowly took her fair hair down
And then the wind (or so it seemed)
Led her down a path of green
To that dark pool.

There was no scream, just faintest sigh
Where some would say she willed to die.

Now the sun is setting in a blood-red sky
And no one here, not you or I,
Can touch them now.

— GILLIAN BRADY (FORM V)

THE BEGINNING



Lara Jones receiving the Intermediate Shield from Mr Eamon Stack. Also in the picture are Professor T. T. West and the Headmaster.

THE END?



Aisling Lyons and Michele Neylon who were recipients of awards from the Board of Governors for achieving First Class Honours in their degree examinations. Also in the picture are Professor T.T. West, Mr Eamon Stack and the Headmaster.

AMONGST WOMEN



Transition Year pupils Julie-Anne Moore, Elizabeth Hobbs, Ceili Fitzgerald, Sarah Levis, Ciara Herlihy, Neil O'Regan and Helen O'Mahony caught in the spell of Mr O'Mahony's story-telling.

IN BLOOM



Miss Prendergast apparently worshipping at a tulip shrine during the Geographical Pilgrimage to Holland.

POLE POSITION



Emmet O'Brien who drove for Ireland in the Five Nations Karting Cup. For a full account of this event read Kartography on page 17.

UP THE CREEK



Ciara Herlihy contemplating a watery grave with equanimity during Transition Year's week of outdoor pursuits in Skibbereen.

THREE LEAVES



John O'Flynn who was honoured by Cobh UDC for his membership of the Under-15 Irish Soccer Team. Also in the picture are Mr John Dowling, Chairman of Cobh UDC, and Mr and Mrs Johnston.

THREE CROWNS



International Ian Carroll who made a significant contribution to Munster's victories over Leinster and Connaught.

NEAR

They met, and they smiled, and a friendship was made,
A magic forever that never would fade,
There were jokes, there were tears, there was laughter and pain,
But if asked they'd have sworn they'd have done it again.

Though young, they were certain a bond had been formed,
Between these two people, two hearts had been warmed,
Though fighting and anger would make her world sad,
She knew that the good times outnumbered the bad.

On a cliff, in the sunshine, their lives interchanged,
Though sometimes together and sometimes estranged,
With their kisses, exchanges and the looks in their eyes,
Every day was the first, full of need and surprise.

To most of the world, just a boy and a girl,
But behind all closed doors, emotions awirl,
Love, joy and pleasure, sorrow and despair,
But when one was in trouble, the other was there.

But now one is gone and the other still here,
And she looks out the window and prays that he's near,
For although not together in physical ways,
In her heart he is with her, and that's where he stays.

And although there are things that she wishes she'd said,
He can hear all she says when she's safe in her bed,
And tells him her worries, her problems, her fears,
She can just hear him answer, through all of her tears.

So these two young people, who now are apart,
Are eternally joined by the mind and the heart,
And whatever may happen, throughout every year,
If she closes her eyes, she can feel that he's near.

— BECKY GRICE (FORM VI)

Rugby 1997 - '98

Senior

It was always going to be difficult to live up to the highly successful season we enjoyed the previous year. Only five sixth years were regulars on the team and that in itself tells its own story. Experience has shown that, more often than not, the better and therefore more successful teams have been dominated by a strong Sixth Form core of players. Three wins and a draw were all they had to show for their effort over thirteen games played. I draw some consolation from the fact that they did steadily improve and that their results after Christmas reflected this trend.

In the Development League, we went down 20-0 against Newtown and then slumped to a 38-0 defeat to Crosshaven. Much to their credit, they picked themselves up and secured a victory against Waterpark in Ballinakill. It was a very physical game with much provocation, but they held their discipline to run out 14-10 winners. Unfortunately, the fourth league game against Newport did not get played as they failed to travel on the match day. This was very unsatisfactory as, at such short notice, it is impossible to arrange an alternative fixture and free Wednesday afternoons are few and far between. In the Mungret Cup (played in late November) we were courageous but totally outplayed by a good St Enda's side from Limerick, 27-0. My abiding memory of the game was the heroic stance taken by Ross Glasscoe at tight-head prop. Though totally outplayed, he refused to throw in the towel, and continued to lock the scrum for the duration of the game. The game was lost elsewhere, as a totally dominant St Enda's backrow controlled the game throughout.

In January we were faced with the daunting task of travelling to St Enda's in the Senior Cup. Our morale was boosted by a 17-16 victory over visitors Sligo Grammar School. It is always nice to play against schools that we wouldn't normally meet in our regular season.

Barring a miracle, the cup match was always going to be about damage limitation. We kept the score to a quite respectable 33-10 defeat. Two days later, we were in Dublin to play King's Hospital. I can safely say that I have never experienced such poor conditions for a rugby match. Heavy showers turned to driving hail. Not surprisingly, it was purely a forward battle and two tries scored by Johnny O'Donovan and James Colbert sealed the game for us.

The Past Pupils match was interesting for a number of reasons. It is always nice to see such a large group return on an annual basis to make possible one of the favourite fixtures in the school year. The team was not overwhelmed by a very strong visiting side. They rose to the occasion, played their best team rugby of the season and only went down 22-10. Owing to a series of injuries, one John Levis volunteered (was coerced!) to play for the school. Unfortunately, he took a knock on a knee and the rest is history. Seven months later, he still isn't fully fit. An operation, countless sessions with the physiotherapist, many miles of pool work, cycling and exercises are just about paying dividends. He hopes to be fit to resume next March! I think it is one match that John will not forget for a while.

I put forward Ian Carroll and James Colbert for Munster "B" trials. Ian was selected at second row and James as travelling reserve hooker. Ian played a key role in victories over Leinster and Connaught. In the game against Connaught, he

totally dominated the throw to the front of the line-out on both his own and the opposition ball. This set the team up for an emphatic victory. It was a typical display from a totally dedicated player who always led from the front.

Finally I would like to thank all those players who trained throughout the season and made up the numbers. Owing to a variety of reasons, we did not play any "seconds" game which was very disappointing. Many of these players though, are now beginning to experience regular rugby this season.

Panel: Ian Carroll (capt.), D. Murphy, B. Moore, D. Dungan, A. Deller, Damien Smyth, D. Buckley, P. Fitzgibbon, J. Colbert, R. Brosnan, J. O'Donovan, R. Glasscoe, D. Hales, R. O'Connor, L. Tait, E. O'Mahony, J. Buttimer, S. Reynolds, S. Fleming, P. Stapleton, P. McCullough, H. Tucker, T. Anderson, E. Byrne, E. O'Brien, R. Coleman, M. Street, C. Dwyer, S. Childs, R. Chambers, David Smyth.

- M.C.P.

Under-14

This team were the proud winners of the inaugural Cork Schools Under-14 League, a wonderful achievement for a school our size. The end of season record read - played: 8, won: 8; points for: 289, points against: 59 - a fitting tribute to an outstanding group of rugby players full of spirit and character.

Two particular highlights dominated this memorable season. Firstly, winning the league, beating Bandon Grammar School by 30 points to nil in the final; and secondly, beating a Kilkenny College team which had done exceptionally well in Leinster's strong schools section by 22 points to 10 in Kilkenny.

This success was built on exceptional talent and hard work. Much of the credit must go to the captain, Philip Morris, for his outstanding leadership on and off the field, not to mention his awesome displays in the back row. He was very ably assisted by the other "senior pros" of the team: Alan O'Connor (wing), Kevin Aherne (centre), Andrew O'Brien (out-half), Rory Carroll (scrum-half), Gordon Coleman (hooker), Robert Moore and Colin Scanlan (2nd rows) and Tristan Tait at No. 8, all of whom had J.C.T. experience. Other regulars were James Thompson (centre), Jonathan Cowhey (prop.), Darragh Garde (wing-forward) and John Devaney (full-back). Two first-formers made the team: Brian Massey (wing) and Brian Curtin (prop).

Top scorers were Tristan Tait who scored an impressive 12 tries (60 points) and Andrew O'Brien who scored 43 points. Philip Morris was awarded the Minor Cup.

Other players who played on the team were: David Moore, Christopher West, Brian Wright, Greg O'Sullivan, Ciarán Phillips, Robert Fuller, Neil O'Connor, Peter Brookes, Raymond Hobbs, Andrew Levis, James Gleeson, Ciaran O'Regan, Garry O'Keeffe, Ronan Grace and Warren Jones.

We wish them well this season as they set out to achieve a good cup run and look forward to watching them play.

- J.C.L.

Team sport. I have always been a firm advocate of it. Players are brought out of themselves and encouraged to think more of the unit and less of the individual. The discipline of being on time for training, being responsible for their own gear and a desire not to let others down are all important aspects of character development.

This season my position has been strengthened even more, if that was possible. Commitment, energy, team spirit were all present in large doses. Even though this squad was composed mainly of pupils from the third form, it also dipped into available talent from the second and the fourth forms. With such a diverse group it was even more gratifying to see them pull together into a homogeneous party.

Most of the second form players were from the U-14 age group. They made a significant contribution to the side – in fact, way beyond their tender years. This group will certainly be the backbone of next year's side.

This season we always went into a game knowing that we would be competitive. This gives a side a great deal of confidence. In fact it is usually the case that, when two sides of equal ability meet, it is the one with a greater self-belief that emerges with the spoils. This season we had a share of both failure and success. The best reflection of our competitiveness can be seen in the statistics of our points for and against: we had 141 for compared to 97 against.

We build up our season to peak for the cup. This year we met Rochestown College in the first round. On our first trip to Rochestown we arrived and the team togged out only to find that the pitch was unplayable due to excessive surface water. We came home empty-handed. While we were disappointed, we felt sorry mostly for the parents and supporters in general who had travelled hoping to see a game.

In the end the team had their day. On their return to Rochestown the result was a good victory of 28 – 10. Tries were scored by Simon Lyons, Tristan Tait and two by Mark Daunt. Simon had a fine day with the boot, converting four of the tries.

Confidence was high. We rolled into the second round only to meet the eventual winners of the competition, Waterpark College. While we should admit that the better team won, it could have been so different. We had a good deal of possession and enjoyed long periods in the opponents' territory but their size advantage made it difficult for us. At the stroke of half-time, David Smyth went over in the corner for what we thought was a try. It was not awarded since he was judged to have placed a foot in touch. This would have left us only a couple of points off the pace going into half-time. The second half was more or less a carbon copy of the first. Despite heroic efforts by players such as Tristan Tait, David Smyth, Simon Lyons, Mark Daunt, Philip Morris, Rory Carroll and in fact the entire team, the eventual loss by 16 points to 3 could not be avoided. Our only score came from a penalty kicked by Simon Lyons.

Many of these players have a bright future ahead of them, none more so than team captain David Smyth. In fact he had attracted so much attention by the end of the season that the seniors would have liked him on their side. I enjoyed the season greatly. I wish the players moving on the best of luck at senior level and I look forward to next season with the promising youngsters of this side.

Panel: D. Smyth, S. Pamment, M. Daunt, R. Moore, C. Scanlon, T. Tait, P. Morris, S. Tait, G. Hussain, G. Coleman, R. Carroll, A. O'Brien, S. Lyons, J. Devaney, K. Aherne, R. Goddard, R. Murphy, A. O'Connor, J. Thompson, M. Murphy, R. Hobbs, R. Grace.

– R. ST J.P.

SENIOR SQUAD 1997 - '98



Back Row: Mr Preston, L. Tait, J. Buttimer, A. Deller, R. Brosnan, C. Dwyer,
H. Tucker, E. O'Brien, P. Fitzgibbon, The Headmaster

Middle Row: D. Smyth, J. O'Donovan, P. Massey, I. Carroll, J. Colbert,
R. O'Connor, R. Gleasure.

Front Row: P. McCullough, D. Dungan, S. Childs, D. Murphy, B. Moore,
D. Hales

CORK SCHOOLS' UNDER -14 LEAGUE WINNERS



Back Row: G. Coleman, A. O'Connor, G. O'Sullivan, C. Scanlan, K. Aherne,
R. Grace, W. Jones, D. Garde, J. Thompson, Mr Levis

Middle Row: R. Moore, T. Tait, R. Carroll, P. Morris, A. O'Brien, J. Devaney,
B. Massey

Front Row: B. Curtin, A. Levis, P. Brookes, C. West, B. Wright, R. Fuller,
C. Phillips, N. O'Connor, J. Cowhey, J. Gleeson

Under-13

As always we started by learning the basics for the first month. Our first game was against Glenstal Abbey, a game we lost 7-19. Then came the annual Midleton blitz: we beat Waterpark B by 12-0, lost 7-0 to Waterpark A and beat Bandon and Newtown 14-0 and 12-0 respectively. Our next set of matches saw us losing 19-27 to Waterpark and 5-7 to Bandon Grammar.

After the Christmas holidays we played Newtown, losing 10-32; unfortunately we had many players missing that day. We also lost to Bandon 14-17 in a close encounter. The next rugby blitz was in Waterford and proved to be our best outing to date; we beat Waterpark A 10-0 and their B side 12-5. We also drew 0-0 with Newtown.

Our last match of the season was very important to me since it was my last one in charge, as I have now moved to girls' hockey. We turned our previous 10-32 defeat by Newtown School into a 24-10 victory. This was mainly due to a hat-trick of tries by Brian Massey. It comes as no surprise that Brian won the Green cup for the most promising beginner. By the end of the season Brian had scored a total of 12 tries.

Other players to stand out at this level were B. Curtin, N. O'Connor, G. O'Sullivan, B. Wright, R. Fuller and last, but by no means least, J. Devaney. Even though John was in Form 2, he captained the team and was an excellent out-half.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr Levis for all his help during the season and Mr Andrew McCarthy for his refereeing.

Panel: C. O'Regan, D. Horgan, B. Massey, R. Flood, B. Wright, J. Devaney (capt.), A. Levis, R. Fuller, G. O'Keeffe, D. McCarthy, A. Nicholson, G. O'Sullivan, J. Gleeson, C. Phillips, B. Curtin, K. Day, N. O'Connor, P. Brookes, D. Moore, C. West, J. Cowhey, G. Maher.

- C.S.

ARE YOU SURE?



Micheál O'Dwyer seems to be having some difficulty persuading the Powers that be to part with his prize on Sports' Day.

Hockey 1997-'98

Senior Boys

The senior boys' hockey team played ten matches last season. In the Senior 'B' League, playing four matches, we lost three and drew one. Unfortunately we gave away too many silly goals in defence, some due to a lack of concentration, others due to goalkeeping error. Away in Newtown (1-2), we conceded one soft goal and managed to miss a penalty stroke. At Garryduff against Ashton (3-4), we gave away two goals which really should have been saved. Against Villiers (0-3), the eventual winners of the league, we were comprehensively beaten by a better side. The remaining game against Bandon resulted in a competitively fought scoreless draw. We were delighted to entertain Kilkenny College, whom we played home and away, while Robert Gordon's School from Aberdeen, on tour in the Cork area, were very welcome visitors to Midleton.

Andrew Potter-Cogan started the season as our goalkeeper; earnest and committed to the end, he was unfortunately inclined to let in the odd 'howler'. Leon Tait returned to the game later in the season and took over the goalkeeping duties. Leon turned in some fine performances and could be a useful goalkeeper should he choose to play hockey after school. Damien Smyth, at sweeper, was a fine tackler. However, an erratic hitting technique under pressure caused him a certain amount of grief. John O'Donovan at centre-back was solid, but lapses in concentration proved to be his and our undoing on a number of occasions. Peter McCullough was an attacking right-back. while David Smyth was a reliable and hard-hitting left-back. In mid-field Ross Nolan was a hard-working right-link with a never-say-die attitude. Ian Wynne, who captained the side, filled the difficult centre-link position. He turned some useful performances despite finding it difficult to curb his natural tendency to carry the ball, rather than pass it. David Dungan battled hard and was a skillful left link He must, however, learn to release the ball quicker and not let his fiery nature upset his performance to the detriment of the team.

Up front, Elmer Morrissey gave his usual two hundred per cent. David Murphy, a good hitter of the ball, flattered to deceive at centre-forward. A player with potential, his work rate and off-the-ball running lacked conviction. John Jeffery showed some fine subtlety and generally used the ball well. A more consistent reverse side stop and tackle would really improve his game. Others to contribute during the year were John Buttimer, a doughty defender, Harvey Tucker, Stuart Childs, Peter Stapleton, Emmet O'Brien, Andrew Long, Sam Fleming and Danny Buckley.

Our player of the year was Ross Nolan.

In conclusion I would like to thank the following for their help and assistance: Ms Mary Power and Ms Ann Logan for officiating at many of our games; Mr Clive Seale for all his help and assistance; Harlequins Hockey Club for the use of their artificial surface facility; and Mr Bud Morrissey for his diligent compilation of results and statistics throughout the season.

Squad: Andrew Potter-Cogan, Leon Tait, Damien Smyth, Peter McCullough, John O'Donovan, David Smyth, Ross Nolan, Ian Wynne (capt.), David Dungan, John Jeffery, David Murphy, Elmer Morrissey, Harvey Tucker, Stuart Childs, Emmet O'Brien, Peter Stapleton, Andrew Long, John Buttimer, Danny Buckley.

- I.L.

Under-16

The Under-16 squad played a total of 6 matches and recorded 2 losses, 2 draws and 2 wins. The main improvement on the previous year was scoring! Last year it was 3, this year a massive 9.

The season started with a trip to Bandon Grammar School where we lost the encounter 3-0. However we managed to hold them to a 1-1 draw at home in the return fixture. There were many gaps between games as some of the players were also involved at senior level and J.C.T. rugby.

The first match of our cup campaign was against Bandon at home. We started badly and squandered many scoring opportunities. However, in the second half, Denis O'Regan found a way in and put us through to the final against Newtown. The final was played in Midleton and at half-time we were 1-0 down due to a breakaway goal. The second half was played mostly in the Newtown half. Eventually Richard Murphy beat the keeper and the final score was 1-1. It was an "instant" replay requiring us to travel to Waterford the next day to play on their new astro-turf pitch. All our travelling to Harlequins to train on Tuesday evenings gave me hope. The team adjusted well to the astro-turf. Midway in the first half Nick Stephenson opened the scoring, with Andrew Long adding a second. The second half saw us completely dominate Newtown: David Smith put away a well-struck corner, Robbie Gleasure added a fourth and we ran out comfortable winners 0-4.

We ended the season travelling to Kilkenny, an encounter which we lost 3-2 after an exciting match.

Players who impressed this season were Stuart Childs, David Smyth, John Jeffery and Richard Murphy.

Panel: J. Rose, D. O'Mahony, D. Mossop, D. Cowhey, S. Childs (capt.), E. West, R. Gleasure, D. Smyth, J. Jeffery, R. Murphy, A. Long, D. Brookes, M. O'Gorman, D. O'Regan, R. Flood, N. Stephenson, P. Wilby, R. Moore, J. Devaney.

– C. S.

Under-14

The Under-14 team played a total of six friendly matches this season. Unfortunately we had to withdraw from the Cup competition as we didn't have enough bona fide personnel to make up a team. As the season progressed some Form I boys improved sufficiently to make up the numbers, but it was too late to re-enter the Cup.

The team played Newton twice, drawing once (2-2), and losing the second encounter by a (1-2) margin. They lost (1-0) to Ashton away and to Villiers School at home, and beat both Bandon and Kilkenny at home. Players who stood out this year were Robert Moore, who was our top scorer with four goals, and John Devaney, without doubt a player with potential who could do well in the future.

Panel: J. Devaney (capt.), R. Moore, J. Rose, E. Rhys-Thomas, B. Wright, P. Brookes, C. West, J. Phillips, J. Fuller, D. Garde, G. O'Sullivan, N. O'Connor, A. Lewis.

The Form I boys had their annual trip to Newton School in Waterford for the first year tournament. There they played a total of five matches, acquitting themselves with two losses, two draws, and a win.

Panel: G. O'Sullivan, N. O'Connor, A. Levis, B. Massey, C. O'Regan, D. Horgan, B. Curtin, R. Flood, S. Nicholls.

– M.P.

SENIOR BOYS 1997 - '98



Back Row: Mr Leopold, L. Tait, S. Childs, E. O'Brien, H. Tucker, J. Buttimer,
P. McCullough, A. Potter Cogan, The Headmaster

Middle Row: D. Smyth, D. Murphy, E. Morrissey, I. Wynne, D. Smyth,
J. O'Donovan, D. Dungan

Front Row: J. Jeffery, A. Long, S. Fleming

UNDER-16 CUP WINNERS



Back Row: D. O'Mahony, A. Long, D. O'Regan, R. Moore, D. Mossop,
E. West, Mr Seale

Middle Row: R. Gleasure, D. Smyth, S. Childs, J. Jeffery, R. Murphy,
N. Stephenson

Front Row: D. Brookes, J. Devaney, P. Wilby, M. O'Gorman, D. Cowhey

Senior Girls

Well, how to begin? Not the most successful season's hockey. We played 10 games, 3 of which were friendlies; won 1, lost 7, drew 2, (King's Hospital was abandoned). Our top scorer was the ever popular Kirsty (Crusty to us !) Goddard with two goals. It should be pointed out that these were our only goals.

Nevertheless we had a very enjoyable, entertaining season. Thank you ladies.

Panel: J. Cross, E. Foran, V. Morrison, A. Lyons, P. Morrison, K. McCullough, S. Grainger (capt.), L. Wilkinson, K. Goddard, K. Fitzell, A. Rhys-Thomas, J. Ahern, S. Ahern, E. Scott-Baird.

Junior A

We played 11 games, 3 of which were friendlies, 3 cup games and the rest league. In total we scored 14 goals and conceded 12. Our top goal-scorer was Vicki Hornbrook with 6. The standard of hockey at this level is indeed high; the team in my opinion equated themselves with the best. These girls are the future stars of Midleton hockey and I wish them the best.

Panel: A. O'Brien, S. Millar (capt.), C. Herlihy, R. Daunt, S. O'Mahony, L. Ross, L. Kohler, V. Hornbrook, S. Levis, J. O'Driscoll, E. Mackey, C. Cross, P. Mensah-Quainoo, K. Morrissey, L. Hobbs, J. Clifford.

– A.L.

Senior Seconds

There was a very loyal core group who played in all our games: Emer Scott-Baird, (capt.), Julia Hockenhull, Eve Manning, Ceili Fitzgerald and Ciara Herlihy; Louise Wilkinson and Liz Hobbs and Kelda Morrissey missed one game only. However, it was a difficult season because of a shortage of players.

Our games were with Ard Scoil (0-0), Mitchlestown (0-3), St Augustine's (0-0), Youghal (0-1) and Mount Mercy (0-2) – not spectacular results, and none telling of the effort and enterprise that the group showed.

So, take a bow: Emer who was a super captain, organising me as well as the team; Louise, who made many a fine save in goal; all the rest of the squad, and all the juniors who 'subbed up'. Thank you for your co-operation, your cheerfulness and your commitment.

First Year Girls

Our first outing was to Harlequins where we played Christ the King. The excitement was intense, the bus journey seemed incredibly long but at last we arrived. Will we...? may I...? how do you...? what if...? where do I...? Mercifully all that stopped when the game started. It was cold, we knew we didn't get everything right, we weren't always sure why the whistle was blown; but it was a beginning, the beginning where we had our own Midleton College team, where we began to make friends and have some fun and exercise, and where we learned that our participation and effort were important. There were games also with Fermoy, St Augustine's, UCB, Ashton and all played in the Minor Cup against Regina Mundi who proved to be too good for us on the day. Long live the enthusiasm!

– J.J.

SENIOR GIRLS 1997 - '98



Back Row: Miss Logan, J. Cross, S. Ahern, A. Lyons, L. Wilkinson,
E. Scott-Baird, K. McCullough, The Headmaster.
Middle Row: J. Ahern, V. Morrisson, S. Grainger, K. Goddard, K. Fitzell.

FORM I 1997 - '98



Back Row: Mrs Johnston, L. Moore, E. Bolster.
Front Row: A. Sipp, S. Roberts, A. Keaney, E. Cleere.
Front Row: C. Smith, S. O'Dwyer, M. Stronach, H. Deane, L. Cuddy.

Junior Girls

This team played 9 games altogether: 4 before Christmas and 5 after Christmas. A trip to play Ard Scoil in Dungarvan, where Karen Brien scored 2 goals, and a trip to play Clonakilty where we didn't score at all were our away fixtures before Christmas. At home we entertained Regina Mundi (1-0) and also our annual visitors from Kinton in England (1-1). After Christmas our league games were with Fermoy (1-0), Mount Mercy (0-0) and St Aloysius (2-0); we played a friendly against Ashton (0-1). These results gave us 13 points and we emerged winners of our section of the league. The other section winners were Clonakilty, and so came league final day in Garryduff on March 25th. We prepared well; the weather was kind; and some of the hockey was brilliant! Jenni Clifford was in goal and gave a wonderful performance; Alison O'Keefe, our sweeper was effective, as always, at the back; Jennifer Jaworska, the captain, played with great heart and determination; Zarah Hussain and Kate Canning played in the defence also on that day. The mid-field personnel were Zara Hornibrook, Olivia Martin and Elaine Ross; they were busy covering back as well as moving forward and feeding the ball to Naomi Faris, Liz Ahern and Chloe Farnham who were our strikers. Janet Pamment, Heather Nagle and Sarah Edwardes 'subbed on', and each and every one of them really tried hard. But it was not to be, and Clonakilty, on the day, were worthy winners with a 3-0 score line. A number of first year girls also played for us during the season. I hope it was a good experience for them.

This group kept me on my toes for the season; there was hard work, there was fun, there was exercise, I hope that they found, and will continue to find, much joy in playing hockey.

— J.J.

TULIPS FROM AMSTERDAM



Mairead Scott-Baird and Karen Fitzell trying out a new approach to hockey in the Netherlands?

Cricket 1998

Under-13

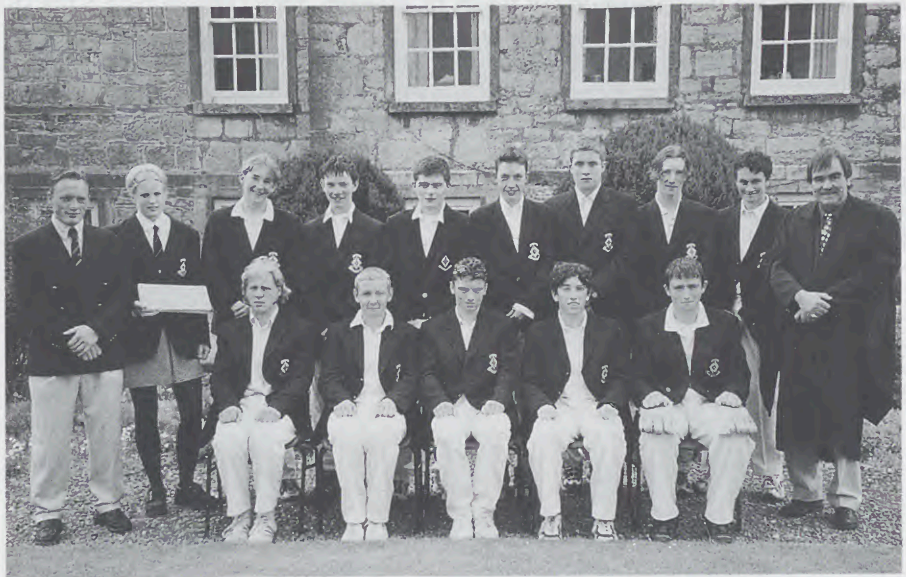
At Under-13 level we had an enthusiastic group of young cricketers, many of them beginners. It borders on the farcical that these fledglings should be catapulted into a competitive league structure after only a month's instruction, in a game which demands a higher level of individual technique than some of our winter games, which we play over six months. To compound our disadvantage many of the youngsters we play against have been introduced to the game at least two or three years earlier, and participate in club cricket for the duration of the summer holidays. The depressing conclusion from all this is that, unless we produce a group of players who have the interest and access to club cricket, our overall standard will remain at the level it has plummeted to in the last ten years.

The Under-13s were a keen and pleasant group of youngsters to coach, and gave of their best at all times. John Devaney, Andrew Levis and Briain Curtin were batsmen who liked to hit the ball. Adam O'Keeffe and David Horgan showed potential as slow bowlers. Brian Massey displayed a competitive instinct with both bat and ball, while Ciaran Phillips was a livewire fielder. Bryan Wright, Robert Fuller, Richard Flood and Garry O'Keeffe all participated positively throughout the campaign.

Squad for 8-a-side league: John Devaney (capt.), Adam O'Keeffe, Brian Massey, Andrew Levis, Ciaran Phillips, Briain Curtin, David Horgan, Robert Fuller, Bryan Wright, Richard Flood, Garry O'Keeffe.

- I.L.

SENIOR CRICKETERS 1998



Back Row: Mr Quail, K. McCullough, A. Sheane, S. Childs, A. Potter Cogan, R. Coleman, P. McCullough, P Stapleton, N. O'Regan, The Headmaster.
Front Row: P. Massey, D. Murphy, D. Dungan, M. O'Dwyer, D. Smyth.

Under-15

Although we only played three league games in the course of the few weeks available, two of the games were really close encounters. For the first time in a few years, we were in with a real chance of beating Pres. Sadly, it was not to be.

In our first game in Bandon, we batted first in a reduced over game (25 overs each) and compiled a creditable 127 for 8. Opener Philipp Wilby scored a solid 33; more importantly, he occupied the crease for a large part of the innings. He was well supported by Tristan Tait, 19 and Andrew O'Brien on 15. We also had a total of 30 extras. Of these 23 were byes which was a credit to the alertness of the batsmen at the crease, backing up well, calling early and taking the byes to the wicket-keeper. The Bandon reply was nail-biting. After 15 overs they were well behind the run rate and out of contention. Suddenly, over a five-over spell, the game turned around. It was a combination of loose bowling and big hitting by a couple of the Bandon boys. Eventually we steadied the ship and kept things reasonably tight over the final five overs. Bandon finished their innings on 123 for 6, leaving us with a narrow three-run victory.

Our second, and what turned out to be our easiest, game was against C of I. Again, we batted first and scored a solid 150 for 3 after thirty overs. John O'Flynn finished the innings on 83 not out. Any loose bowling, especially down the leg side, was quickly dispatched to the boundary. On this occasion, it was David Smyth on 32 and Andrew Long on 20 who provided the supporting roles. In reply, C of I, could only manage 51 all out. John O'Flynn completed a fine evening with bowling figures of 3 for 10. The spin bowling of Robbie Gleasure took 2 for 3 and Edward Rhys-Thomas chipped in with 2 for 3 also.

As I have already said, our final match against Pres was extremely disappointing. We bowled the opposition out for 96 in 27 overs. John O'Flynn took 5 for 16 and Andrew O'Brien 3 for 24. Unfortunately, we also gave away 14 wides which was to be our downfall. Our reply stuttered along. We were eventually all out for 93. John O'Flynn scored 23 and David Smyth 22. Significantly the Pres bowlers only conceded 1 wide. Now we were the ones on the wrong side of a three-run defeat. At the end of the day our lack of match experience came against us. The group were talented but most of them had only played 3 games before this season, which is crucial playing a streetwise Pres side. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, not enough of them play club cricket in the summer. We live in hope!

– M.C.P.

Panel: P. Wilby, D. Smyth (capt), A. O'Brien, J O'Flynn, A.Long, T. Tait, J. Devaney, R. Murphy, E. Rhys-Thomas, R. Gleasure, R. Moore, P. Morris, S. Lyons, D. Garde.

Table-Tennis

The senior table-tennis team had a successful year when winning Division 4 of the Cork Schools League and reaching the semi-final of the cup. In the league a draw with Rochestown C was the only slip and the side were convincing winners. Wins against Rochestown C and CBC guaranteed a place in the semi-final where they were beaten by the eventual winners North Mon. The team was captained by Ross Nolan, and Pascal Dennessen, David Dungan and Ronan Duane were the other regulars. David Smyth and Andrew Long also made appearances. The B team had a less successful year finishing third in Division Five. David and Andrew along with Simon Lyons, Sam Fleming and Ben Wong were regulars here and Manuel Linss and Peter Stapleton also played.

The girls' team were unfortunate to be edged out in Division 7. Three wins in the opening half of the league gave much promise, but a heavy defeat against Scoil Mhuire C (the eventual winners) followed by a most disappointing loss against UCB cost them the title. Some consolation was achieved in reaching the final of the Girls' Plate where they were beaten by Scoil Mhuire B. Shirley Millar captained a most promising side which also included Louise Wilkinson, Linda Ross and Jenni Clifford.

Ross Nolan was the Player of the Year as a result of consistent performances for the senior team and winning the senior cup and league double. In both finals he overcame brave performances by David Dungan. Shirley Millar was runner up in the Player of the Year as she completed the double in girls' competitions. Jenni Clifford was runner-up in both competitions. Andrew Long defeated Ben Wong in the junior final, and the First Form title went to Briain Curtin who defeated Peter Brookes.

— B.M.

LEAGUE WINNERS



*Back Row: Mr Morrissey, D. Smyth, A. Long, The Headmaster
Front Row: R. Nolan, D. Dungan*

Past Pupils

Like many national trophies, the Stephen Perrott Cup has been showing the ravages of wear and tear. Accordingly we are indebted to Ben Haughton who presented a new trophy for past pupils' table-tennis still to be known as the Stephen Perrott Cup in memory of one of our greatest ever players.) With a new trophy came a new winner as Clive Seale (the organiser of the Midleton club of late) took the title, beating Brian Daly in the final.

Ben Haughton continues his run of success on the coaching scene, and mainly thanks to his efforts St Angela's retained their All-Ireland titles at all three levels - a most impressive achievement.

The Midleton club had a disappointing run in the league but reached the cup final where they were beaten 6 - 3 by Harlequins Black. The cup final team was Clive Seale, Glen Casey, Ross Nolan and Bud Morrissey while Brian Daly, Andrew McCarthy, Paul Cronin, Dermot Spillane and Reinder Kouwenberg also appeared for the team.

- B.M.

Tennis

We continue to consider ourselves fortunate to have the services of Clive Seale as coach to the girls during the summer term. Providing the structure is more than half the battle; once it is in place, players will turn out.

This year we had two teams representing the College in the Munster Schools competition. These were:-

Under-16 Boys: Andrew Long, David Smyth, Kevin Aherne, Nick Stephenson and Simon Lyons.

Under-16 Girls: Jenny Clifford, Jennifer Jaworska, Abbey Hayes, Linda Ross and Sarah Levis.

This year, for our own internal competitions, we tried out a new structure of playing off the matches on set days. In previous years the players organised their own times. In the true nature of teenagers these matches were put on the long finger, which led to a back log developing during the last couple of weeks of term. The new system was a success. There were some memorable encounters. One such match was between Andrew Long and David Smyth. It was a great testimony to the two players that they produced such a fine performance in weather conditions that worsened as the afternoon progressed.

The results of the competitions in all the age groups were as follows:-

	Winner	Runner-up
Senior Boys:	R. Duane	D. Dungan
Senior Girls:	L. Wilkinson	K. McCullough
Intermediate Boys:	A. Long	D. Smyth
Intermediate Girls:	A. O'Brien	J. Clifford
Junior Boys:	An. O'Brien	A. Levis
Junior Girls:	Z. Hornibrook	E. Cleere

- R. St J.P.

Golf

The season began with Youghal Golf Club hosting the East Cork section of the Phil O'Sullivan Perpetual Trophy. The team, R. O'Connor, J. O'Donovan, E. Morrissey and R. Duane all played well and enjoyed the outing.

Next on the golfing calendar was the Irish Schools' Golf Championship at Douglas. The team, J. O'Donovan, E. Morrissey, R. O'Connor and C. O'Dwyer all played well.

The final event of the year, the School Match Play Competition, had a large entry, and the final between A. Long, J. O'Donovan, G. Maher and G. O'Sullivan was very entertaining. A. Long was the overall winner.

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

— M. DAUNT (FORM IV)

PLATE RUNNERS-UP



*Back Row: Mr Morrissey, L. Wilkinson, Miss Prendergast
Front Row: L. Ross, S. Millar, J. Clifford.*

Midleton College Association

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The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 26th January, 1998 in the Midleton Park Hotel. Attendance was small and I hope more past pupils will endeavour to attend our next AGM on Monday 25th January, 1999.

Victor Rockley retired as President, having completed a three-year term of office. The Association is indebted to him for his hard work and dedication during his Presidency and in particular for his organisation of the Tercentenary celebrations.

It was with regret that we learned of the desire of Dr Hugh Knox to withdraw from the committee. His contribution over a number of years was greatly appreciated. We welcome Miss Diana Thompson as a new member.

On the playing field we had our usual matches against the school teams. In rugby, the past pupils enjoyed a comfortable victory by 22-10. In hockey the ladies' team also recorded a narrow victory against the school; as did the Taverners!

As president of the Association I was delighted to be invited to the Governors' Reception for the 6th Form Pupils. It was also a privilege to represent the Association at the official opening of the Jameson Institute for the teaching of the Natural Sciences.

My thanks to Mr Jim Smyth for organising the Bridge night. This is an important fund-raiser for the Association.

The Association once again sponsored two pupils, David Dungan and Jane Cross, to sail on The STV *Asgard II* from Dingle to Waterford. We hear that they both enjoyed the experience. My thanks to Jonathan Fleury for making the necessary arrangements.

Our dinner this year took place in the Midleton Park Hotel on 17th October and was well supported. Our guest speaker was Mr Harold Johnson, a past pupil and former Governor of the College. His stories of his times in the College amused all present, both young and not so young!

On Friday, 23rd October I enjoyed the opportunity of meeting with members of the Board of the College, staff members and Guest of Honour at a reception prior to the Annual Distribution of Prizes. The Association continues to sponsor a number of prizes and I congratulate the numerous prize-winners on their achievements.

My thanks to all officers and Committee members for their help and support during the year and also to Mr & Mrs Cairns and the staff at the College for their continued support of the Association.

In conclusion, may I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and prosperity for the New Year.

– ROBERT CHAMBERS (*PRESIDENT*)

MCA Golf Society

When I was young, a day seemed to be a huge expanse of time stretching endlessly ahead of me, ripe for fun. As I grew older, wiser and significantly more mature this perspective of life changed, at least that is, until the advent of the golf society. Now I can once again look forward to a day of seemingly endless good times. A bit much? Well maybe, but I do think we have the right attitude to the game: enjoy the company and the craic and let the golf take care of itself.

Our fixture list for the season includes three regulars. We begin the year with Water Rock, in May we visit the Killeen course in Killarney and we end the "competitive" season with an outing to Bantry Park in October – more about this later ! The remaining outings vary from year to year so that we include some variety. An attempt is made to travel to at least one new venue each season. There are three trophies played for during the year.

In Killarney "The Gardener Cup" is up for grabs. This was presented to the society by Andrew Thompson. In Bantry the object of our ambitions is aptly called "The Wooden Yoke". This was presented to us by Dermot O'Sullivan. The Player of the Year trophy is a Rhynhart statue presented by the Midleton College Association. This is won on the basis of points accumulated during the season at the various outings.

The following are the results for this season.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Water Rock	D. O'Sullivan	K. O'Regan	J. Hall
Killeen	J. McHugh	L. Long	Au. Thompson
Fermoy	C. Jermyn	Au. Thompson	I. Beamish
Youghal	A. McCarthy	L. Long	J. Hall
Kinsale	T. Moynihan	C. Jermyn	L. Long
Bantry	D. O'Sullivan	B. Daly	L. Long

As can be seen by the results sheet John McHugh is the current holder of "The Gardener Cup" while Dermot O'Sullivan has "The Wooden Yoke" adorning his mantle piece.

The Player Of The Year competition as usual was a keen contest with as many as nine players in the running right up to the final event in Bantry. It almost seems to be a tradition with us that the leader coming into the last outing never wins. This year the leader did not even get a chance to challenge on the last day. Andrew McCarthy unfortunately injured his shoulder on the rugby field which prevented him playing, but he was still up to walking the course as a roving reporter.

On a beautiful day with soft underfoot conditions Dermot produced a fine round, scoring 34 points off a handicap of four. This proved to be enough to propel him to the top of the leader board. Dermot is the first player to win the trophy for a second time and, given the way he played throughout the season, I would not take bets against him next year!

Following the golf in Bantry most of us travelled across to O'Sullivan's Bar in Crookhaven where the presentation of prizes took place. Dermot and his mum

Angela took great care of us. We were provided with food in the comfort of their sun room. The atmosphere was relaxed, warm and friendly. What followed was an extremely enjoyable night, secure in the knowledge that all we had to do was walk around the corner to the accommodation provided by the O'Sullivans. Every society should be so fortunate to have such a member/benefactor.

In fact we are fortunate to have people helping us out with various contributions throughout the season. If I start to mention names I'm sure to leave some one out, so I won't go down that road. Suffice it to say that we are very grateful to all our contributors.

At this stage I am glad to be able to give our fixture list for the 1999 season. It looks as follows:

The following are the six fixtures (All dates are Saturdays):

- April 24th, Water Rock.
- May 22nd, Killeen, Killarney.
- June 12th, Fermoy.
- July 24th, Ballykisteen.
- Sept. 11th, Harbour Point.
- Oct. 16th, Bantry Park.
- Nov. 21st, East Cork.

It has been a great season. I think we have all enjoyed it and we still have our Christmas outing to look forward to. I think it was Mark Twain who once described golf "as a good walk spoiled", I'm sure he would not have formed this opinion had he played with this society !

Recognise this rare member of the golfing species who until recently was thought to be extinct?

– R.St J. P.



The Websters

Mrs Elizabeth Peers and her husband David came to East Cork for a holiday in September, paid a visit to the College and re-explored Midleton and its environs. Liz's father was a Webster – Bertie, the eldest of six brothers who lived firstly on St Mary's Road in the town and then at Rose Hill, Ballinacurra. Bertie did not attend Midleton College but the other five did and they were recalled by Dorothy West in a most informative article in the 1976 Magazine. George had a distinguished career in the Royal Navy after which he lived in South Africa. Victor was in the RN also and like George saw service in World War I. Eddie was in the Merchant Navy but died young as a result of being torpedoed. Eric was a planter in Malaya and was taken prisoner by the Japanese; he died before being freed. Percy joined the British Army and died shortly after World War I.

Thus they were a distinguished family of service men who were very proud of their time and education at the College. George and Victor who lived on into the 1970s visited it when opportunity arose, and a prize – the Webster Memorial – was endowed by George in his will. So Liz's visit brought back memories of a remarkable family and of far off days in the early part of the century. It was delightful to renew acquaintance with her and to meet her husband.

– J.W.S.

NINETEENTH GREEN



John McHugh receiving the Gardener Cup from Andrew Thompson

WATER HAZARD



Photo by Nick Bradshaw

Dermot O'Sullivan receiving the Player of the Year Trophy from Ray Power

Obituaries

The Right Reverend R.G. Perdue, DD

Dr Perdue, former Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross died in New Zealand in August aged 87. He was Chairman of the College Board from 1957 to 1978, a critical period in educational development. As the Bishops' education man he played a leading role in the re-vitalisation and re-organisation of Protestant Secondary Schools in the Republic in the mid-sixties and, although we did not see eye to eye with him where Midleton was concerned, he accepted our decision to remain independent and he fully supported our further expansion. We remember him especially for his friendly manner and his "warm humanity"; he had a sincere concern for all who needed advice or assurance, and his absence of ostentation made him readily available and approachable to all his flock. His episcopate in Cork saw enormous changes and development to which his "pastoral and practical wisdom" contributed no small part. To his widow, Lynn, and to his two daughters, our deepest sympathy.

Samuel Moore

Sam Moore died in April last in his 87th year after a very full and active life. He was a member of the Board of the College from 1972 to 1982, but his interest in Midleton College began in 1960 as a parent when his eldest son John entered as a day pupil from Youghal. Sam was a banker and when he was transferred to Killorglin his boys became boarding pupils. John was followed by Andrew, Peter, James and David. Sam's knowledge and expertise on financial matters was a great asset to the Board during the seventies in its development and expansion plans for the College. We are particularly grateful to him that as a swimming fanatic he took up the cause of the Swimming Pool in 1969/70, encouraged parents to support it and backed it financially himself. Sam had very wide interests and he gave a good deal of his spare time to sport, especially hockey, and to helping charitable organisations. On a personal note I valued his friendship and support and I have to thank him for advice which enabled me to procure my present residence. Sam was an unusual person – brimful of energy, invariably cheerful and optimistic and concerned for the welfare of all who needed help. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Evelyn and to all his family.

– J.W.SMYTH

Since our last issue we recorded with regret the deaths of **James Howe, Jack White, William Daly, Tim McDonagh, Clive Hutchinson, Neil Ottman, Charles Morgan and Thomas Patterson.**

Jim Howe (1937-44) died as we went to press last year. He was a member of the well known family of Howe Strand, where he farmed successfully all his life.

Jack White (1933-38) had a brilliant academic career in TCD and was President of the Philosophical Society. He was a most successful teacher and journalist in his native Canada to which he returned on leaving University.

Willie Daly (1936-41) hailed from Buttevant in North Cork. He was a fine all-round scholar and graduated in Engineering at TCD. He spent his working life in the UK and lived in Croydon. He was an uncle of Sydney Nagle.

Tim McDonagh(1972-76) was of a much more recent vintage. He attended Midleton College as a day pupil from his home in Garryvoe. He passed away unexpectedly last December.

Clive Hutchinson (1961-67) was Head Boy in his last year at school, where he had a brilliant career - winner of an Entrance Scholarship in TCD and an Aer Lingus Young Scientists award. He graduated with honours in History. He was a noted ornithologist with many publications and articles to his credit. He ran a very successful Accountancy business in Cork until his untimely death in March.

Neil Ottman (1971-77) was a member of the well known Dungourney plastics business family, with whom he worked in Management - he was endowed with a particular expertise in computers. He died in June.

Charlie Hutchinson (1968-73) was a very popular figure at school, always cheerful. He left to enter the catering business, and lived and worked in Carrigaline, where he was much involved in the community and in the development of the floral and arboreal aspects of the town.

Thomas Patterson (1928-32) came from Roscrea, where he was taught by Miss Tilly West, Mr Timothy West's sister. A good all-round sportsman he served in the Royal Navy and lived in Southampton. He died in November 1997

To the relatives of all eight we extend our deepest sympathy.

Engagements and Marriages

Avril Northridge, Lynda Moore, Elaine Tait, Carol Thompson, Heike Schiller, Jennifer Dignam, Jervis Arnopp, Douglas Hall, Natalya Mayes, Aidan Wall, Cliona Rutledge to Gavin Caplis, Richard Nicholls, Simon Walton.

Births

Mr & Mrs Tom Moriarty, Mr & Mrs A. Howe (Olivia Travers), Mr & Mrs Ian Hastie, Mr & Mrs Byrne (Pamela Whiting), Mr & Mrs Chris Jermyn, Mr & Mrs Cathal Day (Jackie Hall), Mr & Mrs G. Roberts (Edith Fitzsimmons), Mr & Mrs D. Clapper (Oonagh Cunningham), Mr & Mrs W. Deane (Lynda Moore), Mr & Mrs Sullivan (Elizabeth McHugh), Mr & Mrs Ivor Bateman, Mr & Mrs Kearns (Adrienne Hales), Mr & Mrs Kerry Carew.

Jottings

ALFIE ALLEN continues on the literary trail with a collection of reminiscences, "Not Under Oath" published at the end of last year.

SINÉAD AHERN BSc (Hons), MB, BAO, BCh, as her qualifications would suggest, is now a doctor.

BASIL BAKER has recently moved from Union Hall to live in Fermoy. We wish him well in his new home.

Our congratulations to DAVID BARNWELL, former Head of English in the College, on his appointment as Head of the Department of Modern Languages in the Institiúid Teangeolaíochta Eireann. After-shave Dave returns to the "auld sod" after a distinguished career in the academic milieu of the USA.

DAVID BIRD was acclaimed Cobh Person of the Year (1997) for his service to the community there and especially for his work in the development of the Heritage Centre.

NICHOLAS BOURKE who has completed his marine training and is now at home on leave at the time of writing, has spent a number of months in the Gulf sailing on the 'World Sky' as Second Officer; accelerated promotion from Third Officer.

A visit to Killorglin, Co. Kerry in the spring resulted in catching up with some members of the BOYLE family - GEORGE, Manager of Boyle & Co. there, RICHARD his accountant, NIGEL, Assistant Manager, PHILIP who had called in from Tralee and AUDREY who has a secretarial position in Fexco the large financial services centre based in the town. It was good to see them all.

TRACEY CAIRNS, having completed her two year traineeship, is now a Notary Public and is working as a defence lawyer with Matthew Brown and Co., Irvine, Scotland.

KERRIE CARROLL, St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, London, 1st Class Honours (1998) is now teaching in Mill Hill School, London.

SELENA CONNELL has graduated from Kings College, London as a Radiographer and is working in St George's Hospital, London.

We enjoyed the recent visit of PAM CONNOLLY to the College. Pam completed a BSc in Galway and then achieved a Diploma in Applied Science at UCC. She has just graduated from the University of Ulster with a Master's degree in Bio-technology. Pam is planning a trip to Australia and hopes to stay down under for a year.

SARAH DUNGAN graduated in June with a BSc (2nd Class Honours 1st Division) in Microbiology at Trinity College, Dublin. She worked in a research laboratory in Washington, D.C. and has plans to spend a year in Australia.

JOHN FARRAR, Enniscorthy had the horror of seeing his residence destroyed by fire during the Christmas Eve storm. Fortunately there were no casualties - we wish him and his family well after this ordeal.

YVONNE FITZELL is working as a trainee Veterinary Nurse in Sligo.

We extend our deepest sympathy to FRANKS FURNEY on the death of his wife Hazel after a very short illness in May.

DESMOND GARRETT, Sergeant in the Irish Defence Forces has served with the United Nations force in Lebanon.

JOHN GOW living in Goderich, Ontario, Canada is a fairly frequent visitor to Ireland. We were glad to see him and his wife Lucille again in August looking hale and hearty in the familiar surroundings of Fota where his family once lived

We congratulate CATRIONA HASSEY on gaining her degree at UCC with 1st Class Honours (Grade 1) in Zoology - an excellent result. She is now working for a PhD in Marine Biology via Sunderland and Hong Kong Universities.

JASON HEGARTY is Personnel Manager, Quality Hotel, Galway.

DAVID HENCHIE, ex RAF, is Head of the Duxford Air Museum near Cambridge, England.

ANITA HENDERSON (nee WHITING) has left West Cork with the appointment of her husband Richard as Bishop of Tuam - they now live in the See House in Crossmolina, Co. Mayo.

CARAGH HILLIARD is discovering all kinds of wonderful things about food and wine at the Ballymaloe Cookery School. There is no truth in the malicious rumour that IAIN LYONS has recently put on four stone in weight as a result of constant sampling of haute cuisine. In fact, because of his devotion to certain rare guitars, he is believed to be one of the fittest players on the busking circuit.

MARTHA HOBBS, having worked in Watertord as a Trainee Pizza Chef, is pursuing a course in Media, Graphics and Drama. She was ill for a few months and went to Greece to recuperate. As a result of this exposure to the Muses and the Gods, she was inspired to write a film script which she is working on with the Waterford Youth Drama Group. Neil Jordan, eat your heart out!

DEIRDRE HOLMES qualified as an A.M.I. Montessori teacher in June and is teaching in "The Children's House", Montessori school in Cork. STEPHEN, having obtained his City and Guilds examinations and completed his Certificate course at Cork Institute of Technology is a qualified chef and is delighting the palates of diners at Jury's Hotel in Bristol. DAVID is section manager with Flaunery Engineering working on the construction of the new rail link near Croydon, London.

FIONA KING has moved from Sheraton Hotel Reservations where her knowledge of French and Spanish served her well. She is now working with Black and Decker at their Shared Services Centre in Cork where she will deal with invoices and supplies through the medium of Spanish. Brother PETER is now in Second Arts in UCC having survived a long summer working with Dunnes Stores.

KEES and PLEUNI KRAMER are making excellent use of their Dutch with Sheraton Hotels Reservations in Cork. Rumour has it KEES may be heading east in the near future.

RONNIE LEWELLYN continues to live in the Virgin Islands, West Indies. We commiserate with him on the death of his sister, Barbara Musgrave, in February.

DAVID LYONS is still continuing his antipodean adventure and is now in New Zealand where he hopes to spend the next few months before returning to Thailand and, we hear, India and Nepal. Mount Everest has not been mentioned, but who can say?

IVOR McELVEEN, who played a key role in the Czech economic transformation has joined Ivy Lobrowicz Mackenzie, a Florida based division of the Mackenzie Mutual Fund Group of Canada specializing in emerging markets. He is special advisor to the company president.

JOHN McHUGH is now involved with Shoe Link, a company which imports and distributes Spanish and Italian shoes into Ireland. STEPHANIE is Sales and Marketing Manager for Lancaster House in Dublin.

Greek tragedy in the form of Phaedra's Love tempted KAY MAHONY to return to Cork in March from London where she has been working in Stage Management with actors such as Alan Rickman and Brian Cox and set designer, Bob Crowley. Another success for the Christmas Concert RADA?

STEPHANIE MANAHAN is working in the Tallaght Hospital as Occupational Therapy Manager.

NATALYA MAYES has qualified as a Psychiatric Nurse and is working in St Luke's Home, Mahon, Cork as co-ordinator of a Fás 'Care of the Elderly' course based at St Luke's Home.

ANDREW MITCHELL paid a visit to the College in May. He is now living in Bristol where he has his own accountancy business.

JOHN MORRISON has become part of the tendency to move south rather than west (young man!) and is now in Australia.

It was good to hear from PATRICK NEWENHAM who emigrated to Australia in 1990 and has been in the mushroom business there ever since. He now has his own farm at Middleton, South Australia and as well as producing mushrooms he is planting his own vineyard. Well done !

MICHELE NEYLON has completed a degree in European Studies at the University of Limerick, passing with First Class Honours and specialising in French and Spanish. He has returned to College to prepare for his PhD: research into translation between English and Spanish with special attention to colloquial dialogue. We were pleased to share a libation with him on Prize Day, subsequent to his receipt of a well-deserved recognition of his achievement by the Board of Governors.

GEORGE K. NICHOLSON whose grandchildren are pupils in the College visited the school and reminisced about his days in the College. When he joined in September 1928 at the same time as Mr Timothy West, the then new Headmaster, there were just 7 pupils. He is in good health and has a remarkable memory for detail.

We hear that CARL O'BRIEN has started his own free newspaper dealing with microbreweries, which is apparently doing quite well. Also, unless we are mistaken, he was spotted being interviewed on RTE.

FIONA O'CONNELL is now reading Science at Dundee University, Scotland and her brother DANIEL is working as a design engineer with Xilinx Ireland, Naas Road, Dublin.

HERBERT O'DRISCOLL (Very Rev.) former Dean of Vancouver continues to be active as a writer and a lecturer. He paid a recent visit to Dublin to attend and speak at the Preachers' Conference there.

DAVID PAYNE - MSc in Earth Science, top Master's student of his year at the University of Wales (Cardiff) is now working as a Mining Geologist with a consultancy firm, Geoffrey Walton and Associates, Oxford. His MSc thesis was entitled 'A resource calculation and an assessment of mining potential for an alluvial tin deposit in South East Asia'. JONATHAN has moved to Cork and is constructing lasers for eye surgery with Summit Engineering, Model Farm Road.

PETER O'ROURKE has been appointed Director of Information Systems with Warner-Lambert. Congratulations, Peter!

PAUL RYAN has been discovered in Thailand where he is living, working and altogether enjoying life on a tiny island called Ko Samui.

AISLING SMITH has recently graduated from the University of Wales, Cardiff with a BSc (Hons.) Degree in Biomedical Science.

DAPHNE SPILLANE (née BEAMISH) is now Sales Manager in the Midleton Park Hotel.

It was a particularly good year for the SWEETNAM family (Glanmire). PETA completed her Nursing training at Tallaght Hospital and is now an RGN. BRYAN did his Master's Degree in UCC in Science and Technology with a thesis on 'the Factors influencing the Establishment and Survival of New Enterprises in a Rural Area.' JESSICA has qualified as a Beautician and Massage & Beauty Therapist at the Cork College of Commerce and is at present doing Holistic Studies there. Congratulations to all three.

The TSU family seem to have formed an international set of their own. RHONDDA is teaching English in Cork. YVONNE and her husband have their own veterinary practice in Liverpool. LOUIS and SIMON are involved in electrical engineering in London, and MAX is working in the same profession in Australia.

UNA WALLACE achieved a unique distinction by winning the Rosse Medal, presented to the Staff Nurse of the Year in the Adelaide Hospital. She is the last recipient of this award from the Old Adelaide as it was. Una continues her nursing career at Tallaght.

ADAM WALSH - Ist Class Honours degree, Student of the Year, in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Hertfordshire now working in the Aerospace industry with MATRA MERCONI, Hertfordshire.

JOHN WEST who spent his career as a Schoolmaster at the King's Hospital in Dublin, retired in July. Time does march on - but it will give him adequate opportunity and scope for participation in further Rugby adventures!

We hear that ROBERT WRIXON has completed his PhD in Petroleum Engineering in the University of California at Berkeley. He is now working in California, but managed to take a holiday in Thailand where, in his other role of H.M. Stanley, he had the pleasure of finding Paul 'Livingstone' Ryan. Female sibling ALLIE, to whom we are grateful for all this information, has returned to UCC for her final year after her sojourn in France.

Seventy Years Ago

"It is ten years ago today since the Great War ended." Thus read the Church of Ireland calendar for the 11th of November 1928.

The great black cloud that hung over Europe ten years before had dissipated and life had settled into a state of post-war normality on the continent while at home, Ireland was slowly emerging from its own revolutionary era with the 26 counties having, in 1921, gained independence as the Irish Free State.

It was the time when you could travel all day on dusty roads and count on one hand the number of "motor-cars" you would meet in a day. A feature of the roads in those days was that the iron-banded wheels of horse-drawn vehicles wore tracks (or ruts) on both sides of the road. Repairing the ruts was a simple matter - the arrival of loads of stones along the verges followed by the arrival of a stonebreaking gang who got to work with large and small hammers and wearing wire-gauze goggles reduced the stones to a size that could be shovelled into the ruts. I can still hear in my ears that "steelyringing" (borrowed from James Joyce) noise made by the iron-banded wheels passing over the broken stone.

Our family lived near Cloyne and my brother and I walked to the little parochial school attached to St Colman's Cathedral. Our teacher was Mabel Sweetnam who was succeeded by Miss Barnes from Co. Antrim. The pupils in the school were the Brunettes, the Smiths of Ballyfin, Hazel Clare, the Richards girls and, for a short while, Denis Rose. I wonder where are they all now. The Dean of Cloyne was the Very Reverend Dean Wilson and the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross was the Right Reverend Dr Dowse. I can still recall the noisy arrivals of the Dean at the school in his Model-T Ford driven by his faithful chauffeur, Dan Crowley.

In 1927 the Electricity Supply Board was established and with the founding of the Shannon hydro-electric scheme the distribution of electric power began. Poles began to be erected along the streets of Cloyne and the school-children were warned "Don't touch them - you'll be electrocuted".

In 1928 Dr Layng left Midleton College and Timothy West became the new Headmaster. Another event of that year was the grounding of the White Star liner "Celtic" on the rocks near Roche's Point on the morning of 10th December.

Our family moved to Midleton in 1930. My brother and I attended the "Midleton National School" attached to the church. Our teacher was Mrs Packham whose three sons, William, Henry and Bertie, attended Midleton College and went on to Trinity and all were ordained into the Church of Ireland Ministry. I recall some of the pupils of those years - the Hoares, the Dawkins girls, the Daunts, the Mathers, the McLachlans, the Jeffreys, the Berry girls, Harold Reid.

My brother and I attended Midleton College from 1934 to 1937. Among the teachers were Miss Atcheson ("A is the mistress who teaches us history, her memory for dates to us is a mystery." - Mag. 193?), Mr Power - Irish, Mr Miley - English, Miss Dale who came one day a week from Cork in her Baby Austin to teach Science, Mr Bowers, Mr Duggan, Mr Maxwell, Mr Lloyd, Mr Montgomery, Miss Alexander, the Headmaster who taught Mathematics. Among the students were W.J.(Jack) White (later a distinguished novelist and playwright) and Alan

R. White (later Professor of Philosophy, Hull University). One of the highlights was the College fete on 10th July 1937. I can still recall the students entering the sportsfield to the tune of "Land of Hope and Glory" played by the No 2 Army band.

It was the time when my generation was young and a lifetime stretched out before us while we were, as Tennyson put it:

*Yearning for the large excitement that the coming years would yield,
Eager-hearted as a boy when first he leaves his father's field,*

It was an era when aviator adventurers were writing new chapters into the history of human endeavour and exploring new frontiers never attempted before. The brave exploits of the then "modern" aviators filled people with wonder and the transocean and transworld flights by Alcock and Brown, Charles Lindbergh, Amy Johnson, Amelia Earhart, Jean Batten and others were giving a new dimension to aviation. It seemed to be the embodiment of Tennyson's "Vision of the world" expressed so long ago:

*For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see,
Saw the Vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be;
Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails,
Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales;*
Written in 1842.

To few amongst us would have occurred the foreboding, the enormity, of Tennyson's further prophetic lines:

*Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rain'd a ghastly dew
From the nations' airy navies grappling in the central blue;*
Reality in 1942 - one hundred years later.

Many of my generation joined the armed forces at the outbreak of war. Some did not return. Contemporaries were H.R.Daunt, U.G.Love and K.B.Williams whose names are on the War Memorial in St John the Baptist's Church.

I recall reading in the College magazine some years ago the war story by Billy Batson of his survival and escape after the RAF plane in which he was a crew member was shot down over France. It prompts me to tell my own story. I was on a Royal Navy ship in the Mediterranean in 1942. It was eight o'clock at night as watch change was taking place. Just then there was a frightful thud and all the lights went out. The ship immediately took a list to starboard. It was dark and the emergency lighting came on indicating the exit hatches. For a moment we were stunned and silent and then all made for the one hatch in our area, The ladder leading to the hatch was at about seventy-five degrees and easy to climb. With the ship continuing to list further the ladder soon became vertical and then over-vertical making it very difficult to climb. My turn came at that stage and without being pushed from behind I would never have made it. There would have been twenty or more people behind me. I have a feeling that only two or three followed me. We went with difficulty towards the centre of the ship to an exit through a toilet to the outer deck. By then the ship had a list of about forty-five degrees. Two vertical

tubular steel bars welded to the deck at the bottom and to the deck-head at the top formed the partitions. They were flimsy and not designed to take loads. Our only access to the heavy steel door leading to the outside was to climb up and stand on the bars. There were five of us. One man and I stood on the uppermost bar, the other three on the lower one. We opened the clips on the door and tried to push it up. We could not lift it. We tried again, pushing with all our strength. There was a sudden crash - the lower bar had given way and the three men on it vanished down into darkness. By now the ship had listed more than sixty degrees and the door was nearly overhead. We had difficulty even holding on. We waggled the clip handles hoping somebody would see the outside handles being moved and realise what it meant. Nothing happened. We tried again. Still nothing. Our position was now hopeless. We heard footsteps above and waggled the handles again. They were snatched out of our hands from the outside and we heard shouting. Slowly the door was opened but it slammed down again - too heavy (it would have weighed about 600 pounds) - more shouting and a second attempt was made. The door was partly opened (or lifted) and we were dragged out and deposited on the deck. We were the only two left. Even our rescuers had vanished. Just then the order "Abandon Ship" was given. We joined the hundreds already in the sea. The immediate objective was to swim well away from the ship. I swam possibly a hundred feet then turned around. The ship's bow was pointing vertically up with the profile of the bridge above water. For a minute or so it remained like that then slid vertically down beneath the waves. For us, the survivors, there was a wait of about two hours in the cold, dark sea. Fortunately it was calm. Three destroyers stopped when the "All Clear" was given for them to do so. We swam towards the lights turned on to denote their presence and finally got hauled aboard. Admiralty records tell that the torpedo struck at two minutes past eight o'clock and the final plunge was at eight minutes past eight. 80 were lost out of a crew of about 500.

After the war I went on to Trinity and Engineering. In my year were nine ex-servicemen and two students from Midleton College, Roy Smith and Noel Love. After graduation I worked for several years in Dublin and in 1956 emigrated to Australia to work with the Australian Government Department of Works. I was allocated to Canberra.

Canberra at that time had a population of about thirty thousand and twelve suburbs. To-day it has a population of more than three hundred thousand and more than one hundred suburbs. It is Australia's national and political capital and its real development began in the late 1950s. It was an enormous project. Some development still goes on. Areas that I knew in the 1950s which were then vast tracts of grazing land are now populated suburbs with connecting highways. For thirty years I had an active part in the construction of roads, bridges, hydraulic services, Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin and the lake dam. It has been a satisfying experience. I continue to live in retirement in Canberra.

My best wishes go to Midleton College and all who are in it.

— H. W. WEST

Our sincere thanks to Mr West for this excellent account of his experiences. We envy his memory for detail.

Parallel Lives?

In 1734, forty-four years after the Battle of the Boyne, George Berkeley came as Anglican bishop to the diocese of Cloyne. He had come by a circuitous route from his home in Co. Kilkenny to this, his last Irish home.

By 1713, at the age of 28, when we find him at the Court of Queen Anne in the company of Swift, Berkeley had already written the three small philosophical classics, which stated and defended his new perception of Matter and consequent refutation of Materialism. His writings show early familiarity with Locke and Newton, Descartes and Malebranche, whose death is attributed by some to a heated argument with Berkeley. In the London of this time, he met Steele, Addison, Atterbury, Pope and the Earl of Peterborough. Pope later wrote: *to Berkeley every virtue under heaven*. Atterbury said of him - "So much understanding, so much knowledge, so much innocence, and such humility, I did not think had been the portion of any but angels till I saw this gentleman." Lord Peterborough was so impressed by him that, on his appointment as Ambassador to Sicily, he took him along as his chaplain. In a letter to his life-long friend, Thomas Prior, Berkeley gives a full account of the journey. All was reasonably uneventful until they reached the Alps - "The Lionnois and the Dauphiné were very well; but Savoy was a perpetual chain of rocks and mountains, almost impassable for ice and snow. And yet I rode post through it, and came off with only four falls; from which I received no other damage than the breaking my sword, my watch, and my snuff box.... We were carried in open chairs by men used to scale these rocks and precipices..." Having successfully crossed the Alps, they spent three happy months in Leghorn. The death of the Queen brought this pleasant sojourn to a very abrupt end, with the recall of Peterborough.

In 1715, Berkeley set off once again for mainland Europe, this time as tutor to the son of the Bishop of Clogher, St George Ashe. Swift wrote that he travelled over "most parts of Europe". His journal for the years 1717 - 1718 is published by Fraser and begins with his visit to the Vatican on the 7th of Jan. 1717 - "We saw the famous library in that palace. It contains seventy-two thousand volumes, MSS. and printed....We saw a Virgil in MS. above fourteen hundred years old....We saw a Terence of much the same age....A Septuagint of great antiquity....Henry the VIII's love letters to Anna Boleyn; and his book against Luther, which procured him the title of Defender of the Faith....In the afternoon we saw the statues in Belvedere part of the Vatican. The principal are Cleopatra, Apollo (found in the Baths of Caracalla), the famous Laocoon, and Antinous.

Having presumably satisfied his curiosity as regards Europe, he next set as his goal the establishment of a college in the New World, "in the Island of the Bermudas, for propagation of the Gospel among the Indian and other Heathens on the Continent of America". The college never got built because the chosen site was not practical, being too far from the mainland, and the expected government money never materialised. Berkeley's short stay in Newport, Rhode Island did, however, have a very positive effect on thinking people in that corner of the world, and his influence on American education is acknowledged to this day. While there, he researched and wrote his famous *Alciphron*, which was accused of missing the moral depth of Pascal.

Having led an exciting, adventurous life, at the age of 49, he came to the diocese of Cloyne in the south of Ireland, where his flock was outnumbered 6 to 1 by the members of the old religion. Many parishes were looked after by curates paid by absentee rectors. He re-activated the posts of rural deans, and exhorted his clergy to learn Irish so that they might minister to poor souls who had nobody else to lead them to God. Even if they did not accept the new religion itself, he felt there was a duty to look after their immortal souls.

This could have been a lonely outpost. From his letters, we can see that his life-style was, in a way, a continuation of the quiet family life which he had adopted in Rhode Island. It was not, however, boring. He continued to study and write. His love of the arts helped to make life interesting both for him and his new neighbours, who often came from as far away as Youghal to attend the weekly concerts in his house. He adorned the walls of his house with paintings which he encouraged his children to copy. There is no evidence, but one wonders if it is just coincidence that Cloyne produced the famous artist, Hussey, at that time. Was his talent nurtured by Berkeley?

Times were hard at the turn of the decade. In the winter of 1739 - 40 the river Lee was frozen by the hardest frost in the memory of man. It was a time of hunger, widespread disease, epidemic fever and bloody flux. During all that winter, every Monday morning, he gave £20 to be distributed among the poor of Cloyne, besides what they received out of his kitchen. He encouraged local handicraft and industry and turned his mind to medicine to alleviate the suffering. A higher percentage of the population perished during the years 1741 - 1742 than at the time of the Great Famine. Emotionally and physically upset by the suffering which he witnessed at this time, he devoted himself to the study of medicine. The result was the work *Siris*. It was a study in medicine and metaphysics, proposing the easy remedy of a little tar-water for all ills, and thus, found its way into every Irish country house. In 1749, Berkeley's *Word to the Wise* was an appeal to the Roman Catholic clergy to spread the gospel of work and self-reliance to their flocks. The candour and humanity of the document was not lost on those to whom it was addressed. The Roman Catholic clergy willingly co-operated with their Protestant brethren and in the *Dublin Journal* returned their sincere thanks to the worthy author.

In 1720, another young Irishman headed for Europe under somewhat different circumstances. Every likelihood, he was smuggled out. We find him studying for the priesthood in the university of Toulouse and in the Sorbonne in Paris, graduating as licenciante in theology and doctor in civil and canon law. He spoke and wrote English, Irish, Latin, French and Italian. In 1733, he went to Spain as a tutor to the Connock family, an important expatriate Irish family. He was subsequently retained by other noble families in a similar capacity, travelling with them on the continent. In 1737, he was appointed tutor to the son of Thomas Geraldino (Fitzgerald), Spanish ambassador to the Court of St James in London. About the beginning of 1738, he returned to Ireland as parish priest of Castlelyons and Rathcormac in the diocese of Cloyne, taking up residence at Ballinterry (currently the home of the Hollywood actor, Hurd Hatfield) near Rathcormac. This man was John O'Brien, and, in 1748 he became Bishop of the dioceses of Cloyne and Ross, both newly separated from the diocese of Cork.

His job was no less difficult than that of Berkeley. At the worst moments of the Penal laws, the priesthood was considered by many as a ticket out of the poverty and misery at home. They got a few pleasant years abroad, but eventually had to come home. By the middle of the century, there were far more priests in the country than were needed or could be supported by the impoverished population. Many were poorly trained and lax in the execution of their duties. The diocesan fabric was extremely run-down; several of his predecessors had had to spend long periods out of the country for their own safety. Gambling, carousing and superstition had taken the place of ceremonial. His first priority throughout his episcopate was the selection and training of priests. He worked very hard to inculcate into his priests the importance of proper behaviour in church, where laughing, jesting and smoking had become commonplace. One hundred years before the rest of the country was re-organised at the Synod of Thurles in 1850, O'Brien was pushing through badly needed reforms in his own diocese and not making many friends in the process. The approach to his house became known as *bóithrín an chrá* (the avenue of torment), apparently because of the dread his priests had of visiting him. He did not soften with age either, as in 1758, we find the Earl of Kingston offering £20 to anyone who would capture the Bishop and put him in prison, because he had excommunicated the people of Mitchelstown and Brigown. In 1762, his pastoral to his clergy exhorted them to preach against the Whiteboys. Unlike his Anglican counterpart, he did not settle down to a quiet life in East Cork. In 1756-57, he visited the Irish colleges in Toulouse, Bordeaux and Louvain. In the autumn of 1764, he is in Brussels writing to the Congregatio de Propaganda Fide looking for money to publish his dictionary. Like Berkeley, he understood the practical use and necessity of the Irish language for priests in Ireland.

The fact that O'Brien was proficient in the Irish language and steeped in the culture, gave him a window on a world which probably remained entirely hidden from Berkeley. The latter's friends and acquaintances in Imokilly / Barrymore bore names like Longfield, Boyle, Lumley, Maule, Mockler, Hayman, Rugge and Uniacke, for example. Many of them worked hard for the Ireland of their time as they saw it, both in their private and public lives, but it never dawned on most of them that there was vibrant, cultural activity, where they saw only poverty and deprivation. The houses of the 'new' residents of Imokilly / Barrymore stand in our mind's eye as sunny mansions, raised on well-wooded eminences, with excellent views of fertile countryside. Inside, feasting and carousing, sometimes to excess; the means to appreciate the fine arts not always used.

O'Brien's world was peopled with different names, whose contribution to our history and literature still goes largely unappreciated. The great houses of the native Irish at this time were to all outward appearances less striking, less wealthy. However, position was maintained quietly and discreetly. Their children studied abroad. Under their patronage, poetry and scribal work in Irish continued to flourish. Names such as the O'Briens of Kilcor, the McCarthys of Carrignavar, the Fitzgeralds of Ballymacoda, the Poers of Clonmult, the Barrys of Leamlara and Dundellerick, the Supples of Clonpriest and Ignatius Goold of Knockraha spring to mind. Many changed their religion to hold on to their property for succeeding generations. Some changed out of religious conviction as well, and their families continued in the new religion. Others pretended to change and when the laws were

repealed their families went back to the way things were. There was a certain general acceptance that such moves were necessary for family, but where the move was seen as motivated by greed, the neighbours were not so friendly, as we see in the poetry of the great Piaras Mac Gearailt. He certainly was not tolerant of the clergy changing sides, as he shows in the case of the parish priest of Carrigtwohill, Diarmuid Ó hAirt, who changed his religion, married and moved to Killeagh—

A Dhéarmuid! is dubhach liom gur iompaís do chóta

.....*is cóireofar leabaidh*

Ar imeallaibh teó dhó, is ní dócha go gcasfaidh

(Diarmuid, it saddens me that you turned your coat

.....bed will be readied for him

On the hot edges, and it does not seem he will turn back.

Prominent among the patrons also were priests and bishops. O'Brien's connections with this tradition are apparent from the number of poems composed in his honour on the occasion of his appointment as Bishop of Cloyne and Ross. A namesake and kinsman, Fr Seán Ó Briain welcomed him thus —

A chara 's a bhráthair, fáilte ó chroí romhat.

(My friend and brother, welcome from my heart)

Another poem beginning

Táid uaisle Bhanba ag atal 's ag ádhbhacht le mian

(The nobles of Ireland are rejoicing and celebrating with delight)

came from a particular friend of his, Seán Ó Murchú na Ráithíneach, who lived under the patronage of the McCarthys of Carrignavar, and who was the last head of the Whitechurch / Carrignavar cúirt filíochta (court of poetry).

Micheál Mac Peadair Ó Longáin and Seán Ó Conaire, parish priest of Cloyne, did much scribal work for the Bishop. Among the works they transcribed were Foras Feasa ar Éirinn, the Book of Munster, the Annals of Inisfallen, the Annals of Tighearnach, An Leabhar Breac, and Cogadh Gaeil re Gallaibh. These manuscripts are still in the holdings of the Jesuit Library, Leeson St., Dublin, TCD, Oxford, the RIA and the Bibliothèque Nationale in Brussels. For whom were all these copies being made? Why? Were the population at large able to read these texts? The copies were being made for the library of the patron or one of his friends, so that the texts being copied would not be lost to posterity. The 'humble peasant' appears from the evidence to have been in many cases very conscious of the value of his heritage and well able to read it. Phillipps, the book collector, referring to the manuscript G.79 in the National Library, which came from the Barony of Barrymore, said - "(it is) very much thumbed and dirtied, and, perhaps...(is among) the volumes described as being in the hands of a labourer, which he read out of, every evening, to amuse his children".

At the end of their days, both Berkeley and O'Brien made invaluable contributions to the future of mankind. Berkeley finally published The Querist under his own name. It was a series of questions, the answers to which would help extricate the whole Irish nation from the turmoil in which it found itself eg Whether an uneducated gentry be not the greatest of evils? and - Whether the collected wisdom of

ages and nations be not found in books? The reason for John O'Brien's *Mémoire* published in *Le Journal des Scavans*, was James Macpherson's alleged translations from Scots Gaelic of Ossianic ballads, published between 1760 and 1763. The timing of the 'translations' was extremely opportune, as the precursors of the new Romantic period in Germany, France and Italy were completely overwhelmed by this wonderful fount of 'original' poetry, as they saw it. It inspired Mendelssohn's *Fingal's Cave*, and caused a king of Sweden to be called 'Oscar'. Napoleon carried a picture of Ossian everywhere with him, and in 1798, on his expedition to Egypt, is said to have read Ossian in preference to Homer. Doubt about the authenticity of the poems arose almost immediately, but it was long drowned out by the reception accorded them. Macpherson was attacked by Irish writers for his literary, historical and geographical piracy. The controversy spread quickly to the continent. In June 1763, the *Journal des Scavans* published an item on Macpherson's poems from an Irishman living in Brussels, one Chevalier Terence Brady, a distinguished doctor, who had entered the service of the Austrian empire and been ennobled in 1759. Brady's only criticism of Macpherson was that the subject matter was originally Irish, not Scottish: he does not engage in any analysis of Macpherson's fidelity to his sources. The editors of *Le Journal des Scavans* finally approached someone known to them for his scholarship, namely John O'Brien, who in response produced a substantial article of c.40,000 words extended over five issues of the *Journal*. It is a very dense, closely argued and tightly documented piece of writing, quoting over ninety different writers. The author cites continental, English and Irish authorities, ancient, medieval and modern, Catholic and Protestant, secular and ecclesiastical, printed and manuscript, in refuting Macpherson and other Scottish historians. The editors invite Macpherson or other 'partisans des antiquités Ecossoises' to reply. It does not appear that they ever did. The *Mémoire* generated comment in literary circles in France and more so in Germany. It was some time before German critics accepted that Macpherson had falsified his translations. Goethe and Herder had already begun to learn Irish with a view to being able to read the sources, when it was finally accepted that they did not exist.

Ireland would have been much the poorer had not these two Bishops lived when they did. Politicians, economists, and philosophers still look to the writings of George Berkeley. Although the Scotti (= the Irish) continued to be mistaken in Europe for the Scots, and consequently, many valuable manuscripts were misinterpreted and sometimes misplaced back to Scotland, the damage would have been more difficult to repair without that immediate intervention of John O'Brien.

Two people who did a lot to direct the course of Irish history. One wonders if, living just ten miles apart, they ever met!

– C.E.P.L.

Readers who perused the last article in Magazine 1997 will recall that Bishop Berkeley was a member of the first Board of Governors of Midleton College.

Midleton College Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the above Association will take place on Monday, 25th January 1999 in the Midleton Park Hotel at 8p.m. It is hoped that all members will do their utmost to attend.

J. WEST - *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 25th | Annual General Meeting in the Midleton Park Hotel at 8p.m. |
| 2. March 12th | Invitation Table-Tennis Tournament for the Stephen Perrott Cup. |
| 3. March 13th | 1st, and 2nd 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. |
| 4. May 29th | Cricket match. Past pupils v College 1st XI at 2 p.m. |
| 5. June 4th | Cricket match. Past pupils Taverners XI v College at 6.30p.m. |
| 6. June 5th | 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.
4. The College would be grateful for any information on past pupils for inclusion in the next year's jottings. Please contact the Editor 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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