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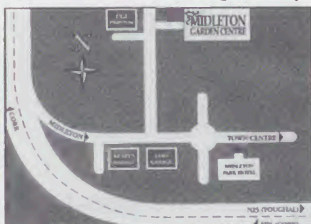


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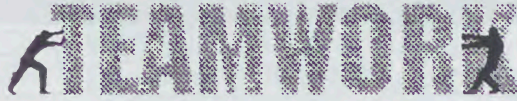
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*Ron is pictured relaxing on board his beloved yacht in the Summer of 1985. Like the true English gentleman he was, Ron loved "messaging about in boats". His contribution to the community of Midleton College was immeasurable and he is sorely missed, since his death in October 2004. See p68 for a full obituary by B.D. Cairns and p.46 for a student's memories*

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**EDITORIAL**

"The weight of this sad time we must obey;  
 Speak what we feel, not what we ought to say.  
 The oldest hath borne most: we that are young  
 Shall never see so much nor live so long"

King Lear, V (iii)

The concluding lines of this play seem an appropriate beginning to this year's editorial. In October 2004 the school was shocked and saddened by the death of Mr. Ron Little. He had been deeply involved with many aspects of school life for 36 years and it is difficult to envisage Midleton College without him. We shall all miss him.

A less tragic but equally disconcerting change came with the retirement of Mr. Oliver Lyons. He too had been a fixture in the school for over 30 years but finally achieved his long-stated ambition of becoming a "superannuated man" in June 2004. We wish him all the best in his retirement and hope that the joys of idleness do not pall too quickly! (See article page 25).

All in all it has been a year of many changes. Even this humble magazine has changed in that we have opted for a different publisher while endeavouring to maintain the high standards of previous years. One happy by-product of this new arrangement is that we can provide more colour photos than normal, which should brighten up the class photos considerably. It is also very pleasing to see some of our foreign students submitting articles to our multi-cultural Midleton magazine.

It has been a year of change and development within the school. Our facilities are evolving to prepare us for the future of education (for details see Headmaster's Notes.) Throughout these changes we still strive to maintain the core values that make Midleton College the unique place that it is and shall continue to be.

Our students had many outstanding achievements in sporting, academic and extra-curricular activities over the past year and details of many of these are documented within this publication. It is to be hoped that these articles give a flavour of what life is like in the school. In Ireland and internationally the past year has seen much violence, tragedy and disappointment. It is our task in the school to try in a small way to encourage pupils to work towards improving these situations someday.

In conclusion while it is sometimes difficult to cling to core values in our modern world, I am confident that our students can rise above any disappointments they may sometimes experience. Resilience is a quality never in short supply among them. It is my hope that there is something for everyone to enjoy in this year's magazine and that it may in some small way distract from the problems of the wider world.

My thanks as always to my editorial committee for their assistance, and to Miss Pigott and Mrs. O'Sullivan Hourihan for their secretarial skills. Thanks also to Mr. Bronks for his hi-tech wizardry.

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## HEADMASTER'S NOTES

### NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION

Midleton College operates as a voluntary secondary school in the context of local, national and international education legislation and participation. In reflecting on the year 2003-04 each of these aspects of the educational world has impacted on the life of the College.

2003 saw the implementation of a requirement on schools to report cumulative absence totals for pupils to the National Education Welfare Board as part of a drive to improve attendance levels nationally. A subsidiary requirement is to return details on pupils under 16 who have been absent from school for over 20 days in any academic year. The subsequently published national report shows an average of 15 days absence per pupil per school year at post-primary level. While Midleton College's average absence figure of 7.98 days per year per pupil is almost half the national average, it is one I believe we, as a community, can aspire to improve on.

The drafting of a written Code of Behaviour which, among other aspects, includes a review of uniform policy, was another example of the interaction of school and national legislation occurring in 2003-04. The Code of Behaviour describes at both a philosophical and specific level the College community's expectations of our pupils in their day-to-day involvement in school.

All of these legislative requirements are important and deserving of support from this and all other school communities. Nonetheless the great challenge for this school is to keep day-to-day school activity running at a highly effective level while meeting the demands of ever expanding legislative requirement.

The challenge is heightened in a school such as Midleton College due to the demands we place on ourselves in offering a holistic curriculum which provides high quality learning opportunities balanced with a diverse and structured extra-curricular programme.

### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

Our academic curriculum is an evolving one. The last year has seen development in the three major curricula – Junior Certificate, Transition Year and Leaving Certificate.

Religious Education will be taken as a Junior Certificate exam subject from June 2006. This will increase the maximum number of examinable subjects to eleven at this level. Social, Personal and Health Education was introduced under the attentive care of Ms. Ni Mhurchu. This new programme will extend through to Junior Certificate and puts issues such as relationships, substance misuse and community in the curriculum. Once again the local impact of national legislation is the challenge of finding time in a crowded curriculum. There is also a resource issue here. The DES would like the subject taught in small groups in user-friendly classrooms but provides no funding to make this idea a reality. Instead schools are left to utilise their creative talent in making ends meet.

A new Biology curriculum was introduced at Senior Cycle in 2004. It is pleasing to note that Midleton College was the regional centre for two days of practical in-service for Biology teachers last January. This is due recognition for the quality of facility the College can offer in our science Laboratories. The new Junior Certificate Science curriculum was introduced, after some dispute, in 2004. The College is fortunate that the foresight and determination shown in recent years by those involved in the development of the Jameson Institute ensured that all necessary resources have through a mix of public and private funding, been provided.

In ICT, the College introduced Broadband into the Computer Room allowing rapidly increased access and network capability across all the IMac's. At present the College is in the process of funding the extension of the IT network across the campus. This is occurring in conjunction with the NCTE Broadband roll out programme. The College offered pupils in Transition Year the opportunity to

study the ECDL course as part of their IT education. The extension of IT use was also evident in the design and development of the monthly newsletter by Mr. Neil Bronks. It is hoped this document provides a useful means of staying in touch with the College. The newsletter is currently available on the College website.

Midleton College aims to provide a structured, effective programme of academic learning which engages our pupils desire to learn. This could not be achieved without the ongoing willingness of teachers to lead beyond the curriculum in a manner that provides enriched learning opportunities. In 2004 the members of the Geography department once again visited the Netherlands with senior pupils to carry out Field work study. In the Sciences, pupils entered the Millipore and Salters science competitions with Rory Moloney and Luke Sheridan attaining second place in the former. Daniel Oosthuizen was selected to represent Ireland in the Future World Leaders Conference in the U.S.A. The annual 1st Year history trip to the National Heritage Park in Wexford was, once again, a most successful and valuable experience. These examples, and so many others which are described in detail in these pages reflect the desire to encourage learning which is displayed to all the pupils by their teachers in Midleton College.

The diverse and varied extra-curricular activities, which are the second dimension of learning in this school are also due recognition from the wider College community. Without the energy and ability of our teachers to absorb the limitless energy of our pupils while also providing them with meaningful learning and social opportunities, the holistic education the College aims to provide would not occur.

As more and more schools experience the difficulty of trying to organise extra-curricular activities without the direct involvement of teachers, this school is grateful to all those members of staff who give of their time to the benefit of others.

## **BOARDING**

Boarding numbers continue to remain strong in the College, rising from 96 to 107 for the school year 2004/05. Boarding today is a different experience from the time when pupils would head off with a large trunk for a half-term or longer. The great advantages of boarding today are that pupils are provided with three important components of their education – well structured, effective learning opportunities, a broad range of extra-curricular activities and nightly supervised study, all within a week. Given the improvements to the regional transport infrastructures, the majority of boarding pupils can return home at weekends if their families wish, with a full week's learning completed. Parents/guardians do not have to act as a daily taxi service and the pupils can be integrated members of that local community as well as the school community.

## **STAFF**

Mr. Oliver Lyons retired from teaching in the College at the end of August. We send him and his wife, Patricia our best wishes as they engage in a new phase of life. Mr. Lyons taught English for many years but also taught Latin, Mathematics and Career Guidance in Midleton College over 36 years. This magazine of which the College is justly proud is a legacy of his careful stewardship as Editor. The College Christmas concert which has provided a forum for dramatic, musical and artistic expression has done so in no small measure due to his energy during his time as producer. Mr. Lyons also acted as a Form Teacher for many years providing clear pastoral guidance and, where necessary, discipline, for those in his care. Mr. Lyons love of and empathy with his subject matter is self-evident and transmitted itself to his pupils.

The entire College community was shocked by the sudden death of Mr. Ron Little. Mr. Little is remembered with respect and affection by pupils and former pupils for the devotion, care and attention he displayed to those in his charge in his role as teacher and resident master. The numbers of people who gathered both at the prayer service and funeral spoke of the loss that was felt by so many. As colleagues, pupils and friends worked through their grief, almost all recalled at some point, a humorous

occasion involving Mr. Little. In acknowledging the sadness of his passing all would agree that Ron Little was a wonderful teacher, a loyal friend and a gentleman.

The College welcomes Ms. Allie Mackillop back to the full-time teaching staff as Senior English teacher. Mrs. Paula Stead has undertaken the role of Librarian in place of Ms. Mackillop. Ms. Katie McLernan has joined the French and Irish departments following the departure of Ms. Sinead Ni Mburchú. Ms. Yvonne Rice joins the College as a Higher Diploma student in Business and Mathematics. In September Ms. Devon O'Brien joined the College for a year from Victoria, British Columbia as a Gap Student.

Ms. Cailin Hammon has taken on the role of Financial Administrator in the role previously held by Mrs. Eileen Courtney. Mrs. Courtney's ability to balance books, answer phones, deal with the needs of pupils, parents and teachers, sometimes simultaneously, was valued by everyone in the College. Mrs. Courtney's trustworthiness and integrity, allied to her calm dispensation of advice were of great personal support to a new Headmaster in a new role.

Midleton College is a great beneficiary of the voluntary support it receives from three groups. The Board of Governors give a significant personal commitment to the College in their role as Trustees. The longstanding relationship of all Governors to the College means that there is an inbuilt understanding of where priorities lie in the long-term development of the school. The willingness of the Board members to act for and on behalf of the College is undoubted, and as a community we remain in their debt.

The P.T.A., chaired by Mrs. Louise Oppermann and the M.C.A. chaired by Mr. Robert Chambers, both work to support the educational evolution of the College and the maintenance of fraternal social contact between parents and former pupils. The work of both bodies, led by their respective committees, is of significant practical benefit to our pupils, the PTA involvement in Careers Nights and the annual organisation of the Asgard trip by the MCA being but two examples. Thanks are offered to all those who served on these committees in 2004.

### STATE EXAMINATIONS

In the Leaving Certificate in 2004, 35 candidates sat a total of 254 papers. Of these 166 were set at Honours Level with 85% of all papers sat achieving an Honours grade. Of those papers taken at Ordinary Level 97.5% were passed. SarahJane Phelan attained an outstanding 590 points with Grade A1, A2 in all 8 subjects sat. 48% of the 6th years of 2004 attained 400 CAO points or over.

At Junior Certificate 68.5 % of all papers sat received an honours grade at higher level. While concerns were expressed in the national media in relation to performance in Mathematics this was not reflected in the College where there were no fails recorded in this subject. Particular congratulations are due to Caroline Murphy, Alan O'Regan and Roisin Stronach who were jointly awarded the Intermediate Shield for attaining the highest grades at Junior Certificate.

Thanks are due to Mr. Brian Hickey, Mr. Michael Daley and their editorial and advertising team for their compilation of this year's Midleton College Magazine. A significant amount of planning and development has gone into the creation of this engaging review of school life in 2003/04.



*Polo Crosbie and Caroline Murphy share their delight on the day of the Junior Cert results. Well Done to all our students for successfully hurdling this academic barrier.*

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## TEACHING STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

### GAMES

#### BOYS HOCKEY

Mr. Ivan Leopold  
Ms. Mary Power  
Ms. Liz Clifford

#### GIRLS HOCKEY

Mr. Clive Seale  
Ms. Jane Mackey  
Ms. Liz Clifford  
Ms. Catriona Hassey  
Ms. Aideen McCarthy

#### RUGBY

Mr. John Levis  
Mr. Martin Preston  
Mr. Ray Power  
Mr. Paul Cashman  
Mr. Andrew McCarthy  
Mr. Peter Kelly

#### TABLE TENNIS

Mr. Bud Morrissey  
Ms. Liz Clifford

#### ORIENTEERING

Mr. Ray Power  
Ms. Liz Clifford

#### TENNIS

Mr. Clive Seale

#### ATHLETICS

Mr. Ray Power  
Ms. Liz Clifford

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mr. Ken O'Neill  
Mr. Paul Cashman

#### MUSIC LESSONS

Mrs. Ann Anderson  
Mr. Ian Sexton  
Ms. Katrina Emtaj  
Mr. Cathal Brennan  
Ms. Giselle Campbell

#### DRAMATICS

Mr. Neil Bronks

#### CHESS

Mr. Brian Hickey

#### EQUESTRIAN

Mr. Simon Thompson  
Mrs. Paula Stead

#### CRICKET

Mr. John Levis  
Mr. Brian Hickey  
Mr. Jim Doran

#### GOLF

Mr. Michael Daley

#### CULTURE CLUB

Ms. Katie McLernan  
Ms. Devon O'Brien

Examination Results 2004

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2004

Note: H = Higher level; O = Ordinary Level; F = Foundation Level.

James Breen	H	English, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.
	O	Irish, Mathematics, French.
Jonathan Clibborn	H	English, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.
	O	Irish, Mathematics, French.
Diarmuid Connolly	H	English, Geography, Physics, Business, Art.
	O	Mathematics, French.
Cait Corkery	H	English, Mathematics, Geography, French, Chemistry, Biology.
	O	Irish.
Sally Cross	H	Irish, English, Geography, French, Spanish, Art.
	O	Mathematics.
Darragh Currvan	H	English, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Business.
	O	Irish, Mathematics, French.
Ann De Mey	H	Irish, English, French, Biology, Art, German.
	O	Mathematics.
Damien Edwardes	H	English, Geography, Physics, Business.
	O	Irish, Mathematics, French.
Peter Faris	H	English, Mathematics, Geography, French, Physics, Chemistry.
	O	Irish.
Liz Fitzgibbon	H	Irish, English, Geography, Spanish, Biology, Music,
	O	Mathematics.
Katie Flood	H	English, History, Geography, Business.
	O	Mathematics, French, Chemistry.
Timothy Garde	H	English, History, Geography, Biology, German
	O	Irish, Mathematics.
Sarah Gray	H	Geography, Business.
	O	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, French.
Emer Kavanagh	H	Geography, French, Physics, Music.
	O	Mathematics.
Mariam Kelleher	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, Geography, French, Biology, Music.
Susan Kelly	H	Irish, English, Geography, French, Biology, Music.
	O	Mathematics.
Eddie Leung	O	English, Mathematics, Geography, French, Physics, Chemistry, Business.
Clare Lucey	H	English, History, Geography, French, Biology, Art.
	O	Irish, Mathematics.
Merle Lola Mannhardt	H	Mathematics, Geography, French, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, German.
	O	English.
Jason McCarthy	H	English, Mathematics, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.
	O	French.
Robert Mohally	H	English, Geography, Business, Art.
	O	Irish, Mathematics, French, Physics.
Ross Morgan	H	English, Geography, Business, Art.
	O	Irish, Mathematics, French, Physics.
Joanne Murphy	H	English, Geography, Art.
	O	Irish, Mathematics, History, French, Biology.
Micheál Murphy	H	English, Geography, Physics, Biology.
	O	Irish, Mathematics, French.
Rebecca Murphy	H	English, Mathematics, Geography, French, Spanish, Biology.
	O	Irish.
Marion Murray	H	Geography.
	O	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, French, Biology.
Barbara Nicholson	H	English, Geography, Biology.
	O	Irish, Mathematics, French, Chemistry.
Gerald O'Connell	H	English, Geography, French, Physics, Chemistry.
	O	Irish, Mathematics.
Rory O'Mahoney	H	Geography, Physics, Biology, Art.
	O	Irish, English, Mathematics, French.
SarahJane Phelan	H	English, Mathematics, Geography, French, Physics, Chemistry,
	O	Applied Mathematics.
	O	Irish.

Nicole Ryall	H	English, Geography, Chemistry, Biology.
	O	Irish, Mathematics, Physics.
Justin Tait	H	English, Geography.
	O	Irish, Mathematics, French, Physics, Biology.
Craig Whyte	H	Irish, English, Geography, French, Spanish, Biology.
	O	Mathematics.
Rachael Wilson	H	English, History, Geography, French, Biology, Music.
	O	Irish, Mathematics.
Marie Anna zu Salm-Salm	H	Geography, Spanish, Chemistry, Biology, German.
	O	English, Mathematics.

### JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 2004

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

#### Form IIIe

Emily Bowker	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish, CSPE.
Mark Deane	H	Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish, CSPE.
	O	Irish, English.
Rebecca Hitchmough	H	English, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, CSPE.
	O	Irish, Mathematics, Business.
Richard Jeffery	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies. CSPE.
	O	Irish, Art.
Aisling Kely	H	Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish, CSPE.
	O	Mathematics.
George Kenefick	H	Mathematics, Geography, French, Science, Business, CSPE.
	O	Irish, English, History, Art.
Fern Marshall	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE.
	O	Irish.
Caroline Murphy	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish, CSPE.
Paul O'Reilly	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE.
Harriet O'Rourke	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music, CSPE.
Gillian O'Shea	H	Geography, French, Art, Spanish, CSPE.
	O	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Science.
Jennifer O'Shea	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish, CSPE.
Daniel Pennington	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE.
David Quill	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music, CSPE.
Charlotte Spink	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music, CSPE.
	O	Irish.
Roisin Stronach	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music, CSPE.
Devron Tombacco	H	English, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music, CSPE.
	O	Mathematics.
John Twomey	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE.
	O	Irish.
Cian Walsh	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, CSPE.
	O	Irish, Art.
Stephen Waters	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE.

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Conor Brougham	H	Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, CSPE.
	O	Irish, English, French, Business Studies, Music.
Jack Charlesworth	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE.
Andrea Coleman	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE.
Emma Cotter	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Music, CSPE.
Alan Crosbie	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Music, CSPE.
Owen Daly	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Music, CSPE.
Darren Farrell	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish, CSPE.
	O	Irish.
Sinead Lucey	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music, CSPE.
Jennifer Moloney	H	English, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, CSPE.
	O	Irish, Mathematics, Art.
Craig Moore	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE.
	O	Irish.
Nicholas Murphy	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish, CSPE.
	O	Irish.
Aimee O'Donovan	H	English, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music, CSPE.
	O	Irish, Mathematics.
Alan O'Regan	H	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE.
Fionn O'Sullivan	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Art, CSPE.
	O	Irish, French, Business Studies.
David Oppermann	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE.
William Oppermann	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE.
Katie Porter	H	Music, CSPE.
	O	Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies.
Alan Ross	H	Geography, Art, CSPE.
	O	English, Mathematics, History, French, Science, Business Studies.
Kevin Terry	H	English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE.
	O	Irish.

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THE HEADMASTER AND HIS FAMILY  
 SEND CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS  
 To all Pupils (Past and Present), Staff and Friends of the College

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## PRIZE LIST 2004

**MOORE MEMORIAL PRIZE:** Sarah-Jane Phelan.

**WEBSTER MEMORIAL PRIZE:** Sarah-Jane Phelan,

**INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SHIELD:** Caroline Murphy, Alan O'Regan, Roisin Stronach.

**MIDDLETON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PRIZE:** Emma Cotter.

**BISHOP HEARN MEMORIAL PRIZE:** Marion Murray, Barbara Nicholson, Kevin Terry, David Quill.

**J.H. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZE for LEAVING CERTIFICATE CHEMISTRY:** Sarah-Jane Phelan, Peter Faris.

**BANK OF IRELAND LEAVING CERTIFICATE PRIZE for PHYSICS:** Peter Faris.

**J.H. BENNETT PRIZE FOR SCIENCE:** Caroline Murphy, Alan O'Regan, Roisin Stronach, Polo Crosbie.

**JAMES McNEILL WEST MEMORIAL PRIZE for MATHEMATICS:** Sarah-Jane Phelan, Peter Faris.

**TIMOTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZE for MATHEMATICS:** Caroline Murphy, Alan O'Regan, Roisin Stronach, Polo Crosbie, Emma Cotter.

**AIB LEAVING CERTIFICATE PRIZE for ENGLISH:** Rachael Wilson.

**BAGWELL PRIZE for LANGUAGES:** Caroline Murphy, Roisin Stronach, Sinead Lucey, Devron Tombacco.

**ALAN McBETH MEMORIAL PRIZE for LANGUAGES:** Sarah-Jane Phelan, Rebecca Murphy, Liz Fitzgibbon, Sally Cross.

**ISAAC BUTT MEMORIAL PRIZE for HISTORY:** Clare Lucey, Rachael Wilson.

**J.W. SMYTH PRIZE for LEAVING CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHY:** Sarah-Jane Phelan, Clare Lucey, Rachael Wilson, Rebecca Murphy, Jonathan Clibborn, Gerald O'Connell.

**LINDSAY MAING PRIZE for JUNIOR CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHY:** Caroline Murphy, Alan O'Regan, Roisin Stronach, Polo Crosbie.

**MRS E.F. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZE for MUSIC:** Polo Crosbie, Devron Tombacco, Liz Fitzgibbon, Miriam Kelleher.

**IRIS OLIVE ATKINS PRIZE for BIOLOGY:** Rebecca Murphy, Liz Fitzgibbon, Jonathan Clibborn.

**DR F.M. HILLIARD MEMORIAL PRIZES for FORM V:** Barbara Deane, Merial Smith, Sian Egerton, Julia Driganova, Tara Browne, Michael White, Timothy Fuller, Rachel Dool, Jesse Kingston, Simon McKeown, Claire Holland-Schedrin.

**MIDDLETON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION PRIZE:** Alan Ross.

**B.D. CAIRNS PRIZE FOR SINGING:** Rachael Wilson.

**HEADMASTER'S PRIZE:** Lola Mannhardt, Ann de Mey, Cait Corkery.

**LONG MEMORIAL PRIZE for IRISH:** Liz Fitzgibbon, Miriam Kelleher, Jennifer O'Shea.

**ART PRIZE:** Emily Bower, David Oppermann, William Oppermann, John Twomey, Clare Lucey.

**DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZE for JUNIOR CERTIFICATE ENGLISH:** Roisin Stronach, Polo Crosbie, Charlotte Spink, Fern Marshall.

**DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZE for JUNIOR CERTIFICATE HISTORY:** Polo Crosbie, Sinead Lucey, David Quill, Stephen Waters.

**HOUSE PRIZES:**      **FORM VI:**                      Jason McCarthy, Susan Kelly, Cait Corkery, Craig Whyte, Robert Mohally, Nicole Ryall.

**FORM III:**                      Andrea Coleman, Emily Bowker, Harriet O'Rourke, Nicholas Murphy.

### CLASS PRIZES:

**Form IV:** 1st, Ian O'Brien; 2nd, Jackie Flynn; 3rd, Ryan Bourgeois; Equal 4th, Shane O'Brien, Luke Sheridan, Leanne Whitford; 7th, Tom Eastaway; Equal 8th, Kate Phelan, Hilary Smith, Jacqueline Hornbrook.

**Form II:** 1st, Anna Preston; Equal 2nd, Michel Madera, Charlotte Weston; 4th, Jonathan Hackett; 5th, Colin Jermyn; Equal 6th; Laura Van Copenhagen, Marcus Russell; Equal 8th; Luke McKeown and Caitlin Sheridan; Equal 10th, Louise Johansson, Niall Wilcox.

**Form I:** 1st, Ronan Murphy; 2nd Darragh Crosbie; Equal 3rd, Daragh Mathews and Tyler Sheridan, Equal 5th, Barry Cunningham and Clare Stead; 7th, Criostóir Humphreys; 8th, Kieran James; 9th, Joseph Coyne; 10th, Kate Murray.

## 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:** Christopher Allen, Iain Andrew, Kenneth Baker, Patrick Breen, Samuel Clay, James Connolly, Ethan Dillon, August Dumrath, Tom Dwyer, David Ferrer, Constantin Fugger, Angus Griffith, Owen Jermyn, David Kenefick, Sebastian Leitch, Fionn Little, Alfonso Llorens, Diarmuid Long, James Moloney, Harris Monagan, William Murphy, Killian O'Dwyer, Michael O'Flynn, Sean O'Regan, Donnacha O'Riordan, Philip O'Rourke, Charlie O'Sullivan, David O'Sullivan, Olann O'Sullivan, Daniel Roche, Emmet Rose, Seth Shanagher, Brendyn Thomas, Alan Walsh, Matthew Wilson.

**Girls:** Katie Anderson, Laura Anderson, Anastasia Artemieva, Jennifer Arthur, Shirley Baker, Yulia Belyaeva, Caroline Coghlan, Yvonne Coleman, Grainne Connolly, Paige Crosbie, Siofra Fitzgerald, Rosemary Hockenull, Rosie Kane, Bróna Kelly, Clodagh Lehane, Paulin Mannhardt, Amy Myers, Laura McPadden, Katie O'Callaghan, Anna O'Leary, Sarah O'Shea, Jennifer Preston, Luisa Schneeberger, Susanna Schreiner, Emily Simonin, Rachel Smith, Hedda Strahler-Pohl, Stefanie Tegtmeyer, Julia Van der Merwe, Grainne Walsh, Thea Weber, Victoria Wilson.

### VALETE

JAMES BREEN: University College Cork (Food Technology & Business)  
JONATHAN CLIBBORN: The Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester (Land Management)  
DIARMUID CONNOLLY: Cork Institute of Technology (Business Information Systems)  
SALLY CROSS: University College Cork (European Studies)  
DARRAGH CURRIVAN: Cork Institute of Technology (Bio-Medical Science)  
ANN de MEY: Shannon College of Hotel Management (Hotel & Leisure Management)  
DAMIEN EDWARDES: Cork Institute of Technology (Marine Engineering)  
PETER FARIS: Bristol University (Engineering)  
LIZ FITZGIBBON: Goldsmith College London (Drama)  
KATIE FLOOD: University College Cork (Food Technology & Business)  
TIMOTHY GARDE: University College Cork (Food Business)  
SARAH GRAY: College of Commerce (Travel and Tourism)  
MIRIAM KELLEHER: University College Cork (Arts)  
SUSAN KELLY: University of Aberdeen (Occupational Therapy)  
EDDIE LEUNG: College of Commerce (International Airline Studies and Business)  
CLARE LUCEY: University College Cork (Arts & Psychology)  
MERLE LOLA MANNHARDT: University of Bangor (Wales) (Child Psychology)  
JASON MCCARTHY: University College Cork (Arts)  
ROBERT MOHALLY: Cork Institute of Technology: (Food Business)  
ROSS MORGAN: University College Cork (Computer Science)  
JOANNE MURPHY: College of Commerce (Legal Studies)  
MICHEAL MURPHY: University College Cork (Food Technology & Business)  
REBECCA MURPHY: Trinity College Dublin (Business Economic & Social Studies)  
MARION MURRAY: Cork College of Commerce (Travel & Tourism)  
BARBARA NICHOLSON: Cork College of Commerce (Beauty Therapy)  
GERALD O'CONNELL: University College Cork (Business Information Systems)  
RORY O'MAHONEY: Saint Stephen's College (Multimedia)  
NICOLE RYALL: Cork Institute of Technology (Applied Chemistry)  
JUSTIN TAIT: Kildalton Agricultural College  
CRAIG WHYTE: University College Cork (European Studies & Social Policy)  
RACHAEL WILSON: University College Cork (Arts)  
MARIE ANNA zu SALM-SALM: University College Dublin (Arts).

### Gap Year:

SarahJane Phelan.

### 7th Year Studies:

Cait Corkery, Emer Kavanagh.

## PRIZE DAY 2004

This year Prize Day was held earlier than usual on Friday 15th October but as usual it took place in the Silver Springs Moran Hotel. Prof. T.T. West chaired the event and the guest speaker was Brian Lenihan T.D., a rising star of the Lenihan/O'Rourke F.F. dynasty.

Dr. West opened the event by speaking of yet another year of triumphs for Midleton College and went on to introduce Mr. Thompson to present his second ever Headmaster's Report.

The Headmaster began his report by welcoming everyone, particularly Mr. Lenihan, but reminded us that we were met in the midst of sadness, due to the recent death of our colleague and friend Mr. Ron Little. Having devoted much of his life to Midleton College Ron loomed large in everyone's memories on this day and will doubtless continue to do so.

Mr. Thompson went on to remind us that while Prize Day is primarily a celebration of academic achievement, it is also an opportunity to celebrate the many and various extra-curricular successes of the past year. These varied from sports, athletics, drama, debating to artistic and horticultural endeavours. All of these outlets give the students a sense of 'belonging' and help provide the grounded sense of self which is so vital in a young person's development. Needless to say all of these would be impossible without the help and co-operation of the staff involved and Mr. Thompson offered thanks for their many contributions to the school.

The advantages of being a 'small' school were mentioned, especially the teacher/pupil ration of approx 1:10 and the opportunity afforded us for close staff/student interaction. Our size means the educational and social experience of school is concentrated rather than diluted. The Headmaster went on to give examples of what such a concentrated essence could produce! In hockey, the senior girls reached both Cup and League finals only to be narrowly defeated, but they behaved admirably in the face of adversity. Rebecca Murphy became the first U18 hockey player to be selected for Munster U21's while still at school since Rachel Kohler over 10 years ago. Caroline Murphy was selected for the U16 team. In boys hockey Craig Moore and Joe Deane were selected for the Munster U16 team.

In rugby the senior team competed well through out the year. Dermot England was on the Munster 'A' team last year and was chosen as its captain this year. Cathal McSweeney and Michael White are also in the team this year. Junior rugby is also thriving in the school and table tennis continues to be very popular. Robert Smyth won the Senior Table Tennis League. In new departures, basketball for senior girls, show jumping and athletics have all been added to the school's ever growing list of activities.

Other pupils demonstrated their talents and abilities in different ways. Daniel Oosthuizen was selected as one of only five Irish students to represent us at the Future World Leader's summit in Washington D.C. J.R. Ryall created a weaving craft-work that was selected for exhibition in New York. Siobhan Phillips co-ordinated a major fund-raising campaign through the Christmas boxes scheme. Many of the students enriched our school year through musical, dramatic and artistic projects too numerous to enumerate.

Mr Thompson concluded this portion of his address to accurately observe that – while we recognize the importance of academic achievement, we are not dominated by it. This brought us on to the State Exam results which were quite pleasing. The Leaving Certificate results were an accurate reflection of the abilities and commitment to work of the students. An outstanding example was Sarah-Jane Phelan who attained a total of 590 points. Junior Certificate results were excellent with the top candidates of Caroline Murphy, Alan O'Regan and Roisín Stronach each scoring eight 'A's and two 'B's at higher level.

In relation to general changes in the school a number of positive developments were highlighted. More regular timetabled choir periods, an augmented learning support programme, four new courses in Transition Year i.e. European Studies, Form and Fusion, Horticulture and Music Appreciation and the reintroduction of Applied Maths to the Curriculum. The introduction of a very successful separate supervised prep for 6th years and of a new School Code of Behaviour were also important improvements. Physically the school has benefited from extensive refurbishment made possible by a DES Grant of \_19,000 and a further large investment by the College itself.

Within the staff of the College there were a number of changes. Ms Ní Mhurchu left to be replaced by Miss McLernan teaching French and Irish. Mr. Oliver Lyons retired after over thirty three years teaching English in the school and was replaced by Ms. A Mackillop recently returned to the ranks of Midleton College. Mrs Eileen Courtney retired after thirty years of service as the schools financial administrator and is succeeded by Ms Cailín Hammond. Finally two new members join us this year, Ms Devon O'Brien a Canadian on GAP year placement and Ms Yvonne Rice doing her H.Dip hours in Business and Maths. Those that have left we wish every success and to those joining us may they feel most welcome.

At this point the Headmaster invited the Prefects forward to receive their badges of office from Prof. West. This years Prefect's are; Head boy – Robert Smyth, Head girl – Tara Browne, Senior Boarding Boy – Shane Fleming and Senior Day Girl – Vanessa Tait.

In conclusion the Headmaster spoke of the Board's commitment to creating a school development plan. In conjunction with parents and teachers it is hoped to chart a course that will see Midleton College go from strength to strength in the future years.

Prof. West then invited Mr Lenihan to address the assembly. He began by posing the question that if as Maurice Healy maintains 'the best talk is heard in Cork' why invite a Dubliner to speak. This proved to be false modesty as he proceeded to give an excellent speech. The minister began by establishing his credentials in that he has been attached to the Department of Education, Justice and Health at different times and all three are strongly connected to children and youth. He knows that some children can fall through the cracks of society and after the family, it is the education system which is most important in preventing this.

Mr Lenihan went on to speak of education and schools as being based on partnership. Boards, teachers, parents and children all working together to achieve their goals. Furthermore, he was particularly glad that the union disharmony in recent times had been resolved and assured everyone that teachers are valued in Irish society. A recent U.N. survey showed Ireland's thirteen year olds have the second highest literacy level in the world and in maths we are fourteenth, so we must be getting something right!

On the issue of fee paying schools, Minister Lenihan approves if parents are willing to contribute to education and thinks the state should do more to support them.

Mr Lenihan feels that education is about forming character not just learning information and given the threat of drink, drugs, etc., in our modern world it is all important that character be formed early i.e. in schools. Many students will make their mark in the world because of the character they have developed in Midleton College.

Finally, Mr Lenihan concluded with the idea that 'an ounce of learning is worth a tonne of perception'. He also urged the students to keep up their extra curricular activities in later life and to remember that it was all due to the partnership begun in schools.

Prof. West proposed the vote of thanks and at this point a new event was added to Prize Day's pomp. The 4th year choir sang 'California Dreaming' as a pleasant musical interlude prior to the distribution of prizes to the students. So yet another Prize Day drew to its end.

Editor

### *"The Best Prize of All"*



*Here we see this year's prefects having received their insignia*

*L-R: Mr. Brian Lenihan T.D. our guest speaker, Shane Fleming and Tara Browne (Head Boarding Boy, Head Boarding Girl), Mr. Thompson, Robert Smyth and Vanessa Tait (Head Day Boy, Head Day Girl), and Mr. Levis.*

## Christmas Concert 2003

The Christmas concert is central to happenings in the college during late November and December. It is a case of all hands on deck. It draws the pupils and staff together to produce an event.

The first outward sign of action is usually the cleaning of the side screens (flats) in preparation for the painting of the new sets. These sets give us a glimpse of the artistic talents of some of the sixth year students. This year was a special challenge with two different backdrops required. From the ancient deserts of Egypt to Dickensian London, never did the stage look so professionally set up.

In recent years large numbers of students appear on stage in various roles ranging from comedy, to music and drama. Those involved on stage get the plaudits their participation deserves. Every effort is made to acknowledge the role played by the back stage organisers as well, since without them the concert would not take place. Most of the Technical staff are Sixth Year students who far from minding this extra duty jealously guard it as a privilege.

This year the Other Acts section was greatly reduced. We had a couple of German Carols and some piano from Lola Manhardt and Anna Lobkowicz plus some beautiful flute playing by Jillian Fleming. The band Exit gave us Paranoid with a Guest Vocalist and 'Seek and Destroy' literally raised the roof with Packie O'Donovan on vocals and Geoff Hitchmough on Lead, Mike White on bass and Rob Smyth on drums. The smoke machine greatly adding to the effect with Eddie and Eimear giving an amazing light show.

Kate Ross sang and Devron Tombacco and Packie brought down the tempo with some cool Jazz. Perhaps the highlight was Marcus Russell on the piano giving us a rondo that no one who was there will ever forget.

To end the first half the Choir gave us 'Joseph and his Amazing Techni-coloured Dreamcoat' music. Shane Fleming sung the lead with solos from Clare Nicholls, Geoffrey Byrne and Vanessa Tait among others.



Liz Fitzgibbon, no mean actress, plays scrooge

The second half was Dramatic Soc giving us 'A Christmas Carol' adapted by Mr. Bronks. Liz Fitzgibbon played the miser and the stage and performances were the best seen for many years.

All proceeds of the night went to the charity that sends livestock of improved varieties to the developing world BOTHAR.

Many of the back stage staff also help out later in the year with the St. John The Baptist National school concert, which is also performed in the College.

The long-suffering staff involved with the concert are:-

Neil Bronks Producer/Director.

Anne Anderson Musical Director

Lucy O Regan Art Director

The stage manager is usually a sixth year student.

Next year we have much more ambitious plans to do a musical.....'We are off to see the Wiz.....' but we still have to decide which one.

-N.B.

### *"My Lovely Horse"*



*L-R: Clare Stead and Tara Browne are shown out training with the newly reformed College equestrian team. Stead's steed seems more energetic than Browne's bomber but both are undoubtedly lovely animals (See article p.41)*

## DUTCH COURAGE – THE GEOGRAPHY TOUR!

We arrived at Schipol Airport tired but exhilarated, as for some it was their first time overcoming their fear of flying. The 4.30am start made the first day by far the longest. We began with farm studies, which proved difficult as it seemed hard to find a farm where English was spoken. This often resulted in miles of walking.

It was then off to Lelsted where we carried out one of the many town functions and had our lunch. After lunch we crossed the Markerard dam which joins the reclaimed land to the main land. After this we headed for a bit of cheese and 'wine' tasting at a cheese factory in Edam. On returning to the bus with our purchases, we were greeted by Mr. Morrissey grinning as he further educated us on how we had just been ripped off!

We finally arrived at our hotel in Noordwyk Aar Zee that night just in time for the evening meal.

Day two focused on the delta region. We visited the Hariyvheet dam museum where we saw the sluices in operation and the feat of engineering that went into building this spectacular structure. At this stage 'krassecht time' had become music to our ears and our Dutch social skills on farms were improving.

We visited Brielle for our lunch and carried out a town function survey here as well.

That evening we were glad to return to our three storey hotel which just brimmed above sea level – having spent a busy day studying the disastrous flood struck areas, a mere sixty years ago. That night it was a trip to the local swimming pool.

Friday morning began at 6.00am, and surprisingly the boys were bright eyed and bushy tailed, all prepared for the day trip to Amsterdam! Only to be set back in awe by the Aalsmeer flower auction which was our first stop. Everyone seemed amazed by the variety and numerous carriages traveling around the busy flower auction.

It was then off to Amsterdam which began with a boat trip. We were then let loose to roam the streets of Amsterdam – but some how our map reading skills resulted in us all ending up in the less desirable districts of Amsterdam.

On day four we headed for Rotterdam where we took a boat trip to explore the busy port of Rotterdam and later viewed it from the top of the Euromast which stood at one ninety five meters only to be told at the top that it often sways over one meter! Some people had a brown paper bag at the ready – while for others the exhilarating feeling had to be experienced a second time.

That afternoon we went to Maduroden – the smallest city in the world, to remind us of the many Dutch scenes and landmarks we had experienced throughout our trip.

Another early flight home on Sunday saw us arrive back in time for the first day after the Easter holiday. We had a fantastic time thanks to Mr. Morrissey, Mr. Levis, Mr. Leopold and Mrs. Power.

Two Tulips from Amsterdam

### *“Pride of Place”*



*Various young cubs on the geography tour resolutely ignore the stone lion behind them.  
Mr. Leopold looking suitably vigilant watches over their rest.*

### A DIETARY DILEMMA (After Hamlet)

To eat, or not to eat, that is the question,  
Whether tis' nobler in the stomach to suffer,  
The pangs and cravings of outrageous hunger,  
Or to stuff your face with a pool of chocolate, and by eating it, get fat.

To eat, to gain weight,  
No more, and by eat we mean fatten,  
The waistline, and the thousand natural shocks,  
That our flesh is heir to; tis' a consuming notion,  
Devoutly to be wish'd

To eat, to gain weight,  
To eat, perchance to fatten; ay there's the rub,  
For in eating decreasing what 'skinniness' may come,  
When we have fattened all the skinny cells,  
Must give us pause there's the respect,  
That makes calamity of non curvaceous bodies.

For who would bear the whips and milkshakes of ice-cream,  
The oppressor's wrong, the fat man's dream.

The pangs of unfed hunger, the ice-cream vans delay,  
The sweetness of toffee, and fudge,  
That heavenly merit of the mouth watering tastes.

When she herself might her fetish make,  
With an iced cupcake; who would devour cake,  
To gobble and munch a whole batter.

But that the dread of diet after feast,  
The undesired exercise, from whose gym,  
No large person returns, puzzles the senses,  
And makes us bear those fetishes we have,  
Than eat to others that we know not of.

-J. Wright  
(Form VI)

### A SILVER STAR

The Presidents Award (Gaisce) is the only state run award for youth in Ireland. There are three different categories; Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each takes a certain amount of time to complete; Silver takes between twelve and eighteen months. There are four sections which one works under in the allocated time. You can choose what you want to do for each section and in the end the awards committee expect one to prove commitment and evidence of a demanding personal challenge.

In June 2003 I began my Presidents award with intensive training for a 100km walk in Donegal in August '03, this was for my 'Venture Award'. I did the award through Scouting Ireland and the trip to Donegal was organized by S.I.

For my 'Community Involvement' I went back to my childhood and became a Cub Scout leader in my original Cub Pack. This was great fun and all the children were hilarious.

I took up kayaking for my 'Physical Skill' and spent many summer evenings swimming rather than kayaking on the River Lee! However I did complete my level two kayaking cert.

My final section as the 'Personal Skills' section in which I undertook and passed grade six singing.

By September 2004 I had completed my Silver Presidents Award and received it at a special ceremony in Jury's Hotel, Cork in October.

It was tough work and keeping up the commitment was difficult as it was very time consuming but I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and my P.A.L. Don was a great support. Next year I plan on going for gold.

Clare Nicholls  
(Form VI)

## THE WONDERS OF WASHINGTON!

I had first heard about the Future World Leaders Summit (FWLS) back in early 2002 when Laura Cuddy got the chance to head to Washington, DC for the week. I never would have imagined then, nor in the following year and a half, that I too would be one of those privileged few to participate. It was both an honour and a pleasure to be not only representing Midleton College, but also the Republic of Ireland.

When Mr. Hickey first asked me in November 2003 to enter the competition for the scholarship, I was full of enthusiasm and drive. The first stage involved the drafting of a letter addressed to a world leader, regarding issues I felt important in the current international climate. Taking into account my interests and my abilities, I chose to write to George W. Bush, the President of the United States of America, and outline my disagreement regarding his ultra-conservative policies, and pointing out what I felt to be the hypocrisy and contradiction involved. Given the amount I had lined up to rail against him, it was more than a little challenging trying to compress the letter into the maximum 750 words! After days of agonising mental exercise and wordplay, I succeeded. Among other things, I illustrated my disdain at the recent invasion of Iraq, addressed the paradox of championing human rights while imprisoning "suspected terrorists" without trial in Cuba, and used the words "liar", "warmonger", and "hypocrite" to describe the president. To quote the words used by Mr. Hickey for his initial response, "Fiery stuff!"

With the letter sent to the proper authorities – EIL (Experiment in International Living) Ireland – I forgot about it for the next few weeks, leaving it in the hands of fate. I must admit, I was more than a little surprised when I received a letter back from EIL saying my militant left-wing letter had passed the initial stage, and that I was invited to Dublin for a group interview with the other finalists. At this interview in late December, we were asked our opinions on matters relating to Ireland's place in the international community, the United Nations, and other issues of global importance. I attempted to be as diplomatic and statesmanlike as possible. If you had just read my letter, and the next day heard me speak at this interview, you would have thought I was not the author! The interview lasted about an hour, I and the other four people present taking turns answering the interviewers' questions. Just over two weeks later, the day before we returned to school from Christmas holidays, the five winners received letters congratulating them on being accepted for the scholarship to join four hundred other young people in travelling to the FWLS, taking place in Washington, DC from March 20th – 27th 2004. After all the apprehension and waiting, this left-wing, pro-choice, anti-war Socialist was on his way to the world capital of right-wing, pro-life, militaristic Conservatism to act as a young ambassador for the Republic of Ireland.



*The US Capitol buildings – note the cranes and spot the metaphor*

Departing from Dublin on March 19th, eleven of us (five southerners, five northerners, and our EIL representative, Rory Costello) touched down in Washington eight hours later, and explored the Georgetown area of the city, eager to immerse ourselves in our new environment. We spent the night in the luxurious Georgetown Suites hotel, and the following morning relocated to the Georgetown University Conference Centre. We checked into our rooms, and met our room-mates for the week, each of us being allocated to a room of four. My room-mates consisted of a Californian, a North Carolinian, and a Honduran national. The four of us got on like a house on fire, and virtually everybody else reported the same. That evening we gathered in the main conference hall for our opening orientation. The dress code for the week was quite formal, so for 90% of the time we were wearing business attire. After being introduced to the instructors and interns from the controlling organisation – Presidential Classroom – we were dismissed to our first "delegation" meeting.

Present at the FWLS were fourteen delegations representing people from across the world. The ten Irish representatives formed part of the "Western Europe" delegation, and, to our surprise, we formed the largest single bloc of representatives in this particular delegation (discounting, of course, approximately twenty-five Americans role-playing as Western Europeans). Also represented were Britain, France, and the Netherlands. Each contributing one delegate. At this meeting, each of us introduced ourselves to the other delegates, where we immediately established that the Irish were to play a major part of this summit. Following this, we each selected a "Working Group" to participate in.

The ten Working Groups, each consisting of forty people drawn from each delegation, formed the real essence of what the FWLS was all about. The overall objective of the summit was to prepare a "communiqué", or mock piece of legislation, relating to the topic of our respective Working Groups, in my case, Trade. These communiqués were then to be presented to the summit at a preliminary vote, and a final vote. There were two catches here. Firstly, a communiqué could not contain any condition unacceptable to the stated policies of a delegation's government i.e. the Weapons of Mass Destruction communiqué could not contain a clause stipulating that all WMDs were to be decommissioned within five years, as this would be unacceptable to several nations. Each working group therefore had to walk a tightrope of diplomacy, carefully representing the views of each delegation's government, while containing something substantive in the communiqué. The second catch was the end goal of all this: in order for a communiqué to be ratified, the summit had to deliver a unanimous vote in favour of it. That is, all fourteen delegations had to vote "Yes". If at this point you can imagine yourself tearing your hair out, allow me to say this much; you are not too far from the truth!

The following day (Sunday), we loaded onto buses and drove into town for our first tour of the city. We were dropped off on the National Mall, which is the famous area in Washington with the Abraham Lincoln memorial at one end, the Capitol buildings at the other, and the Washington Monument (the large obelisk with the pyramidal tip) in the middle. Branching off to the side of this is Pennsylvania Avenue, 1600 being the number of the house I addressed my letter to. For a few hours, we were left free to tour around the Mall, being given the opportunity of viewing such famous places as the Smithsonian Institute where the Space Shuttle and Wright Brothers' plane are housed, the National Archives which contains the Declaration of Independence, and the American History Museum, documenting the 250 year history of the United States.

Upon returning to the conference centre, we once again met in our delegation meetings to elect the president, vice-president, and secretary of the delegation. Roughly a dozen people put their names forward, myself and two other Irish members included. We stated our case, and left the room for five minutes while the other delegates voted. Upon re-entering the room, I was somewhat shocked to learn that I had been elected as president, having only put my name forward in half-seriousness. What was even more striking was the fact that, along with a Corkman for a president, the delegates had also elected a Dubliner as vice-president, and a Belfast resident as secretary. Thus, by some mad stroke of (possibly Satanic) fortune, the Irish had gained total control of the Western European delegation! We were therefore in a position to try and represent our nation to the best of our abilities. Later on that afternoon we got the opportunity to do this through our "country presentation". This involved giving a brief, five minute presentation on our home country, detailing culture, history, and politics. We decided to give an all-Ireland presentation, both north and south, and ended up utilising, among other things, a tin whistle, the only two members of the delegation who know how to perform Irish dancing, a Gaelic football, and a copy of the 1916 proclamation. The Unionist members of our delegation also gave their own humorous version of their view of Ireland. All in all, the presentation was a huge success, and we were forever being congratulated for delivering what people thought to be the best and most entertaining presentation.



*The Irish take to the stage  
Seo libh canaig amhran na bhfiann*

Our typical day (if such a thing was possible) at the FWLS involved rising at 7 o'clock in the morning (which wasn't so bad, since a lot of people were on their home times). We normally had a delegation meeting at 9 o'clock, followed by a Working Group meeting, followed by an excursion into town. Several highlights we visited included embassies, Capitol Hill, Fort McNair (the training college for US Military high level officers), the International Monetary Fund Headquarters, and the White House itself. Normally at these venues we were addressed by senior American or foreign diplomats, captains of industry, military personnel, congressmen, senators, or economic policy advisors. It was both fascinating and enlightening to gain a real insight to how diplomacy actually works. I would like to think that we gained some practical experience in the ridiculously long hours in the working day!

Thursday morning came, and with it the preliminary summit vote on the communiqués. Each Working Group selected a group of people to act as a panel, in order to read out their communiqué, and open up the floor for follow-up questions. In my capacity as president of the delegation, I was entitled to approach one of the microphones in the main assembly hall, and ask a question on behalf of the delegation. The communiqués would then be voted upon. As it turns out, the Trade communiqué I had been working on received twelve yes votes, and two no votes. A few other communiqués received similar levels of support, but none was passed. The final day of bartering and haggling drew on, with each Working Group badgering the delegations for votes. Again, as president of delegation, I was constantly in the line of fire as to why we had voted no on certain communiqués. In addition, I also had to control the delegation meetings and try to allow each person present to have their say on each communiqué. As the old adage goes; "It's lonely at the top".

Finally the summit vote came. With two defeated communiqués, Trade was the third to be voted upon. This time, it was a straight up-or-down vote – no questions. I and the other three Europeans on the Working Group held our breath as we awaited all the votes to be cast. When the fourteenth vote was cast, it was the same as the previous thirteen; Yes. Even though the communiqué was not an actual piece of legislation, nor did it carry any legally binding power, the reaction was overwhelming. When so much emotional, mental, and often times physical energy is spent on something so complex, regardless of what it is, a victory is a source of immense satisfaction and happiness. As it turns out, the Trade communiqué was one of only four out of ten passed. The primary reason for the successful negotiation of these was the fact that they were so non-offensive. At that moment, it finally clicked with me; non-offensiveness is the ultimate essence of diplomacy.

The week in Washington was, for me, both enlightening and thoroughly enjoyable. I have, from the FWLS, learned skills and ideas which will prove to be applicable and beneficial to whatever career or profession I end up in. I also had the opportunity to make dozens of new friends, many of which I still keep in contact with. When I was standing on the floor of the assembly hall and heard the final "Yes" vote, I imagined this must have been how people felt when the Dail ratified the Anglo-Irish Treaty in 1922. In a world of so much turmoil and darkness, the Treaty provided a small glimmer of light to a nation struggling to discover its identity. In the same way, the other young people at the FWLS provided me with a small ray of hope that great things are possible in the future. If those people really are the future leaders of the world, then the future of our world is in safe hands.

Dan Oosthuizen



*"It is not in the stars to hold our destiny,  
but in ourselves." – William Shakespeare*

Since our first year at Midleton College, the thing we most looked forward to apart from Transition Year, was our trip to Russagh Mill in Skibereen. Each year before us had said what a good time they had had and we had heard all of their stories, so we couldn't wait to create stories and memories of our own. When we got there, the instructors (who were just as crazy as we were) gave us a talk on how the week would pan out. Then we were put into four groups. The excitement was electric: no school, no teachers, just us and the wilderness.

There were many activities each day, so we were always entertained. Some of these included rock climbing, canoeing, orienteering, and obstacle courses. One of our best memories was of the canoeing: we went to Lough Ine, which is a beautiful lake surrounded by even more lovely scenery. Little did we know it was going to be the wettest day of our lives! After a short briefing, we were out on the water racing. After a while, we played a game where we held on to each other's canoes and the two people in the end canoes had to race across all of the canoes. Easier said than done! I managed to get to the boat next to me, but then fell foolishly into the ice-cold water whilst everyone else had a good laugh at my despair. I will never forget the faces of those in my group as they hit the water that day – priceless!

It began to rain as we waited, saturated from our day on the water, at the side of the road for our taxi to arrive. Unbeknownst to us however, our driver had gone off to Dublin and did not arrive for three long, cold hours which seemed rather like a lifetime. Nevertheless, we always seemed to find the humour in every situation and took each new surprise in our stride.

After each day of adventure, you could look forward to a stone cold shower!

On the third night there, we were all split into groups again and each group was put into a room. An instructor came around and gave us black-bin bags, thread, and tin foil with which we were to make a costume. The models of the costumes were Peter Brougham, Caroline Levis, Mark Llewelyn and Ivan Gonzales. I think that all of the females in our year would agree on how jealous we were of the three gentlemen that night. They made for extremely sexy ladies! Though Mark had a few problems strutting his stuff in heels, Peter and Ivan were absolute naturals! They looked fabulous! (The thought of the sight of them on that evening is still amusing).

One the last night, one of the more eccentric leaders brought us on a long walk in the woods with her dog. We nearly fell into a lake but God was with us – Buiochás le dia. After a few hours full of navigation difficulties, we found our way back to camp. We decided to settle in for a quite night (yeah right!) but the atmosphere around the camp was amazing. A few people played guitars, while others chatted away and generally enjoyed the evening and the company in which it was kept. All made the most of their last night, as we knew that it would over in the morning.

Saying goodbye was hard. We had created and shared so many great memories, and we became closer as a result. We all got to know so much about each other and were always up for a good giggle. Skibereen was a learning experience in so many ways, and we wouldn't change one bit of it for the world. Many thanks to Ms. Clifford for coming with us on the trip, and to Ms. Mackey for organizing it: we couldn't have done it without them.

-R. Connolly & C. O'Leary  
(Form V)

## Mr Oliver Lyons

I first became aware of Oliver when I entered UCC. It was difficult not to notice him as he held court in the Rest. Indeed many tables bore graffiti urging that the Duke of Middleton, for it was he, be banned from the Rest! I do not think these were in any way malicious, mere examples of routine badinage and persiflage.

I first got to know Oliver when I came to teach in Middleton College and his father had very kindly agreed to give a penniless Dip student a regular lift back from Cork following afternoon lectures. From there our friendship grew.

It was in 1969 that Oliver first came to the College to teach Mathematics and Latin, following a period teaching in St Kieran's College in Cork. It must be said however that he was by then no stranger to the place, particularly late at night when he was a frequent participator in late night Staff Room "Debates": those that start after Closing Time and continue on into the small hours.

Sometime later he came to dominate the English Department and it was here that he found his true métier, for Oliver was, and is, a fanatic for the English language: it must be written and spoken with accuracy, clarity and panache. This is in fact his great gift; he has a way with words, his observations are "spot on", they are compellingly expressed, he has a talent for the mot juste, the telling phrase. These talents he brought to bear on this magazine, which he edited for many years.

His other area of language mastery had been the Irish Times Interschool Debating Competitions in which he had long represented UCC. Needless to say Middleton College benefited greatly from this talent and experience.

One wonders whence comes the notion that a teaching career is a cushy number, one's day done and dusted at about half past three. Oliver stayed on long hours after school and at weekends, involved in school dramatics, producing plays and training would be actors, out in the Gym, leaping up and down, on and off the stage. His involvement with the College Christmas Concert lasted well over twenty years; indeed he oversaw the total enterprise for a long period indeed. Add to this the experience of giving a half-time pep talk to a rugby team and conducting a choir on the stage of the old Capitol cinema and you realise that pedagogy is not for the faint-hearted!

His thespian and histrionic skill of course came to the fore in class, strange noises crept out under doors and seeped through partitions: the finer points of English usage were dramatically demonstrated as well as explained. His knowledge and appreciation of English Literature is extensive, with perhaps a preference for the "Great Tradition" winning out over more contemporary and experimental stuff. He was a formidable presence in both class and Staff room, a centre of ebullient energy, withering disparagement, subtle wit and raucous humour.

We wish him many happy years with Patricia to keep him focussed (he simply never knows what she is going to spring on him next) and in continued enjoyment of the family in whom he has always taken such satisfaction and delight.

Ad multos annos  
DJ

### Midleton College Choirs

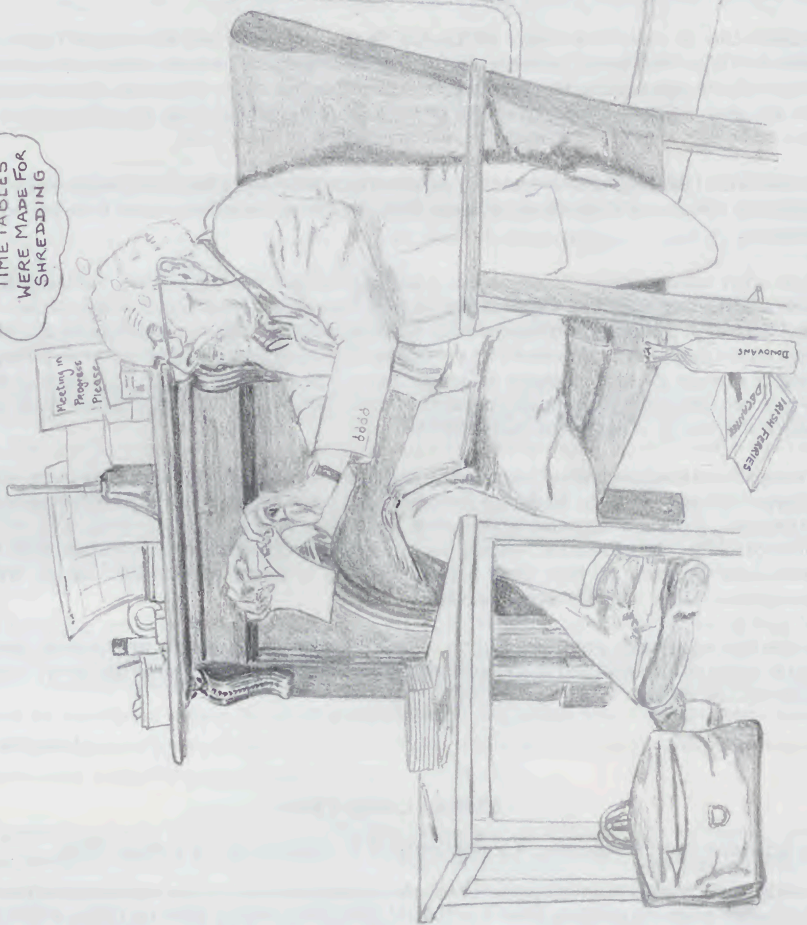
This September saw the beginning of a programme of development for the College choirs.

Through careful management of the timetable, it has been possible to include choir sessions for all first and transition years. In addition, there is a 'festival choir' held at lunch times on Friday, which is open to all College pupils and staff. Plans are beginning to be considered for a choir tour at some point next year for the festival choir.

The new arrangements for choirs should enable the College choir to continue with its existing choral services as well as occasional additional appearances, such as Prize Day.

- I. Sexton

TIMETABLES  
WERE MADE FOR  
SHREDDING



Midleton College Form 1e 2004



Back Row L-R: R. Kane, O. O'Sullivan, A. O'Leary, E. Jermyn, D. Long, D. O'Riordain,  
K. O'Dwyer, P. Breen, K. O'Callaghan, D. Kenefick, T. Dwyer  
Front Row L-R: C. Coughlan, D. O'Sullivan, E. Simonin, B. Thomas, P. Crosbie, A. Walsh,  
R. Smith, F. Little, G. Connolly, E. Rose

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Back Row L-R: L. McPadden, J. Preston, L. Anderson, A. Myers, C. O'Sullivan, Y. Coleman,  
M. Wilson, W. Murphy, I. Andrew  
Front Row L-R: B. Kelly, S. O'Shea, G. Walsh, S. O'Reagan, S. Shanagher,  
E. Dillion, A. Griffith, J. Moloney

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Back Row L-R: C. Wilcox, A. Moloney, A. Kavanagh, J. Owers, J. Coyne, G. Murphy,  
S. Baker, R. Chow, K. Bourgeois  
Front Row L-R: K. James, D. Roche, A. Murphy, D. Mathews, L. Dillion, S. O'Sullivan,  
B. Cunningham, R. Hockenhull, (Not Pictured) K. Fuller, M. Russell, R. Thompson

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Back Row L-R: M. Kenna, K. O'Keeffe, K. Anderson, D. Crosbie, B. Quill, C. Humphreys,  
J. Suanagher, R. Murphy, C. O'Brien, R. Deane, H. Monaghan  
Front Row L-R: V. Wilson, C. Daly, R. Markhan, K. Murray, I. White, C. Stead, J. Speak,  
M. O'Hanlon, S. Casey, E. Connolly

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Back Row L-R: S. Murphy, N. Wilcox, A. Roberts, N. Simonim, D. Dennehy, G. McLay, C. Smyth,  
E. Ryall, S. Harrigan, J. Byrne  
Middle Row L-R: B. O'Rourke, L. Johansson, R. Ledwidge, M. Oosthuizen, R. O'Keeffe,  
L. Van Copenhagen, M. O'Dwyer, J. O'Callaghan, R. McCarthy, R. Swanscott  
Front Row L-R: M. Moloney, F. Twomey, E. Andrew, J. Ottman, C. Lehane, S. Oppermann,  
S. Llewlllyn (not pictured), M. O'Flynn

Midleton College Form IIIo 2004



Back Row L-R: M. Madera, B. Twomey, C. Cooney, A. Preston, D. O'Callaghan, C. Weston,  
C. Jermyn, J. Rinn, S. Markham  
Middle Row L-R: K. Masters, L. McKeown, E. Rose, C. Ross, S. Ottman, M. Barry,  
S. Kingston, E. Long  
Front Row L-R: A. Douglas, S. Chow, S. White, J. Lankford, K. Colbert, C. Day,  
D. McGrath (not pictured), S. Flood, B. Nicholson, M. Russell.

Midleton College Form IVe 2004



Back Row L-R: D. Pennington, K. Baker, C. Walsh, S. Waters, M. Deane, G. Kenefick, J. Twomey,  
R. Jeffery, D. Quill, P. O'Reilly

Front Row L-R: C. Spink, M. Mannhardt, C. Murphy, J. O'Shea, R. Hitchmough, E. Bowker,  
A. Artemieva, F. Marshall, R. Stronach, A. Kelly, (Not Pictured) H. O'Rourke, D. Tombacco

Midleton College Form IVo 2004



Back Row L-R: J. Arthur, K. Terry, P. Crosbie, F. O'Sullivan, S. Lucey, C. Brougham, K. Porter,  
O. Daly, A. O'Donovan, D. Farrel, J. Moloney

Front Row L-R: T. Weber, J. Charlesworth, S. Fitzgerald, A. O'Regan, Y. Belyaeva, W. Oppermann,  
N. Murphy, A. Coleman, D. Oppermann, E. Cotter, (Not Pictured) A. Ross, C. Moore

Midleton College Form V 2004



Back Row L-R: G. O'Regan, K. Phelan, T. Kells, J. Van der Merve, JR. Ryall, D. McGoldrick, S. Brookes, C. Day, R. Bourgeois, A. Dumrath, R. Moloney, D. O'Lochlainn, E. Hornibrook, S. O'Brien, M. Llewellyn, C. Allen, L. Sheridan

Middle Row L-R: L. Schneeburger, V. Mullins, S. Murphy, A. Lobkowicz, K. Ross, H. Straehler-Pohl, A. zu Salm-Salm, P. Brougham, D. Ferrer, S. Schreiner, S. Tegtmeier, J. Fleming, Y. Jermyn, L. Morgan, S. Phillips, J. Deane, A. Llorens

Front Row L-R: H. O'Shea, L. Fitzgibbon, D. Hawes, K. Smith, L. Whitford, J. Flynn, S. Kearney, J. Hornibrook, A. van de Kerckhove, T. Eastaway, J. Van Copenhagen, C. McSweeney, I. O'Brien, S. Wilson, A. Zagar  
Not Pictured: T. Cleere, R. Connolly, C. Fugger, H. Hodson, C. Levis, M. McGrath, C. O'Leary

Midleton College Form VI 2004



Back Row L-R: P. Habibi, V. Clarke, L. McCormack, N. Strasman, S. Daunt, T. Fuller, D. McCarthy, M. White, R. Smyth, S. Egerton, P. O'Donovan, S. McKeown

Middle Row L-R: A. Crux, C. Nicholls, J. Wright, L. Tait, B. Deane, R. Kenefick, V. Tait, A. Kelly, L. Syms, D. Daly, R. Dool, N. Hawes

Front Row L-R: D. Moloney, C. Clark, J. Murray, A. Fung, M. Smith, T. Browne, S. Fleming, M. Murray, J. Hitchmough, R. Barry, J. Kingston



*On May 7th 2004 the official dedication, opening and naming of the school's new hockey pitch took place. Fittingly it was named the Cairns Field to commemorate the years of tireless (and sometimes thankless) work that Brian and Kay Cairns did for the school. (See article p43).*

*"A Living Testament!"*



*This portrait of last year's Form VI at Prize Day is indeed a tribute to the hard work of all the staff past and present and of course to the student's themselves!*  
*Back Row L-R: B. Nicholson, C. Whyte, L. Mannhardt, A. de Mey, S. Cross, M. zu Salm Salm, R. Morgan, E. Kavanagh, M. Kelliher, E. Leung.*  
*Front Row L-R: C. Lucey, M. Murray, R. Wilson, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Lenihan T.D., Mr. Levis, C. Corkery (See article p15).*

*"Tilting away from Windmills" (After Cervantes)*



*Members of the senior geography tour group to the Nederlands taking a much needed rest,  
(See article p19).*

*"The Golden Girls"*



*Caroline and Rebecca Murphy have much to smile about. This year Caroline played U16 hockey for Munster and Rebecca played U21. In addition both girls did excellently in their Junior Cert (Caroline) and Leaving Cert (Rebecca).*



*On October 5th 2004 several members of the Cork All-Ireland champion hurling team visited the school to show us all the Liam McCarthy Cup. Here we see Diarmuid O'Sullivan surrounded by admirers, especially his new pal and fellow "hard man", Derek McCarthy*

*"Hymns (and hers) of Praise"*



*The recently formed fourth year choir giving voice on Prize Day. They sang "California Dreamin" and really impressed the audience. Could chart success be in the offing? (See brief choir article p25).*



*L-R Pascale De Connick (weaver), JR. Ryall (Form IV) and Lucy O'Regan (Art teacher). John Robert excelled at weaving during transition year and last summer his work was on exhibition at the Small Format Frontiers, Museum of Outdoor Art, Colorado, USA. We say bravo to such creativity.*

*"Don't forget your shovel if you want to go to work" C. Moore*



*Teddy Hornibrook (Form IV) shown modelling the latest safety gear. He was on his work experience placement with Murphy Brothers Construction Ltd., Cork. Perhaps in years to come he may assist us in the on-going renovations in the college!*

*"The clothes doth oft proclaim the man" W. Shakespeare*



*These four stylish gentlemen were photographed attending the Governors reception in May 2004.  
L-R: Timmy Garde, Jamie Breen, Ross Morgan and Rob Mohally*

### **The Pedagogues**

- Mr. Thompson      'If you love your job, you haven't worked a day in your life' – Tommy Lasorda
- Mr. Levis            'I was allowed ring the bell in assembly for 5 minutes; it was the beginning of power' – Jeffrey Archer
- Mr. Daley            'Boredom is a great motivator' – Uma Thurman
- Mr. Leopold        'I never set out to hurt anybody deliberately unless it was, you know, important, like a league game or something' – Dick Butkins
- Mr. Morrissey      'I am an optimist, but I'm an optimist who takes his raincoat' – Harold Wilson
- Mrs. Levis          'Time you enjoyed washing was not wasted' – John Lennon
- Ms. Power          'Tis merely a flesh wound!' - Anonymous
- Mr. O'Mahony     'Always look on the bright side of life' – Monty Python
- Mr. Preston        'I'm not against half naked girls, not as often as I'd like to be' – Benny Hill
- Mr. Power          'I'd love it if we beat them, I'd love it' – Kevin Keegan
- Miss Penny         'There are no menial jobs, only menial attitudes' – William John Bennet

Mrs. Rumley	'Try not. Do, or do not. There is no try.' - Yoda
Mrs. Johnston	'All men are mortal. Socrates was mortal. Therefore, all men are Socrates' – Woody Allen
Miss O'Regan	'Give me a museum, and I'll fill it' – Pablo Picasso
Mrs. Curtin	'I'm gonna umm... drop some kids at the pool' – Jessica Simpson
Miss Buckley	'It's okay to be crazy, but don't be insane; - P. Diddy
Mrs. MacKillop	'Many a good hanging prevents a bad marriage' – William Shakespeare
Mr. Hickey	'Ya got to work with what you get to work with' – Stevie Wonder
Miss Mackey	'My first language was shy. Its only having been thrust into the limelight that I have learned to cope with my shyness' – Al Pacino
Mr. Bronks	'I'd love to be a pop idol, of course, my groupies are now between 40 & 50' – Kevin Bacon
Mr. O'Neill	'How to store your baby walker, first, remove baby'. – Anonymous Manufacturer
Mrs. Anderson	'We must use time as a tool, but not as a couch' - JFK
Mr. Cashman	'I keep my ideals, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart' – Anne Frank
Mr. Seale	'Good development comes from experience. Sometimes, experience comes from bad judgment' – Christian Slater
Miss Clifford	'Imagination is more important than knowledge' – Albert Einstein
Miss Hassey	'I want a man who is kind and understanding. Is that too much to ask of a millionaire?' – Zsa Zsa Gabor
Miss McLernan	'There shall be but one mistress here and no master' – Elizabeth I
Miss Rice	'But the reply came from Anchorage, Alaska' – Michelle Shocked
Mr. Sexton	'Anybody that walks can sing.....' – Michael Stipe

-The L-plates

## Popcorn - Form VI

Ruth Barry:	Bambi
Tara Browne:	International Velvet
Caleb Clarke:	The Cable Guy
Vaughan Clarke:	Tin Cup
Assunta Crux:	Cabaret
Denis Daly:	Taxi driver
Sam Daunt:	Not another teen movie
Barbara Deane:	Wimbledon
Rachel Dool:	Snow White
Sian Egerton:	Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone
Dermod England:	Raging Bull
Shane Fleming:	Goldilocks and the three bears
Timmy Fuller:	X-Men
Alex Fung:	Enter the Dragon
Payam Habibi:	Coming to America
Niall Hawes:	Boat Trip
Jeffrey Hitchmough:	Coach
Aoife Kelly:	Grease
Rachel Kenefick:	Fried Green Tomatoes
Jesse Kingston:	Pirates of the Carribean
Derek McCarthy:	Mimic
Lorcan McCormack:	King Kong
Simon McKeown:	Laurence of Arabia
Deaglan Moloney:	Just Married
Jamie Murray:	Sister Act
Megan Murray:	Sister Act II
Cian Murtagh:	The Basketball Diaries
Clare Nicholls:	Sense & Sensibility
Patrick O'Donovan:	This is Spinal Tap
Mel Smith:	The Piano
Robert Smyth:	Into the West
Mark Stapleton:	Gone with the Wind
Neil Strasman:	The B.F.G.
Laura Syms:	Legally blonde
Lavinia Tait:	The Shining
Vanessa Tait:	Mulan
Mark White:	Robocop
Jennifer Wright:	La Dolce Vita

-THE FANS

## A Hybrid Sporting Event

The meeting of the Midleton College Association during the Winter of 2003/2004 very often descended into little more than conversations on various topics of interest. Grand ideas and monumental plans very often went out the window of the board room with as much speed as the race for the chocolate biscuits at the coffee break. What seemed like worthwhile notions were very often abandoned because of things like timing, cost, lack of consensus and so on. Nevertheless it was decided at committee level that the Association would like to come up with an event that would interest both past pupils and those presently involved with Midleton College alike. If, as a result, we could raise some money for a worthwhile cause within the College, all the better.

'What about a celebrity cricket match?' was heard from some corner and immediately this was unanimously greeted with an enthusiastic response from all in attendance. Those present came up with different names of people in the public eye whom they felt could be approached and might be interested. From a very early stage however, owing largely to the interests of those involved, the day was always to have a rugby flavour. This partly came about from a conversation I had overheard between a past pupil, Brian Morris (Wardy) and the Munster player Jason Holland over how great they were with bat and ball and particularly how fantastic their mutual friends were as well. It was suggested that maybe a New Zealand eleven would take on an Irish eleven at the game of cricket. It was therefore decided by the Association that the aforementioned talents would be harnessed and put to the test with others against the Midleton Cricket Club at Midleton College, and July 17th was earmarked as a suitable date.

Mr. Jim Doran, when approached, was immediately enthusiastic and agreed to field a team. Jim also felt this was a good way of promoting the game at the club and welcomed the publicity. With the help particularly of Jason Holland, many of the current Munster players agreed to play and it even came to the point where we could not include all the rugby stars partly owing to the fact that we also wished to 'strengthen' the team with some past pupils of M.C. notably the aforementioned Brian Morris with Peter Kelly, Dave Tynan and Philip Cunningham who is a parent at the college. Gerry Murphy, a past pupil presently involved with the Leinster squad and previous national rugby coach, also kindly agreed to travel from the wilds of Glenageary, Co. Dublin. The Munster Rugby team was represented by Mike Mullins, Jason Holland, Jim Williams, Sean Payne and Christian Cullen. Damon Ulrich, who captained and coached the Midleton Ruby team, took the final place. Mike Galway also agreed to play but somehow managed to find himself stranded on a yacht in the Mediterranean at a surprise party. I did pass on the Association's condolences at having found himself in such a predicament!

### The Match

Following some mixed weather in July, the Gods certainly smiled on the 17th and we had a perfect day for a game of cricket. Having won the toss, the visitors elected to field. From an early stage one realized that the rugby boys had played cricket before and the opening bowlers, Sean Payne and Jim Williams were going to be difficult to hit. They certainly bowled with pace and the opening batsman fell cheaply. The middle order steadied the ship for the Midleton club side and the viewers were treated to some wonderful cricket. Steve Pendle hit the ball with power and scored a very useful twenty nine eventually being caught by Jim Williams on the bowling of Christian Cullen. Cullen also took the wicket with Rob Smyth when Brian Morris caught behind at wicket-keeper. Geoff Hitchmough was the club's top scorer with a fine total of thirty eight being eventually out by L.B.W. on the bowling of Jason Holland. Phillip Cunningham's mean in-swinging seamers provided catches for both Christian Cullen and Sean Payne. L. McArdle and Neil Quail simply ran out of overs in a twenty over match and scored five and thirteen not out respectively. The club sides' final tally was one hundred and seventy nine runs losing eight wickets in the process. Peter Kelly and Gerry Murphy opened for the invitation side whom one felt were going to be taught a lesson especially when the openers fell for two runs each. Then in stepped Mike Mullens, who proceeded to put up a quick total of forty four eventually being caught by Rob Smyth on a ball bowled by R. Watkins. Smyth's bowling also took the wicket of J. Holland. Christian Cullen next to bat scored twenty two runs before being bowled by Niall Quail. Sean Payne at number seven however made sure with a quick fire thirty that the visitors were going to win the game. With the partnership of Brian Morris and Jim Williams looking comfortable with overs to spare, the

writing was on the wall. Williams hitting a four, won for the visiting team with four wickets to spare.

So ended a game which many watching would have loved to have gone on, such was the entertainment provided. The quick wit plus the quality of the cricket kept everyone interested and I hope made the event worthwhile. Unfortunately, partly owing to the situation with summer school, we could not promote the match as we would have like. What was pleasing was how the Munster players chatted with the viewers both during the tea break and after the game and the sight of Jim Williams relaxing between both Brian Cairns and his wife made for an excellent photograph. Sean Payne who was awarded the man-of-the-match particularly endeared himself to many. I, on behalf of M.C. Association, would like to thank Jim Doran for his contribution on the day. John Levis who, with Jim Doran umpired the match, helped in no small way with the spirit in which the game was played. John's sense of fun only added to the good humour of those involved on a memorable day. Fair play as well to both Toyota (Kearys Garage) and the Midleton Distillery for their sponsorship and Midleton Rugby Club for the use of their premises in the evening all helped to make a good day out more special. At going to Press the Munster team players indicated their interest in a re-match, other personalities have also indicated how adept they are at the game of cricket, so you would never know. Watch this space!

-John Smyth  
Vice-President  
M.C. Association

*"In the Presence of Greatness"*



*It is hard to say which of these 3 should be most over awed by rubbing shoulders together! Mr. and Mrs. Cairns and Jim Williams, the Munster Rugby Captain are all legends in their own fields, (bad in-joke about the hockey pitch). All 3 seem to be enjoying the cricket match immensely.*

**SWALLOW**

Slow soaring majestically, high, high in the sky,  
Fast descent, slow and then onto the cathedral spires,  
Quick fast elegant movement, swifter than the wind at sea,  
Midnight flight resting at night on the telephone wires.

-M. Wilson  
(Form I)

## GLENCREE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION CENTRE

On Tuesday, 12th October 2004, Aisling and I set off on the train to Dublin. We arrived on a bus at the Peace and Reconciliation Centre in Glencree, Enniskerry in Co. Wicklow, where we spent three days. As Aisling and I didn't know what to expect, we were very impressed with the centre.

Eighteen other Transition Year students from different schools around the country spent the three days with us.

We did a lot of group work and had discussions on stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination as well as Irish History of the North and Republic of Ireland (Nationalists, Unionists, Republicans and Loyalists).

We learned about peace in the world and how we should work towards it, as well as how to respect others opinions by having debates. It was an eye-opening experience. We made loads of new friends and we really enjoyed it. We would recommend it to Transition Year students in years to come.

-Andrea Coleman and Aisling Kelly  
(Form IV)

## HORSES FOR COURSES

January 2004 saw the rebirth of the Midleton College equestrian team. With more ambition than practice under our belts we headed off to Ballyrafter, Co. Waterford, for the Interschool Show Jumping Competition.

Jonathan Clibborn kindly lent his expertise and joined us as Chef d'Equipe. After brave rounds from Tara Browne, Katie Porter, Kate Colbert and myself, we came away realizing we had a lot of hard work ahead of us. We now train, (along with some new members), at Bridestown in Glenville and, under Gemma Horgan, we have greatly improved.

Everyone has put in 100% effort and we look forward to the beginning of the Winter League. Watch this space.

- Clare Stead  
(Form IIo)

## CULTURE CLUB

The Culture Club is run by Ms. Devon O'Brien and Ms. K. McLernan. Over the past few months they have provided students with a wide range of knowledge from American culture all the way to Japanese language. They have made the classes very enjoyable with all the work they have put in, such as the party they threw at Halloween for pupils. It was a great success and everyone had a great time. At the moment we are preparing a talk about thanksgiving which will be given in assembly on the 25th November this year.

In the class they have also taught the Japanese language and taught us how to greet someone in Japanese (chun ee chow was) and how to count to 10 (itchy, knee). The lesson was a great success.

The classes are also great for socializing as in the first lesson where we told everyone all about ourselves and what we like/dislike and where we were from.

At the end of every class what we have learned is summed up into a game, like in the Japanese class we had to get the right card when the number was called out. In the Halloween lesson we played bob for the apple.

- S. O'Sullivan  
(Form Iie)

## "We Are Sailing"

It was Asgarding time once again and who were the two worthy students chosen this year? Jesse Kingston and Deaglan Moloney. As we set off to explore the high seas of West Cork, our only thoughts were of bringing credit and honour upon our school. Naturally, we spent the whole week eating, sleeping, and insulting the crew. Our first night we were forced to stay docked in Cork Harbour due to conditions deemed dangerous to the ship and her exceptionally valuable group of would-be sailors. Instead, we skipped off to the pub for a quiet session of getting to know each other over diet cokes; Jesse made many friends while Deaglan was shunned by the group.

The next day however, bright and early we set sail from Cork to Kinsale but the winds got up to gale standards (meaning, it was very windy) and we were forced to turn back and head into Cobh for the night. The massive waves and extreme winds had proved too much for the Asgard and some of her more sensitive sailors, Deaglan being just one of many. After another night of the same, in Cobh, we headed off to Kinsale and this time we made it. Jesse was the star galley rat of the day, a position that rotates every night.

The next day we set sail to Baltimore and it was there that we were blessed with our first shower. The rest of our two day stay in Baltimore was relatively uneventful, though at the pub a few of the ship's daredevils went crazy and had a lucosade.

Our next port of call was Bear Island, a relatively deserted place used as a military training camp; we all took turns driving the tanks (lies). As uninteresting as Bear Island was, there was a bit of an instrument fest in the evening, involving a fiddle, a guitar, a bodhran, and Deaglan as the player. In addition, Jesse's songbird like voice rang through to complete the magic of the evening's festivities.

The next day was a rough one with our longest straight cruise from Bear Island to Dingle. The waves were at their worst on this final stretch and Jesse was forced to say a few encouraging words to the crew, whose morale was suffering at the prospect of their fourteen hour day in the twenty foot rolling waves. Deaglan was the only one of the galley boys that day to last his shift and not feed the fish! Late that night we arrived in Dingle. Fungi was there to greet us in Dingle Bay, swimming along side the ship. All attempts to harpoon him failed. We had a few hours to see Dingle that night to give us a preview of what we were in for in the next few days.

We spent our last day doing the famous up and over rigging drill and scrubbing every inch of the ship; Jesse boldly volunteered for toilet scrubbing duty. After the captain grunted approval, we were given personal tours of Fungi in the ship's dingy. After that, we moved on to seeing the sights of Dingle, where a man sold us some canned Kerry air at a discount price.

After a final night on board with many tears shed and much story telling, it was time to go home. Our Asgard adventure was over.

-J. Kingston & D. Moloney (Form VI)

*"Nonchalant Nauticals!"*



*L-R: Deaglan Moloney and Jesse Kingston appear a little too casual at the helm of the Asgard II. Fortunately the bad storm mentioned in their article had abated or things might have looked far more tense.*

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CAIRNS FIELD HOCKEY PITCH

Over two hundred and fifty parents, pupils and friends gathered to celebrate the dedication, opening and naming of the sand-dressed hockey pitch on 7th May. 'The Cairns Field' is named in honour of Brian and Katherine Cairns, in tribute to the leadership that they brought to the College from 1981 to 2003.

After dedication by the Very Rev. Alan Marley and Rev. Laurence Graham, the pitch was officially opened by Ms. Rachael Kohler, Brian and Katherine unveiled a commemorative plaque and guests attended a reception hosted by the College. The pitch has proved a significant benefit to the College and wider community. Ten boys and girls teams play hockey and the pitch is used for training by the Munster Men and ladies inter-provincial teams. Midleton hockey clubs, schools events, GAA teams, soccer and business social clubs. (See picture Pg 32)

*"Inaugural match of the Cairns Field"*



## Form IV – Work Experience

For my work experience I went to the Garda Mounted Unit in the Phoenix Park. The unit is based in the Presidents private quarters of Phoenix Park in the buildings which were once outhouses of Aras an Uachtaran.

The Garda Mounted Unit's basic activities include crowd control and public order. For example, daily they patrol Grafton Street and the city centre and they attend all big matches and concerts to aid with crowd control.

The workplace itself is a very neat and tidy yard and everything has a precise place. As you enter, stables line the right and left of the yard and straight ahead are the office, kitchen, locker rooms, changing rooms and toilets. To the back of this year there is an area for washing horses, a feeding room, a bedding room and a multi-purpose room. Here the horses get clipped and shod. Beside the stables, there is a tack room, a ceremonial tack room and a tack cleaning room.

My supervisor was Sgt Brendan Duffy, assisted by Clare and Conor (grooms) and all of the guards. All of these people were very nice, very generous and extremely hardworking; in general it was a pleasure to work with them all.

My duties ranged from cleaning tack to grooming the horses, mucking out stables, tacking up horses, washing wheelbarrows and putting rugs on horses to keep them warm at nighttime. Before they went riot training, I had to oil the seven horse's hooves in the pouring rain which wasn't so nice!

On my first morning, I met Sgt Duffy at the gates to the Aras. He brought me into the kitchen and introduced me to all the guards, then brought me into the office to be briefed by Clare the groom. Basically, she spoke about health and safety and the general rules of the stables. She told me that it was essential for me to wear steel-toe boots as the horses were not light.

I loved grooming the horses as I had one on one contact with them and it was also a very satisfying job. There was no job that I hated, but my least favourite was forking dirt into a skip and piling the dung higher to save space. I think it was the smell! It was slightly different to what I had expected, as the guards and sergeants were a lot easier going than I had expected them to be. The horses were so spectacular, that was also amazing. It was great also that I had so much contact with the horses.

In the workplace, I realized just how different and how much easier school is. I liked the way I was treated as an adult. Another big difference is the work is not always placed in front of you, in the workplace initiative is needed. Responsibility is also hugely increased in the workplace and with this kind of job it becomes very high. Another difference is that in school the same person teaches you each subject. On the placement you had to take orders that often contradicted previous orders, this was quite daunting as I didn't want to annoy anyone.

The work experience placement was a 100% success. I thoroughly enjoyed it and it certainly lived up to my expectations. It had quite an impact on my plans for the future – I would certainly consider applying for a job in the Mounted Unit.

- Caroline Levis  
(Form V)

*"It's a fair Copper"*



*Caroline Levis shown learning how to be a police horsewoman.  
Let any criminals in Middleton College beware!*

## **'From Russia with love....'**

The following is an article from one of the Russian students who is with us in Midleton College this year. She is to be admitted for having the courage to submit a lengthy article in what is not her first language.

### **Teenagers around the world**

Have you ever thought about how teenagers live in other parts of the world? Do you think their daily routine is the same as yours? Do you want to know how a teenage Russian girl spends her day? This is a sample of a typical day of a Russian young person. Is it different than yours?

#### **December 29 Friday**

Russia, Moscow, Prospect Lenina, 17,365. Masha Ivanova (full name Ivanova Maria Alexandrovna). She is 16, studying in 10th form (Russians don't have primary school – they have first nine classes, then after pupils do their Junior Certificate and in summer, get their results, they decide if they want to stay in school for two more years or go to work). Masha lives with her family – sister Sasha, brother Misha and their parents in a seven room apartment.

#### **Morning**

All the family have breakfast together (usually it is porridge, some yogurt and black tea with lemon. The children go to school, parents – to work. School usually is 9.30am – 2.45pm. There are seven lessons with 10-15 minute breaks between each. At breaks pupils can have a chat with friends, do their homework (they are not supposed to, but, you know how it happens) and have a snack – cup of tea, a bun or a sandwich with black bread (Russia's Pride – the black bread!!).

Pupils in Russian schools don't have to wear uniforms, but they have to change their shoes after entering the school, especially in winter, when there is a lot of snow outside. Teachers usually stand near the door and check that you have a pair of shoes with you – if not, they can write it in your journal (you have to show your journal to your parents every week). Pupils have to leave their jackets in the changing rooms as well.

There are about thirty people in one class and about one thousand in a school. All of them are day pupils. Boarding schools exist in Russia, but they are only about 0.05% of the total.

Russian pupils use small copybooks to write their exercises and have various text books. They don't have big folders with A4 sheets.

#### **Afternoon**

After school Masha stays outside the school building for a while, chatting with her friends and having snowball fights. Later she goes shopping – she wants to buy some presents for the New Year (Novii God). Russians celebrate Christmas on the 7th January, but they actually celebrate New Year more than any other holiday.

Masha usually buys postcards, soft toys or the next years Japanese symbol (2005 is a cock year, by the way) and some CD's, you can get them for 3 euro each.

Masha comes home about four o'clock, eats some lunch – today it is 'pel'meri' – meatballs inside paste or 'borsch' – Russian soup with beetroot and meat. Usually after lunch she does her homework, tidies up her room and goes out with friends, but today is the last school day before Christmas holidays, so tonight Masha is going to a party in school – pupils hold a concert with Christmas tales or funny competitions. There will be a lot of fast food and drink and after the concert we have a really cool disco.

So now Masha is at home, putting on make-up and preparing for the main party of the year. Meanwhile, she is listening to the radio – some western rock music, Linkin Park and Evanescence are very popular in Russia. She also likes the Russian version of Pop-Idol – 'Star Factory 5'.

At about six o'clock Masha's boyfriend Dima rings the doorbell and they go to school together.

The party will finish about nine, but Masha will be at home about eleven, not later, because her mum worries about her because of the high crime rate in Russian towns. A light dinner and good night! Holidays tomorrow.

You've just read about a normal Russian teenager's life. I suppose you noticed some differences but actually teenagers all over the world do the same things – have fun and enjoy their lives.

- Anastasia Artemieva  
(Form IV)



## RON LITTLE – A STUDENT’S REMEMBRANCE

The first time I walked up the unfamiliar stairs leading to the junior boy’s dorm, little did I know I would be spending the next three years under the gentle care and guidance of one Mr. Ron Little. His care, kindness and friendship made the occasional torments of boarding life all the easier to handle.

His expeditions out, even on the bitterest of nights, to the telescope would transport all who observed to another world. Even his wake up calls in the morning, first the rattle of keys as he walked through the door on those Wednesday mornings. Then came the bang of keys on the nearest piece of wood he could find. Then came the voice demanding life out of every single one of us. He would wait by the bed until you dragged yourself up and if you didn’t, instant gating. So, you had had to pull yourself up out of bed, open your eyes and see him standing over you with his Moscow hat on. His devotion to the school can only be equaled or bettered by his devotion to God. Now he rests among the stars, shining down on us.

Mr. Little, teacher and friend, although you are gone you are not forgotten, you’ll be in our hearts forever.

-S. Fleming  
(Form VI)

### *“The Bankman Cometh” (After Eugene O’Neill)*



*Mr. Little as many junior boys will best remember him. In his room cashbox in hand ready to dispense pocket money to the boarders. Note his astronomy posters in the background.*

### **West of Ireland Weather**

The rain beats down across the beach  
Cratering the hard, grey sand.  
Coats over our heads  
We eat our biscuits praying  
For the volcano kettle to light so we can have our tea.

Rain goes down our backs  
Trickles giving us shivers down our spines  
Wind wraps our coats around us  
To ease the chill.  
We toy with going for a swim  
It’s always warmer in the rain  
But decide against it,  
The sea’s too grey.

The kettle refuses to light  
And we return to the car,  
Hair tangled by the wind,  
Dreaming of home, our dinner  
And a cup of tea.

- Róisín Stronach  
(Form IV)

## ‘THE WRITE STUFF’

In January 2004 I was asked to enter suitable candidates for the inaugural Hope Foundation Children’s Literary Contest. It was open to secondary schools throughout County Cork and pupils were required to write a short story based on the plight of the street children of world.

Two students in Form II, Caitlin Sheridan and Sarah Oppermann, agreed to take part. Both produced excellent short stories and we were delighted when they were short listed as two of the five finalists in the competition.

The final took place in Jury’s Hotel on March 8th and each student was required to read their story aloud to the judges and the audience. Deirdre Purcell, the novelist, was the presiding judge and she selected Caitlin Sheridan’s story as the overall winner. Her story was a harrowing and imaginative tale of the life of a six year old girl living on the streets of a third world city. Caitlin received a 50 euro prize and it is hoped to publish the short story in a Hope Foundation anthology in the future.

Regrettably Caitlin has since left Midleton College to return to her home in America but she may well have a future as a author. Sarah Oppermann is still with us and continues to hone her literary skills. Congratulations to both students on their achievement.

## THOMAS CROSBIE HOLDINGS ALL-IRELAND SCHOOLS QUIZ

This year we entered a school team in the recently revived T.C.H. schools quiz. The team consisted of Daniel Oosthuizen (Capt), Rachel Kenefick, Polo Crosbie and Caroline Murphy. The first round was hosted by Midleton College on 27th November 2003. Our team was drawn against Colaiste Eoin, Youghal and St. Aloysius, Carrigtwohill.

There was a tense atmosphere in the school dining hall as the three teams pitted their wits against each other in some tough general knowledge rounds. Thanks in large part to Oosthuizen’s excellent answering on team conferral questions we won through by a margin of sixteen points.

Our draw for the second round saw us facing Douglas Community School and Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh on 3rd March 2004 in the Imperial Hotel. This was always going to be a difficult test for the team and despite some good answering and some inspired guesswork, we were knocked out of the competition. All team members received a mini-radio from T.C. Holdings as a prize for having taken part.

My thanks to the four team members for their efforts and for taking part in what was a most enjoyable competition.

## DEBATING

Once again this year we entered a team in the Concern Debates. The team was captained by David Oosthuizen and also boasted the formidable argumentative power of S-J Phelan, J. Wright and M. Kelleher.

Our first debate was on 15th October away to familiar rivals St. Aloysius, Carrigtwohill. We were opposing the motion that ‘Overseas aid is by-passing the poor of the developing world’. Much research in the computer room and much speech rehearsal in Room 3 saw us well prepared for the debate. All four speakers acquitted themselves very well but the Carrigtwohill girls were more experienced debaters and beat us on the night.

In the second round we were to face Colaiste Muire, Cobh, but they withdrew from the competition giving us a bye. The final debate of the first round was against Loreto Youghal, and we were hosting it. On December 3rd we convened in the school library where we were proposing the motion that ‘The west is committed to defeating aids globally’. Daniel as team captain introduced our arguments very skillfully particularly in the areas of medical research and financial contributions. Jennifer, Sarah-Jane and Miriam all spoke very well, with some especially good rebuttals from Sarah-Jane. The Youghal team was also very strong and in a close vote the judges awarded them victory. This knocked us out of the competition and ended our debating season.

Thanks to all who took part and made such a great effort.

**Senior**

In a school of our size, (approx 150 boys), it is impossible to produce competitive teams year in year out. Having previously experienced four good years in a row it was inevitable that the bubble would have to burst. So it was last season that we took one of those "dips" that invariably come around. It didn't help matters that I was on "sick leave" for the first part of the Christmas term up to half term. We were fortunate that Mark O'Flynn from the club, or Mush as he was known to the boys, stepped into the breach. We were very grateful for his support at such short notice.

It has been my experience over many years of senior rugby that you will always struggle when there are few sixth form pupils on the team. You can't beat experience. We regularly fielded a team last year with only two or at best three sixth formers. Too many of the players were young and inexperienced and spent most of the time on the "back foot". It is consoling to see that already this season the same cohort of players is performing at a much higher standard with a years experience behind them.

The Munster Development league passed by with us recording only one victory from five outings. It was a solid 44 – 5 victory against an equally young Waterpark side. Increasingly now we have to embark on our cup campaign in December rather than our traditional January start. Our first round encounter was against St Caimin's in Shannon. We played some of our best rugby and recorded a 42 – 22 victory. As a game it swung back and forth until we took control in the final quarter. As befitted his stature, Jeff Hitchmough contributed thirty two points on the day. In the second round in January, we were competitive but we were on the wrong side of a 19 – 25 scoreline against St Nessian's. The following week we had to enter the fray against Glenstal in the Barry Cup. My memory on the day, a 43 – 0 defeat, was that we were lucky to get 0. Despite the defeat, we were the ones to proceed into the next round as Glenstal were due to play Rockwell in the Senior Cup and were not going to play them a fortnight before in the Barry Cup. Again a solid performance was not enough to prevent a 28 – 12 defeat to a physically strong Rockwell side.

Later in the season we had a very enjoyable trip to Dublin to take in an international and play what has now become an annual fixture with St. Andrew's in Booterstown. We also locked horns with Midleton C.B.S. in a free flowing encounter recording a 35 – 17 victory. We were also pleased to welcome our North Berwick friends from the Edinburgh region. It is our hope that we will travel to Edinburgh at the end of the season to continue the fixture on 'foreign soil'.

At representative level six players went forward for the preliminary trial: Ross Morgan, Jeffery Hitchmough, Simon McKeown, Sam Daunt, Dermot England and Robert Mohally. Robert didn't even get to the trial as throughout the early part of the season he was drained by a debilitating illness. Sam didn't do himself justice at the preliminary trial and subsequently was not recalled. The four other players were recalled for the next stage. Disappointingly Ross was injured for this trial. It was the second year in a row he had to withdraw from the trial process. Had he been fit, he surely would have been one of the second rows on the interprovincial team. Simon performed adequately without doing anything special and thus lost out in the highly competitive area of the wing. Dermot too performed well and was unlucky to be edged out of the travelling reserves as a sub prop. He was, effectively fifth choice prop. Jeff again showed what a talented footballer he is by claiming a place on the Munster A Schools team at inside centre. He was a prominent member of the team that went on to record a double over Leinster A and a physically strong Connaught schoolboy side. This year Jeff is "overage" for schools rugby but still comes out twice a week to assist with senior training. His talent has already been recognised by Midleton RFC where he established himself on the senior team playing in the AIL division 2.

Once again thanks is due to the Munster Branch for more often than not providing an official referee for senior games. To John Levis for his tireless work on the administration side of rugby in the school, and to Tim and Eddy for looking after the pitches and the flags and post protectors on match day.



**Senior Panel 2004**

*Back Row L-R: Mr. Preston, A. Ross, J. Kingston, A. Croy, T. Fuller, N. Strasman, T. Garde, D. Murphy, P. Brougham, C. McSweeney, Mr. Thompson*  
*Middle Row L-R: D. Connolly, S. Daunt, J. Hitchmough, R. Morgan(capt.), R. Mohally, D. England, M. White.*  
*Front Row L-R: P. O'Donovan, S. McKeown, N. Hawes, M. Stapleton, C. Whyte, J. Deane, I. O'Brien, D. Daly.*

- M.P.

**JCT**

As the years roll by you learn to enjoy the good times in the full and certain knowledge that poorer times are never far away. Put simply, this was a good season. The statistics tell us that we played twelve matches and only lost two. In total we scored 264 points and had 66 against. The delight in these results is enhanced by the knowledge that we have paid our dues in leaner years.

The success of this side stems from a number of factors. Tremendous team unity, hard work in training mixed with good humour, no small amount of skill and in team captain Stephen Waters good leadership.

We put in the hard work with six games before our first cup match. We won five of these and had a hard earned 7-7 draw against Newtown. This was an ideal match for both sides as a preparation for even tougher matches ahead.

A bye in the first round meant that we had to wait until December 10th and a trip to Newcastle West to dip our toe into the choppy waters of cup rugby. This was a game that we dominated winning 38-0. Scores came from tries by Stephen Waters, George Kenefick, George McLay and a hat trick by Hal Hodson. Polo Crosbie kicked four conversions. The reward for such a win was a mid season break over the Christmas holidays.

Early January provided us with two friendlies to get our juices flowing again. January 22nd was our next cup date. The luxury of a home venue made the task of progressing further seem more manageable. Abbey of Tipperary proved to be a stiff test. We emerged victorious by the narrow margin of 11-7. Stephen Waters scored his ninth try of the season while Polo Crosbie kicked two penalties.

We had earned ourselves a place in the semi-final of the B schools competition. This was a noteworthy achievement. Our opponents were to be St.Clements in Limerick.

The game began well with Polo dropping a goal, a rare commodity at Junior level. George McLay followed this up with a try to give us a lead of eight points. In the second half St. Clements came back to forge ahead 14-8. Despite a good try from Hal Hodson and a period of sustained pressure we were unable to force the result that we desperately wanted.

Losing 14 -13 was tough. In the changing room there were tears and silence. This is the way it should

be. It shows that it matters. The resilience of youth is great to see however. Less than an hour later on the bus back home their minds had turned to important matters..... food and where we might stop to get it!

Most years the end of the cup run will signify the end of fixtures for the season. Fortunately for us we had a match against a touring side to focus our minds in training. At the start of April we faced North Berwick from Scotland. The team were eager to finish on a high note. It proved to be a very physical game. The side with the greater character and discipline won. A true sign of their increasing maturity. George McLay and Luke Sheridan scored tries with Polo adding a conversion. The result was 12-0. A worthy end to a season to be proud of.

It is impossible to mention everyone when summing up a season. We had a very large panel and were never short of able substitutes. The success the team enjoyed is a tribute to all the players involved.

Panel: Craig Moore, Owen Daly, Alan O'Regan, David Oppermann, Cian Walsh, Polo Crosbie, William Oppermann, Stephen Waters (Capt.), Darren Farrell, Hal Hodson, Conor Brougham, Shane O'Brien, Sam Wilson, George Kenefick, George McLay, David O'Callaghan, John Twomey, Mark Deane, Nick Murphy, David Quill, Fionn O'Sullivan, Allen Van De Kerckhove, Clive Ross, Niall Wilcox, Jack Charlesworth, Richard Jeffery, Luke Sheridan, Ronen Tollman, Ramon Sanchiz and Santi Mazarassa.

- R.St.J.P

### Under-14

Once in a while a very special group of players comes along that are a pleasure to coach. This Under 14 panel were such a group. They were enthusiastic, hugely talented and worked hard to improve, but above all, they enjoyed their rugby. Craig Smyth captained the team enthusiastically both on and off the field and was ably assisted by his vice-captain Niall Wilcox. They remained unbeaten all season having played twelve games. Their playing record for the season made impressive reading: Played 12, Won 12, Points for 446, Points against 46. They won the Cork Schools Under 14 League and had most prestigious away victories over Glenstal and Kilkenny College.

Bill Twomey developed into a reliable and courageous full back. The wing positions were always difficult to select such was the talent available. Owen Daly, Luke McKeown, James O'Callaghan and Jonathan Langford all deserved to play but ended up sharing the selections. Craig Smyth formed a delightful centre partnership with Jack Charlesworth. Both had good hands and transferred the ball crisply to give the wings space to attack and many memorable tries were scored. Craig and Jack were quick, creative and defended well. Nick Simonin at out-half was most reliable in defence and distributed the ball well. He got a very reliable service from Alan O'Regan at scrum-half who, invariably, gave a gutsy performance. In Alan's absence, Aaron Roberts, though young, proved a very able deputy.

The front row always produced a steady scrum. Niall Wilcox lead the pack from the front and was particularly lively around the field. He was ably complemented by Sean Harrigan at loose head who worked tirelessly and was a strong presence in ruck and maul. Jonathan Hackett developed a very accurate lineout throw and made a good contribution around the field. The second row pairing of Conor Brougham and Mark Deane improved throughout the season and both were capable of getting good lineout ball. George McLay at No.8, was the most effective forward. He was strong and aggressive on the ball and possessed an amazing work-rate. He was the top try scorer with 16 tries. The back row was completed by Clive Ross at open side and David O'Callaghan at blind side wing forward. Clive loved going forward and won a lot of ball at the breakdown. David was equally happy in the second row and developed into an exceptional lineout jumper and an intelligent all round forward.

A very talented group of Under 13 players were gradually introduced during the season. Joe Coyne, a most promising No.8, Damien Dennehy, Evan Ryall and Daragh Crosbie in the front row and the second row pair of Brian Quill and Cristoir Humphries. All of these are players of the future. Others who played in the team were Michael Madera, Brian O'Rourke, Mark O'Dwyer, Mark Barry and Conor Cooney.

**Panel:** B.Twomey, O.Daly, J.Charlesworth, C.Smyth(Capt.),L. McKeown, J. Langford, J.O'Callaghan, N.Simonin, A.O'Regan, A.Roberts, G.McLay,C.Ross, D.O'Callaghan, C.Brougham, M.Deane, N.Wilcox, J.Hackett, S.Harrigan, J.Coyne, D.Dennehy, E.Ryall, C.Humphries, B.Quill, D.Crosbie, B.O'Rourke, M.O'Dwyer, M.Barry, C.Cooney, M.Madera.

- JCL

## HOCKEY

### Senior Boys.

The boys' first eleven played some very good hockey last season. Skill levels and team-work developed as the season progressed and we were unlucky not to have achieved more success. Villiers, the top team at our level last season, defeated us twice, in the league[3-1] and in the cup[2-1]. The difference in our performance between the league match in November and the cup match in February was quite dramatic. While deservedly defeated in the league, we were most unfortunate not to have sneaked a win in the cup match. Playing with five players across the midfield and one upfront, we created quite a few good chances but alas! only managed to capitalise on one of them. Statistically the team played twelve matches over the season, winning five, losing six and drawing one.

In goal, Simon Mc Keown, our player of the year, was outstanding. His technique as a goalkeeper continues to improve and this allied to his natural agility and bravery saw him produce some wonderful saves last season. In defence, Jeff Hitchmough, who captained the side, was strong and resolute at sweeper. His basic skills, especially in the areas of the tackle and receiving the ball really improved. Shane Fleming played some excellent hockey last season and has developed into a quality right-back. Displaying good basics and with a fine disguise on his passes, he became a major attacking outlet as he burst forward from the back. Ger O'Connell was a steady and skilful centre-back. Quick enough to police most opposing forwards, he also possessed the ability and timing to step up and take the ball out in front of an opponent. Eddie Leung, at left-back, was at his best when under pressure. A fearless defender, he put his body on the line many times during the season.

In mid-field Joe Deane, at right-link, showed guile and vision in everything he did. A member of the Successful Munster U16 squad in Dublin, he returned a much more confident player as a consequence of the experience. Craig Moore occupied the difficult but vital centre-link role. A determined competitor with very good stick-work and control, Craig also represented Munster at U16 level and displayed a similar improvement in his confidence and self-belief as a result of his achievements. He produced a very fine performance for the cup match in Limerick, where he acquitted himself extremely well against a then current Irish U18 international. Michael White had a tremendous season at left-link. A feisty competitor with a wonderful engine, he vigorously patrolled and shut down the left-link channel, while at the same time appearing in the opposition circle to score a couple of fine goals.

Upfront Dermot England was a powerful centre-forward and our leading goal scorer with six goals. Dermot also had the ability and strength to forage on his own and hold the ball up until support arrived. This was particularly useful when playing with five in the mid-field and Dermot upfront on his own. Mark Deane played some very good matches, especially as a winger who could drop into mid-field to assist the defence when needed. A utility player, he could also play a very competent role at the back. Mark's game would really develop with greater self-belief and more accurate distribution. Darren Farrell had an unlucky and disjointed season due to two unfortunate injuries which affected his participation and fitness levels. Possessing very good individual skills, Darren's contribution to the team effort would be even more effective if, in some situations, he released the ball earlier.

Others who were in and out of the side throughout the season included: Nicholas Murphy a useful wide player upfront who did some very good running off the ball; Shane O'Brien a solid defender and Rob Smyth who, after a prolonged knee problem, made a very welcome return to competitive action. Craig White also appeared upfront at various stages of the season.

As always a special thanks must go to my colleagues, Mary Power, Clive Seale and Bud Morrissey, for their support and assistance during the season which was very much appreciated.

Our sand-dressed artificial playing surface was officially opened on May 7th by our most successful hockey player ever, Rachel Kohler. It was very nice to welcome back to the college a substantial part of the double winning side of 1989-1990 to play in an exhibition match to mark the occasion.

The past pupils' team included: Neil Quail, Alan Bryan, Reinder Kowenberg, Chris Gleasure, Clive Seale, Steven Wynne, Steven Dineen, Richard Daly, Ollie Daly, Richard Murphy, Peter Fleming, Trevor Beamish, Andrew Jaworski. ( See article Page 43.)



**College First XI Panel 2003-2004**

*Back Row L-R: Mr. Leopold, C. Whyte, D. England, E. Leung, M. Deane, R. Smyth,  
S. McKeown, Mr. Thompson*  
*Middle Row L-R: S. Fleming, C. Moore, G. O'Connell, J. Hitchmough, M. White, J. Deane*  
*Front Row L-R: S. O'Brien, N. Murphy, D. Farrell*

**Under-16**

- I.L.

The U16 boys played only three friendlies because most of the team were already committed to U14 and Senior teams. The results were a 4-2 loss to Villiers School, a 1-0 win against Kilkenny College, and a 4-4 draw against Bandon Grammar.

The team itself, captained by Joe Deane, was of an excellent standard. Two players represented Munster at U16 level and won the inter-provincial tournament; Joe Deane and Craig Moore played in all of the matches and Craig Moore got an Irish Trial.

**Panel:** G. Kenefick, C. Brougham, W. Oppermann, M. Deane, D. Oppermann, J. Deane (capt.), C. Moore, D. Farrell, N. Murphy, C. Jermyn, E. Long, J. Charlesworth, P. Crosbie, S. Waters, S. Whyte, S. O'Brien, H. Hodson, N. Simonin, A. Roberts, S. Brookes.

- C.S.

**Under-14**

The under 14 boys played a total of 11 matches this season winning 6 and losing 5. This was a very large group of players who showed admirable commitment and dedication.

It took a few matches to sort out the best combination of players from such a large group and when all seemed finally settled, we suffered the loss of Colin Jermyn due to a broken leg (as a result of an accident on an ice rink) for the entire post Christmas period, so we had to think again! However this loss was mitigated by the fact that we had such a large panel to choose from.

Steven White had some impressive displays in the goal and was our player of the year. Emmet Long was our top scorer with 10 goals including two fine strikes in our 4-1 defeat of Ashton.

The side was captained by Mark Deane in defence who grew in confidence as the season went on. Other players who showed notable improvement were Nicolas Simonin and Niall Wilcox. Jack Charlesworth also caught the eye with some fine displays on the right wing. Many other players performed well when called on.

I would like to thank all the players for their commitment, dedication, good fun and enthusiasm, and I look forward to their ongoing development in the game.

I would also like to thank my colleagues in the boys' hockey dept. for their advice and assistance during the year.

Panel: S. White, C. Brougham, N. Wilcox, M. Deane, S. Harrigan, C. Ross, C. Jermyn, N. Simonin, J. Hackett, E. Long, R. Ledwidge, G. McLay, J. O'Callaghan, E. Ryall, J. Langford, D. O'Callaghan, S. Flood, A. Douglas, C. Day, J. Charlesworth, J. Spink, K. Masters, A. Roberts, S. Casey, S. Murphy, B. Quill, C. Cooney.

- M.P.

### **1st Year Boys**

The first year boys started the season with the usual run of 6-a-side blitzes, which is a useful stepping stone on the way to the full 11-a-side games. They played on half a pitch against Ashton, Bandon, Newtown and Villiers. The first 11-a-side game of the season was against Villiers, where, after a hard fought match we finished on the right end of a 1-0 score line with the winning goal coming from Alistair Murphy.

Next up was Bandon, which once again was a very close match. Jesse Shanagher scored the game's only goal. Newtown were our next opponents. They proved to be just too strong for us and we were defeated 3-1. After Christmas we had our chance to get revenge when we played Newton again, but we just couldn't seem to make our chances count and we eventually went down 1-0.

The season finished with an 11-a-side blitz in Newtown. All of the games were very close but once again Newtown proved to be too strong for us and went on to win the blitz – we lost 1-0 to them, and drew 1-1 and 0-0 with Villiers and Ashton respectively. Overall it was an enjoyable and competitive season and I wish all of the players the best of luck in their hockey endeavors over the coming years.

Panel: J. Spink, S. Casey, G. Murphy, D. Crosbie, S. O'Sullivan, J. Shanagher, I. White, A. Murphy, K. James, J. Owens, B. Quill, L. Dillon, B. Cunningham, R. Markham, C. O'Brien, C. Humphreys, T. Sheridan.

- L.C.

*This was a very late submission and had to be placed separately to the other rugby articles - Ed.*

### **Under-13 Boy's Rugby**

This First Year group were a decent team and performed solidly throughout the year. Ten games were played with seven victories and three reverses being our lot. Two of those losses against Bandon and Glenstal were avenged as the team grew stronger together over the season.

The team was captained from the back row by Evan Ryall who was in his second year with the side. He always led by example. Damien Dennehy was the other second year in the pack and he also had a good year.

The star of the pack was No.8, Joe Coyne who, despite only playing 6 times, managed to score 9 tries. A talented footballer with a refreshingly positive demeanour, I will follow his progress with interest.

We had a strong second row partnership with Criostoir Humphries and Brian Quill. They complemented each other well with Criostoir excelling in close and Brian carrying the ball well. Indeed at times he could be devastating. Daragh Crosbie was the other prop. He was a good ball carrier and worked hard in the rucks and mauls. John Owers and Ger Murphy completed the pack and both contributed wholeheartedly to the effort. Others that made an impact were Stephen Flood, Ryan Swanscott, Daragh Matthews and Richard Ledwidge.

The half backs were Alistair Murphy and Ian White. Two good ball players, they improved as the season progressed. In the centre Kit O'Keeffe and Jesse Shanagher were strong runners who defended well. Kieran James on the wing was an elusive runner with a positive attitude. Simon Casey played full back and is a character both on and off the field. Aaron Roberts who played mostly with the Under 14s also contributed to the effort when available. Others to shine were Josh Spink, Robert Markham, Ken Fuller, Cillian Wilcox, Ross Thompson, Colin O'Brien and Luke Dillon.

- A McC

## HOCKEY

### Senior Girls

The senior squad played a total of 18 matches recording 6 losses, 1 draw and 11 wins. The season started with three friendlies against Ashton School, Fermoy Hockey Club and Newtown School winning 3-0, losing 2-0 and losing 1-0 respectively. Then we started the league campaign with a 2-0 win away to Mount Mercy, we then played two friendlies away to Kilkenny College winning 1-0 and a 2-0 loss to Fermoy Hockey Club.

Soon it was back to the league with a 4-1 win against St. Angelas and a 4-0 win against Regina Mundi at home. It was now time for the cup with a tough first round draw against Sacred Heart, Clonakilty. After full-time it was 1-1 which brought us into extra time some excellent play in extra-time gave us a 3-1 victory.

After Christmas it was time for our fourth league game resulting in a 3-0 win at home. We then played a friendly against Bandon Grammar in preparation for our next cup match. Even though we lost 2-0 it was good preparation for Christ the King in the cup quarter final which we won 5-1. Bringing us to a Cup semi-final away to Presentation Thurles, on grit, which resulted with a 3-1 win in very unfamiliar conditions.

Soon we were in the South Munster League final in which we faced Aston School, after a very close encounter we ended up on the losing side by a 1-0 deficit.

We then travelled to Dublin to play St. Andrews resulting in a 9-0 win in the morning and also got to see the Irish Rugby team training in St. Andrews and to watch them in the Triple Crown against Scotland in Landsdowne Road. With our travelling done we had to play Ashton School again in the Cup semi-final which ended our competitive season with another 1-0 defeat to Ashton in a space of a week.

Our last two matches were against the past pupils winning 2-0 in the Past Pupils v School Cup and a 0-0 draw against the past pupils in the official pitch opening.

I would like to congratulate Rebecca Murphy on being an excellent Captain of the school side and also playing on the Munster U21 ladies team. Also congratulations to Caroline Murphy who was on the Munster U16 Hockey team. Our top five goal scorers were R. Hitchmough – 10; R. Murphy – 9, Y. Jermyn, B. Deane, K. Flood all with 6 goals each.

In conclusion I would like to thank all players involved for the year and especially the seven Leaving Certs. for their commitment during the year and their excellent Leaving Certificate results. May I also express thanks to Mr. Leopold and Ms. Power for their help with umpiring.

- C.S.



*Senior Girls 2003-2004*

*Back Row L-R: Mr. Seale, V. Tait, M. Smith, J. Murray, A. De Mey, C. Lucey, L. Fitzgibbon, B. Deane, Mr. Thompson*

*Middle Row L-R: B. Nicholson, S. Kelly, R. Murphy(capt.), K. Flood, Y. Jermyn, C. Murphy*

*Front Row L-R: T. Browne, S. Cross, R. Hitchmough, J. Otman, A. Kelly, R. Kenefick*

## Senior Seconds

Captained by Vanessa Tait, this year's senior seconds trained enthusiastically and performed well. A mixture of seasoned players and newcomers bonded together to make up a capable and willing team. Once again I would like to thank all the girls for yet another enjoyable season.

Panel: J Murray, R Kenefick, M Kelleher, V Tait (c), C levis, L Mannhardt, M Smith, J Wright, A Kelly, T Browne, S Cross, A Charlesworth, H O'Shea, G O'Regan, L Tait, L Gaebler, L Lopez, A Crux, M-A zu Salm-Salm.

- J.M.

## Under-16 Girls

The U-16 girls played eight matches over the season, won 2, drew 5 and lost 1. The main problem for this team was scoring - over the eight matches only 4 goals were scored, but solid defending meant that we only conceded 4 goals as well.

The first two games of the season were friendlies against Carrigtwohill and Crosshaven. Both of these proved very close encounters, with neither side able to break through the oppositions defence, so both ended in 0-0 draws. The league started with a tough encounter against St. Augustine's, Dungarvan. We gave a strong performance against a very physical Dungarvan side and were delighted with the 0-0 draw. Next in the league were Scoil Mhuire, where our first goal of the campaign was scored by Jackie Hornbrook. Despite excellent efforts in defence by Laura Fitzgibbon and Hilary Smith and our goalie Sinead Lucey we conceded as well and the match ended 1-1. Colaiste Choilm were the last league opponents and once again the match ended in a 0-0 draw.

The cup was next, with a match against Colaist Mhuire. We played an excellent match defensively and succeeded in finishing through. Jilly Fleming so went through to the next round. Christ King were the next opposition in the cup. We were deadlocked at 0-0 at the end of normal time so went into extra time. Unfortunately they scored twice in quick succession and it proved too much for us to come back from thus we bowed out of the cup. We had a friendly game against Carrigtwohill to end the season. Caroline Murphy scored twice and we won 2-1.

Players who performed well throughout the season were Hilary Smith, Laura Fitzgibbon, Andrea Coleman and Jilly Fleming. My thanks to Carol Welch who travelled from Cork to coach the girls.

Panel: S. Lucey, H. Smith, H. O'Rourke, L. Fitzgibbon, R. Stronach, G. O'Shea, A. Kelly, A. Coleman, A. O'Donovan, J. Hornbrook, J. Moloney, S. Kearney, A. Auchincloss, J. O'Shea, J. Fleming, J. Ottman, S. Oppermann, L Van Copenhagen, F. Toomey, K. Colbert, J. Rinn, E. Andrew, R. Hitchmough, C. Murphy, C. Weston.

- L.C.

## U-15 Girls

The first game of the season was a tough match against St. Angela's. We were narrowly beaten 1-0 in a very close and hard fought game. Next up were St. Aloysius, Carrigtwohill who we overcame by a 1-0 margin, with Anna Preston scoring our goal. Our next opposition were Colaiste Mhuire and then Fermoy, in both games we played very well defensively, but just couldn't seem to take our chances on the attack. Both ended in 0-0 draws although we could have come away with a win. Bandon were our next opponents in a friendly match where we were unlucky to go down 1-0. Once again, we defended well, but let in a poor goal and didn't take our chances in the opposition's circle.

Next up were Christ King - we put in a great performance but found our scoring ability lacking, and they poached a goal late in the game. Next came our best performance of the season, a 2-0 victory against UCB. Laura Van Copenhagen got both of our goals here from short-corners and also put in an excellent performance playing sweeper. Andrea Coleman dominated in midfield and distributed the ball well. This was the sort of game we needed at the start of the season, where everything just seemed to go right for us and I think if this game had been at the start of the season it would have been a far more successful season. The final game of the season was a friendly against Scoil

Mhuire where we won 10 with another goal from Laura Van Copenhagen. Laura and Andrea were the two players to particularly stand out, with Ellen Andrew, Jane Rinn and Frankie Toomey also improving consistently over the season. Once again, they were a great bunch of girls to work with and I hope they manage to maintain their enthusiasm for hockey throughout their school years.



*U15 Girls 2003*

*Back Row L-R: Miss Clifford, C. Sheridan, C. Weston, F. Nicholson, M. Moloney*

*Middle Row L-R: F. Marshall, H. O'Rourke, L. Johannson, A. Coleman, L. Van Coppenhagen, J. Rinn*

*Front Row L-R: F. Toomey, E. Andrew, (Not Pictured) K. Colbert, S. Ottman, R. O'Keeffe, S.*

*Oppermann, J. Ottman, E. Cotte; S. Kingston, A. Preston, D. McGrath*

- L.C.

#### **U-14 Girls**

11 matches – 5 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses including a cup replay loss on penalty strokes and a league final – not bad for an U-14 team just starting out!!

The season started with a friendly against Kineton, a visiting school from England. We narrowly lost this one 1-0, but we picked ourselves up after to go on a 6 game unbeaten run. The first was 0-0 draw with a strong side from Ard Scoil na Déise, Dungarvan. Next we saw off UCB and Fermoy, beating both sides 2-0 (3 goals coming from Jessica Ottman and 1 from Anna Preston). Next up were Aston (whom we went on to play a further 3 times) we drew 1-1 with our goal, again being scored by Jessica. Our next opposition were UCB, we proved too strong for them, winning 2-0 with goals from Clare Stead and Anna Preston.

Next up was our 1st round cup match against Ashton. A very evenly balanced game ended in a 0-0 draw, so they came to Midleton for the replay. Normal time came and went with no goals, due to a combination of great defending and poor finishing. Extra time also passed without any goals, so it was down to the dreaded penalty strokes! Unfortunately, we were unable to score from the penalty spot and although our goalkeeper, Louise Johannson made a couple of saves to keep us in it, we lost 2-0.

The next game was always going to be a tough one, coming back after such disappointment, but we found ourselves back to winning ways against Scoil Mhuire with a goal a piece from Jessica and Denise McGrath. Next up was revenge time, in the form of a league play-off against Ashton as we were level on points at the top of our section of the league. This game was probably the best we played all season and we were delighted with the performance, but more importantly the 2-0 scoreline – it was good to have finally beaten Ashton and reach the league final as we deserved.

The final against Bandon was a brilliant match but unfortunately playing 2 tough games in four days was just that bit too hard for us and we went down 2-1. It was an enjoyable season and probably most satisfying for the girls was the win against Ashton.

Players who performed consistently well over the year were Sarah Oppermann, Jessica Ottman, Rebecca O'Keeffe, Serena Ottman and Anna Preston.

**Panel:** L. Johannson, R. O'Keeffe, K. Murray, M. Keena, S. Ottman, S. Oppermann, J. Ottman, D. McGrath, C. Stead, E. Connolly, R. Deane, K. Bourgeois, M. Russell, M. O'Hanlon, S. Kingston, A. Preston, R. Chow, A. Moloney, S. Llewellyn, C. Daly.

- L. C.

## Table Tennis

The past year was a memorable year as three teams won league titles, two reached cup finals and three took medals at the Munster Schools' cup.

The senior team won Division 2 in some style as early comfortable wins against St. Angelas, UCB and our B team practically guaranteed the title. A draw in St. Angelas was the only hitch in an impressive campaign. In the cup a win against our B team gave us the chance to test ourselves against Division 1 opposition in the senior final against Colaiste Choilm B. A thrilling and exciting clash began with wins for Eddie Leung and Rob Smyth and a defeat for Rob Mohally. Timmy Garde's match against a junior interprovincial player was a banker to leave the score at 2-2 – but no one told Timmy! Playing the match of his life he comfortably won the opening two games, and as surprise turned to amazement amongst players and management alike, he unwaveringly completed the task with a degree of ease in the third game. Now overall victory was a realistic target. The first doubles saw Eddie and Simon McKeown seek the all important fourth match. A tension packed marathon resulted in a 12-10, 11-13, 9-11, 9-11 defeat. So it was up to Rob Smyth and Rob Mohally to avoid the dreaded deciding doubles. Twice we led and twice we were pegged back, but in the final game a famous victory was achieved on an 11-9 scoreline. This really was our final, because in truth the winners were always going to be in trouble in the final. Colaiste Choilm A had been red hot favourites to retain their All-Ireland title a few days before the cup final, but were thwarted when an early morning flight to Belfast was cancelled. Such disappointment for them was the last thing we needed as they set out to make full amends for their setback. Defeat was our lot but the team could hold their heads high, having played to a standard which won respect from illustrious opponents. At the start of the year Rob Smyth and Eddie were the star players. It is to their credit that Rob Mohally, Simon and Timmy reached a level where they could compete with Rob and Eddie confident of success, and giving us a well-balanced side. They can be proud of their achievement in bringing us back to the top level after an absence of nine years.

Our B team also played in Division 2 and not surprisingly found life difficult at this level. They ran into our A team in the cup. The squad here consisted of Shane Fleming, Timmy Fuller, Jamie Breen, Diarmuid Connolly, Sven Nebelung and Jesse Kingston.

The C team played in Division 4 and like the seniors took the title comfortably. Also like the seniors a draw against St. Angelas was the only blemish. In the cup we were beaten by third division Scoil Eoin. The successful side here was Mark Stapleton, Craig Moore, Ramon Sanchiz, Aaron Roberts, Ross Morgan, Jonathan Hackett and Clive Ross.

The girls' team played in Division 5 and a 6-0 defeat against UCB ended our league hopes. A 4-2 defeat in the return match was an improvement and runners-up place in the league was attained, but the sides were to meet again in the Division 5/6 cup final. Having gone two down with defeats for Assunta Crux and Rebecca Murphy, Katie Flood and Jilly Fleming recovered the situation in the singles. Likewise at 3-2 down Katie and Jilly again retrieved the position. In the deciding doubles Katie and Rebecca won the opening game to give us real hope but the opposition found some inspirational play to hit back and take the cup. Disappointment was our fate, but it was a far cry from that opening match. The squad was Katie Flood, Antonia zu Salm-Salm, Assunta Crux, Aoife Kelly, Mel Smith, Jilly Fleming, Tara Browne, Clare Lucey and Rebecca Murphy.

Our first year team won Division 6 without dropping a match. This group showed more enthusiasm and dedication than we have seen for quite some time. Lunchtime and after school almost inevitably found them in the table tennis room and the improvement in their game reflected this hard work. In the cup they met the eventual winners UCB and lost 4-3 with the deciding doubles being lost 11-9 in the final game. They also gave a creditable performance against Scoil Eoin in the Munster U-13 play off. The players who appeared for this team were John Owers, Kit O'Keeffe, Gerard Murphy, Simon Casey, Josh Spink, Criostoir Humphreys, Alistair Murphy, Daragh Crosbie and Jesse Shanagher.

The Munster Schools Cup is played as a one day event for teams of three. Our Under 19 B boys team (Timmy Garde, Simon McKeown and Jamie Breen) won the second division. At Under 13 level our A team (Kit O'Keeffe, John Owers and Simon Casey) took bronze medals, and the Under 19 mixed team of Ross Morgan, Rebecca Murphy and Katie Flood also took bronze.

The school championships were dominated by two players Rob Smyth and Kit O'Keeffe. Both won a hat trick of awards. Rob won both the senior cup and senior league at the expense of Eddie Leung, and partnered Simon McKeown to doubles success against Rob Mohally and Timmy Garde. Even more remarkable was the achievement of Kit – a first former who had only taken up the game in

September. It is very rare for a first former to win a junior event. Kit won the junior cup defeating Clive Ross, the junior league defeating John Owers and in the junior doubles he partnered Josh Spink to defeat Gerard Murphy and Simon Casey. In a sign of the cut-throat competition amongst the first formers Kit failed at Under-13 level where Gerard Murphy beat Josh Spink in the final. In the girls championship Jilly Fleming beat Assunta Crux. Rob Smyth won the Player of the Year award with Kit O'Keeffe not surprisingly being runner-up.

Finally my thanks to Liz Clifford for all her coaching and organisational efforts throughout the year.

- B.M.

*"The Terrors of the Table"*



*They may seem friendly, but don't be fooled! This team were deadly serious as they proved by winning their league.*

*Back Row L-R: Mr. Thompson, S. McKeown, T. Garde, Mr. Morrissey  
Front Row L-R: R. Mohally, E. Leung, R. Smyth*

**PAST PUPILS TABLE TENNIS**

The Stephen Perrott Cup becomes more competitive each year. This year 13 players participated. In the semi-finals Frank Moynihan beat Oli Daly and Clive Seale beat Andy Long. Clive won the final 11-8, 11-8, 12-10 to take the title for a second time. Liz Clifford won the plate defeating Grainne Martin. 11-7, 11-8, 11-6 ensuring that herself and Clive maintained the reputation of the Midleton College games staff.

- B.M.

**TENNIS**

The summer term was a very busy time in the world of tennis. Tennis coaching was organised for 32 girls, running on Mondays and Thursdays. The internal school competitions had to be played at three different age levels for boys and girls with over 60 taking part. Most of the competitions were held on Wednesdays with some interesting surprises and some assumed certainties. Results of our school championships are as below.

	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>
U14 Girl	Jessica Ottman	Anna Preston
U16 Girls	Aisling Kelly	Caroline Murphy
<b>Senior Girls</b>	Rebecca Murphy	Aoife Kelly
U14 Boys	Aarron Roberts	Jonathan Hackett
U16 Boys	Polo Crosbie	Darren Farrell
<b>Senior Boys</b>	Robert Smyth	Timmy Garde

-C.S.

## Orienteering

Orienteering was introduced to the College this year, largely thanks to Olive Simonin. Her suggestions, encouragement and assistance were largely responsible for getting the sport off the ground.

Initially we offered the activity to anyone who showed interest. Approximately 50 students put their names down. This was a great response. It was also a manageable number and did not require us to hold trials.

The schools format involves three events over the months of September, October and November. The events this year were held in Farran Forest Park, Corrin Wood and Curragh Wood. These are stand-alone events but collectively they also make up the Cork Schools League. For each competitor the times they achieved in the three events are added together to provide them with their overall placings for the league. A good feature of orienteering is that it also has a team dimension. The times for the top four competitors from each school are added together. This is then the teams score. This gives everyone the incentive to work hard right to the end.

All the competitors enjoyed these events and many enjoyed success. Orienteering constantly proves that it is not always the fastest runner that comes out on top. It is truly a test of both physical and mental powers.

There were many good results in these events. The following competitors featured highly: - Tara Browne, Jeni Wright, Aoife Kelly, Rachel Kenefick, Meriel Smith, Caroline Murphy, Roisin Stronach, Nicolas Simonin, George Kenefick, Clive Ross, and Stephen Waters.

The overall league results were also impressive:

Nicolas Simonin won the Second/Third years category for boys.

Caroline Murphy won the Second/Third years category for girls.

In the Post Junior Cert. Girls category Jeni Wright came second with Rachel Kenefick third.

After Christmas there are three further events. These are the Cork Schools Championships, the Munster Championships and the All Irelands. These involve challenging courses and as such provide a stiffer test.

The Cork Schools Championships were held in Rostellan woods this year.

Tara Browne won the Post Junior Cert. event for girls.

Nicolas Simonin came second in the Second/Third year boys

Criostoir Humphreys came fourth in the First Year boys category.

The Munster event was cancelled this year because of snow on the mountain where it was to be held.

The All Irelands were held in Parkmountain Wood, Mount Uniacke.

The best was left for last. Nicolas Simonin won his event and Tara Browne came third in hers.

There is no doubt that the addition of orienteering to our sporting calendar has been a huge success. We look forward to building on this success next year.

- R.St.J.P.

## Athletics

For the first time in many years Midleton College returned to the athletics circuit. In early May we participated in the inter schools competition involving Bandon Grammar, Ashton, Villiers, Kilkenny College, Newtown and Midleton College. Later in the month our athletes also competed in the South Munster and the Munster Schools championships.

To help prepare our athletes we put in a new long jump pit and shot putt circle. High jump equipment was also acquired. Twice a week the end of the soccer pitch swarmed with jumpers, runners and

throwers. The shot putt was particularly popular with boys and girls alike.

The inter-schools competition was held in Kilkenny this year. For most of our 40 athletes it was a first. Many had never even run on a track. This event is run on a team basis. There are six competitors in each event. Six points are awarded to the first placed athlete, five to the second and so on. The athletes compete at Senior, Intermediate and Junior age groups. While we did not gain any trophies, there were many fine individual performances and we have learned from the experience.

In the South Munsters there were a number of medal winners. These were:-

Rebecca Murphy won gold in the 1500m.  
Laura Van Coppenhagen won silver in the Long Jump.  
Barbara Deane won Bronze in the High Jump.  
Neil Strasman won bronze in the Shot.  
George Mc Lay also won bronze in the Shot.

Our congratulations go to them.

Towards the end of term we have a 'sports for all day'. These are our own athletics championships. These have always been popular but with the increased interest in athletics, this years events seemed to be more competitive than ever.

The overall winners in each of the age groups were:-

Senior Boys	Simon McKeown
Senior Girls	Caroline Murphy
Under 15 Boys	Stephen Waters
Under 15 Girls	Laura Van Coppenhagen
Under 13 boys	Darragh Crosbie

- R.St.J.P.

## CRICKET

### Senior

The first eleven panel was made up of young and enthusiastic cricketers with considerable talent and all but one of the group are back in school this year.

Jeff Hitchmough captained the team and invariably kept a very good wicket. He was well respected as an enthusiastic student of the game and provided positive leadership through his encouraging exhortations from behind the stumps. Jeff's batting technique was excellent and runs followed. He was, in all senses, a genuine wicket keeper/batsman of the highest quality.

One rarely encountered Jeff without his confidant Rob Smyth. Rob possesses outstanding natural ability and was a joy to behold at the wicket. Rob was not only a stylish, elegant batsman, he was also an excellent bowler, delivering medium pace or off-spin as required. We are most fortunate to have both Jeff and Rob back with us this year. Both these young men are destined for higher things.

Michael White opened the bowling with Rob Smyth and was our most successful wicket taker. He was quick, accurate and produced good movement of the ball. He was often devastating with the bat as he demonstrated in the past pupils game. Jack Charlesworth, a third former, was very talented with bat and ball and possessed exquisite timing. Simon McKeown batted in the middle order and was an excellent fielder. Hal Hodson on his day was as good as most. He bowled well, enjoyed putting bat to ball and demonstrated a cool temperament. Dermot England hit the ball exceptionally hard. Craig Moore had a good eye, worked hard and showed excellent concentration. Sean Harrigan continued to develop as a wicket keeper of some promise. Simon Brookes, Shane Fleming, Tom Eastaway, Jesse Kingston and Emmet Long completed the squad. All were very keen and we look forward to their performances this

year.

The single wicket final on sports day morning was the most exciting for many years. Rob Smyth batted first and scored 35 runs. Jeff Hitchmough took up the challenge and replied with a spirited 33. A narrow win for Rob.

It is nice to see a number of our players playing club cricket during the summer. Jeff Hitchmough, Rob Smyth, Michael White, Hal Hodson and Sean Harrigan all played with Midleton and Emmet Long played with Harlequins.

Jeff Hitchmough had the honour of playing for the Munster Reds in the first division of the Leinster Senior League. Jeff played in four games as a wicket keeper and took 5 catches. This was an outstanding achievement for one so young. Rob Smyth was also a member of the Munster Reds squad as a batsman/bowler. The Reds finished in fourth place in the league of eight teams.

Finally, my thanks to Jim Doran for his enthusiasm, hard work and good humour. Jim is an excellent coach but he also plays, organizes, cuts grass, prepares wickets, attends meetings, umpires and above all, gives his charges a genuine love of cricket.

- JCL



*Senior Squad 2003*

*Shown here just prior to the Old Boy's match the team seem raring to go. Back Row L-R: Mr. Levis, S. Fleming, R. Smyth, H. Hodson, D. England, C. Moore, M. White  
Front Row L-R: T. Eastaway, E. Long, S. McKeown, J. Hitchmough(capt.), D. Connolly, J. Charlesworth, S. Brookes*

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL CRICKET**

This year there were barely enough regular players to make up a team. Also there was a distinct lack of opposition to play against. Consequently we held several training sessions but played no matches.

There were eight entrants for the single-wicket competition – C. Ross, J. Langford, E. Long, J. Hackett, N. Simonin, S. Harrigan, A. Douglas and L. McKeown. After some brisk quarter and semi finals it came down to Emmet Long against Sean Harrigan in the final on the morning of Sports Day.

The players were very well matched. Harrigan bowled to Long who made 20 runs off two overs. After a quick turn around Long bowled to Harrigan and proved his ability as a batsman. In the second over Sean hit three 4's in a row and won the competition with 22 runs to Long's 20.

Well done to the valiant few involved this year.

## U-13

For once the May monsoon failed to put in an appearance and as a consequence the 2004 crop of U-13 cricketers actually managed to get in some decent outdoor practice before taking the field in our opening match away to Bandon GS U-13s.

Batting first, our top scorer was Captain Simon Casey with 16 not out with Daragh Crosbie providing solid support with 11 not out. Alistair Murphy was most unlucky to be run out at the mid-point of the innings as both he and Simon Casey had otherwise shown a great understanding of how to steal the quick single – an ability which is not often seen at this age-group.

It was a good solid batting performance but the game was won by virtue of our excellent fielding. Alistair Murphy was the pick of the bowlers taking 2 for 13 in his allotted 4 overs including a very smart catch off his own bowling. John Owers also bowled well taking 1 for 19 with Barry Cunningham, Simon Casey and Gerard Murphy providing good bowling support.

The benefit of practice could clearly be seen in that the most pleasing aspect of the team's performance was the discipline with which our fielders reacted when under pressure. Kieran James, Daragh Matthews and John Owers all contributed smartly-executed run outs and Luke Dillon took a fine catch at mid-off.

In the end it was our better teamwork that resulted in a narrow three run win as Midleton's total of 92 for 4 wickets in 16 overs was just enough to beat Bandon's 89 for 6 wickets in 16 overs.

In our only other fixture (amazingly we had scheduled a match for the one day in May that it rained!) we were less successful but there was no disgrace in losing to a very strong combined Harlequins and West Cork eleven.

We made a very promising start with openers Simon Casey and Alistair Murphy putting 21 on the scoreboard inside the first three overs but the momentum was not maintained apart from John Owers who hit 10 runs off just 13 balls. At 64 for 7 things were looking grim until number 9 bat Sean O'Sullivan with a quickfire 12 helped us pass 100.

This was not likely to be a competitive total and so it proved as our opponents ran up 103 for the loss of just 1 wicket inside 10 overs with only Simon Casey showing any real form with the ball.

The players mentioned above along with Colin O'Brien, Jesse Shanagher, Tyler Sheridan & Ross Thompson are to be complimented for their terrific enthusiasm and never-say-die competitive spirit. It was a pleasure to work with them and I have no doubt that quite a number of this squad will develop into very fine cricketers.

The final of the Junior Single Wicket competition took place on the morning of Sports Day. It was a close competition between John Owers and Alistair Murphy. In the first half Murphy scored 4 runs off 2 overs. After a quick change over Murphy bowled to Owers who scored 7 runs, thus winning the competition, with Murphy a worthy runner-up. My thanks to Mr. Hickey who umpired in my absence.

So another school cricket season drew to a close. I wish to thank all those who took part and particularly John Levis for his unstinting support and assistance.

- J.D.

## Other Cricket News 2004

Wicket-keeper/batsman Jeff Hitchmough made his debut for the Senior Munster XI this Summer and Robert Smyth graduated to being a member of the Senior Munster squad.

Robert made his maiden hundred for Midleton CC in August, scoring 101 not out against the touring Knossington CC but was actually outscored by Michael White who made 119 not out.

Jeff, Robert and Michael are all regular members of the Midleton 1st XI which had it's best ever Season in the Munster senior League, narrowly missing out on winning the title.

Hal Hodson was abroad for most of the Season but still managed to have the best Midleton CC 1st XI bowling figures taking 4 for 4 in the away match versus Cork County 2nds

Sean Harrigan was a regular member of the Midleton CC 2nd XI and Sean, along with Simon Casey, was selected to attend a coaching session with the Irish national coach Adrian Birrell at the end of the Summer.

## CHESS

This was a quiet year for competitive chess. As usual we entered a team in the E.S.B. Checkmate National School's Chess Competition. This year team numbers were reduced from five players down to just four. Those chosen to represent Midleton College were Alex Fung, Timmy Fuller, Clive Ross and new comer Ronan Murphy.

Our first match in this knock-out competition was played away to Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh, Bishopstown, on the 27th January. This was not a good draw for us as they had put us out of the tournament the year previously. Nevertheless, the team was determined to take the fight to the enemy. Unfortunately, this team proved to be even stronger than anticipated and we lost 4-0 on the day.

Chess training continued throughout the year but we played no other external opponents. However, several new players proved to be of a high standard in practice, notably Barry Cunningham, Sean O'Sullivan, Ronan Murphy (Form I).

The final chess activity of the year was the internal school competition. There was a large entry at senior level and a reasonable entry at junior level. The senior final between J.R. Ryall and Timmy Fuller was a complete mismatch. Timmy is a very experienced player and J.R., although competent, had only reached the semi-finals through some lucky draws and one dropped out opponent. Inevitably Fuller won easily and Ryall was runner-up. The junior competition proved more exciting. After the early stages three players emerged as potential winners – Clive Ross, Ronan Murphy and Barry Cunningham. Having narrowly beaten Murphy in the semi-final Ross faced Cunningham in the best of three games for the final. After some very intense play Ross won the final with Cunningham a very deserving runner-up.

As always my thanks to those who took part in chess this year.

-B. H

## Basketball

The last year has seen the introduction and rapid development of senior girls basketball in the College. Since the first session in September 2003 the numbers involved have grown steadily from single figures to an average attendance of twenty five at the Friday afternoon training sessions. Over the course of the last school year we played a series of challenge matches which provided our girls with the opportunity to develop rapidly both as individuals and as a team.

In September 2004 the school entered an U19 team in the Cork Schools League. Despite facing teams who have been competing at this level for a number of years the girls have continually displayed great determination and no shortage of skill. With continued effort and enthusiasm from all those involved the great progress made over the last year will hopefully continue in the future.

- P.C.



*Basketball Squad 2002-2003*

*Back Row L-R: L. Gaebler, T. Scharwz, L. Mannhardt, J. Driganova, M. zu Salm  
Front Row L-R: L. Fitzgibbon, A. Zu-salm, K. Ross, S. Lucey*

## GOLF 2003

The season began with Youghal Golf Club hosting the East Cork section of the Phil O'Sullivan Perpetual Trophy. The team Gary Maher, Timmy Garde, Craig Whyte and Vaughan Clarke played well and enjoyed the day. The Irish Schools Golf Championship South Munster Section was hosted by Harbour Point Golf Club. The team V. Clarke, G. Maher, C. Whyte and G. O'Connell all played well and enjoyed the outing. Due to bad weather and a very short summer term the School Golf Competition did not take place. The four top players had a match in Youghal Golf Club. T. Garde came first with 39 points playing off a handicap of 11. C. Whyte came second with 38 points playing off a handicap of 15 and V. Clarke third with 37 points plays off a handicap of 7. This left G. Maher in fourth place. All players enjoyed the day and our thanks to Youghal Golf Club for facilitating the match. Finally, I would like to thank Mr Daley for the time and effort put into Golf during the year.

-T. Garde (Form VI)

## GOLF 2004

The season began in Youghal Golf Club with the East Cork section of the Phil O'Sullivan Trophy. The team, V. Clarke, C. Brougham and J. O'Callaghan played well and finished in third place.

The Irish Schools South Munster Section was played in Monkstown Golf Club in very wet conditions. The team V. Clarke, G. O'Connell, C. Whyte gave a good performance and enjoyed the day.

The final of the inter-schools championship was held in Macroom Golf Club the team V Clarke, G. O'Connell, T. Garde and C. Whyte played well.

The annual school competition was played in East Cork Golf Club in unpleasant weather conditions yet good scores were returned with C Brougham first, T Garde second and J O'Callaghan third.

Throughout the year V. Clarke has been training with the Munster Elite Panel in Limerick University. During the summer Vaughan was selected to play for the Boys Inter-provincial Munster team. He played well and appreciated the experience. Finally, I would like to thank Mr Daley for the time and effort put into Golf during the year.

-Vaughan Clarke (Form VI)

## Midleton College Golf Society

Our golf society remains a great opportunity to meet up with class mates, former students, friends old, current and new. The golf is the reason for getting together but, for many of us the banter and the craic are what bring us back time after time.

The first outing of the year is always held at Water Rock. This season the weather was truly dreadful. It was an ordeal, so much so that abandoning the round was an option many of us considered. It is said that when the going gets tough the tough get going. This was really the case for Rory O'Neill, Tom Moynihan and Dermot O'Sullivan. They produced golf that would be considered good in fair weather but in these conditions it was amazing.

A month later the memories had dimmed sufficiently for us to brave a golf course again. This time in Fermoy. Fortunately the day was good as was the golf, with only two points separating the top six players. The talk in the club house turned to our next event. The return to Dooks. We eagerly awaited the chance of taking it on again especially, with the new holes of which we had heard rumour.

This year a group of us decided to play Beaufort on the way down on the Friday. It turned out to be great fun. Having talked with others following the two rounds in Dooks the next day, we decided to offer this as an option for the Friday next year, for those who can get away from work. It was also thought that there is not as much life in the "old dogs" as we claimed last year. The proposal for the 2005 season is to play only one round in Dooks instead of the energy sapping two.

The week before our Gold Coast outing in July we received the sad news that Basil Baker had died. He had planned to play in Dungarvan and had bought a new set of clubs only a couple of weeks before. At 87 years of age this showed the up beat attitude to life that Basil was renowned for. He will be greatly missed but not forgotten as we have plans within the society to have a trophy in his honour.

The second last event of the year was to be in Lee Valley. The weather for this turned out to be even more appalling than that experienced in Water Rock. This time it was abandoned after nine holes and so was not counted for the Player of the Year.

Bantry Bay has been our final venue of the season for many years. When you get a mild, dry day in October with clear skies there is no nicer course to play. When the wind blows as it did this year it becomes quite a challenge but still hugely enjoyable. The Player of the Year competition was more or less down to a two horse race by this stage. What ever happened, a new name would be on the trophy since neither Andrew McCarthy nor Chris Jermyn had won it before. They went out in the last group together with Trevor Beamish. In the end Chris performed well to come second in the days competition and emerged as the Player of the Year by a margin of three points.

We returned to Crookhaven for food , drink, and the prize giving. Following this we had the pleasure of watching Ireland draw with the French in Paris. Many hours later we felt tired enough to get to bed but not before we had discussed the coming season and plans for some changes ! Many good ideas have been hatched in O'Sullivan's following the Bantry outing. Hopefully this year's ones will be among them.

The fixtures for the 2005 season are being made at the moment. A full fixture list will be in the post to members before Christmas. Any of you out there who are not members but might like to be, should contact the College and talk to either Michael Daley or Ray Power. We look forward to hearing from you.

**List of results for all the events of the season.**

Course	First	Second	Third
Water Rock	R. O'Neill	T. Moynihan	D. O'Sullivan
Fermoy	A. McCarthy	L. O'Mahony	M. Hegarty
Dooks	A. McCarthy	G. Beamish	P. Johnston
Gold Coast	R. Wrixon	T. McCarthy	A. McCarthy
Bantry Bay	P. Kelly	C. Jermyn	M. Power

Player of the Year Senior Category: Chris Jermyn  
 Player of the Year Junior Category: Trevor Beamish.

- R.St.J.P

*"The Trophy Room!"*



Ray Power (left), presents the Player of the Year Trophy to Chris Jermyn

## MIDLETON COLLEGE PTA (Chairman's Report 2003-2004)

It is a great pleasure to write about a busy and varied year for Midleton College Parent Teacher Association.(PTA).Our committee is made up of eight parents and four staff members. We met eight times, usually on the second Tuesday of the month.  
During the academic year 2003/2004 a summary of our activities is as follows:

### Careers Talks:

Following a careers preference survey of 4th,5th, and 6th years we organised a series of careers talks which included an Architect, Head of Lismore Crafts Centre, Trainee Teacher, Electronics Engineer, Solicitor, Hotel Manager and speakers on Media and Music Studies.

Compass: We are affiliated to Compass which represents Minority Religion and Protestant Secondary Schools at National level. Through Compass two of our Fourth Years participated in Glencree Peace Studies Programme for Transition Year Students.

CAO: Mr. Sean O Driscoll from CAO spoke and answered questions about filling out this form though it was felt more useful as advice and information for parents than students who were already very familiar with the process!

Swimming: Lessons by an instructor from Midleton Park Leisure Centre were organised for First Years.

We ran a very successful Mulled Wine and Mince Pies reception after the Christmas Carol Service. The Table Quiz in O'Meara's pub was not held this year as students under 18 could not attend. We decided to charge a levy of E5 per family this year towards PTA funding in order to concentrate on social and information, rather than fundraising events.

The chairperson of the PTA will meet with Dr. Trevor West, Chair of the Board of Governors twice a year to discuss future plans for the school.

We had a consultative role in the drafting of the school's Code of Behaviour and Uniform Policy. The safety and security of students was a primary concern in drafting these.

Tea and coffee are available after home matches and on Friday afternoons in the Dining Hall.

We made a presentation to Mr. Lyons to mark his retirement and we wish him well in the years to come. I would like to thank all staff and parent committee members for their encouragement, time and commitment during the past year and a special 'Thank You' to Matron for tea and coffee which sustained us during our meetings.

### 2004/2005

Following suggestions during the year and at the AGM last month our projects for year 2004/2005 include:

### Careers Fair.

Second hand Uniform Sale.

PTA section on Website.

Possibility of an Open Day.

Information talks for Parents. March 5th - Parenting talk planned.

List of Extra Curricular Activities.

### Our Committee members are:

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Lucy O'Regan

Margaret Rumley

Simon Thompson:

Committee members would be very happy to hear your comments and views during this school year and look forward to your ideas and suggestions.

Midleton Park Hotel was again the venue for our A.G.M. on the 26th January 2004. Attendance is never spectacular but the commitment by those who do turn up is always very positive. As the years roll by it is very encouraging to see the tremendous achievements and contributions the past pupils of Midleton have made – and continue to make – in all walks of life, both nationally and internationally. You can now keep us – and everybody else – informed through our e-mail: info"mcpp.ie. The web site is www.midletoncollege.ie.

The school, as always, puts us through our paces when it comes to sports activities, testing times for hopeful champions and a dose of reality for former dreamers! Many thanks to all who are prepared to get involved and to the college staff for their support.

On the 17th July a number of the Munster Rugby Team, with past pupil and former Irish rugby coach. Gerry Murphy, changed their identity and became 'The President's XI' to play in an inaugural cricket match against the local Midleton Cricket Club, at the College. The home side batted first and reached a credible one hundred and thirty eight runs all out. Some of the visitors who were not used to such high scores went into bat after tea! They gave us a truly powerful display and won by five wickets. A buffet meal was provided in Midleton Rugby Club and a suitably inscribed bottles of premium whiskey was presented to each visiting team member and the umpires, John Levis and Jim Doran. In his speech, Jason Holland thanked John Smith and the committee, on behalf of the visitors and their families, for their hospitality in such relaxing surroundings. A cricket bat, donated by the President, was autographed by both teams and presented to John Levis, Vice Principal, a memento of the occasion for the college archives.

The Asgard Scholarship continues to be keenly sought after. Jesse Kingston and Deaglan Moloney were the successful students this year. All candidates who applied were interviewed and acquitted themselves very well making our selection far from easy. Many thanks to Ivan Wolfe who as usual make all students feel at ease while asking many searching and varied questions.

Curaheen Park Greyhound Stadium, Cork, on the 6th November, was the venue for our annual dinner, a very enjoyable evening, even if some of us put on weight while our wallets became lighter!

I would like to thank all the past pupils who continue to return the questionnaire and especially those who gave a financial commitment by returning the standing order. We have had a number of undelivered envelopes returned due to out of date addresses. We will put these names on the web site at a future date in the hope that somebody may have their e-mail and/or address. It has proven to be quite a task to bring our mailing list up to speed as we span almost forty years of past pupils' movements. Well done to Daphne Spillane and Robert Chambers who have been the prime movers on this. Remember it is your association and some day you may like to visit or contact an old friend – if only you had the correct contact details.

Finally I must pray tribute and sincere thanks to your committee, Simon Thompson, the Headmaster and the College staff for their support and help during my term as your President, it has been a pleasure working with them.

-Johnathan A. Fleury

#### Dates To Remember

1. January 31st Annual General Meeting in the Midleton Park Hotel at 8.00p.m.
2. March 4th Invitation Table Tennis Tournament for the Stephen Perrot Cup  
Boys Hockey Past Pupils at 6.00pm
3. March 5th Past Pupils v 1st XV Rugby - Kick Off 4.00pm  
Past Pupils v 1st XI Ladies Hockey – Push Off 2.00pm  
Get together at the Mill Wheel after the games. All Past Pupils and

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|    |            | friends welcome.  |
| 4. | March 22nd | College Easter and Passiontide Music in St. John the Baptist Church at 8.00pm |
| 5. | June 3rd   | Past Pupils Cricket v College 1st XI at 6.0pm                                 |
| 6. | June 4th   | College Sports Day  |

**OBITUARIES**  
**RONALD R. LITTLE**  
**(1939 – 2004)**

**A PERSONAL REFLECTION**

Ron Little was not only a colleague but a dear friend of Kay and mine and of our daughter Tracey, as teacher and friend, since we came to Midleton 23 years ago.

His life revolved around Midleton College since he arrived in 1966, via Trinity College and St. Andrews College and a large circle of his friends and colleagues, some retired, some still members of the College staff, attended his funeral on Monday, 4th October 2004 at St. John the Baptist Church in Midleton. Ian and Alma probably knew him longer than any of us, Derek and June, Oliver and Patricia and the birthday gang – Ruth and John, Bud and Ivan together with Allan and Sue, who looked after him so well in life and indeed in death and with many others, we have all been privileged to have shared in Ron's life.

We came together to celebrate and give thanks for Ron's life – a life of service, of service to others, games in his earlier days, the care and encouragement of young boarders – many perhaps initially nervous of boarding life, his dedication to the swimming pool, astronomy and the teaching of Science and Applied Maths. Ron had a particular interest in and love for astronomy. He was extremely knowledgeable and could hold his own with many a professional astronomer. The College Observatory was based on an idea picked up from Patrick Moore while Ron was visiting the great telescope at Birr Castle a few years ago.

Ron, over the years, took many young people to Oysterhaven and organised and led enthusiastic junior tourists to Britain and the Continent.

Ron was a man of strong religious beliefs and of a deep personal faith. This was very obvious during his year of very serious illness and major surgery. He said to me afterwards that he was very aware of and sustained by the prayers of his many friends. One of his great joys was to participate in the Holy Communion, to read from the Bible, to lead the Intercessions and to administer the Cup at the Eucharist. He died with a sure and certain faith in the Resurrection.

The stories of Ron's exploits are legion, some exaggerated, some not so; I think it is true to say that his suspicions of the nation's financial institutions were not exaggerated. Like all great scientists, Ron's laboratory experiments at times did not always go according to plan; a minor explosion, the alarm bells go off and an evacuation of the Jameson Institute takes place.

Ron was a keen cyclist, but unfortunately every Rothwiller and Alsatian in the area seemed to take to the roads when Ron was approaching and he returned to the College not speaking well of our canine friends. Who will forget his attempted wheelies up the College drive which inevitably ended up on the front lawn with Ron and his bike not in close proximity.

Ron was a genuinely expert sailor and his yacht gave him many hours of great pleasure. He was always keen to take his colleagues and friends sailing, even me, not always at ease in small boats, nevertheless we, as a family, have lovely memories of sailing with him in Cork Harbour. Andrew Stott, a life long friend of Ron's, has great stories of their sailing exploits together in earlier days – even crossing the English Channel where they narrowly avoided the attentions of a very large ship!

Ron always took his boat out of the water during the winter and the launch at Aghada each Spring was an event not to be missed, sometimes not without incident.

The large number of people at O'Farrell's Funeral Home on Friday, 1st October and at his funeral was a testimony to the high regard in which Ron was held. After the Friday prayers many of his former pupils lingered reminiscing about their much loved teacher and friend. One said "Ron taught me to swim", another said "the first time I ever sailed was with Ron" – he took many of his pupils sailing, he taught

many to swim. He was generous with his time and keen that others should have the opportunity of sharing his interests.

Ron was a very able public speaker and often presided over our staff functions. He was most entertaining company, always prepared to laugh at himself and his rendition of that literary epic "The Bricklayer" never failed to amuse and amaze.

Ron Little was a gentleman and also a gentle man, never keen on vulgarity, loudness or loutish behaviour. He lived his life largely by routine and it was when that routine was interrupted that he found life difficult.

We send our heartfelt sympathy to Ron's elderly mother, Olwen, he always referred to her "as my old Mum", to Jean his sister and her husband Dave, cousins Patricia, Sarah and John and their daughters Laura and Hannah. We also extend our sympathy to the Headmaster of Midleton College, who has had the unenviable task of presiding over a school in mourning and in shock, a task he has undertaken with great professionalism and compassion and we thank him for the part he has played with the College in preparation for Ron's funeral. I thank the choir which sang so beautifully – Ron would really have enjoyed the music.

We thank our Dean, Alan Marley, who has and is guiding us all through this very difficult time with his characteristic sensitivity and kindness.

While we give thanks for Ron's life, we much regret his passing and the manner of his death.

We have lost a dear friend and we feel that loss terribly. We try to keep our emotions in check and that is difficult.

We pray and we mourn,  
But we mourn:-  
Not sorrowing as those without hope  
But in thankful remembrance of God's mercy in the past,  
And waiting for a joyful reunion in Heaven.

Goodbye old friend  
We will always remember you.

-B.D. Cairns



*This shows Ron in one of his many school roles, that of M.C. at Sports Day events*

## Basil Baker (1917-2004)

Basil Baker will long be remembered by those with whom he came in contact as the great encourager. Basil was born in Rhodesia and educated there at primary level. Then his Father, a Magistrate, moved to Fermoy, and Basil was sent to Midleton College. After completing his education he had a brief career in Ford's in Cork before heading for Belfast at the outbreak of W.W.2 where he signed on to the North Irish Horse Regiment. Basil distinguished himself during the war, being a member of a tank squadron. He saw active duty in North Africa and Italy. In Italy he picked up a shrapnel injury from a booby-trap explosion during the clean-up of Monte Cassino. It was discovered when Basil was in hospital last year that he still had shrapnel in his leg – Sixty years on!

After the war he joined the 13th/18th Royal Hussar Regiment with whom he stayed until retiring in the late 1960's although he continued to work for the army in a civilian role for a number of years.

Basil married and lived initially in Northern Ireland before moving to West Cork, where he continued to live after the death of his wife in 1981. His son Aidan still lives with his family in Skibereen. After his wife's death Basil spent many weekends in Fermoy with his sister Rosalie at Primrose Cottage. So it was we came to know Basil well as a frequent member of the Christ Church Congregation.

He provided many of his friends with snippets of articles gleaned from the serious press, which he felt they would be interested in and he was never short of giving people encouragement and a little nudge in the right direction. He was, as I have said, the great encourager, and even on occasion when he had a bout of poor health his old fighting qualities would see him through.

Genuinely interested in other people and concerned for everybody's well being he was also a great supporter of parish affairs, especially when they involved youth, never sparing himself in his efforts to provide support. But it was not only the younger people who benefited from Basil, he will I know be sadly missed by a number of people who Basil visited regularly who are not as mobile as he was and who greatly enjoyed the relaxed easygoing vitality that was the hallmark of Basil Baker.

Basil was a key player in the Annual Remembrance Day commemoration ceremonies, in Fermoy, he also tended the memorial garden and military graveyard attached to the former army barracks in Fermoy. Basil was a very active member of the British Legion an organization which provides support for former military servicemen and women and their families.

Basil enjoyed life, he played golf and was a member of Fermoy Golf Club, he also played with the Midleton College Past Pupils Association who enjoyed his enthusiasm and tremendous energy. He had booked in for one of their golfing outings before his untimely death in a road traffic accident near Rathcormac on 11th July 04 returning from a visit to Kinsale. He enjoyed travel, but his favorite activities were connected to his career. And he would light up with enthusiasm for a regimental reunion, many of which he attended with pride in many different parts of the world, including Monte Cassino, Tunisia, London and Northern Ireland.

If you mistakenly feel that Basil was taking things easy of late, let me run through a few of his outings during the month before he died – He was in London in mid June for a reunion of the Irish Regiments including Irish army soldiers who served with the U.N. and involved marching from Hyde Park to the Cenotaph. He also attended a military reunion at Limavaddy since his return from London not bad going for an 87 y.o. And in case you think he was planning on retiring from his very busy schedule or going to put his feet up – he had just purchased a new set of Slazenger Golf Clubs while in London, but was a bit disappointed with the putter.

Each of us has a special memory connected with Basil, let us cherish that memory and let us always speak of Basil with love and vitality, and let us speak of him often. Basil thank you for the entertainment, the buzz and especially for the concern and support you have given to all of us, over many years. Heaven is the richer for his passing and we rich with his memory.

- I.Fleming



*Basil is 3rd from the left in this picture.  
It was taken in May 2004 at a reunion of the North Horse regiment at Limavaddy*

**Cecil H.E. Chamney :**

We record with regret the death of Cecil Chamney at the age of ninety two on January 17th 2004. He was a pupil of the College during the 1920's and was strongly involved in sporting and academic endeavours. We send our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

-B.H.

**Edward Joseph (Joe) Duggan :**

A prominent person in the town of Midleton, he died on January 17th 2004. In his time Joe had been a press correspondent and was the late Chairman of Midleton U.D.C. The foundation for his life in public service may well have been laid during the years he attended C.B.S. Midleton. Although not a past pupil he was a good friend to the College. We commiserate most sincerely with his family and friends, both in Midleton and beyond.

-B.H.

**Orla O'Driscoll (nee O'Shea) and her daughter Mura:**

It was with a profound sense of shock that we learned of the tragic deaths of the wife and young daughter of Finbarr O'Driscoll. He was a pupil here in the late 1980's. They were drowned by a river in flood in a remote area of Bantry. All our thoughts and prayers are with Finbarr, his son Fionn and their family and friends in their time of sorrow.

-B.H.

### **Elizabeth (Liza) Piggott:**

We were deeply saddened by the news of this death on October 22nd, 2004. Liza was the mother of Margaret Piggott who has been the mainstay of our school office and administration for over twenty three years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret, her brothers, her sisters and other relatives and friends at this difficult time. Through the mercy of God may she rest in peace.

### **Engagements and Marriages**

**June Ford, Janet Hales, Fiona King, Amy Rhy Thomas, Desiree Murphy.**

**Eric Lyons** to Annette Carey- July 2004, **Rachel Kohler** to Alan Bateman - October 2004, **Karen Hales** to Brendan Macken, **Carolyn Cuddy** to Brian Twomey, **Rachel Tait** to David Green, **Rick Gleasure** to Kathryn Anderson all in Summer 2004.

### **Births**

Mr. & Mrs. George England, Mr. and Mrs. Kieran O'Connors (Elizabeth Home), Mr. & Mrs. Ken Grandon.

### **Past Pupils Jottings**

We have received very little news to add to last years extensive Magazine Jottings. Perhaps the current editor lacks the investigative skills of Mrs. Cairns. To make up for my short comings I would ask past pupils with news of interest to send it c/o The Editor to the school office. Hopefully filling this space in 2005.

**Beth Houghton** was interviewed recently in a Sunday supplement. She is a successful boutique owner and a restaurateur in Cork city.

**Sean Scott-Baird** is still working for Soundtrax in Cork by day and playing in various bands by night. Colm is living in Newcastle Upon Tyne. He is very busy as a freelance sound engineer and is playing in a new band.

**Mairead** has been travelling the world since January. She spent three weeks in South Africa, has been in Australia since then and is heading for the U.S. in December. She met **Jessica Crowley** by chance in Perth and more recently **Valda Mossop** by design in Sydney.

**Emer** is now doing post graduate research at Newcastle University, her subject being the control of works and parasites in sheep and cattle farming. The University is about to send her to a biological research institute in Switzerland on secondment for three months.

Reunion for class of 1988-1994 will be held on Dec 27th, 2004, at 8.30p.m. in The Vineyard Bar, Market Lane, Cork. All Welcome. **K. Carroll** and **E. Searson**.

Congratulations to **Carl O'Brien** who was recently appointed as Family and Social Affairs with the Irish Times.

**Ronan Early** has just received a Diploma in Journalism award from the T.C.N. Group



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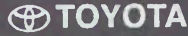


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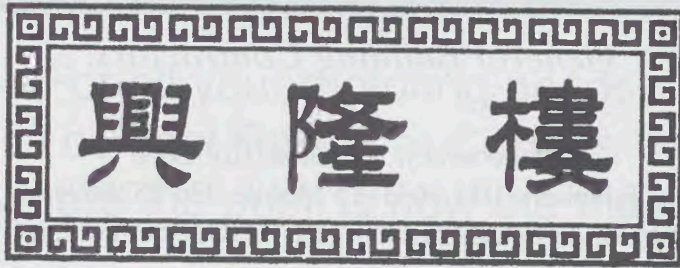


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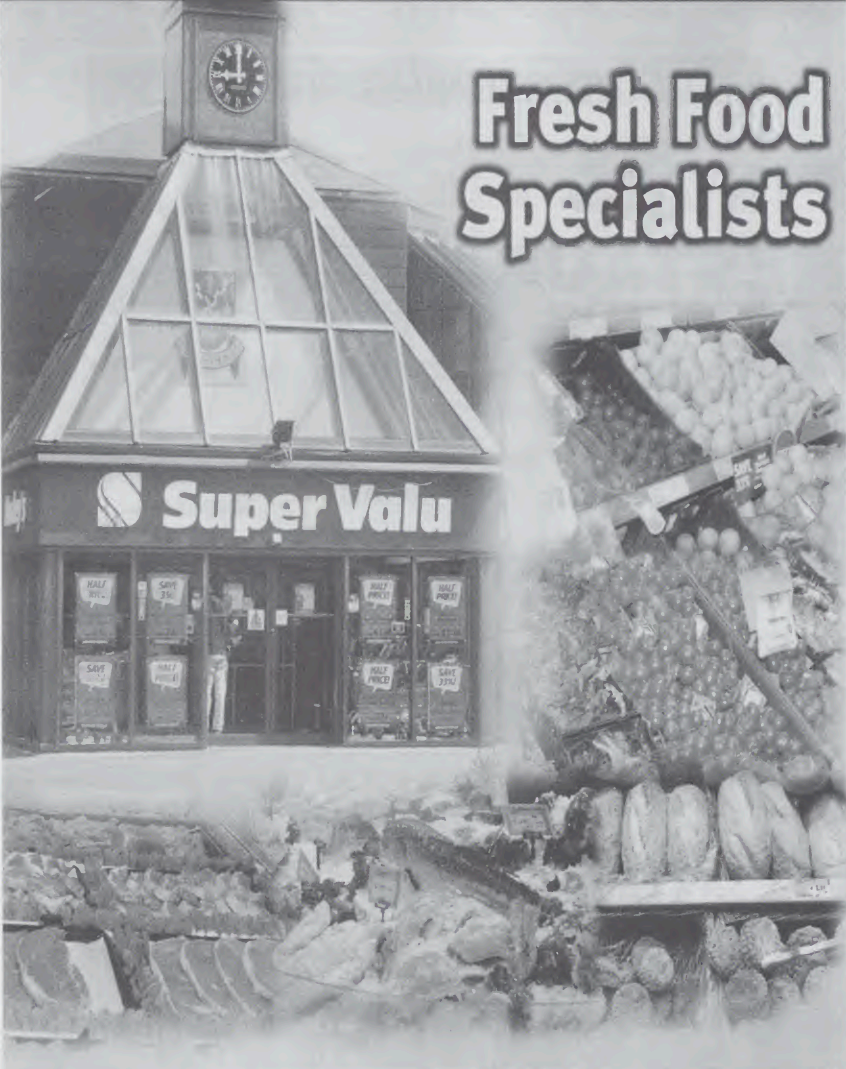
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