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Rev. Peter Sexton SJ, Headmaster.

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EDITORIAL

The main work of a school is unspectacular. It consists of the hum-drum daily grind of imparting, or acquiring, knowledge. But it would be a dull year that did not have some moments of the unexpected, and even sometimes the exciting. Such moments of the past school year are duly noted in this year's Record.

A word about the editorial policy for the magazine. A major effort is made each year by the Editor to get contributions from the boys themselves. It is his conviction that many a literary career was started by that first thrill of seeing one's name over one's first successful appearance in print.

The school year began under a new Headmaster, Fr Joseph Brennan, SJ. Most regrettably, Fr Brennan for medical reasons had soon to retire from that onerous post. The then Rector of the College, Fr Peter Sexton, SJ, took over the duties of Headmaster.

As one reads through this Record one thing becomes noticeable: when all the reports are in and printed one becomes more aware of the large amount of effort the boys of the school put in to social works of various kinds for the underprivileged. May it continue and even grow greater. At the end of the 1986 school year we said farewell to Fr Noel Barber, SJ. He had been Headmaster for four years, from 1982 to 1986. Just to keep the school running from one year to the next without any major mishaps is all that one can legitimately ask of a Headmaster. And he is doing well if he succeeds in that task. This, Fr Barber did splendidly. But he did a lot more than that, for which the school is very grateful to him. Our new science block, together with its specialist rooms is a major addition to the school. Now that we have it one wonders how we did without it. It was due to Fr Barber's steady and persistent pressure that it went up so quickly and so successfully.

He was also a major factor in the resuscitation of the Past Pupils Union. His enthusiastic encouragement was always at hand. He is also largely responsible for the birth of the *Gonzaga Record*. That achievement alone makes his Headmastership a memorable one in the history of the College. And finally, as will be apparent from some articles in this edition of the Record, he was earnest in trying to instill into our pupils an appreciation of their social responsibilities in modern Ireland. We hope that he enjoyed this year as visiting Professor of Education at the Jesuit University of Spokane, Washington State, USA.

And now, the Editor himself wishes to say his own few words of farewell. After a period of thirty years of service to the College, the time has come to move on to other work. I will always carry with me very good memories of Gonzaga. I am particularly happy to have left behind in the first two issues of the *Gonzaga Record* a history of the first years of the College. Much happened to the school in those first decades. To have preserved a history of those events I regard as part payment of a debt of gratitude I owe to Gonzaga College.

My best wishes go to whoever is the next victim — sorry, editor — of the *Gonzaga Record*.

William A. Lee SJ

The School

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Gonzaga College

Past Pupils Union

This has been a year of introspection, following the decision taken at last year's AGM that the objectives of the Union were: promotion of fellowship and caring amongst the past pupils; promotion of service to the college and promotion of service to the broader community.

Promotion of fellowship and caring amongst the Past Pupils

I would again like to thank Hugh Tinney for his generosity and for the wonderful concert last November in aid of the Benevolent Fund. Whilst it was not the financial success of a lifetime, it did succeed in contributing some £500 to the fund. I would like to thank our sponsors, Ansbacher Ltd., Kennedy Forbes Ltd., Rayprint Ltd., Sherry FitzGerald & Partners and United Drug Ltd. for their generosity.

The Benevolent Fund is not yet in a position to offer any real assistance to anyone due to lack of funds, but it is gradually growing and we hope, through subscriptions from those interested, to build it up over the next few years.

The get-together in Madigans last November, geared to the younger past pupils, was well attended and I would like to thank Paddy Madigan for his help.

James Montgomery organised the Golf Outing in Milltown in May, where the golf varied from good to appalling (no names, no pack drill).

There was a good attendance at the Dinner, where for the first time, guests were included. This was, I feel, a good innovation.

The Past won both the tennis and the cricket matches against the present. Unfortunately, no rugby match was held this year.

Promotion of Service to the College

With the active co-operation of Fr Peter Sexton SJ, the Union has offered, with the help of its members, to assist the school in any way it can. This year there were just two categories:

- (a) provision of stewards at Christmas Eve Mass. This we feel made for a more tranquil and peaceful occasion.
- (b) help in career guidance. Following a request from the school we arranged visits to three different professional offices, where architecture, advertising and medicine were explained to the pupils.

Past pupils willing and able to offer either work experience or summer jobs to 5th and 6th year pupils are needed. If you can help in this regard please let us know.



Cyril Forbes, Past Pupils President, 1986-7.

Promotion of Service to the Broader Community

Gonzaga has joined the Irish Federation of Jesuit Alumni. The IFJA was formally inaugurated at a meeting which took place in Clongowes Wood College, on 6th April, 1987. Its establishment followed discussions which had taken place within a number of its Past Pupils Associations of Jesuit schools in Ireland over the past few months, and it was specifically set up to achieve the following four objectives:

(a) to *co-ordinate* the work of the Irish Jesuit Unions, and to provide a link between the Unions and the European Federation, the World Federation and the Jesuit mission to past pupils which is located in Rome;

(b) to focus the attention of the Unions on the increasing importance of their active involvement in the affairs of the Jesuit colleges. With the decline in Jesuit numbers, discussions are currently under way to decide how Jesuit involvement in the Irish colleges can be most fruitfully and beneficially maintained in the future. It is important that the Unions should be aware of this debate, and the IFJA has been established to prompt the Unions into thinking about how they can be of more immediate assistance to the colleges in the future;

(c) to facilitate the spiritual formation of Jesuit past pupils. At the second World Congress of Jesuit Alumni held in Versailles in July 1986, the spiritual formation of Jesuit past pupils was identified as the priority for the future work of the Unions and the Society. The new Federation will have consideration to this issue;

(d) to prompt the Unions into some form of social action to achieve justice and peace in Irish society. The World Congress has asked all our Unions around the World to consider what action they can take to alleviate the plight of refugees in their countries. This work is intended to give a common theme to social activity by the Unions over the next few years. The new Federation will be looking for ways in which the member Unions can work for the care of refugees in Ireland.

At the meeting in Clongowes during April, 1987, the Federation was formally established and enacted a Constitution to regulate its affairs. It is intended that it should remain a small and non-bureaucratic body, with minimum financial and administrative overhead. The following have been elected officers for 1987/88:

President: Paul Kerrigan (Mungret),
2 Charleston Road,
Dublin 6.
979091 (Office) 800466 (Home)

Secretary: Michael Byrne (Clongowes),
82 Tritonville Road,
Dublin 4.
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Lourdes

The Union wanted to be part of the school project where pupils go to Lourdes to help the sick and disabled. Any Past Pupil interested in being involved or sponsoring should let us know. We have contributed £300 towards the school's costs.

5th Year Project

The Gonzaga 5th Year project this year was in aid of St. Vincent de Paul, Simon, the Anna Liffey Project for rehabilitation of drug-abusers, and the project to supply Kitchen Equipment for Rutland Street School. The Union has donated £100.

Subscriptions

As usual, the Union was short of funds and, in order to rectify this, it was decided that the following subscriptions would apply from 1st May, 1987.

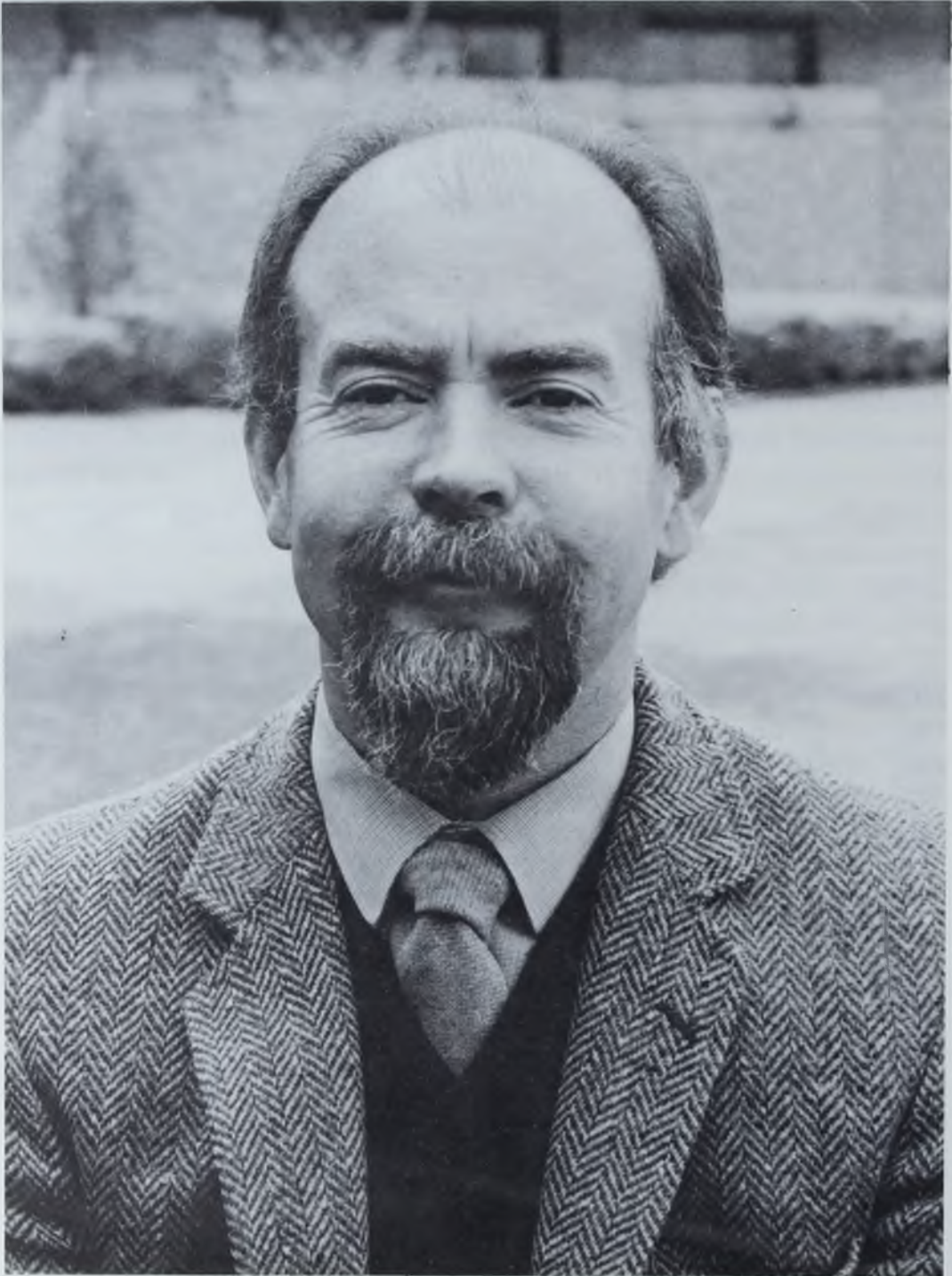
1. The Annual Subscription remains at £10 payable either by cheque, or preferably by Standing Order.
2. This year's and last year's 6th years may have 10 year membership at a cost of £30 payable by 30th September, 1987.
3. All other Past Pupils may have 10 year membership at a cost of £50 payable by 30th September, 1987. Those paying at present by Standing Orders who decide to opt for 10 year membership should pay the Union £40, leave the order stand for this year and cancel it before 1st May 1988. The 30th September deadline has been extended to 31st October, 1987. The new subscriptions have helped enormously. The Union is solvent.

At the AGM held in May, the following were elected:

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| President: | William Harnett | |
| Vice President: | Ray Cotter | |
| Secretary: | Maurice Coffey | |
| Treasurer: | John O'Neill | |
| Immediate Past President: | Cyril Forbes | |
| Committee: | Benedict Blaney | Peter Mathews |
| | Hugh Kelly | Charles Meenan |
| | Rod Ensor | James Montgomery |
| | Kevin McDermott | Michael O'Higgins |
| | Dermot McCarron | Anthony Spollen |

I wish Billy and his new committee the best of luck, whilst at the same time thanking those who helped me during my trouble-free and enjoyable term as President.

Cyril Forbes



Mr. John Mulgrew, Vice-Principal.

IN * MEMORIAM

Of your charity please remember in your prayers:

Deceased Past Pupils of Gonzaga College.

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Leslie Webb | John Matthews |
| David Fitzgerald | Jerry Lloyd |
| Tim Bouwmeester | James Bates |
| Dermot O'Reilly Hyland | Mark Slattery |
| Michael Brennan | David Murphy |
| Bryan Shannon | Brian McGovern |
| Bernard McGrath | John Feeney |
| Michael de Courcy | Patrick Walsh |
| John Cross | |

Gonzaga relatives who died recently

Mrs Audrey Toner, mother of Alan Toner, Senior 2.
Kevin Claffey, first cousin of Mr. Tom Slevin.



Hugh Tinney.

A PRIVILEGED EVENING

On Friday 28 November 1986, Hugh Tinney returned to his alma mater to give a concert on behalf of the Gonzaga Past Pupils Benevolent Fund. There were few in the audience who needed to be introduced to our distinguished soloist, since his reputation had gone before him, as evidenced in the success-filled biographical note that was provided in the well-produced programme. An air of keen anticipation filled the school hall. We were not to be disappointed.

Hugh opened with a very interesting choice of composer: the mid-eighteenth century Spanish priest, Antonio Soler. We heard three of his many sonatas. The playing echoed the characteristics of the harpsichord, the instrument for which the works were written. A delightful mixture of the delicate and the stately. A gentle yet moving opening to the evening.

The B Minor Sonata of Chopin completed the first half of the concert. A very interesting interpretation. Hugh is not afraid to choose his own tempi, and he gave an account in accordance with that choice. The balance maintained throughout in the left-hand gave a satisfying coherence to the performance.

The second part of the evening consisted of a selection from the more 'philosophical' works of Liszt, including two of the Transcendental Studies and the very challenging Hungarian Rhapsody "Pesther Karneval", between which we heard a beautifully even rendition of the third Consolation. Hugh's exceptionally fine yet easy technique helped us to enjoy the spirit of these deeply emotional works, despite their obvious difficult technical challenges. And it showed great sensitivity to choose two transcriptions from the quieter pieces of Bach (a slow movement from one of the flute concerti and Myra Hess' arrangement of "Jesu, joy of man's desiring") to bring the concert to its tranquil end. A performance that brought joy to all privileged to hear it.

A wine reception brought the celebration to a most pleasant conclusion. The organisers are to be congratulated on giving us an evening worthy of the important cause for which it was held.

J.A. Brennan SJ

MY MEMORIES OF GONZAGA

Anthony Spollen

I arrived at Gonzaga early in 1954 accompanied by my father for an interview with Fr Charles O'Connor, the Rector of the College. He was a very distinguished looking man, very tall and spoke beautifully. Our meeting was in the Priest's House, where I subsequently served Mass on many occasions. During the interview I could see that my father was enormously impressed by Fr O'Connor and by everything which he had to say. Following the interview I sat an entrance exam which had not been made too difficult.

My schooling started in Gonzaga in September 1954; at that stage the number of pupils was small, probably not much more than 100. It is hard to put my memories in any sort of chronological order, so here is a wide ranging sample from all of my ten years at Gonzaga.

Fr O'Connor was an enormously kind and thoughtful man. At the appropriate time of year, Fr O'Connor would go to the orchard before school started in the mornings, collect a large number of apples and hand them out through the bars of the orchard gate, to the outstretched grasping hands. He was not at all interested in discipline, preferring to leave that side of things to Fr Wally White, Prefect of Studies, who wielded the infamous "Biffer" with great dexterity. To protect oneself from this weapon, one could purchase for a modest sum a jar of 'biff lotion' which comprised a mixture of Brylcreem and Vaseline. One was not biffed immediately for wrong doings or poor homework, but was given a note which stated the situation and at 3 o'clock a queue formed outside Fr White's office. He it was who decided the number of biffs to be administered; legend had it that he dipped the biffer in vinegar during the school holidays to give it an added sting.

Fr Jack Hutchinson was a wonderful Irish teacher and would bring the more senior boys on bicycle trips to the Gaeltacht; he was a very popular man, who didn't always have the easiest of time from the lads.

Fr Leahy, who is now on the African Missions, was always a very kind natured person, who insisted on us playing cricket with a rubber ball to avoid us getting hurt. Fr Stephen Redmond, who was nick-named "Toothpaste" because of his initials, taught us different subjects at various stages; English, Religion and Drill. He was always a very saintly man, who would admonish us at length on those rare occasions when we won a cricket match by too large a score. His religious devotion meant that a Bible was never far from hand. Such a presence often acted as a deterrent to those who would seek to cause trouble in his religion class; I recall he once flung the Bible at Denis Quilligan in sheer exasperation, who subsequently approached Religion with a new awareness.

Fr Maher who taught us Greek for a short while, was mainly noted for two things; the length of time which he took to say Mass and his stare, which he would use to embarrass those who would mis-behave or show a less than adequate appreciation of the subject in hand (à la Fr Brennan). Fr Laheen believed in admisistering his own punishment; his claim to fame, apart from being a good Latin teacher, was that he could part a fellow's hair by throwing a piece of chalk from twenty yards. He was also keenly interested in sport. Fr Harry Lawlor loved to play soccer with the lads, I think everyone agreed that he abused his position on the field greatly. As well as being a team member, he was also the referee and was generally regarded as the dirtiest player in the school.

The school, being so small, was like a big family and the more formal occasions such as the school photograph always had very funny moments. The photographer was a Mr Walsh, whose patience was always tried to the very limit. The format for the proceedings was quite simple; the benches on which the pupils would stand, were tiered, the tallest boy going to the back row and the smallest to the front row. The Community and Lay Teachers would sit on one line of chairs, in front of the boys. The Community would appear only when the pupils were all in place; when they came on the scene the boys would begin to sing "When the Saints go Marching In"; this always caused a mixture of amusement and embarrassment. When the singing had stopped, Mr Walsh would go to his camera, which had a large black cloth attached to it, he would put the cloth over his head and begin to get things focussed, he would then hold up some other attachment to indicate the fact that he was ready to take the photograph. It was at this stage that the hilarity would start; some fellow in the middle row would duck out of sight, Mr Walsh would emerge from under his black cloth and roar in his fairly squeaky voice, he would then threaten and he would reassume his position. Needless to say another distraction would follow and usually after his third or fourth effort he would appeal to Fr White for assistance. Following an appropriate threat, things would usually quieten down and some weeks later the photograph would appear on the school notice board.

Fr Kavanagh, was a superb character with a fabulous sense of humour and thorough love for French, music and cricket. I will always remember him with great affection for his kindness to me both in French class and on the cricket pitch. My contribution to his music appreciation class was not significant. One whose contribution to his class was even less than mine was David Fassbender; Fassie was a superb character, good academically, a good cricket player and a good tennis player but most of all he had a great sense of humour. In one particular music appreciation class, Fassie so provoked Fr Kananagh that the latter was forced to give him a wallop; in typical fashion Fassie fell to the floor, groaning and proceeded to roll around claiming that his arm was broken. Fr Kavanagh tried to console him, but he was inconsolable, and so we were given a free half hour.

Signor Volpi, will certainly be remembered by many a Gonzaga Past Pupil; he taught us Art & Drill & French and also amused us on wet lunch hours with daring tales, adventures which were so far fetched that they were almost believable. Nobody ever survived as many ship wrecks as Signor Volpi. He always told these stories in the lunch rooms; today these are the changing-rooms in the school yard. I always remember the magnificent suits which he wore, he told us that we should always buy the best of everything; as it would work out cheapest in the long run. I met him recently and he was as immaculately dressed as ever.

In the very early days, we used to play soccer every afternoon on the big field in front of the school, often there were 30 players on each team. Fr Veale was an enormous influence on all of us, I liked him greatly; as a teacher of English he was magnificent and he started the Debating Society. In subsequent years, Gonzaga supplied many of the most prominent speakers in the L.&H. and also some very distinguished speakers in Oxford & Cambridge. Amongst the great debators were; Tony Clare, Brendan Walsh, John Macken, Harry Crawley, John Cook, Esmonde Smyth and Charlie Lysaght. Fr Veale developed the Sixth Year Concept and tried to instill in us a sense of responsibility. Like many great men, I don't believe that what he did for us all was appreciated until many years later. Now I feel most will acknowledge how important an influence he was. I meet him now and again, he is a great friend of my mother and my aunt and visits them frequently. He looks terrifically well and fit.

Mr O'Gara was our Maths teacher and I can truthfully say that he had a great ability to impart knowledge. If one misbehaved he had a great expression, "Did your mother never tell you?" As with so many of those whom I have already mentioned, he was a very kind person.

Fr Ned Keane was a wonderful Latin teacher, his love for and his ability to teach the classics are legendary. He was also very fond of cricket and was largely responsible for getting cricket going in Gonzaga. In those early years of cricket, we were well served by some superb players; Simon O'Leary, Arthur Plunkett, Raymond O'Kelly, John O'Neill, Johnny O'Leary, Des Fleming, David Fassbender and Brian Kirby were some of the names which I remember from our cricket teams. Later on our most famous cricketer was David Ensor. In one extraordinary game against Blackrock in the Junior Cup, Arthur Plunkett took four wickets in succession and his feat was mentioned in the Sunday newspapers.

In rugby we were also enthusiastic, but as in cricket, seldom victorious. Leonard Little was the school rugby captain and a wonderful place-kicker. Barry Bresnihan was an outstanding player and was well supported by Joe Davy and then of course in later years we had Tony Ensor.

Very often in the lunch time breaks we would have running races which would start in the school yard, go up by the bicycle shed and around the Croquet Lawn (the Croquet Lawn was quite a popular place in those

early days) and back to the school yard. The most famous runners in those days were Barry Bresnihan, Donnacha O'Buachalla and Paul Montgomery.

John Wilson, a current Government Minister, taught us Greek for a while. As with many of the Jesuits his love for his chosen subject was very apparent. He was I believe, the first Inter-County Gaelic footballer, perhaps the only one, to teach at Gonzaga.

Noel Barber, who subsequently became a well known and very competent Head Master who accomplished a great deal for Gonzaga and was a very strong influence in the revival of the Past Pupil's Union, was a scholastic during my days in Gonzaga; he taught us Religion and was very keenly interested in Cricket.

Ray Kearns, who taught us Honours Maths, was a magnificent teacher who spoke authoritively on the law of averages but still came out of the Prize Bond Draw twice in the space of one week.

Fr Hughes, who took over from Fr O'Connor, was an excellent choice for the job, he was very strong on discipline but he had a very kind heart and did a great deal for Gonzaga.

Tony Clare, John Mulhearn, Kevin Liston are all individuals I remember as being very kind to the younger boys, but when it comes to kindness and amusement I have no doubt that many of us will remember Fr Billy Lee. He always found it hard to give anyone less than 60 per cent in the Science exams, and he was notorious for experiments which went wrong. Minor explosions were not uncommon. One time after lecturing us at length on our inability to visualise distances, he arranged for us to meet in the school yard with our bicycles; he announced that 10 to the power of 1 was ten yards and so we moved forward that distance. 10 to the power of 2 brought us to the Priest's House and 10 to the power of 3 to Sandford Road, 10 to the power of 4 brought us about six miles, he hadn't considered 10 to the power of 5 and if he had gone 10 to the power of 6 we would have needed a ship.

Having grown up in Park Drive, which is at the back of Gonzaga, I spent not only the school terms but many happy holidays there. Over the thirty-three years since I first set foot in the Gonzaga grounds, I have always had enormous affection for the school.

Memories

Marching in a single line to Mass in Milltown Park, the laying of the foundation stone for the new building which now encompasses classrooms in the school hall, the retreats in Milltown Park, the cow in the field incident — when John Barnwell tried to convince one of the lay teachers that the reason for his looking out the window during class was due to the presence of a cow in the field. When none seemed to be present, he questioned the eyesight of the teacher involved much to the amusement of all. Needless to say, he appeared in the three o'clock queue.

The famous concert given by David Coyle and the Greenbeats in front of pupils and community, during which he gyrated around the stage and finally succeeded, to the amusement of the boys and the annoyance of the community, in splitting his trousers.

Fons O'Meara, chasing the lads around the cricket pitch with a dead bird tied to the end of a stick; climbing the copper beech tree; playing soccer against the bomb shelter, which was located beside the junior rugby pitches; following Tommy Lenihan in his magnificent semi-final match in the Leinster Boys Golf Championship; watching Peter Sutherland jostling for the Captaincy of the Junior Cup Rugby team; playing indoor soccer in the school hall; doing "gym with style" in Mr Byrne's class; listening as Damien McGarry tried unsuccessfully to pronounce "liquor law" in a debate.

Fr Brennan and his enormous fascination with long words, a bit like Leonard Sachs in the "Good Old Days". Fr O'Laoghaire, Celtic Scholar for his quiet sense of humour which endeared him to us all. Playing cricket against Masonic and the lovely cakes which they provided with the tea. Watching David O'Connor and Lesley Webb doing so well in the Irish Croquet Championships. Going to Martin Kelly's superb birthday parties in Eglinton Road, the priests who were slow at saying Mass and those who were fast, and those who drank a little wine and those who drank a little more. The smell of the newly cut grass for the cricket season.

Gonzaga has been a real part of my life and I am personally committed to helping the school in any way which I can. My eldest son, Garfield, is now in the Prep-School and it is my hope that when his time comes to leave that he will have the same happy memories as his dad.

I will always be very grateful to those who helped me so very much during my school days in Gonzaga, and to Fr Barber who was such a good friend and inspiration during my involvement with the Past Pupils Union. I wish Fr Sexton every happiness in his new role as Headmaster and Fr Lee continued success with his School Annual. I think that we all owe a great debt of gratitude to Fr O'Connor and Fr White, for after all it was they who who started Gonzaga.

Tony Spollen

May, 1987

Whatever Happened to the Class of '86?

Editor's note: *I am indebted to the assiduous labours of Andrew
Donovan for this information.*

UCD

Commerce

Donal Bolger
David Campbell
Ado Carton
Frank Egan
Edward Kearns
Peter O'Kelly
Philip O'Sullivan
John Rooney

Arts

Robert Carney
Maurice Coffey
Ciaran Deane
Ruan Magan
Andrew Marmion
Colm Walsh (S.6A)
David O'Connor
Paul Sheeran
Donal O'Buachalla

Engineering

James Conlon
Feilim Coyle
Sean Kelly
Barry Keogh
Ian Larkin

Medicine

Paul Byrne
Gerard Clarke
Paul Costello
Edward McKone

Science

Stephen Buckley
Paul McCabe
Colm Walsh (S.6)

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| Law | Patrick Molloy James O'Callaghan |
| Architectural Science | Edmund McGeough |
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| Trinity College | |
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| Science | Rory Hayes |
| College of Surgeons | Michael Guiney Mark Lennon |
| Continuing Studies | Eoin Moyles Michael Carton Adam O'Keeffe Harry Quinlan |
| Working | Hugh Dunn Hugh O'Connell Brian Treanor |
| Chiropracting | Sean Molloy (England) |
| Teaching Studies | Conor Devery (England) |
| Engineering | John Byrne (Carlow Regional) |
| College of Marketing | David Walsh |

PREFECTS



Back: P. Eliet, H. Mullett, P. Gileeson, I. Donovan, B. McEvoy, I. Tobin, R. MacDonnell
Seated: G. Blake, P. Keelian (Vice-Captain), S. Dunne (Captain), Fr P. Sexton SJ, A. Maree (Vice-Captain), R. Kyne, P. Kennedy

SIXTH YEAR



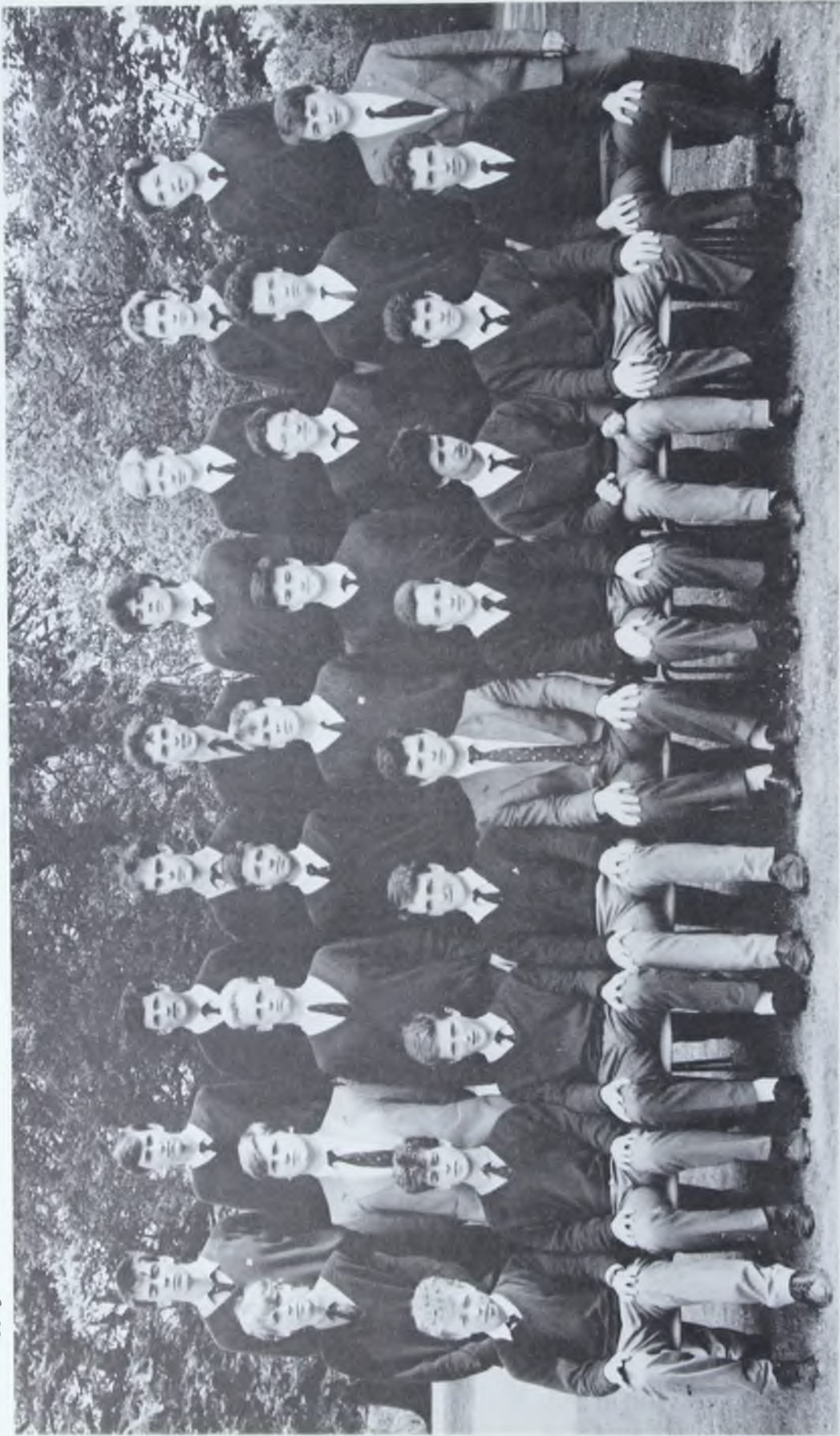
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3rd Row: J. Kehoe, P. Eliet, P. Greenan, D. Egan, C. O'Mahony, S. Tempany, N. Start, C. O'Donnell, J. Moloney, C. Kirwan, D. Ridge, P. Higgins, A. Eustace, P. Kennedy
2nd Row: A. Kearns, D. O'Connor, J. Collins, C. Butler, D. Quirke, R. Phelan, P. Molloy, A. Muleahy, D. Breslin, D. Golden, G. Blake, C. Walker, P. Morris.
Seated: I. Donovan, B. McEvoy, B. O'Rourke, A. Maree, S. Dunne, Fr J. Brennan st, P. Keelan, I. Tobin, R. Flynn, P. Connellan, K. Breathnach.

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Seated: F. Malone, T. Dawson, M. Comerford, B. Doherty, Mr D. Keenahan, J. Newman, N. O'Doherty, G. Higgins, G. Lee

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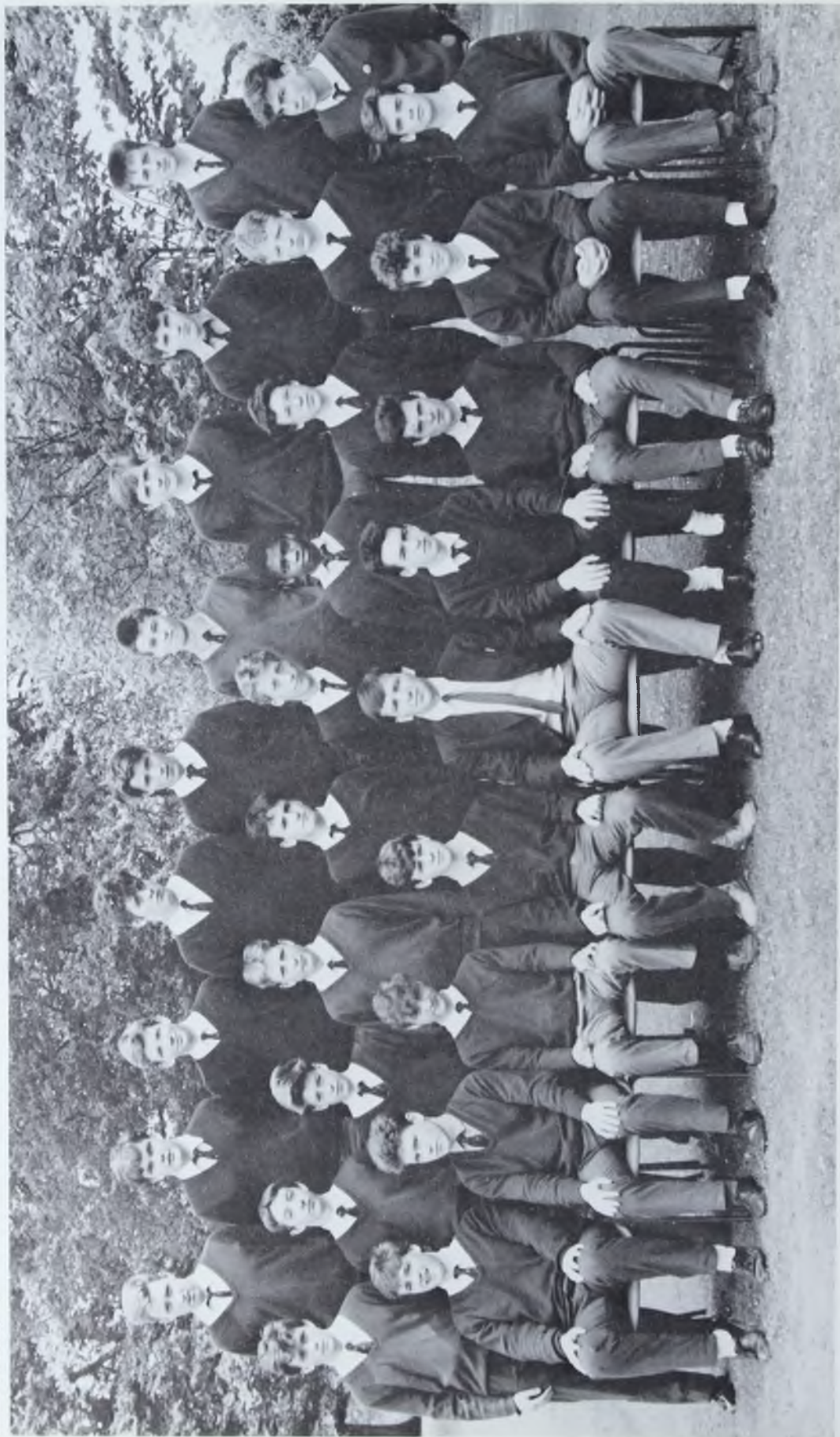
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Seated: K. Sweeney, N. Bennet, B. Cahill, K. Morris, Mr B. Byrne, T. Bolger, K. Laher, T. O'Leary, M. Johnson

SENIOR 4A



Back: S. Carty, K. Quinn, P. O'Keefe, D. Swift, R. O'Brien, M. Magan, J. McCarron, M. Keegan, S. O'Connor
Middle: N. Webb, P. Flynn, T. Tuomey, A. Murray-Hayden, P. Cosgrove, D. Cooke, C. Hillery, C. Linehan, G. Williams, G. Love
Seated: J. Morgan, R. O'Mahony, P. Slattery, B. Connellan, Mr T. Slevin, S. Higgins, V. McMahan, C. Owens, J. Cooney

SENIOR 4



Back: E. Brophy, P. Clinch, P. O'Grady, D. Stritch, J. O'Reilly, R. Egan, A. Kelly, J. Gallagher, P. Coyle
Middle: A. Boxberger, C. Walsh, K. Whelan, S. Fahy, B. McVeigh, J. McKenna, A. Adebisi, C. Conlon, J. McGeough, L. Feeney
Seated: K. Mulcahy, P. Lewis, T. Browne, O. Smith, Mr J. Walsh, C. McGorrian, B. Collins, M. Dunn, N. Barry

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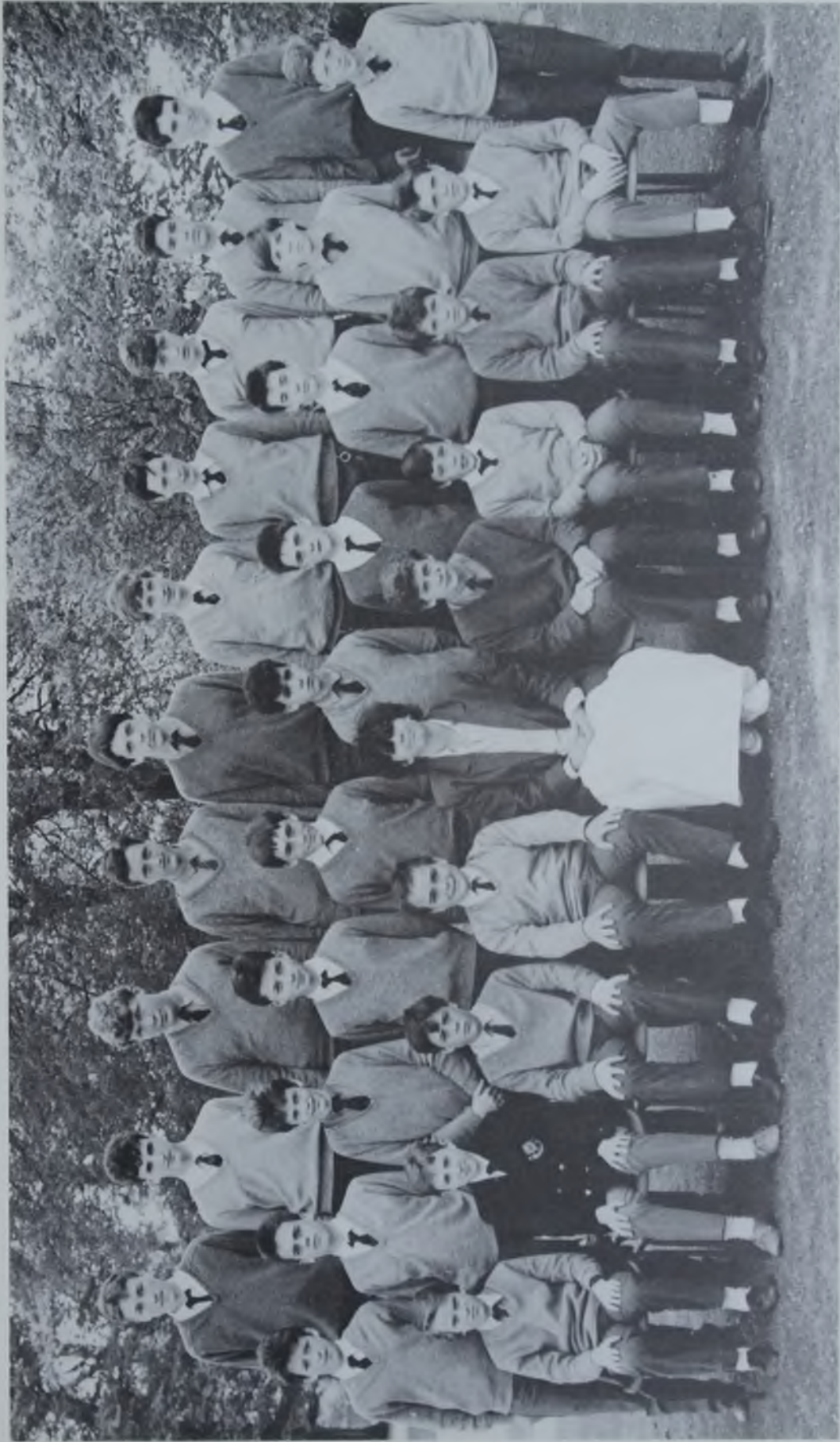
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Seated: P. O'Connor, P. Malone, M. Duff, C. Deane, Mr M. Bevan, O. Muldowney, E. Corrigan, E. O'Duill, S. McInerney

SENIOR 3



Back: K. Conlon, K. Boland, S. Rooney, R. O'Brien, C. Gleeson, C. Murphy, D. O'Huiginn, S. Sexton, D. Kinsella, J. McPhillips
Middle: N. Dunne, E. Moore, T. Laher, A. Morris, D. O'Neill, D. Enright, F. Carney, E. Farrelly, H. Bolger, R. Garvan
Seated: J. Cass, C. Masterson, B. O'Mahony, M. Dowling, Mr D. Murray, E. Downes, P. McVeigh, E. Hillery, D. Finn

SENIOR 2A



Back: D. Maher, K. McCarthy, O. Kehoe, D. Molloy, A. Pegum, P. Moe, B. Heslin, R. Nolan, D. Boland, K. McCarthy
Middle: R. O'Neill, N. Sheehy, P. Quinlan, D. McDonnell, D. McLoughlin, G. McColgan, S. Daly, M. Hayes, E. McLoughlin, R. Owens
Seated: G. Doherty, D. O'Kelly, J. McCarthy, M. Kelly, Ms I. MacConville, N. Devlin, S. Glynn, S. Deeny, J. O'Higgins

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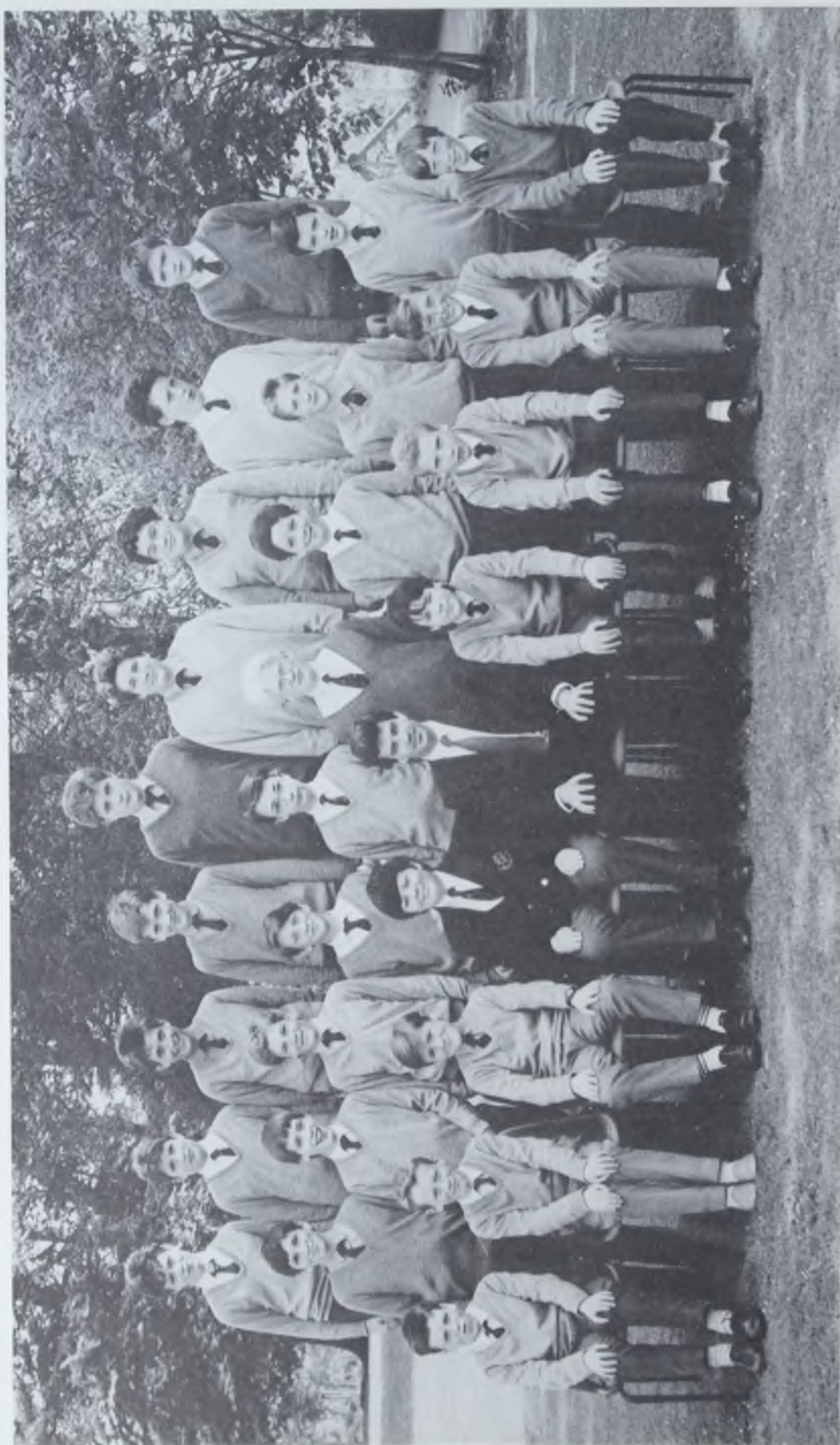
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Middle: E. Tierney, M. Butterly, P. Martin, B. Hanrahan, G. O'Neill, G. Mullett, D. Diggins, K. Magee, A. Toner, J. Keegan
Seated: J. Staunton, T. Conlon, M. Carney, A. Ryan, Fr. J. Moylan SJ, C. Smith, G. McKenna, J. Lavelle, J. Dwyer.

SENIOR 1A



Back: J.P. Coffey, G. Pelly, C. Boland, M. O'Mahony, L. Mahon, M. Heffernan, L. Connellan, S. Hederman, F. Clear
Middle: P. Carney, N. Bailey, S. Sexton, A. Jackson, A. Mulcahy, A. Martin, D. McBryan, D. O'Callaghan, S. McLoughlin
Seated: M. Dowling, R. Semple, G. McCarron, K. Feeney, Mr G. Murphy, A. Toomey, G. Searson, K. Anderson, C. O'Sullivan
Absent: J. Forbes

SENIOR 1



Back: A. Peregrine, C. McCourt, D. Fassbender, E. Ryan, J. Sweetman, A. Moynihan, J. Carty, K. MacMahon, A. Quinlan
Middle: N. Conlon, D. Collins, M. Forbes, E. Eustace, G. Angley, J. Daly, T. Horan, M. MacPartlin, P. Comerford
Seated: C. O'Rourke, P. Morris, J. Lambert, D. O'Sullivan, Mr D. O'Connell, S. Keany, A. Parkinson, S. O'Buachalla, M. Nicell
Absent: R. White, D. O'Doherty

PREP. 4



Back: D. Kearns, D. Rea, P. Coakley, H. Farmar, C. Garrad, Wm. Fitzgerald, J. Molloy, R. Harnett, F. Flanagan, P. Naughton.

Middle: D. Connellan, C. Murphy, O. Carolan, A. Behan, M. Staunton, R. Martin, J. O'Connor, D. Garvan, G. Frewen, C. Judge.

Seated: G. Toomey, E. O Loinsigh, J. McDermott, P. O'Grady, Mr D. McNelis, Prefect of Studies, N. Walsh, D. Downes, J. Kennedy, W. Mulligan

Absent: H. O'Connor, A. Peart

PREP. 3



Back: B. Horkan, F. Armstrong, R. Staunton, P. Stephenson, D.J. Noble, D. Byrne, D. Tablot, I. Tuomey, R. Forbes, R. McCullough, K. Hyland
Middle: D. Batt, M. Quinn, G. Parkinson, W. Brophy, C. Shannon, M. Mullins, F. Crean, R. Murtagh, G. Spollen, D. Moran
Seated: B. Cunnane, M. Naughton, R. Conan, P. Tierney, Mrs T. Egan, G. O'Rorke, M. O'Brien, B. Brophy, A. Boland
Absent: C. Barry

PREP. 2



Back: S. Rourke, T. Frewen, D. Hyland, D. Gleeson, R. Becker, D. Menzies, S. Collins, T. Honohan, A. Scott, M. Davy, C. McLoughlin
Middle: J.P. O'Leary, O. Murphy, A. Mullett, D. Molloy, R. Jackson, S. Coakley, R. O'Keefe, J. Ruane, D. Kevans, J. Forbes
Seated: J. Sheehy, G. Mahon, E. Lynch, D. Kinsella, Mrs P. Crosbie, S. McGovern, B. McCarthy, W. Harnett, D. Murrinan, R. Cotter

PREP. 1



Back: B. Cahill, B. Lawless, R. Strahan, B. Byrne, G. Duffy, B. O'Connor, J. Morrissey, T. Murphy, M. Murphy, J. Hughes
Middle: M. McLaughlin, A. Cunningham, D. Mangan, J. O'Doherty, J. Pegum, T. Tormey, E. Davy, B. Leahy, S. McHugh, J. Bailey
Seated: D. Murphy, J. Moriarty, J. Ruane, S. Barry, Ms M. O'Kelly, A. Butterly, P. McMahon, D. Halpin, D. O'Loinsigh
Absent: J. McColgan, J. Walshe

DIARY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 1986/87

2 September: School begins with Fr Brennan at the helm. Mr Linnane has departed for the green fields of Clongowes, (Is glas iad no cnoic i bhfad uainn, ach ni bhionn siad fearmhar!)

Mr Whirdy (alias the Silent One) has returned from his year's sabbatical to the United States. With almost religious zeal he exhorts the senior rugby players to "feel the pain" during their half-hour run to warm-up before training. "It's good for you", he claims.

7-12 September: The Lourdes group set off. Originally the 6th year "brancardiers" were to be accompanied by Fr Sexton, but at 2 hours notice a young Jesuit Scholastic, David Cefai, from Malta, was called to replace him.

It was announced that Fr Brennan for medical reasons is no longer to be headmaster and that Fr Sexton will take over.

8 October: A "University Choice" talk is held in the school hall for the pupils of 5th and 6th year and their parents. Speakers from various third level institutions were invited by Christine Leahy, Career Guidance Counsellor.

21 & 22 October: 6th year have their retreat in Tabor House, Milltown.

23-26 October: The Leaving Cert year goes to Stratford to view more productions of the Royal Shakespeare Company; Richard II, Romeo and Juliet, A Winter's Tale. Mr Bevan, Mr Murphy and Mr Keenahan lead this year's trip. Amongst Mr Bevan's reminiscences during our tour of Oxford, is that of being thrown into a lake in a dress after a theatre performance. Whether it was the custom of the day, or due to the standard of his acting, we weren't told!

Monday 3 November: End of mid-term.

Tuesday 4 November: A very logical talk was given by a very logical man, Mr McAvoy, on his very logical Central Applications Office (CAO). As Dickens might have said: "Mr McAvoy, Sir. A man of realities. A man of fact and calculations. A man who proceeds upon the principle that two and two are four, and nothing over, and who is not to be talked into allowing for anything over."

20th-22nd November: The 6th year play 'Macbeth', produced by Michael Bevan, is staged. Mr Bevan begins to put on weight. At the school party afterwards, Lady Macbeth mentions to Macbeth that the



Mrs Kitty Evans, Secretary.



Gonzaga v Belvedere

Producer had put her under great pressure to learn her lines early by telling her that Macbeth had learned all of his six weeks before the production! He had said the same, with regard to Lady Macbeth, to Macbeth. Unfortunately, there is no lake in Gonzaga.

Saturday 6 December: The V. de P carollers on O'Connell Street were blessed by a lady carrying a cross.

Saturday 13th – Saturday 20th December: Carolling by V. de P.

Tuesday 23 December: The annual V. de P party was held at the Royal Hospital, Donnybrook. The six wards were visited by Santa (Barry Doherty), followed by carollers and the presents were distributed.

3 January: S.C.T. training rooms burgled twice at least over Christmas!

5-7 January: A group of 6th years go on an Urban Plunge, organised by Fr Lavelle, now the Chairman of the Archbishop's task force on AIDS.

Wednesday 7 January: School re-commences after the Christmas break.

11 January: Today we held the "Annual Disastrous Opera Rehearsal", with much tearing of hair and gnashing of teeth, splendidly performed as usual by Mr Murphy.

12 January: Dublin traffic brought to a halt by snow. Roads and rugby pitches iced up and under snow. Mr McCarthy brings the lads out for a training session.

13-15 January: School closed due to snow. Opera (gasp!) postponed.

17 January: Gonzaga first play C.U.S. on a snow-covered field. John Moloney, after a dazzling run and many side-steps, launches himself into a graceful dive, and lands on the wrong side of the deadball line!

22-24 January: School opera performed.

24 January: The S.C.T. fourteen match in a row winning streak was today ended by St. Pauls.

27 January: Mr Bevan, (6th year English teacher), most eloquent in his indignation, informs Fr Sexton that Senior 6 is totally ignorant of Gospel scripture, unable to understand references to Gospel scripture, unable to understand references to the Gospels in poetry, novels, etc. "Are these the products of a Jesuit education?" he asks! Mr Bevan is informed that Fr Sexton is the Sixth year Religion teacher.

3 February: Fr Keane vigorously denies to this reporter, false rumours spread abroad, by Fr Sexton, that Fr Sexton is the tennis champion of the priest's house, and is able to back up with evidence of a recent win. Later Fr Sexton asks Gavin Blake to give him tennis lessons; that Gavin recently injured his knee and cannot play is brushed aside. One must sacrifice, ("ad maiorem Petri gloriam").

4 February: J.C.T. lose to Monkstown in Donnybrook despite the valiant efforts of Stephen Sexton, among others.

7 February: 5th year begins work on house decorating in Crumlin and Beechill.

11 January: Gonzaga beat Newbridge in the second round of the Leinster Senior cup.

13 February: 5th year unemployment survey begins with Mr Regan.

16 February: Mr McCarthy, in response to a challenge, claims he would give his Irish class the day off if Fianna Fáil get in, claiming they wouldn't come within a "country mile" of it. Soon afterwards it is reported that Mr McCarthy has donned a black tie in lieu of his preferred vivid red, yellow and orange!



Senior Cup: Gonzaga v Belvedere (Quarter-Final).

17 February: Fr Keane, in another attempt to show the value of classical education, announces to his Greek class that he has just dispensed of his “psephistic” duties. He refuses to explain himself, or to say for whom he voted.!

18 February: Mr Bevan’s morning prayer: “We praise God for the glory of his world, in spite of politicians.” He then sits down and launches into a deeply scathing, and maliciously vituperative attack, in which he decomposes his Sixth year’s compositions.

26 February: Gonzaga beat C.U.S. in History Quiz.

27 February: Mid-term begins. Gonzaga lose to Belvedere in Senior Cup Quarter Finals.

4 March: End of Mid-term. Before school Mass, Fr Brennan demands silence, claiming that this is only the second time in the school year that the students have been called to Mass, and that therefore it is not unreasonable to ask for good behaviour. He remarks that one would be respectful in a Buddhist temple, so why not here?

Fr Brennan closes the Sixth year cottage for 1 week, claiming it has been abused, and repeatedly saying that he “will not become a policeman.” A week later, Sergeant Brennan, on his rounds, nicks a group of Sixth years speculating on the outcome of permutations of playing cards in the cottage. They are brought to justice, and the cottage is closed once more.

19 March: Paul Keelan again wins the rugby 7-a-side Competition, though this year he does not take his team out for a training session before the game.

23 February: Sixth year Mocks begin.

25 February: Fr Lee, to the general amusement of Sixth year, approaches me in the middle of my Latin Mock to ask me how the diary is coming on.

27 February: A steady train of Fourth year biology students are seen rushing from the biology lab to the toilets during class. Mr Mulgrew is skinning a rabbit!

3 April: David Kennedy wins the Muintir Na Tire debating final.

4 April: Sixth Year A pupil, representing the school, was present at the Ecumenical Service held at the Synagogue on Adelaide Road. One surprising feature of the Service was that whilst the representatives of the Catholic and Protestant communities sat quiet and expressionless throughout, it was quite normal for the Jewish participants to stand up and wave to one another, and during a Monsignor's speech, Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis was seen to nod and wink to a member of the congregation.

6 April: Mick Lally, sporting a bald head, launches the 5th year Pink Elephant Push. Once again Alan Toner manages to get himself in the front of the photographs in all the papers! Result of Project: £16,000!

6-8 April: Irish Leaving Cert Orals.

9 April: The enigmatic Fr Moylan, during a lenten Mass, commented that when the late Archbishop, (recently deceased), visited Gonzaga, Fr Barber has asked him to pray for the school. "Now I see why", he quipped, before moving on!

Mr Cusack arrived in school looking more dead than alive; eyes red-rimmed, hair dishevelled, face haggard. The reason — he had spent all night correcting the Sixth year Mock physics and maths papers. Sixth year was glad to get them before Easter (there were rumours about last year's being handed after the Leaving Exam!).

10 April: Easter holidays begin.

16 April—Holy Thursday: Fr Sexton approached a man who was rummaging in the Tabernacle after tonight's Service, and challenged him, eliciting the response: "Know you not who I am?" Upon a

negative reply, the man proclaimed, "I am the King of Kings", whereupon Fr Sexton entered into conversation with the said gentleman, breaking off only to mention to a passing colleague the title under which the gentleman had styled himself. This Jesuit, being from Ballymun, and perhaps a little more streetwise than Fr Sexton, murmured, "Yes, and he has an iron bar in his hand", and stepped between Fr Sexton and the "King of Kings" while Fr Sexton went to call the Gardaí.

4 May: Fr Moylan brings a camera into French class, and begins taking pictures. When asked why, he replies: "I have to have some proof you were here!"

8 May: Senior chess team go to Cork for all-Ireland Final, having won the Leinster Tournament.

9 May: Chess team return home with second prize! Rossa Phelan beat opponents with ratings of 2054 and 1800-odd!

11 May: The ladder for the Chess tournament goes up. Fr Sexton is seeded No. 17! Mr Murphy is rumoured to want a new music room.

15 May: Gonzaga Chess Tournament begins . . .

16 May: and continues . . .

17 May: . . . and is won by Mr Denis Cusack, again! Unfortunately, for Mr Murphy, and possibly the music room, Fr Sexton pulled out, claiming he had been told the tournament was a knock-out competition!

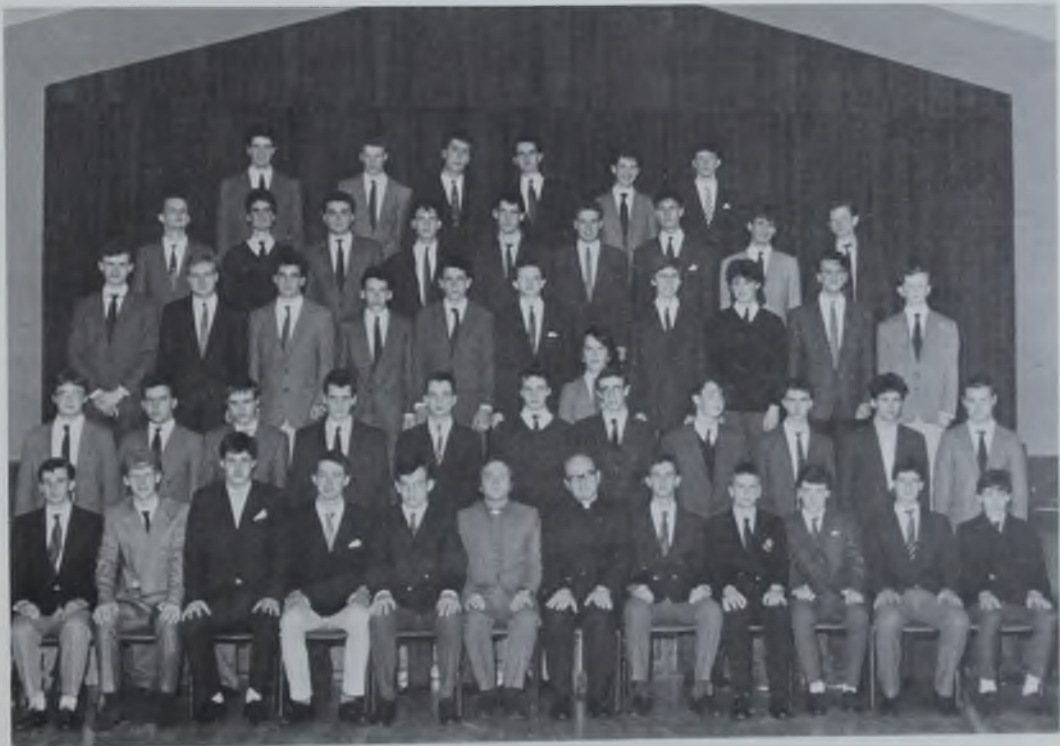
23 May: To avoid being pulled out of class any more by Fr Lee, who is putting pressure on me to deliver the diary, I must bring it to a close.

Mo beannacht leat, a scribhinn go . . . California (so that's why Fr Lee wants it in so early!)

Aran Maree



6th Year Graduation Mass, June 1987.



Sixth Year Graduation, June 1987.

THE INNER CITY PLUNGE

Gonzaga's involvement in the Inner City Plunge began in November 1986 when the organiser, Fr Paul Lavelle, came to talk about the project to the Sixth Year, and invited us to participate. We learned that the 'plunge' was to be a 48-hour experience of living in the inner city, or other areas with similar social problems. It was stressed that we were not going in to come out with ready-made solutions. Anyway, as school-boys we were in no position to offer effectual solutions to the long standing problems of inner urban life. The aim was to make us aware of the life of the people who lived there and to feel the poverty and the wretchedness. The response to Fr Lavelle's invitation was positive, and eventually eight Gonzaga pupils took part in the Plunge.

We were divided up into the following groups:

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| Simone Dunne (S6) Feilim Gormley (S6A) | } Liberty Flats, Inner City |
| Patrick Kennedy (S6) Paul Keelan (S6A) | } Buckingham Street, Inner City |
| Paul Greenan (S6A) Colm Kirwan (S6A) | } Gardiner St Presbytery, Inner City |
| Paul Connellan (S6) Iain Donovan (S6) | } Bonnybrooke Presbytery, Coolock |

This article would become much too long if a full account of everybody's experience were to be written down. The Editor has selected the following for publication.

Bonnybrooke (Iain Donovan)

On 5-7 January Paul Connellan and I stayed at Bonnybrooke Presbytery, courtesy of Fr Noel Reynolds, in Cooklock. This is an area of Council houses, high unemployment, and a large, young population. Fr Reynolds had asked two local boys, John and Dessie aged about 15, to show us around the parish during our two day visit. We had a discussion with a member of the local St Vincent de Paul, and visited the newly-built Community Centre, as well as the Bonnybrooke Unemployment action group.

But what I valued most about our stay was the welcome John and Dessie gave us. They showed a warmth of friendliness that I have rarely come across. They introduced us to their families who greeted us with a naturalness and cordiality that was wonderful.

The stay in Bonnybrooke helped me to appreciate the demoralising effects of unemployment. It also revealed to me the intense involvement

of the Church in the everyday life of the people. It also removed my fear of such areas, and made me realise the incredible community spirit and activity that exists in under-privileged districts. Altogether, it was a very rewarding experience, and I am glad that I went.

Buckingham Street (Paul Keelan)

Whatever fears I may have had for my own personal safety when embarking on the Inner City Plunge proved totally unfounded. From the very start we were made to feel at home, and immediately accepted into the community. My hosts, Liam and Anna Byrne, a young couple with two very young children were very generous to Patrick Kennedy and me.

The 48 hours plunge started at our headquarters, the Offices of the Youth Employment Action Group, which is situated in lower Buckingham Street, on the Monday evening. We had a discussion with two locals, one an ex-joy rider, and the other a full time criminal who had only just give up heroin, and who had contracted the AIDS virus. What was very interesting were their motives for the offences. Paul, the joy-rider, stole cars and drove them at high speed for entertainment. when he became bored and had nothing else to do. Larry, the criminal, found that he simply had to steal to support his wife and three children. As he said himself: "Not a day passes when I'm not conniving and planning a job." His views on the AIDS virus were interesting: he wasn't too worried about it; just had to be careful lest he might catch a cold or some other disease.

The discussion ended after about an hour and a half, and we were free for the rest of the evening. Many of us decided to go out with our hosts to one of the local pubs. By closing time everybody had laid aside their fears and doubts, and no hostility of any kind was in evidence between the locals and ourselves. About ten people, mostly locals, returned to the flat where I was staying, and there we sang ballads and chatted amicably until three o'clock in the morning. Then when only the four of us were left Anna produced the family photographs, a sure sign that we had been accepted by them. That was a great feeling.

One thing which struck me on that first evening was the size of the flat where we were staying, a small three-bedroomed affair, which was tiny compared with my own house. This underlined the unequal distribution of wealth in our own city. Yet the locals took it in their stride, simply saying that we had been luckier. They bore no grudges against us, however, because of the discrepancy of fortune. The people they disliked were the ones who bragged about their wealth. This was a theme that kept re-appearing time after time. As they said themselves: "It is not how rich you are, but how nice you are."

The following morning we were afforded the rare opportunity of a visit to the Children's Court, where we heard several cases involving petty crimes, varying from joy-riding to larceny. This experience was very

interesting, and some of the cases high-lighted the general unrest which prevails in the less well-off suburbs of Dublin. The lack of respect which adolescents from these areas had for the Gardai was very evident.

This was a theme about which we learned more when we met in the afternoon Garda Mick Foley, a policeman on the beat in the Sean McDermott Street area for five years. He talked frankly about the problems he had encountered during that time, most notably the lack of respect afforded to him as an officer of the law. However, he felt that of late there had been an improvement and was optimistic about the future of community relations in that area.

But what this, and all the other sessions showed conclusively was that there is no easy solution to the problems brought about by living in an over-crowded area which is branded as a centre of crime.

One interesting memory is the lack of importance which the locals afforded to time. Few, if any, possessed any timepieces of any description, and coming from a middle-class background where punctuality counts a great deal, I found this very intriguing. Doubtless it arises from the condition of long-term unemployment.

All in all, the Urban Plunge was a great success. It is important to point out that the aim is merely to acquaint one with the problems that exist in the inner city, and not to set about tackling them. I learned a great deal during the 48 hours, and even more than that, I made some lasting friendships with the inner-city people.



Standing: P. Keelan, P. Eliet, P. Gleeson, S. McManamon, F. Gormley, P. Morris.
Seated: B. McEvoy, D. Breslin, Rev D. Cefai SJ, D. O'Connor, P. Connellan.

THE SIXTH YEAR TRIP TO LOURDES

The Gonzaga Sixth Year inaugural trip to Lourdes took place shortly after we returned to school in September. It lasted from 7-12 September. It was organised by Fr Peter Sexton SJ. We were a group of ten students: Dara Breslin, Paul Connellan, Pierre Eliet, and Paul Gleeson, all from Senior Six, with Felim Gormley, Paul Keelan, Brendan McEvoy, Sean McManamon, Peter Morris, and David O'Connor from the Senior Six A.

We spent five days and nights acting as brancardiers (that is, looking after patients in wheel-chairs) in association with the Annual Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage.

After all the arrangements had been made, and we were ready and prepared to go, Fr Peter Sexton was suddenly called away owing to family sickness.

He was replaced by Mr David Cefai, SJ who is a Jesuit Maltese scholastic studying at Gonzaga for his Higher Diploma in Education. And so, eleven of us boarded a plane for Lourdes at 10.40 p.m. on 7 September.

We had only three hours sleep that night, and then reported at the Accueil de Notre Dame, the hospital at Lourdes for invalids. We were all rather apprehensive, not knowing precisely what was expected of us and what work we would be doing. We soon got over our inexperience and were busy wheeling the invalids down to the opening Mass in the Grotto, where Our Lady first appeared to Bernadette.

We soon became familiar with our routine. The tasks of the brancardiers are varied and the hours are very long. They rise at 6.0 a.m. for breakfast and must be at the Hospital at 6.30 a.m. for ward duty. This includes dressing the patients, as well as washing and

shaving them. Having thus prepared their patients, the brancardiers bring their patient to the refectory in the *Acceuil* for his breakfast. After that there is a procession to the Grotto for daily Mass. The wheel-chairs had covers that could be lowered or raised accordingly as one wished to protect the patient against sun or rain. At the end of the Mass there is the procession back to the Hospital. By the time all this is accomplished the patient is ready for lunch. After lunch the patients are brought outside, some to go to the baths, and some just to chat outside with other people.

At 3.30 pm one began the preparation for the Blessed Sacrament procession and the Blessing of the Sick. The patients are wheeled down again to the square and the promenade in front of the Cathedral where all the patients are blessed. At the end of this moving ceremony the patients are wheeled back to the Hospital, followed by a chat, and then dinner for the invalids. The brancardier then took his first free time of the day. One hour to take his own dinner and have a chat. We usually had our dinner in our own hotel. At 8.0 pm it was back for the famous torch-light procession. Once again the patients were wheeled down to the Grotto, this time carrying lighted candles and singing the Lourdes hymn.

This is always a very moving sight and it is what all pilgrims and visitors to Lourdes most vividly remember. It is a spectacular view to see from the balcony of the Cathedral as one gazes out over the huge gathering, illuminated by thousands of lighted candles.

Each brancardier had a different patient each day. This arrangement offers both the patient and the brancardier a chance of meeting more people. We were a tired group that returned to Dublin, but with a feeling that we had been part of a marvellous exhibition of faith and of love.

Paul Keelan (S.6A)

ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CONFERENCE VINCENT DE PAUL

During early summer last year, four of our members, A. Maree, S. Dunne, P. Higgins and P. Eliet spent a week in Sunshine House, Balbriggan, a holiday home for young deprived boys and girls (ages 6-11). By all accounts they had a great, if exhausting time, building castles, going on picnics and in every way looking after the 150 children. During August, B. Doherty spent a week in Kerdiffstown House, Naas, helping old people, from various hospitals and homes in the city, to enjoy a week's holiday.

Early September saw new members joining the Conference from fourth year. During the next three months they got experience in visiting the sick. In December between 30-40 members and sympathisers carolled outside Clery's for three consecutive Saturday afternoons and collected £1,000 for the poor. A few days later we gave a party for the patients in the six wards we visit, by carolling and giving a present to each, Barry Doherty was a most convincing Santa Claus and the party was declared a great success.

The New Year brought new appointments: B. Doherty (Pres.), S. Higgins (Vice-Pres.) S. O'Connor (Secretary), and A. Kelly (Treas.)

The weekly visits to the sick continue. For four Mondays in the second term, the school served as a distribution-centre for the EEC food surpluses. Harry McEvoy, the Area President of Dublin South-East, supervised the allotments of meat, cheese and butter to members of the different conferences from the south side. They in turn brought the food to individual families.

Under the inspiration of S. O'Connor, J. Morgan, A. Kelly and J. Cooney all the patients of the wards we visited, received an Easter Egg for Easter. This was very well received.



St. Vincent De Paul Officials: A. Kelly, B. Doherty, Fr. J. Moylan SJ, S. O'Connor, S. Higgins.

During the year a number of members attended conferences both in Trinity College and Kerdiffstown House. Fr Moylan, our chaplain, attended the National Hospital Visitation Seminar after Easter. Before the Summer recess we had distributed our funds to various different needs.

B. Doherty (Pres.)

THE FIFTH YEAR PROJECT

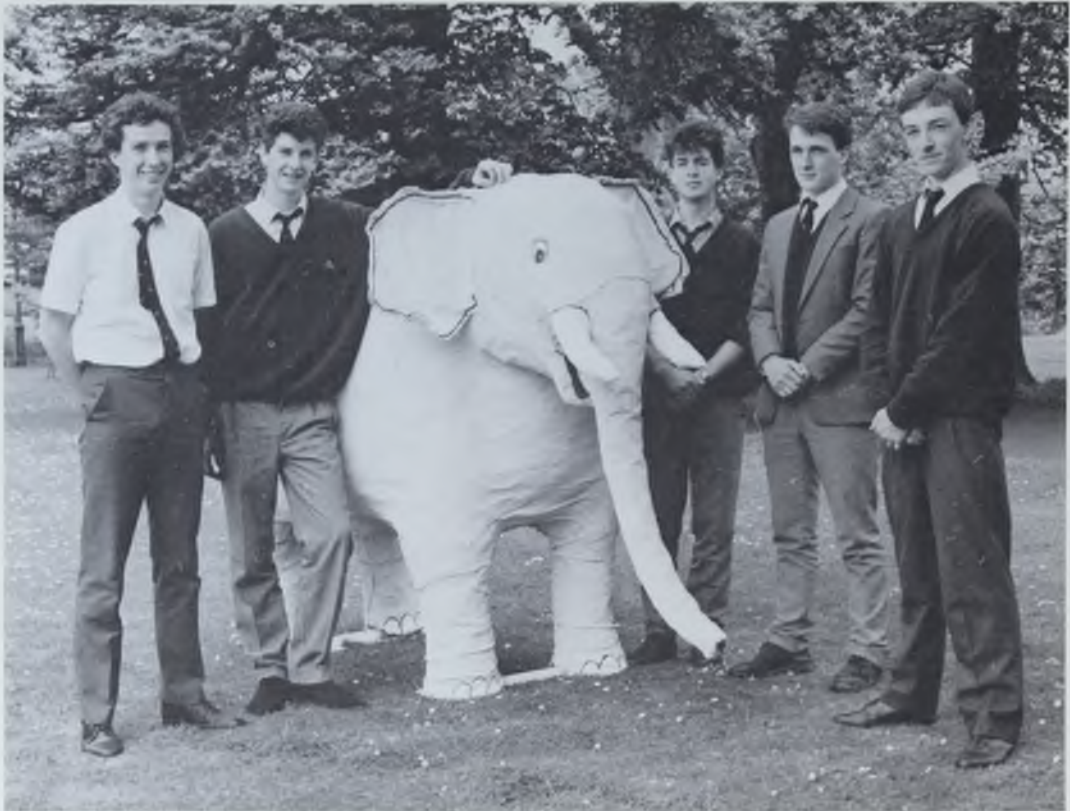
Sponsored push of a "pink" Elephant from Dublin to Limerick, and a "Boot" around the Dublin area, for Goal, Gorta, Simon, and the Anna Liffey Project.

At eleven o'clock on the morning of Monday 6 April actor Mick Lally (alias 'Miley' Byrne from Glenroe, gave the first push to Clarabelle, the now legendary Pink Elephant. He then sensibly left us to our own devices, with 120 miles to go. This marked the

end of a major headache for our Committee of Killian Morris, Ciaran Twomey, John Heffernan (S5), Andrew Maree, David Kennedy, and Hugh McGovern (S5A) who were presided over by Barry Doherty (S5A). Fr J. Brennan, SJ gave the group the benefit of experience of many Limerick pushes without ever being didactic about it.

The Elephant unwrapped by Mr Lally looked delighted at the prospect of the journey and was a fine tribute to Killian Morris and his assistants. We appreciated also the help of Br Barry, SJ and a special word of thanks to Mrs K. Evans, our indefatigable School Secretary for all her typing, etc.

Thus it was with a reluctant optimism that twenty four novice elephant-keepers set off for Limerick, as the more prudent Fifth Years pushed a stalwart boot from last year's project around Dublin. At first the collecting was frenzied and lucrative, as, in spite of a quiet second-half to the day we gathered over £1,000 for Goal and Gorta, shattering all records!



Elephant Builders: M. Johnson, T. O'Leary, N. Bennett, K. Morris, N. O'Doherty.



5th Year Project Committee: *Back:* C. Twomey, A. Maree, B. O'Doherty, D. Kennedy, H. McGovern, K. Morris. *Seated:* T. Bolger, Fr J. Brennan SJ, J. Heffernan.

Mr Mulgrew's affable encouragement was a help to all, though the close-up all-day ecstatic smile of Clarabelle became somewhat cloying. Staying near Naas we had the 'luxury' of beds that night, but the balm of hurt minds does little for blistered feet.

Resolutely we set off on Tuesday morning for Monasterevan, not looking badly unlike in my impression of Napoleon's retreating troops. The generosity of our truck-drivers, however, provides an excellent example of Irish kindness. Some contributed every day, and their donations were usually accompanied by words of encouragement, which often meant more to us than the money. The lack of disasters was due to the splendid work of our committee and of Fr Brennan. In particular John Heffernan was responsible for the publicity we got from the media and deserves great credit. Thanks to him the weary travellers who arrived in Monasterevan were expected by many local people. Spending the night in a comfortable children's school we recovered from the effects of the first third of our journey. Some of our members were by now showing remarkable resilience: it is rumoured that Chris O'Connor's verve only waned over breakfast as Mr O'Briain quipped "I dreamt I was eating a huge marshmallow last night . . . when I woke up, my pillow was gone!"

A 'short' walk of ten or twelve miles brought us to Portlaoise, where Killian Morris was soon seized by the largest Garda in the Town, not a title to be sniffed at. Clearly he had heard of Mr Morris' reputation, as he had an army escort, just in case! Killian escaped, however, to see his elephant reach Roscrea and then Nenagh. Here we were greeted by Mr O'Sullivan, and the ubiquitous Fr Brennan. There now remained the final trek to Limerick

City, a massive 26 miles of uninhabited motorway.

The infamous last day proved worthy of its reputation, and the story of the messenger who collapsed and died on arriving at Marathon was now becoming a frightening reality. The example of Turlough Bolger — making the journey on crutches — incited us to action, or at least gave us the will to continue. He showed the stuff of which great elephant-pushers are made! Somehow we all reached Limerick, and collected during rush-hour, raising our total to over £4000.

This combined with the £5000 raised in Dublin by the Boot-pushers made 1987 a great success for the Fifth Year. We all "rested on the seventh day". Fr Brennan's worries were now over for another year; Clarebelle was back in the school hall, and the record books re-written. Our Easter break had been well earned.

Elephant Pushers: N. Bennett, T. Bolger, B. Cahill, E. Carney, N. Carney, M. Doran, W. Hederman, J. Heffernan, M. Johnson, A. Lawlor, K. Morris, B. O'Brien, C. O'Connor, D. O'Flaherty, T. O'Leary, D. Rooney, D. Staveley, C. Twomey, (from S5); B. Doherty, D. Kennedy, A. Maree, N. O'Doherty, D. Rea, D. Reddy (from S.5A).

Boot-Pushers: F. Colgan, N. Corrigan, J. Healy, S. Hurley, K. Laher, F. Moran, G. Rainer, C. Ramsey, K. Sweeney, M. Comerford, N. Connor, T. Dawson, B. Donlon, D. Duggan, N. Hand, G. Lee, H. McGovern, J. Newman, P. Quinlan, J. Skelly, B. Walsh.

Altogether, between Elephant-pushers, Boot-pushers, and sponsors, we raised for Goal, Gorta, Simon, and Anna Liffey the sum of over £13,000. It was an achievement to be proud of.

Brian O'Brien (S.5)

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

After considerable discussion and research by the staff — the notion of a Community Support Group was introduced to the Fifth Year students at a seminar early in January. An outline was given of four activities which they could engage in for approximately a ten week period. Within two days every Fifth Year student, without exception, had volunteered to take part in one of the four schemes. It was quite a response.

What is even more remarkable is that throughout the term, their enthusiasm and participation didn't wane. When one realizes that the same students simultaneously ran probably the most successful 'Project' so far, it speaks very highly of them.

P.E. for the Autistic

Thirteen of us elected to take part in this scheme in which The Gheel Institute for Autistics which is situated just beside the college, sent a group of Autistic people, both male and female and ranging in ages from 16 to 30, to the school each Tuesday lunchtime. During these half hour sessions, they took part in a P.E. class which we hoped would improve their basic skills in sport, for example, dribbling, throwing, and bouncing a ball. Each of us had been assigned a partner during the first session and we worked with the same autistic each week.

Most of us had never even spoken to an autistic person before and they were certainly different to what we had expected. Even though they were handicapped, they could be very adept at certain skills. However, they found it difficult to concentrate on anything for long periods and their minds often wandered when you tried to explain something to them. Throughout the term, they played basketball, volleyball, badminton and did numerous exercises using a ball. A group of us

went across to the Institute one day and met them sewing, making rugs and putting together boxes for companies.

The project finished, much to the Autistics disappointment, just before Easter. It was very successful and I believe will be continued next year maybe for a longer duration.

Thanks are due to Mr Byrne and Ms Nevin for their co-operation in operating the sessions.

John Heffernan

Sport for The Travelling Children

Each Wednesday lunchtime during the second term nine of us met and organised soccer and basketball for approximately twenty 14 year olds from the Junior Training Centre in Milltown. Various efforts at coaching ball skills floundered. It was often difficult to maintain order and we found that things generally worked best when we played with them.

The difficulty of working with these children can be gauged from an incident in the first soccer match, when, within minutes of one side scoring a goal it became clear that several of the losing team had changed over to play with the winning team. In spite of various difficulties we all enjoyed and looked forward to these sessions and thanks are due to Mr O'Sullivan and Mr O'Brien for their support and participation.

Christopher O'Connor

Home Improvement for the Elderly

This scheme involved redecorating one or more rooms in five different houses. The living conditions of some of the elderly we met were found to be distressing. The pupils and staff involved provided most of the hardware that was needed and twenty litres of white paint were very generously

donated by Berger Paints Ltd. Mr Cusack and his band of diligent followers courageously pitted themselves against the most demanding and extensive of redecorating tasks — that of an elderly couple's home in Crumlin.

Most Saturdays during the term, a second team was in action at various times under the direction of Mrs O'Duill, Mr Keenahan, Mr Murphy and Ms Nevin. In liaison with the St Vincent De Paul and funded by one of their conferences, three houses were painted in the Beechill Court complex for elderly people in Donnybrook. Finally a house in bad repair in the "Black Pitts" was given a facelift.

Stephen Hurley
and Jonathan Newman

I would like to express my very sincere thanks to the many staff members, mentioned above, without whose co-operation, this very worthwhile enterprise couldn't have kept going. Many other members of Staff made very valuable contributions at the planning stage, and I thank them for that. Mr George Stokes, the College Bursar, also provided great service in administering the financial affairs. It is important to mention that all monies involved were retrospectively paid back from the sum collected by the students themselves in the Fifth Year Project.

While it didn't prove possible this year to devise a suitable scheme to involve such young boys as those in the Prep School, special thanks are due to Ms Kelly, Mrs Crosbie and Mrs Egan for involving the entire Prep School in a remarkable "Bring-and-Buy" cake sale in December. This venture raised £140 for charity.

David Keenahan

THE FOURTH YEAR ALL-NIGHT VIGIL RETREATS

Retreats are a common feature of most schools, and Gonzaga is no exception. However, it was decided this year to depart somewhat from the norm by holding an all-night retreat for the two Fourth Year classes: one prior to Christmas and one after Christmas.

It was felt that the night time was suitable for many reasons. There was first the factor of novelty; then the rather special atmosphere of the night and early morning hours, which conduces to prayer. It would also be good to show that a class could come together outside normal school hours, and live as a close Christian community. The format of both retreats was much the same.

As Friday nights tend to be lively nights for most people, we began the night at 10.30 p.m. with a prayer session. That served to contrast the silence and prayer of a night vigil with the noise and haste of city night life. Not an easy task, you might well say, but David Cefai's guidance here was a great help to many. We followed the prayer session with a film called 'Paki' which stressed the humaneness of God. This led to a most interesting group discussion on the various concepts and images of God commonly held by many of us. We felt we had earned a break for a cup of tea, which was hugely enjoyed by all.

Reconciliation and forgiveness are an integral part of a community life, and a Reconciliation Service was conducted by Fr J. Brennan SJ, with an emphasis on each member of the class reconciling each other as true brothers.

The next session was a short animated film called 'Neighbour' which brought to light the disastrous consequences of a failure to make

reconciliation, forgiveness, and tolerance a central part of any community.

'All work and no play' can be true of a community as well as an individual, so we adjourned to the gym and played badminton, more for a refreshing bash around rather than skilful play.

In the Middle East eating together is a strong sign of friendship, and the early Christians used to come together for an 'agape' meal prior. We felt that this too should be an integral part of our retreat. It certainly brought home the meaning of St Paul's letter to the Corinthians (I Cor. 20-22).

We then had a large group discussion of what it means to be a Christian. A brief reflection and hymn practice preceded the celebration of the Eucharist, which brought the vigil to a close at 7.45 a.m. It was truly a rewarding, but also a hard night, and we had the feeling of having attempted something big.

I would like to thank in particular and very sincerely, Fr J. Brennan SJ, David Cefai SJ, Joe O'Brien, Pdraig O'Sullivan, Bobby Byrne and Sean Meehan, but most of all, the pupils themselves.

B. Regan

THE SCHOOL PLAY (Backstage)

Editor's note: *We were delighted to get this contribution from one of the 'back-room boys' or stage hands. One almost never hears from them, and yet so much of the success of a play is in their hands.*

The November night was wild, cold, and wet. Rain and mist shrouded visibility. It was half-past ten when we finally came to the front door of the school building, having downed our tools after several hours of hammering, sawing, and painting. We, the last remaining three, decided to finish

up following an unsuccessful request for some Mars Bars (rumoured to have been distributed amongst previous "overtime" workers by the supervising Art Director.) And anyway we were exhausted.

Walking alone to the bus stop I became increasingly aware of my fatigue, which was not helped at all by the fact that I was rapidly getting very wet. I began to question the ability of my endeavours and those of the other few disciples of stage design and construction. We were carefully moulding and assembling a structure that we knew would be required for only three nights, and would be known by viewers to be contrived and unreal, and which would subsequently be destroyed in a fraction of the time taken for its construction. Cold rain dribbled slowly down my neck. Was it all futile?

However, I knew that in better moments I also enjoyed the burning feeling of creativity in action, even if it involved keeping at tedious chores. We had often worked away as the light of day gradually faded, and a strange silence reigned in the school. Busy profiles were drawn out in the air, with lights of blue, and green, and red; their rays sometimes emphasised by the Marlboro smoke-filled air! Our hand-made illusions developed and blossomed. They took shape and were now breathing more and more atmosphere. These were scenes that I know will always remain somewhat in the archives of my memory.

At last I saw the illuminated bus number "hover through the fog and filthy air". My reflections faded as I concentrated on getting dry.

The inexorable first night came. Enter Macbeth. All eyes look on him sharply, critically absorbing and assessing. Then he begins to speak. The scene grows darker yet.

"A drum! A drum!

Macbeth doth come!"

The wicked voices hiss like serpents. A faint blood-red flicker disturbingly

tings the morbid blue darkness; webs hang from dark looming trees, and there is movement from three black silhouettes, whose mouldering shapes blend in with their grotesque surroundings. The air grows thick with mist, and the wind wails.

“The weird sisters, hand in hand,
Posters of the sea and land;
Thus do go about, about:
Thrice to thine and thrice to mine,
And thrice again to make up
nine.”

The hags' spell repeats and echoes powerfully, hypnotizing listeners into fear. Beneath the large cauldron the fire glows with the wretched tint of the “everlasting bonfire”.

Backstage, a small sixth year robed in denim jeans and a “caj” black jacket, flicks a switch: the clash of thunder and howling winds flow out from the well-concealed amplifiers.

The cauldron and the sinister blue rock formations which cover the stage were made from chicken-wire walled with endless pages of *The Irish Times* and the *Sunday Tribune*. The rest of the structure was made up of desks and benches, covered with planks and boards joined and stabilised with quite a few nails. Bulbs, plugs, sockets, wires and fuses; all of these controlled by a handful of lighting “experts” helped to create various moods, and to convey the passing of time. The mist was frozen carbon-dioxide.

The powerful reverberation of the witches' voices was synthesized by complicated sound equipment. This same modern technology produced the sound of ancient trumpets and battles with clashing swords and distant battle cries.

The exquisite garments were put together by a small, diligent group of Home Economics students in a near-by Convent school. The life-worn men and women on the stage were really seventeen year-old sixth year Leaving Cert students, in spite of the stubble and make-up. The man responsible for instilling into this illusion the pungent

atmosphere of evil, ferocity, hatred, revenge, death and magic was a pleasant, relatively harmless English teacher. What had now been transformed into the Blasted Heath has started out as a messy, old school stage with past acts of vandalism decorating the walls.

This was the great “equivacation”. How appropriate that Shakespeare's “Macbeth”, so dense with ambiguities, puns and paradoxes should be performed through so many contradictions and contrasts: the use of the new to return to the old.

For three nights, audiences were invited to step back in time, to enter into the illusion presented before them. This they did. Each night the audience seemed to submerge themselves in all that they saw and heard.

And so it seems that on this November night, “so foul and fair” when “murder and treason” did fill the air, that many things were concealed; as many things were revealed. Where upon the multiple few, their “eyes making fools of their other senses” did enter a world of blood and death; the kingdom of spells and noble Macbeth. In the end, when the “battle was lost and won” my feeling of having put in so much effort was clear:

“Not so happy, yet much
happier.”

Colm Kirwan (S.6A)

THE OPERA

The author, director, conductor and producer gave his verdict in the early hours of Sunday morning: Saturday's performance had been ‘the best ever’ production of *A Dog in the Hand*. His audience, a motley collection of principals, dancers, chorus members and stage crew, were inclined to agree. The opera had survived myriad threats to its existence, and yet again proved that nothing is impossible: not even the challenge of putting on an opera with a cast of well over a hundred in just over three weeks.

Shortly afterwards, the creator of this whole opus headed for home, bearing under his arm a modest gift from the cast: a picture of a scene from the opera, framed with the signatures of every single person involved. Of those names, some deserve particular attention . . .

Ciaran Twomey effectively portrayed the great Sir Geoffrey Goodfellow, bowing out from the post of chairman of Alpha Chemicals. He is replaced by Alfred Simple, a lift boy turned managing director. Eamonn Carney gave a resonating performance as Alfred; his wife, Marion, was played by Una ní Dhubhghaill, who made the best of her fourteen lines (including the immortal 'Here's a nice cup of tea, dear . . .'). Marion's match-making talents are eventually put to work on Professor R.J.J. Fellowes; John Heffernan performed energetically as the Professor, bounding about on stage in the grip of an invisible dog. Said dog (the title role of this opera) is set loose by the arch-villain of the piece, Simon Warbeck. The actor chosen to don the traditional bald wig was David Kennedy, who managed to survive the various pitfalls of the profession (including getting injured playing rugby, leaving his costume behind at a house in Leeson Street and having his props sabotaged by stage crew).

Warbeck, cad that he is, insinuates himself into the confidences of a naive but determined waitress, Daisy Cheyne played by Deirdre Hogan who performed with appropriate naiveté and determination. Michael Doran put in an appearance as the Government minister whose opinion could make or break Alpha Chemicals. Other government agents were the two policemen, Paul Quinlan and Alan Lawlor, who were called in to put down a demonstration aroused by a left-wing agitator, David Staveley.

One well-known blow-in from sixth year, Aran Maree, stole the show with

his performance as an Italian waiter (silently accompanied by everybody backstage). Brian O'Brien provided a horrifyingly realistic demonstration of the symptoms of impending cardiac arrest, as his alter ego (Sir Fiendish Cadde) was hauled about a prison yard by a sadistic and equally hoarse warder, Andrew Maree. Another minor part with a big effect was Brendan Donlon's melodramatic poet and his determinedly Home Counties radio announcer. The last principal on the list was Ciaran Ramsey, who defied a neck injury to turn up as a suitably pompous mayor.

Not of course, that the principals were the only people worth noting: the Senior Chorus managed to learn their words in the end (for which relief much thanks) and the Junior Chorus likewise did their bit. The dancers from Muckcross 'provided what we so sadly lack' (to quote the late great Fr Barber) and greatly contributed to making the opera what it was. Thanks to Jennifer Baldwin, Bairbre Berry, Catherine Boothman, Emer Byrne, Lucy Cosgrave, Elva Duffy, Susan Foley, Brona Kelleher, Susan Kelly, Aileen McKenna, Eavan O'Halloran and Audrey Palmer. Obviously, the opera could not have taken place without our efficient orchestra, who at least deserve a mention.

Backstage, busy but unseen (most of the time) worked an army of stage crew, props and lighting people under the relaxed authority of the stage manager, Killian Morris.

The snow helped, obviously. A direct divine intervention covered Ireland with enough to bring the country to a standstill and give the stage crew time to finish the sets. Finally, very many thanks to all the people who so kindly allowed their houses to be used for the post-opera parties, especially Mr and Mrs Hederman.

Barry Doherty (S.5A)

HISTORY QUIZ VICTORY

The History Teachers' Association of Ireland (Dublin Branch) held an inter-schools quiz at 7.30 pm. on 6 February at C.U.S. Leeson Street. It was a bit of an experiment, having evolved from the Mastermind style quizzes held in the past. A team of four students, representing a school in or around Dublin, comprising Sixth or Fifth Years, and each paying an admission fee of 50 pence, was eligible to enter the quiz, wherein they would be posed questions taken from Leaving Certificate courses, covering ancient and modern history. Gonzaga's participation in the contest was due to the encouragement of the History/French teacher Ms Nevin. The team consisted of four members: Iain Donevan, (S6); Barry Doherty (S5); Brendan Donlan (S5a); and John Healy (S5).

The quiz was held in the recreation hall of C.U.S. in which there were over 40 tables, each bearing a number ascribed to a particular team. Gonzaga was number 14.

There were ten rounds of questions, each round pertaining to a specific topic and comprising of six questions. Members of each team could confer in answering the questions. Possible answers were discussed and then a final answer was written on the special sheet which was collected after each round. The results were calculated, announced, and plotted on a large black-board. The questions varied in difficulty, from the obvious to the utterly ambiguous, and each followed swiftly after each other, allowing just time to reason it out and write down the answer. For the first few rounds Table 5 led decisively, and then surprisingly collapsed. There was great speculation as to who they were.

In addition to the presence of Ms Nevin, we had two fans, (both of whom it must be said were from 5th Year; Willie Hedderman and Gary Lee). Spectators (though not banned)

were not encouraged, due to lack of space. It never really dawned on us that we might actually win the competition until the interlude between rounds five and six. Following this we remained in the lead until finally we were declared the victors, amid liberal cheers. It was an evening of intense excitement, and committed teamwork. While we all contributed as we could, in all honesty the ready wit of Barry Doherty was a decided advantage.

Having attained fifty-four correct answers out of a possible sixty, we each received a cash prize of £10, and a book-token of £20 for the school. The success of the whole quiz was owed considerably to the dedicated work of Sheila Gogarty.

It was, as Fr Lee expressed it "a win for Gonzaga off the field" and who knows, may pave the way for many more like it.

John Healy (S.5)

EASTER HOSTELLING

13-15 APRIL

This year's hostelling group of Fr Moylan's was probably one of the luckiest. Fr Moylan managed to get the use of one of the ladies' dormitories and so, all who put their name down were able to come. The weather was good and rain-gear was surprisingly unnecessary. We also managed to climb, for the first time, Lugnaquilla.

On the Monday morning, the group met on Crampton Quay to catch the 65 bus to Donard. At Donard, Mr Carney brought a lot of baggage to the hostel in his car, saving us a lot of time, effort, etc. We were let in before opening time by the wardens, Anne & Billy Carpenter.

Mr Butterly joined us then and after 20 minutes or so, we set off for Kaedeen Mountain. We passed by Knockanarrigan and the Coolmoney

Barracks. Then we started our climb. But soon we were to run into some trouble with a local farmer who objected to our passing through his land. After some anxious moments and abject apologies, we were able to continue. From there on the climbing got harder, but we eventually sheltered from the wind amongst the piles of stones on the summit of Kaedeen. We came down on the other side of the forest on Kaedeen towards Michael Dwyer's cottage. When we reached the cottage, we were lucky enough to have Dwyer's relation with us who told us *all* about the cottage. We had covered about 8.5 miles on our walk. Mass was said and dinner cooked, and after our chores, Thorney Sweetman, a UCC Geology teacher, also staying at the hostel, told us of his Himalayan climbing experiences. So we all managed to avoid the planned "entertainment". Bed at 12 o'clock (for some!).

The next morning saw Mr Butterly leaving after breakfast on the arrival of Mr O'Briain. The warden, Anne Carpenter volunteered to guide for our climb of Lugnaquilla. We got a lift from a kindly local farmer to Ballinfoyle. Our route to the summit was Ballinfoyle-Ballinedan-Slievemaan-Lugnaquilla. As we came out of the mist, we found that there was no wind on top, making it very hot. So with the clouds at our feet and the sun at our heads, we all got sunburnt. We could have "fried an egg on the rocks there", so that's the spot that we chose to have lunch.

Afterwards, our planned route was to avoid the North Prison (a large chasm) and to double back to Cannow Mountain and then to go across to the Table Track. The mist was confusing and we were slightly off course, but after about four hours of trudging, most people managed to reach Table Track in one piece. After cutting through Stranahely Woods, we arrived, exhausted at the hostel. Our walk had

lasted 10.5 hrs. and was 13.5 miles long.

An enthusiastic congregation listened to Fr Moylan's Mass and dinner was eaten. By the time the chores were done, it was prettywell bedtime, so we yet again avoided our "Party Pieces". Mr O'Briain left us at that stage, leaving two dormitories unsupervised. But due to excessive, strenuous and exhaustive trudging, supervision was not needed. Bed at 12 o'clock (for all!).

The final day (Wednesday), was spent cleaning and leaving. Mr Carney helped again with baggage and the bus arrived only ten minutes late. It was an uneventful journey home.

On behalf of all those who went, I would like to finish off by thanking a few people; Mr Carney, Mr Butterly, Mr O'Briain, Mr Thorney Sweetman, the wardens of Ballinclea Youth Hostel and of course Fr Moylan.

Gavan Doherty (S.2A)

DRAMA ON THE HILL OF TARA

This year Prep 2 had the idea that a play enacting the historic lighting of the Paschal fire on the Hill of Slane and the Druid Festival on Tara, would give more meaning to the Boyne Valley Tour.

We did not have much trouble with stage props. What a fitting place is the Royal Enclosure, the fort of King Laoghaire. However, we did have to bring the Hill of Slane to Tara! Shane Rourke and David Hyland showed their theatrical genius in providing the necessary for the Slane scene in the early morning fog of Tara, the voices of Prep 2 echoed across the Forts in the presence of our teacher Mrs Crosbie, the parents who came to help, Mrs Isobel Murphy, Mrs Anne Kinsella, Mrs Renee Lynch and Roddy O'Keefe's sister Rachel. We were all delighted to



Prep 2 at the Stone of Destiny on the Hill of Tara.

have Roddy with us after his surgery at Easter.

Cast

Narrators David Hyland and Bryan McCarthy

Door Guards William Harnett and Cian McLaughlin

Body Guards John Sheehy and Stephen McGovern

Household Shane Rourke, David Hyland, David Molloy and David Kinsella

Guards John Paul O'Leary, Gerard Mahon, Robert Becker, Edward Lynch and David Kevans

Royal Servant Andrew Scott

Servants Oran Murphy, Roddy O'Keefe, Jonathan Forbes, Reggie Jackson, Tomas Frewen, Theo Honahan, Jamie Ruane and Stephen Collins

King Laoghaire Adrian Mullet

St Patrick Robert Cotter

Monks

Mark Davy,
David Menzies,
Stephen Coakley,
David Gleeson and
Diarmuid Marrinann

Producers and Directors

David Hyland and
Shane Rourke

PRAYER SERVICE ON THE HILL OF SLANE — FRIDAY 8 MAY

Standing in the precincts of the sixteenth century church and monastic settlement which are reputed to be situated on the original site of St. Patrick, we prayed for a greater faith, peace in our country, our parents, teachers, and boys of our school. We began the service with the hymn "Christ be near at either hand" and ending it with "Dóchas Linn Naomh Pádraig" and "Hail Glorious St. Patrick".

It may have been foggy on Tara but on Slane the sun had begun to shine — perhaps St. Patrick was working a miracle and our prayers were being heard.

Roddy O'Keefe

SENIOR CUP TEAM



Back: E. Brophy, A. Maree, C. O'Brien, S. Dunne, R. O'Brien, P. Keelan, D. Kennedy

Middle: P. Coyle, M. O'Sullivan, N. O'Doherty, C. O'Donnell, D. Ridge, A. Mulcahy, M. Johnson, M. Doran, N. Carney

Seated: J. Moloney, D. Kennedy, Mr N. McCarthy, R. Kyne (Capt.), Mr K. Whirdy, P. Gleeson, J. Collins

Front: B. O'Rourke, K. Morris

Games

RUGBY NOTES

Senior Cup Season 1986-7

The 1986-7 season was to prove one of the most successful ever for a Gonzaga Senior team, though losing the first four matches did not seem a good start.

The team, with six veterans from the previous year, (Conn O'Brien, Declan Ridge, Patrick Kennedy, John Collins, Niall Carney, and Patrick Molloy) took some time to settle down. As the team got into their stride, under the wily Mr McCarthy and a rejuvenated Mr Whirdy, in a run of eighteen matches we had sixteen wins and only two losses. The victories included scalps of such rugby giants as C.B.S. Monkstown, Clongowes, Belvedere College and St Munchin's.

With this tremendous run of victories, much was expected of the team in the Senior Cup, nor were we disappointed. Following a first round bye, the green army first joined battle, under the leadership of Ross Kyne, at Belfield on 12 February. The opponents on that victorious day were Newbridge. Gonzaga triumphed 17-3, with two tries by scrum-half Brian O'Rourke, and three penalties by full-back Eoin Brophy. The driving rain and generally filthy weather suited the heavier Gonzaga team, and proved to be perfect conditions for both Gonzaga wing-forwards (Captain Kyne and Paul Gleeson) who shone throughout. Also notable during this victory was Patrick Kennedy who won considerable ball jumping at no. 2 in the line-out, and John Moloney whose tactical kicking was flawless.

Gonzaga advanced to Donnybrook to meet the 'ould enemy' Belvedere College in the quarter finals. A win

would mean the first ever appearance of Gonzaga at a semi-final of the Senior Cup, and likewise a unique encounter at Landsdowne Road.

Though Belvedere had lost to Gonzaga 26-10 previously in the season, only a rash man would have given the edge to either side as they filed out before the Donnybrook stands on 27 February.

The match started in perfect conditions, and twelve minutes into the game Gonzaga were already 4-0 down, after a well-taken try in the corner by Belvedere winger Drury-Byrne. However, Brophy soon pulled three points back and at half-time the score stood at 4-3.

Fifteen minutes into the second half disaster struck when Captain Ross Kyne had to retire injured. Declan Ridge substituted for Ross Kyne and went into the second row, with David Kennedy shifting from second row to fill the captain's place at wing forward. Heartened by this blow to Gonzaga Belvedere soon scored again through Drury-Byrne, but the conversion was missed once again.

Gonzaga responded almost immediately with a push-over try from a five-yard scrum at the Belvedere line, no 5 David Kennedy getting the touch-down. Brophy coolly converted the try, to leave the score 9-8 to Gonzaga with only 15 minutes to go. So it remained until six minutes from time when Belvedere scored the killer-try through full-back Niall O'Riordan. The try was converted, and when the final whistle blew the score stood at 14-9 to Belvedere.

So Gonzaga must wait another year for its Landsdowne Road appearance, but it has no reason to be ashamed of this year's attempt at glory.

David Kennedy (S.5A)

JUNIOR CUP TEAM



Back: M. White, D. Carthy, C. Gleeson, M. Quinlan, J. Gallagher, D. Kinsella, P. Maher
Middle: D. Molloy, K. O'Brien, K. Bolland, D. O'Mahony, A. Morris, F. Carney, J. McPhillips, A. Walsh
Seated: R. Morgan, J. McCarthy, Mr Keenahan, O. Muldowney (Capt.), Mr Walsh, J. McKenna, S. Sexton

The Junior Cup Team 1986-7

All last year we saw the Juniors doing better and better and we worried about possibly unfair comparisons. What would our fate be in Third Year after their successes?

We lost the first few matches and morale was a bit low until we beat St. Michael's (28-4) which saw Stephen Sexton's first of many tries from his own try-line. We then lapsed, and a string of defeats with 110 points being scored against us without Gonzaga scoring a point. Eventually Colum Gleeson ended the jinx and we scored against CBC Monkstown.

A few more matches went by and my memory of these is a little blurred, thankfully, I suspect. Then the resurrection began. We beat De La Salle Skerries 40-0. In the next two matches we lost by only a point to De La Salle Churchtown and to St Andrews. Just before the Christmas holidays we beat Belvedere 18-3.

The Juniors trained intensively over Christmas and, had there been no injury problems, we would have won our next match against Presentation Bray. Instead we got our revenge on St Paul's (12-6), who had beaten us earlier in the season.

Finally our big day came. We arrived at Donnybrook before CBC and were out on the pitch before them. Since we had only one cup match I had better write all I can about it.

The first fifteen minutes were scoreless. Then an unfortunate bounce gave CBC a scrum on our line and a pushover try, due to the weight of their

pack. CBC's outhalf, Mahon, converted from the touchline. A few minutes later Annraoi Morris was concussed and had to go off. Just before half-time CBC scored another pushover try to make the score 10-0.

In the second half we got a penalty on their 5-yard line. During the penalty move a CBC forward, who was off-side, tried to block Justin McCarthy's pass to Stephen Sexton. Had the referee not seen this Stephen would probably have scored. As it was the penalty was retaken and CBC got the ball.

A short time later Ross Morgan had to go off when Killian Boland accidentally kned him in the face.

Just before the end CBC got another pushover try and Mahon converted to make the score 16-0. I should also mention a break by Jim Gallagher, which gained us sixty yards, but came to nothing when we lost the lineout.

So ended our Cup 'campaign', but the party was good anyway. However the season was not over yet. In the Plate we got a walkover against Roscrea and faced C.U.S. in the second round. After an abysmal first half we scored 13 points in the last 10 minutes to qualify for a replay.

A week later in Bird Avenue we lost to C.U.S. 4-0 in a tough match.

There is nothing else to say about this year's J.C.T. except to wish next year's team good luck and to thank Mr Walsh and Mr Keenahan for their work.

David Bateman (S.3A)



SENIOR, JUNIOR & MINOR TENNIS TEAMS



Back: Mr Keenahan, R. Staunton, D. Fassbender, D. Molloy, N. O'Higgins, J. Sweetman, R. Egan, D. McLoughlin, Mr Byrne
Seated: K. O'Brien, K. Mulcahy, F. Colgan, G. Blake, J. Morgan, C. Smith, M. Doran

TENNIS NOTES

Gonzaga won the Leinster Junior Cup, beating Clongowes in a keenly contested final, by three matches to two. With the score at 2-2, the final doubles was a tense and very long drawn-out match, which Donough Molloy and Keith Mulcahy finally clinched 6-3 in the third set. In many respects, the Juniors' finest hour was in the semi-final, when as under-dogs, they beat a highly fancied Blackrock team, with good wins by Conor Smith and Kevin O'Brien.

Within twenty-four hours, four of the same players competed in a magnificent Minor Cup Final which Blackrock won by the narrowest of margins. Both teams won a Doubles match by 8-6 in the final set, and the singles which finally decided the issues finished at 5-7 in the final set.

A fine run of three Senior Cups in a row came to an end this year when the Seniors (having beaten St. Aiden's in their first match) were beaten 4-1 by Blackrock in the semi-final. The captain, Gavin Blake, will be greatly missed next season. His departure brings to an end for the present a distinguished list of brothers who have contributed to many Cup successes over the years.

The Past v Present match was unfortunately a low-key affair this year, and one hopes that this annual fixture will be a high point next season.

The Minor 'B' team reached the quarter final of Division Two, where they lost narrowly to St. Mary's, C.B.S. from Mullingar. A number of friendly matches were also played with Sandford Park, at Senior II's, Junior II's, and Under 12's.

Following Prep. I's very enthusiastic response to Short Tennis, four courts were marked out on their playground, and a number of coaching sessions organised during May.

Cup Team 1987

Senior

1. Gavin Blake (Capt.)
2. Connor Smith
3. Julian Morgan
4. Michael Doran
5. Kevin O'Brien
6. Frank Colgan

(Mark O'Sullivan — injured)

Junior

1. Connor Smith
2. Kevin O'Brien (Capt.)
3. Rory Egan
4. Declan Fassbender
5. John Sweetman
6. Donough Molloy
7. Keith Mulcahy

(Niall O'Higgins — one match)

Minor

1. Connor Smith
2. Declan Fassbender
3. John Sweetman
4. Donough Molloy
5. Niall O'Higgins
6. David McLoughlin
7. Alan Toner

(Ross Staunton — two matches)

Minor 'B'

1. Mark Carney
2. James Molloy
3. Conal Boland
4. Gavin O'Neill
5. Jonathan Staunton
6. Tom Conlon
7. Sean O'Buachalla

Keane Cup Winners

- 1984 Sean Molloy
- 1985 Gavin Blake
- 1986 Connor Smith
- 1987 Connor Smith

Davy Cup

Gavin Blake



Combined Chess Teams with Mr G. Murphy.

CHESS NOTES

This year we bid farewell to some of our longest-serving and most successful chess players. 1987 marks the tenth anniversary of the school chess club, and this year's Senior team cut their milk-teeth in Prep 2, away back in 1978. Rossa Phelan, Patrick Kennedy, John Kehoe, and Paul Keelan have struck together since then, teaming up in Senior I with Paul Greenan and Paul Higgins to produce a well-nigh invincible combination.

This team has won the Leinster Minor Championship four times, (a record), the Leinster Senior twice, and as noted last year, the Leinster Senior Titles which they retained this year, adding the Senior Cup for good measure. They have represented Leinster at All Ireland level on three occasions, winning in 1981 (Belfast, Minor), 1984 (Dublin, Junior) and 2nd in 1987 (Cork, Senior). We must also mention some other players who contributed greatly to this team: Gavin Blake, also leaving us this year, and John McInerney happily still with us.

The school fielded six teams in the Leinster Leagues this year, winning the

Senior Double, and reaching the finals at Minor and Senior level.

The two Leinster Chess Union teams (Past Pupils, Staff, and some Present) excelled themselves. The O'Hanlon Cup team (Division) won the cup by defeating Naas in the decisive match on 18 May. The Heidenfeld Trophy (Division 2) team failed by a narrow margin to be promoted to Division I, taking 3rd place. Two members of this team, David Murray and Gerard Murphy, received Board prizes for their excellent results. As the O'Hanlon Cup team is now promoted to Division 3, it can only be a matter of time before the ultimate goal of a place in Division I is attained.

O'Hanlon Cup

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| Charlie O'Brien (Capt.) | Paul Greelan |
| Paul Caron | Stephen Higgins |
| Conan O'Cleirigh | Rossa Phelan |
| Justin Egan | Julian Murray |

Board Prizes

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|---------------------|------------|
| D. Murray (8/10) | Heidenfeld |
| G. Murphy (9/10) | Heidenfeld |
| J. McInerney (9/11) | Ennis |

Gerard Murphy

Contributions

PREP 3 VISIT CHRISTCHURCH

We set off from the school on 15 October 1986. Mr Furlong, our coach driver, let us off at St Audeon's Arch, our first port of call. About two hundred metres of the old Norman wall around Dublin exists, reconstructed by Dublin Corporation during Preservation Year in 1966. Originally built in 1240 AD by the Normans, the cement used to hold the stone in place was a mixture of ox-blood and lime. Originally, beggars would have stood at the gates of Dublin which were the only way for people to get in and out of the city. As soon as we looked at the arch we noticed its thickness. It was about two metres thick. When we went through the arch we saw St Audeon's Church.

Our next and last port of call was of course Christchurch itself. Most people know that Christchurch is Church of Ireland. The first thing I noticed apart from the Cathedral when I got into the grounds was a hollow about five metres long and two and a half metres wide with broken pillars sticking up. I remembered it from my last visit, as the chapter house of the Augustinian Monks which was burnt down.

While we were waiting for Mr Coady, the Dean's Verger, our guide, I noticed that the present gutters were made in 1875, one hundred and eleven years ago. When we went in we sat down and Mr Coady told us the history of Christchurch.

The Cathedral was first built by the Vikings. Doomnan, the first Bishop of Dublin asked for a grant of land from King Sitric, the Scandinavian King of that time. King Sitric granted Doomnan the top of Dublin Hill, which, unfortunately, was bog-land. The church was built of wood in 1038 by Doomnan. When the Normans captured Dublin under Strongbow in 1169-1170, Strongbow decided to rebuild the Cathedral in stone for two reasons. The first reason was that the wooden structure, after one hundred and twelve years, was rotting. The second reason was that Strongbow decided that a wooden structure wasn't suitable as a place of worship. When the cathedral was rebuilt in stone it was the only stone structure in Dublin.

After a few years, because the Cathedral was built on a hill, one of the walls began to slope outwards. So to prevent it from falling out, flying buttresses were built. When the Normans came, they built the high altar on the highest part of the hill. This was so that the priest could be nearer God.

Christchurch Cathedral was built in the shape of a cross. The Cathedral is not absolutely straight. The cross of Conn which is about half way up the cathedral is out of line with the west window. The two

lecterns in the shape of eagles representing John the Evangelist are made of brass. One is pure brass and four hundred years old.

After that we went to the crypt. The first thing I noticed in the crypt was the slope of the floor. It sloped quite noticeably towards the east. The next thing I noticed was blocks of wood protruding from the arches. When I tapped them with my knuckles they were as hard as rock. After eight hundred years in place I thought that they would fall to pieces under my fingers. The reason they were there was to hold up the stones and also to soak in any water so that the wood would swell. Mr Coady told us that the crypt was first used as a cemetery and when they were cleaning it out, ten thousand cartloads of human bones were removed. The coffins were made of lead or stone and because they were too heavy to carry up the steps, the coffins were broken open, the bones taken out of the crypt and transported away. After that the crypt was used as Dublin's first market. Then it was used as a tavern. More and more people sold wine and ale in the crypt so that it became a hell. The wine was imported from Spain. In the crypt there are statues of King Charles and James II and also a stocks for criminals which is four hundred years old. There is a mummified cat and a mouse which was found in the old organ. Probably one day the cat chased the mouse into the organ and neither could get back out and the noise of the organ killed them. Also there is an old tabernacle and a cardboard model of Christchurch. The architecture in the crypt is Romanesque.

Coming out of the crypt we went next to the south transept which was built in 1174. There three styles of architecture were displayed. The Romanesque style, the Classical style and the Early English style which was one of the forerunners of the Gothic style. There is a passageway all around the Cathedral high up at the level of the stained-glass windows and this is where the Augustinian Monks slept after their chapter house was burned down. Unlike Strongbow the master builders did not need chunks of wood to hold their Romanesque arches together so the arches are much more elegant. In this room there is a standard with the inscription: Parish of Dublin and Glendalough.

Next we proceeded under the Early English arch to the chapel of St Laurence's Chapel. Behind the altar is a flower-like design. Also there is another standard with the same inscription as the first.

The next building that we proceeded to was another adjoining chapel, the chapel of St Laud. This is probably the most historic part of Christchurch along with the crypt for two reasons. The first reason is that the 3,460 tiles in this chapel are the original tiles from which the pattern of the other tiles are copied. The tiles depict begging foxes which represent the Augustinian Monks begging for food. They were called foxes because they had a plan for getting into houses. They knocked on the front door and crept around and went in the back door. The second reason is that when St Laurence O'Toole, the first Irish Archbishop of Dublin, died, because the transport in those days was not good, his body

was buried where he died in Normandy but his heart was put in a heart-shaped casket and brought back to Dublin and put in a cage on the wall of St. Laud's Chapel.

The last adjoining chapel is the chapel of Sancta Maria Alba which was rebuilt by St John's Ambulance and that is why there is a Maltese Cross on the altar there. Also this is where the Augustinian Monks used to say their weekday masses.

As I was walking down the nave which was built in 1230 I noticed the two pews. The Lord Mayor's pew was built on the right if you are facing down from the altar. The design on the pew is the arms of Dublin, the three castles which represent St. Audeon's Arch, the lower castle yard at Dublin Castle and a watchtower. The Lord Lieutenant's pew has the Lion and the Unicorn on it.

Ronan McCullough (Prep. 3)

BURREN FIELDTRIP — AN ODYSSEY TO THE UNKNOWN

The Burren Fieldtrip, first conceived of in the distant days of 3rd Year, finally bore fruition in March 1987. The trip was to be "an essential part of the Leaving Cert. course, involving geographical analysis of such topics as karst topography and Coastal/Fluvial Geomorphology" to quote Ms MacConville (Geography teacher). It was her fifth trip to the area and her intimate acquaintance with the Burren was apparent from the outset. We also had the company of that amiable Corkman, Mr McCarthy.

On arrival by train to Limerick our high expectations of a luxurious coach were shattered when we boarded a cramped mini bus with Spartan interior. In the preceding weeks there had been intense speculation among 5th Year group as to the accommodation situation; our Lisdoonvarna Hotel was still, it seemed, under construction! Our first geographical task that afternoon was to analyse the socio-economic structure of the town. After dinner Ms MacConville was visibly anxious about the non-arrival of our guide for the week-end, Mr Vincent Butler M.A. of the National History Museum. Soon thereafter Vinny appeared, just in time for pub closure.

The Burren is an area of rare natural beauty; an expanse of exposed limestone in Co. Clare. Absence of soil cover has enabled rainwater to create spectacular surface and subterranean features, such as ephemeral lakes (turloughs) and complex cave systems (Aillwee caves). The Burren is also remarkable for unique floral types; exotic Mediterranean and spectacular Arctic species of plant life flourishing side by side in unique harmony, far from their homelands — a true botanical metropolis.

The region contains abundant remnants of prehistoric settlement. It was attractive to early man due to the absence of dense oakland forest which impeded agriculture in the rest of the country. Today, despite limited soil cover it is still an integral part of the Irish farming system, young cattle thrive on the high calcium content grass (from the limestone) which promotes bone development.

Having being thus enlightened by our tour of the Burren on Saturday, we arrived back at the hotel to hear rumours that a party of young ladies were to stay at the hotel. Our enthusiasm turned to horror however when we espied a troop of 40 twelve-year old girls arriving. Before going out to enjoy the "Lisdoonvarna Night Life" we all subscribed to a copy of a booklet on the Burren co-written by Vinny some years ago — for this he was most grateful as it (a) shortened his night lecture and (b) financed his nighttime entertainment and served to increase the wealth and prosperity of Arthur Guinness and Co. Here it should be noted that Vinny was at all times an entertaining and knowledgeable guide.

Rising late (8.30 am) on Sunday morning we parted company with our now completed hotel and embarked for the Cliffs of Moher. These Namurian rock faces, rising 500 ft. above the perpetually turbulent sea are awe-inspiring manifestations of the spectacular force (some 30 tons per sq. metre) exerted by the Atlantic breakers. Thence to Limerick where we lunched in a Burgerland establishment which bore more than a passing resemblance to the interior of a tin can and bade farewell to the "savage west" and returned to the "big smoke" of civilisation.

The Burren, perched on the Western precipice before a sullen Atlantic sea, is a landscape of rare compulsive beauty. Its hard naked rock and abstract geometric shapes are distinctly at variance with the lush gentle outlines of much of our island.

And yet this oddly lunar landscape richly sprinkled with monuments of human endeavour, is now subject to increasing environmental degradation by that same race. Delicate environmental thresholds have been transgressed by the Sulphur Dioxide-spewing ESB station at Moneypoint. An enlightened and sympathetic plan is required to stimulate public awareness of this unique natural and cultural habitat and to preserve its fragile ecosystem.

Brendan McEvoy (S.6A)

Iain Donovan (S.6)

Pierre Eliet (S.6)



FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DESK

Having just completed ten years as a student at Gonzaga, I believe that a retrospective glance at the education I received, or didn't receive, would be very profitable.

Because it is a fee-paying school with an entrance examination, almost all the pupils come from middle-class backgrounds. Thus the segregation from our less fortunate fellow citizens, already set in motion by where we live, is advanced. In my opinion, this polarisation culminates in a lack of respect and understanding on our part of the less well off, and of their plight. This year, the Inaugural Urban Plunge took place, and eight Sixth-Year students spent forty-eight hours living in the inner city. It was designed as an exercise to acquaint oneself with the people of the inner city and the problems they faced. It proved to be a very rich experience, and I would highly recommend it, or some similar exercise, to every student.

Another inaugural experiment for the Sixth Year this year was the Lourdes Pilgrimage, which is to become an annual event. It is very hard to capture the spirit of Lourdes on paper; it is something which must be experienced at firsthand; What it offers is an insight into human suffering and kindness, and in a year which, owing to exam pressure is very introverted, it serves to focus one's attention, if only for a week, on the well-being of others. The experience certainly provided inspiration for, and left its mark on all the ten students who made the journey.

The Fifth Year Project is another event in which I would highly recommend active participation. Its benefits are twofold: it is an exercise in helping the poor and needy and also in getting to know one's classmates. Upon completion, one is left with a sense of fulfilment, and obviously the more one puts into its planning, the greater reward one experiences.

My memories of Gonzaga will always be pleasant, as I was always very happy here. The key to the happiness, in my opinion, was involvement in extra-curricular activities. I was fortunate, however, because I enjoyed playing rugby, and I have long felt that one of the major shortcomings of the College is that it does not offer an alternative sport from September to March for those who don't play the game. Another shortfall extends into the class room. The College has yet to introduce to its students the chance to study practical subjects such as wood-work or metal-work. When the Provincial of the Jesuits, Fr Philip Harnett SJ, visited the school he was advised of this situation and promised to look into the matter in detail. I sincerely hope that this will lead to an extension in the extra-curricular options open to students.

Another suggestion aired at the meeting with the Provincial was the formation of a school council. This group would act in an advisory capacity to the Headmaster, and would have representatives from each year on it. In my opinion, this addition would be of great benefit to the

school, and would provide the Headmaster of the day with valuable information.

One of the highlights of my final year at Gonzaga was the Sixth Year retreat. Strangely, for a school directed by Religious, this was only our second retreat in ten years. This is a great pity because it is a very valuable experience, in which one learns a great deal about one's friends, but even more importantly, about oneself. A greater emphasis on retreats, in my opinion, would not go amiss.

Mark Twain said: "I never let my schooling interfere with my education." There is a great deal more to education — the formation of one's character — than sitting in a class-room learning off a list of irregular verbs. I believe that Gonzaga excels in the broader interpretation of education, offering several different opportunities of enlightenment to its pupils. However, it is very important, in my opinion, that the College keep in touch with the changing times, and broaden its curriculum to offer to its students an elementary training in those skills for which there is a great demand.

Paul Keelan (S.6A)

THOUGHTS ON THE FIFTH YEAR PROJECT

Over the last number of years there has been some debate over the role and even the morality of a school run by a religious order, serving the highly-paid and probably the best educated sections of Irish society. That small storm has abated, but the fluent and enthusiastic defences of the whole thinking behind Gonzaga which our recent ex-headmaster Fr Noel Barber SJ made, definitely deserve to be remembered.

However, despite the headmaster's well-considered arguments, which he spoke of both inside and outside the College, I was never fully convinced. For one who was then, and still is, caught up in the daily hum-drum and practical difficulties of being at the receiving-end of schooling, Fr Barber's quite idealistic statements, which seemed uncharacteristic from such a down-to-earth person, just didn't seem to appear to me wholly accurate. It was clear that Fr Barber earnestly felt the veracity of his beliefs, and was obviously not orchestrating some dastardly campaign of misinformation, but for me personally they seemed unreflective of the reality.

For example: a segment of his argument went like this: ". . . there is an estrangement, I could be inclined to say a hostility, between those who have the ability, the initiative and opportunity to gain material wealth and those who have not this ability or opportunity. There follows on the one hand, an incapacity to understand the process, or even the need to

create wealth, and on the other, an insensibility to the plight of those who have not been blessed by material success. There has resulted from this estrangement a divided society which is not just, compassionate, or Christian. All institutions must seek to remedy this state of affairs.”

The Dangers of Romanticism

He goes on to talk of the “young idealists leaving this school, and others like it, whose idealism has been corrupted by romanticism. They develop a romantic view of groups other than their own; they reject their own group or class, and they have an impatience with those who create the wealth they wish to see shared; an inability to see that a life of Christian idealism could be lived in the world of business, commerce, or administration.”

There seemed, however, to be little evidence that Gonzaga had managed to have an impact on those whom it wished to influence. Society is still divided, possibly even more than forty years ago. It seemed that the aims of the school were unachievable in such a competitive society. Obviously there was, and still is, evidence of Christian idealism in business or administration: but there seemed little possibility of that idealism spreading far enough to influence society to reflect Christian values.

A Re-appraisal of the position

The Project has forced me to make a re-appraisal of my feelings on Fr Barber’s arguments. It has convinced me that the failure to make demands from ourselves is as much a mistake as making demands that are unrealistic and unachievable. I felt that the Project made real for me the idealism that Fr Barber had for the school. It showed that significant goals could be reached through faith in ourselves. More and more often in today’s world Christians are being forced to have faith not only in their beliefs but in their own determination. Unfortunately, cynicism is part of man, and all too often we disguise cynicism as realism.

It is through efforts like the Project that the school can reassure itself that it is educating its students to have faith in themselves and in others. It has shown that it is indeed realistic to say that installing of Christian value has effect. I would not go so far as to say that the school succeeds with every student, for the student has his own free will, and he must cooperate. I feel that the school and the Project complement each other, and is an example of what we can achieve.

“For that we were founded; for that we exist; and by that we shall be judged.”

Jonathan Newman (S.5A)



Amnesty Committee 86/87: A. Kelly, P. Flynn, C. Hillery.

WHAT IS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL?

“We believe in the dignity of all human beings. We wholeheartedly support the work of Amnesty International in defence of all those who are imprisoned or tortured because of their peacefully held beliefs. So should you.” — Simple Minds, 3rd March 1986.

Amnesty International is an independent worldwide movement seeking the national protection of human rights. It actively campaigns for the release of prisoners of conscience, detained because of their non-violent expression of their political or religious beliefs or because of their colour, race, ethnic origin or sex.

It is independent of any government, political faction, ideology, economic interest or movement. The activities of Amnesty focus strictly on prisoners. They do not protest against any political system in order to maintain political impartiality. Members of Amnesty do not work for prisoners in their own country, once again to preserve this impartiality.

The Amnesty group in Gonzaga, guided by Mr Brian Regan, was started at the beginning of the year, consisting exclusively of members of fourth year. Despite many teething problems, it emerged in June as a small but strong group.

When someone is wrongly imprisoned or is having his dignity eroded in some cruel way, hope is a valuable thing to have. We can give them that hope. Next year, membership of Amnesty International will be open to all members of 4th, 5th and 6th years.

It is time that you opened your eyes and started to do something about the violation of human rights throughout the world. Don't cast aside the whole idea at once. Attend a meeting, then decide.

The Committee

School Roll

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| | Cillian | P.2 | Clarke | Gerard | S.6 |
| Bateman | David | S.2A | Clear | Feilim | P.4 |
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| Buckley | Stephen | S.6 | Connor | Niall | S.4A |
| Butler | Clarke | S.5 | Cooke | David | S.3A |
| Butterly | Marc | S.1 | Cooney | John | S.3A |
| Byrne | Damien | P.2 | Corrigan | Niall | S.4 |
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| Byrne | Paul | S.6A | Costello | Paul | S.6A |
| Byrne | Garrett | P.1 | Cotter | Robert | P.1 |
| Cahill | Brian | S.4 | Cox | Colm | S.4A |
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| Carney | Philip | P.4 | Crean | Fiachra | P.2 |
| Carney | Robert | S.6 | Cremins | Robert | S.6 |
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| Carroll | Paul | S.5 | Deane | Ciaran | S.6A |
| Carthy | David | S.2A | | Cormac | S.2A |
| Carton | Michael | S.6A | Davy | Mary | P.1 |

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| Devery | Conor | S.6 | Gleeson | Paul | S.5 |
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| | Ciaran | S.1A | Gleeson | David | P.1 |
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| Diggins | David | S.1 | Gormley | Feilim | S.5A |
| Doherty | Barry | S.4A | Greenan | Paul | S.5A |
| | Gavan | S.1A | Hand | Nicholas | S.4A |
| | Brendan | S.4A | Harnett | Richard | P.3 |
| Donlon | Andrew | S.6 | | William | P.1 |
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| Doran | Marcus | S.2 | | Marcus | S.1A |
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| | David | P.3 | Hederman | William | S.4 |
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| Duggan | David | S.4A | | Mark | P.4 |
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| | Martin | S.3 | Heslin | Barry | S.2 |
| Dunne | Nicholas | S.2 | Higgins | Garrett | S.4A |
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| | Evan | S.2A | | David | P.1 |
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| Farrelly | Edward | S.2 | Keany | Stuart | P.4 |
| Fassbender | Declan | P.4 | Kearns | Edward | S.6 |
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| | David | P.1 | Magee | Kenneth | S.1 |
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| Lambert | John | P.4 | | Paul | S.2A |
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| Lennon | Mark | S.6A | Marrinan | Diarmuid | P.1 |
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| Linehan | Conor | S.3A | Martin | Ruary | P.3 |
| Liston | David | S.5 | Masterson | Conor | S.2 |
| Long | Pierre | S.6 | Menzies | David | P.1 |
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| O'Brien | Christopher | S.2A | | Roger | S.1A |
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| O'Doherty | Niall | S.5A | | Philip | S.2A |
| | John | P.1 | | Andrew | S.1 |
| O'Donnell | Caoimhghin | S.6 | Quirke | Daniel | S.6A |
| O'Duill | Eoghan | S.3A | Rainer | Gregor | S.5 |
| O'Flaherty | David | S.5 | Ramsay | Ciaran | S.5 |
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| O'Grady | Paul | S.4 | Rea | David | S.5A |
| O'Herlihy | Neil | S.2 | Reddy | David | S.5A |
| O'Higgins | James | S.2A | Ridge | Declan | S.6 |
| O'Higgins | Niall | S.2 | Riley | Andrew | S.6A |
| O'Huiginn | Donal | S.3 | Rooney | Dermot | S.5 |
| O'Keefe | Peter | S.4A | | Stephen | S.3 |
| O'Keefe | Roderick | P.2 | Rourke | Shane | P.2 |
| O'Kelly | Darragh | S.2A | Ruane | James | P.2 |
| O'Leary | Tomas | S.5 | | John | P.1 |
| O'Leary | John-Paul | P.2 | Ryan | Aidan | S.2 |
| O'Loinsigh | Eamon | P.4 | Ryan | Edmund | S.1 |
| | Donal | P.1 | Scott | Andrew | P.2 |
| O'Mahony | Conor | S.6A | Searson | Garrett | S.1A |
| | Mark | S.1A | Semple | Roger | S.1A |
| | Barry | S.3 | Sexton | Stephen | S.3 |
| O'Mahony | Robert | S.4A | | Senan | S.1A |
| | Dara | S.3A | Shannon | Cillian | P.3 |
| O'Neill | Ronan | S.2A | Sheehy | Niall | S.2A |
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| O'Neill | Gavin | S.2 | Skelly | Julian | S.5A |

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| Smith | Connor | S.2 | | Aiden | S.1A |
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| Spollen | Garfield | P.3 | Tuomey | Timonthy | S.4A |
| Start | Nigel | S.6 | | Ian | P.3 |
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| Staunton | Jonathan | S.2 | | John | P.3 |
| | Mark | P.4 | Walker | Corban | S.6A |
| Staveley | David | S.5 | Walsh | Alan | S.3A |
| Stephenson | Patrick | P.3 | Walsh | Ciaran | S.4 |
| Strahan | Robin | P.1 | Walsh | Brendan | S.5A |
| Stritch | David | S.4 | Walsh | Niall | P.4 |
| Sweeney | Karl | S.5 | Walsh | Jasper | P.1 |
| Sweetman | John | S.1 | Webb | Nicholas | S.4A |
| Swift | David | S.4A | Whelan | Killian | S.4 |
| Talbot | David | P.3 | White | Mark | S.3A |
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| Tierney | Eoin | S.2 | | Fergus | S.2 |
| | Patrick | P.3 | Williams | Gwilym | S.4A |
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| Toner | Alan | S.2 | | | |



