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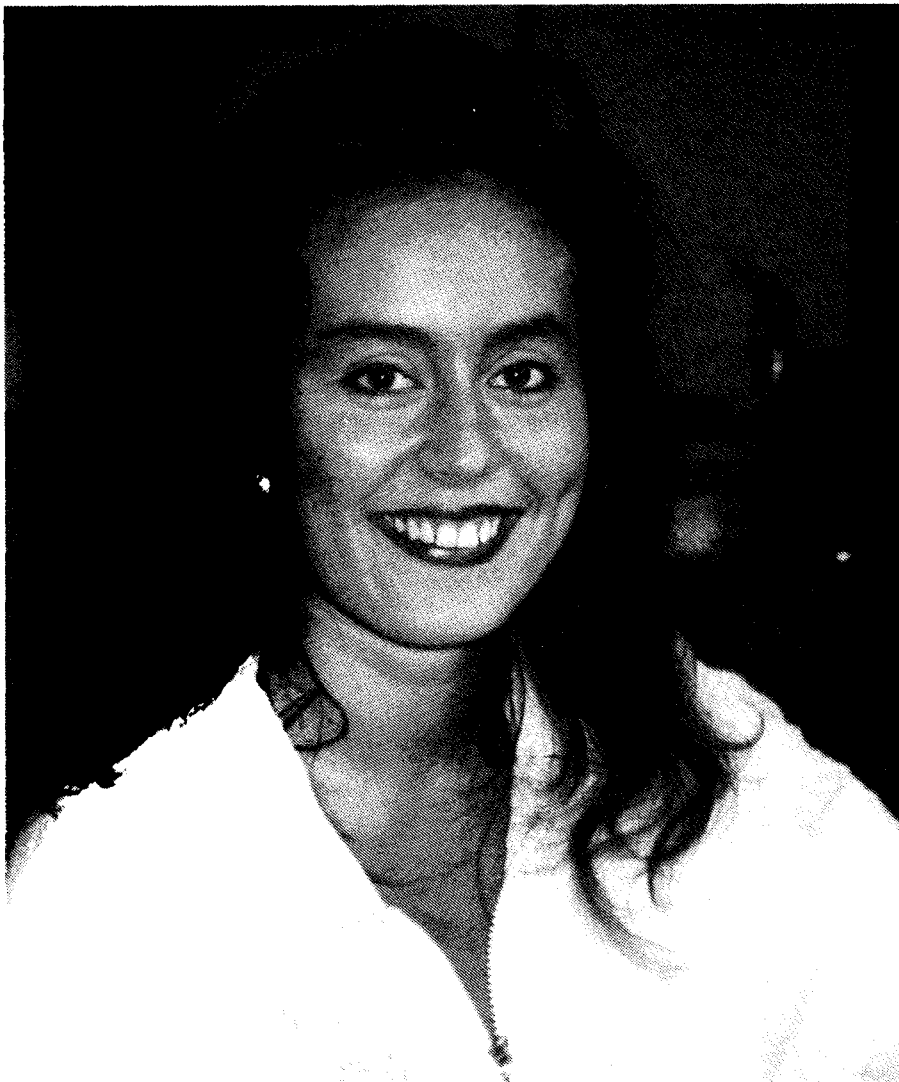
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NANCY REACHES NATIONAL STAGE

FORMER St Edward's pupil Nancy Buckland reached the final of the Miss United Kingdom contest in October 1990. Nancy, a pupil at the College between 1986 and 1988, is the current Miss Manchester and recently graduated from Liverpool University with a degree in Management and Business Studies.

The contest was held on 5th October at the Bonnington Hotel, in London, where the judges included Eric and

Julia Morley and Owen Oyston. Nancy, who lists her greatest career influence as Brother Devitt, did not win the competition despite expressing a sincere wish to be nice to animals, to be kind to people, and to travel the world. It is thought (and indeed hoped!) that she is the first Edwardian to reach these lofty echelons of the world of glamour. Nancy told 'The Edwardian' that the secret of her success lay in eating four Mars bars a day!!

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Open Evening

OVER a thousand people attended the 1990-91 St Edward's College Open Evening held in September. Headmaster Brother Dominic Sassi said that the event, the first of its kind since the announcement of the decision to admit girls from next September, had been a major success.

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French Exchange



MEMBER of staff Miss Edwards seen here somewhat unconcerned at being found wanting in the 1990 French Exchange Facial Hair Contest in Moulins, France. Giving advice on beard growth is leading exponent and local coiffeur extraordinaire Michel Collay whose wife Martine (far left) was instrumental in establishing the link.

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Choir Tour

A NUMBER of pupils from the College took part in the highly successful and much-enjoyed Cathedral Choir Tour of Germany, Holland and Belgium in the summer of 1990.

The musical programme consisted of English choral and organ music from the 13th century to the present day, and the tour, which cost in the region of £13,000 for the 49-strong party, took in Bielefeld, Osnabruck, Herford, Minden, Utrecht and Knokke.

CO-EDUCATION

THE following is the text of a press release issued by the College in Autumn 1990.

ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE, is one of Liverpool's most prestigious Independent Schools, is to admit girls from September 1991.

The decision follows widespread consultation with a great many parties over a considerable period of time, and was confirmed by the Central Governing Body of the Christian Brothers, who run St Edward's.

Headmaster Brother Dominic Sassi said that the school was responding essentially to a need for Independent Catholic education for boys and girls in the city and beyond. 'We came under

increasing pressure from parents with boys already at the school to offer the same opportunity to their daughters, and eventually we felt that the time was right to make this change.'

Chairman of the Governors John Morgan, himself a former pupil of the College, added that the educational climate made the change highly desirable. 'Our Sixth Form became co-educational in 1983 and we have since further enhanced our reputation academically, sportingly, culturally and in our efforts to help the local community. The switch to full co-educational status is a natural step forward.'

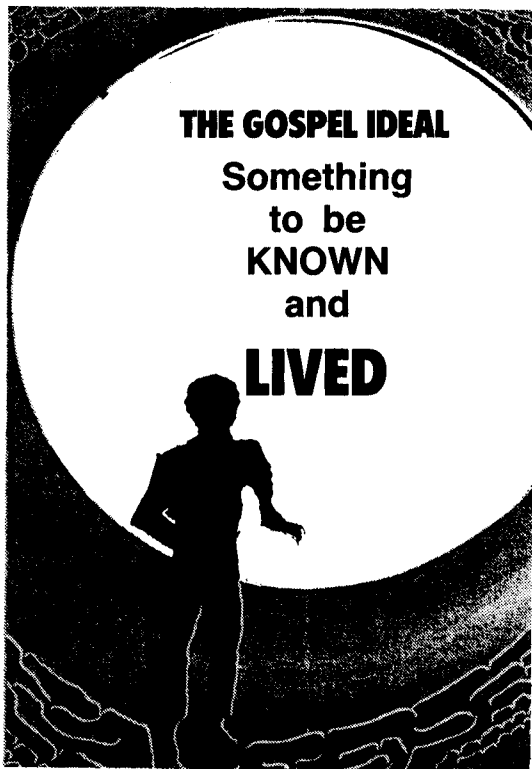
Girls and boys will therefore be admitted into the first year of the Infant Department of the Preparatory School (Run-

nymede) at age 4, to the Junior Department at 7, and to the first year of the Senior School at age 11, in September 1991. Girls will continue to be admitted at age 16 into the Sixth Form as at present.

His Honour Judge Morgan

CHAIRMAN of the Governors John Morgan has been appointed by Her Majesty the Queen as a judge. His Honour Judge Morgan is of course an old boy of the school and the first to be elevated to these heights. The congratulations and good wishes of all at St Edward's go to John and his family.

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Examination success at St Edward's

IN addition to further success at Oxford and Cambridge level, last year's fifth and Upper sixth form students proved by their GCSE and 'A' level results that they are ahead and prepared for 1992. At Advanced Level there was a remarkable 100% pass rate in Spanish, with French not far behind with a pass rate of almost 90%. At GCSE level, there was again a 100% success rate with 75% of the students gaining grade A and the remaining 25% gaining grade B. In French too there was a 100% pass rate, with 79.7% passes at grades A-C.

The success story was not restricted to language either. In all, there was a 100% success rate at Advanced Level in seven subjects, with strong performances in Mathematics (11 pupils gaining grade A), Physics (11), Chemistry (12), and Biology A. An overall average pass rate of 3.9 subjects per pupil at Advanced Level, and 8.3 subjects at GCSE showed that St Edward's has further consolidated its position as one of the region's leading Independent Schools.

Headmaster Brother Dominic Sassi praised the dedication of staff and pupils alike. 'Our first co-educational intake next year is going to have much to live up to,' he commented.

SPEAKERS' CORNER

SINCE choosing the road to independence at the start of the last decade, St Edward's has depended on the Assisted Places Scheme to retain its traditional mix of pupils from all social backgrounds, regardless of ability to pay. In the current political climate, 'The Edwardian' asked two former pupils, one now a member of the Labour Party and one a Conservative to put forward their views on the scheme. They do, as one might expect, differ widely. Readers' reactions to these articles are most welcome.



A View from the LEFT

With a general election highly likely within twelve months, and a certainty by the summer of 1992, and with the election of a Labour government a very strong possibility, the alarm bells will doubtlessly begin to sound within the corridors of power at St Edward's and other independent schools: the fear, or should I say the paranoia, of the end of the Assisted Places Schemes will manifest itself.

The four-yearly 'Save Our School' or rather 'Save Our Scheme' campaign will ensue, beginning with a letter 'reminding' parents of the 'consequences of a change of government' (although, not pointing out that this could mean the end of the Poll Tax, a reverse in the destruction of the NHS and increased expenditure on education!) Step two is a recommendation that all parents should go to a public meeting addressed by a Junior Education minister, usually in the Angela Rumbould-mold. Step three is what I found most objectionable, yet another letter to parents, on the eve of an election, which for all intents and purposes is a party political pamphlet on behalf of the Conservative Party, which is largely ignored by everybody, if voting patterns in the City and County are anything to go by!

OPEN TO ALL

I must point out at this stage that as an old boy, I enjoyed seven happy years at the College and indeed, as a friend of St Edward's, I continue to support the idea of Catholic Education open to all, regardless of background. However, I feel it is necessary to look at Catholic Education in a wider sense: only a fool would deny that there is not some sort of crisis in the Catholic sector, however measure it may be at the present time. Critics say that Catholic Schools in the independent sector cream off the best pupils from Catholic voluntary-aided schools, to the detriment of the latter. One can take the example of St Edward's catchment area, where there are about a dozen Catholic voluntary-aided Secondary Schools. It can be argued that St Edward's relatively privileged position, because of Assisted Places, may have a destabilizing effect on the other twelve by 'poaching' potential star pupils.

This scenario of divide and rule is repeated throughout the various strands of Tory policy ranging from allowing local-authority schools to become self-governing, to giving individual hospitals, such as Alder Hey, the right to opt out of the local health authority. This is quite clearly an attack on local democracy, and the first step to privatise local services. I believe that once full, almost-irreversible privatisation has been realised, subsidies will be withdrawn, including those for Assisted Places.

BONE OF CONTENTION

Looking at the matter from another angle, the charitable status is another bone of contention: whilst it may well be justified for St Edward's, can schools such as Eton and Westminster really merit it? In a recent article in 'The Independent' the headmaster of Westminster School thinks not.

Here lies the real issue. There is a world of difference between St Edward's and upper-class public schools. Yet there is a single organisation to represent both. Any criticism aimed at Eton is by implication aimed at St Edward's. It should not be so, as the unfortunate result is that the College is boxed into a corner, and is forced to throw its lot behind a government and a set of policies and values which I suspect, in many areas, it finds un-Christian, as do I am sure, a majority of pupils, parents and teachers alike. This is hardly surprising: its record on education speaks volumes — take higher education for example: phasing-out of student grants, despite the refusal of all banks and financial institutions to participate in loan schemes; abolition of housing benefit for students; University and Polytechnic budgets slashed; and lecturers leaving the profession by their thousands.

I thought I would mention these points, as I think it unfair that parents of Upper-Sixth pupils are not warned just before an election of the 'consequences of the same government being re-elected.' ■

A View from the RIGHT

The prospect of a Labour Government being elected at the next General Election, albeit a receding threat, should strike fear into the hearts of everybody involved in the Independent Secondary Education. Indeed it should strike fear into the hearts of everybody involved with Catholic Education. Over the past eleven years the Conservative Government has worked consistently to re-establish the key elements of a successful education system — choice, diversity, local responsibility and high standards. The main aim throughout has been to raise the level of attainment for all children. Families of modest means are now able to send their children to Independent Schools such as St Edward's College under the Assisted Places Scheme, which was introduced in 1981.

CONSERVATIVE PHILOSOPHY

In 1990 there were nearly 34,000 assisted places available in this country at a cost of £62,000,000 covering just over 300 separate schools. The Conservative philosophy is that education will thrive through healthy academic competition. This leads to a variety of different schools being available to parents and when schools have to compete they have to ensure high educational attainment and indeed over 83% of Assisted Place students nationally go on to further education.

It is quite strange that the Labour Party wish to abolish these centres of excellence by depriving poor or families of modest means of the very funding which ensures their children's future success. However, when we remember that it was the Labour Party who tried to abolish Grammar Schools which were only saved in 1979 with the election of a Conservative Government perhaps we should not be too surprised. The Labour Party's philosophy in everything is that if they do not like something they abolish it. People will be controlled and do as the Government tells them not directly but by the removal of choice.

CHILDREN'S FUTURE

The hypocrisy of the Labour Party Policy becomes evident when you remember that the majority of leading Labour politicians are themselves the product of a Grammar School education and Jack Straw, who is the Front Bench Labour Party Education spokesman, himself went to an Independent School — you could be forgiven for thinking that it should be the Labour Party who are encouraging ordinary families to advance their children's future through the availability of excellence in education. However, as we have seen, the philosophy of pulling the ladder away after you have climbed it yourself is central to the way many politicians conduct themselves.

I mentioned earlier that the threat was not just to Independent Schools but also to Catholic education as a whole. This may sound a rather extreme statement but when you consider that the leader of the Labour Party who would be Prime Minister after a Labour victory is a self confessed atheist and when you consider that the Labour Party have decided that Muslim schools will be given voluntary aided status within the State system perhaps it does not seem such an extreme statement.

BETTER START

It is often said that Independent Schools drain money from the education system that should be used in other sectors, however, this accusation is simply not true. In the last survey by ISIS it was revealed that Independent Schools nationally actually pay out more Bursaries and Scholarships than they receive in Government funding, this means that Independent Schools by and large not only use Government money to give ordinary children a better start in

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life but they are also paying their own way in the community. The experience at St Edward's College is that many local industrialists are prepared to support a centre of excellence. Compare this with the forced egalitarianism by the Labour Party who would abolish not only the centre of excellence but also the parental choice which is everybody's God given right.

Many generations of Catholic young men have benefited by being educated at St Edward's College under the grammar system and indeed I feel it would have been desirable had the grammar system been allowed to continue, unfortunately the Labour Party's policy meant that St Edward's had to make a decision in order to protect its future and it was only the Conservative Government that came to the rescue by providing 60% of the students at St Edward's with Assisted Places that enabled the school to survive.

It is fashionable to suggest that there is a crisis in Catholic education but this is not true when you consider a school like St Edward's. A school which provides good solid moral values in addition to academic excellence. If the Catholic Church does have a crisis it is because not enough young families are continuing to observe their faith and pass on basic moral values to their children. In this uncertain world, places like St Edward's are the jewel in the Church's crown.

The Government's Education reform not only concern Independent Schools however, the Conservative Party has extended choice in all areas of education. Grant maintained schools have been set up where parents can vote to take their school out of crippling local

authority control. School Governors have been given new powers to run their school in the way they wish and a network of City Technology Colleges is being established throughout England to give more relevant training to students who require a technical education.

All the Governments reforms are designed to prevent education being used as a political football in the future. The biggest problem in education in this country since the Education Act of 1944 is that all political parties have seized upon children and their education to score political points. The Labour Party is still doing this today, threatening centres of excellence, threatening parental choice and threatening education allied to a particular Christian faith because all those things weaken the States' control over individuals. I, and many other members of my generation and those before owe everything we have achieved to our education at St Edward's College under the grammar system and latterly the Assisted Places Scheme.

The excellence in education thus provided is simply not available elsewhere. It is a great pity that members of the Labour Party are not able to remember their own roots. After all, we have it on the highest authority that those who suffer most from blindness are the ones who protest they can see most clearly.

If a future Labour Government forced St Edward's College to become completely private by abolishing Assisted Places it would be a great tragedy — the future of Independent Catholic Secondary Education lies in our hands.



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DUCHESS OF YORK MEETS THE CHOIR

THE Duchess of York met members of the Cathedral Choir during her recent visit to Liverpool.

She spoke to a number of choristers including 11 year old Carl English, to whom she said 'The longer I stand here the longer you will have off school!'

Carl said afterwards 'She is right. This is a great way of getting time off school. We came here first thing this morning and don't have to go back till lunch time. I like her.'



'Let's keep her talking!'



No pansies in this bunch!

Degrees

CONGRATULATIONS to the following former pupils who graduated this year:

STEPHEN VON BARGEN: Imperial College, B.Eng(Hons) II(i). JOHN BOLGER: Imperial College, B.Eng-(Hons) I. LOUISE CONNOR: Sheffield Univ, B.A.(Hons) II(ii) (Accounting & Financial Mgt). ANDREW MOTTRAM: Sheffield Univ, B.Sc(Hons) II(ii) (Geology & Physical Geog). PAUL DREW: Sheffield Univ, B.A.(Hons) II(ii) (Business Studies). MATTHEW QUIRK: Sheffield Univ, B.A. (Hons) II(ii) (Geography). MICHAEL TROTTER: Sheffield Univ, B.Sc.(Hons) II(ii) (Geography). ANDREW WALKER: Sheffield Univ, B.A.(Hons) II(i) (Spanish Studies). DAVID WEBSTER: Sheffield Univ, B.Sc.(Hons) II(ii) (Anatomy & Cell Biology). A. J. CHADWICK: Liverpool Univ, B.V.Sc. P. J. FLATTERY: Liverpool Univ, M.B.Ch.B. M. D. FRASER: Liverpool Univ, M.B.Ch.B. P. J. HEDGES: Liverpool Univ, M.B.Ch.B. S. V. MAHON: Liverpool Univ, M.B.Ch.B. P. HIGGINS: Liverpool Univ, B.A.(Hons) II(i) (Classical Studies). N. BUCKLAND: Liverpool Univ, B.A. (Management & Business Studies). E. FAZAKERLEY: Liverpool Univ, B.A.(Hons) (Management Economics & Accounting). A. C. LYONS: Liverpool Univ, M.Eng (Mechanical Engineering with Management). S. J. COTTEE: Liverpool Univ, B.Sc.(Hons) II(ii) (Pharmacology). A. G. KEMP: Liverpool Univ, B.Sc.(Hons) II(ii) (Zoology). DAVID J. WILLIAMS: Bradford Univ, B.Eng.(Hons) II(ii) (Electrical & Electronic Engineering). KEVIN E. O'LEARY: Liverpool Inst. B.A. II(ii). ROBERT P. CRUISE: Liverpool Inst. B.A. II(ii). BRYAN E. PIERCE: Liverpool Inst. B.Sc. (Combined Subjects). DAVID WATKIN: Aston Univ. B.A. II(ii) (Business Admin., Urban Policy & Mgt.). J. CARROLL: King's College London, B.A.(Hons) I (History). DAVID ATHERTON: Leicester Univ. FRANCIS BYRNE: Leicester Univ, B.Eng II(i).

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EDITORIAL

THE decision by the Board of Governors in summer 1990 to admit girls from September 1991 may have disappointed some of our former pupils who felt that a great tradition in Catholic Education was about to be eroded. The great Edwardian tradition has been built on an essentially vigorous and masculine approach to life, sport and culture, from discipline in the classroom to success — and great that success has been — in the arts and on the rugby field.

The Christian Brothers came to Merseyside to educate the Catholic population of the area, to provide their own brand of education in a region and at a time when it was desperately needed. Many of the Brothers were hard on their pupils as they sought to maintain and improve standards — but they were hard too on themselves. Their endeavours brought them a record of success which is without parallel in the history of Catholic education in this country. Many of their pupils went on to achieve greatness in public and private life, drilled as they were in the greatest disciplinary field of all — self-discipline.

The society in which we live, like education, has changed radically since the arrival of the Brothers on Merseyside all those years ago. Men and women no longer conform to once-accepted social, domestic and career patterns, and social expectations are continually changing.

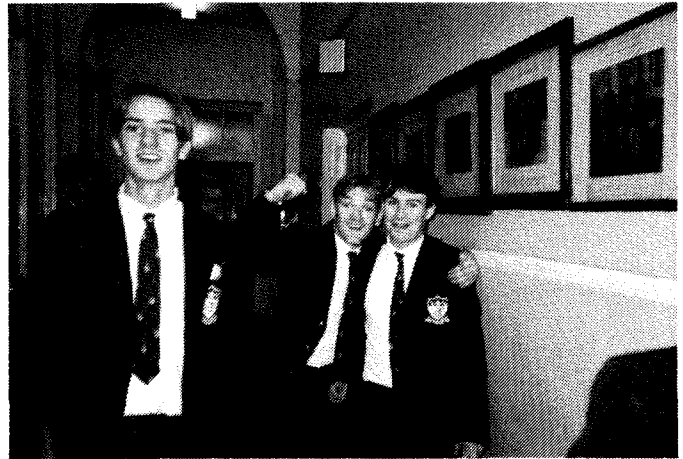
Education in the maintained sector is constantly changing as the political masters introduce reform, reforms of reforms and cost-cutting measures which do little to help such schools provide a stable learning environment for their pupils. Even the excellent local Catholic secondary schools in the maintained sector are affected by the fact that nationally, parental confidence in the ability of state schools to deliver a decent education is at an all-time low. Low morale, low pay and poor conditions are driving many sound and dedicated teachers from the profession in a vicious spiral of decline.

The Christian Brothers have three thriving centres of excellence on Merseyside at St Anselm's, St Mary's and St Edward's. Education at each school is controlled by the Brothers and combines a thoroughly professional and modern approach with traditional values and standards of discipline. Conditions are good and morale is strong amongst pupils and staff alike. There is that same feeling of dedication, pride, and commitment at all three Colleges.

It was against this background that the Governors made their decision. The clear demand of parents was that their daughters (many of whom currently attend non-Catholic Independent Schools) as well as their sons should have the chance to benefit from a Catholic Independent education at St Edward's, as such an education was unavailable elsewhere.

The Edwardian tradition, then, will not die. It will not be eroded. Rather, it will grow stronger and richer with the new challenges which lie ahead and mature into a tradition of which the *whole* Catholic community can be a part.

JOHN ADAMSON (EDITOR)



CO-EDUCATION: THE GIRLS ARE IN!

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Weds 16th 7.00 p.m. Upper Sixth Parent/Teacher Meeting
Tues 22nd 7.00 p.m. Form 5 Parent/Teacher Meeting

FEBRUARY

Sat 2nd 9.00 p.m. Senior School entrance Examination
Thurs 7th 7.00 p.m. Form 2 Parent/Teacher Meeting
Sat 9th Mid Term Holiday begins
Sat 9th 8.00 p.m. Race Night
Mon 18th 9.00 a.m. Term resumes
Tues 19th 3.30 p.m. J1 J2 Runnymede Parent/Teacher Meeting
Weds 20th 3.30 p.m. J1 J2 Runnymede Parent/Teacher Meeting
Weds 20th 7.00 p.m. Lower Sixth Parent/Teacher Meeting
Thurs 21st 7.30 p.m. Lower Sixth Parent/Teacher Meeting
Weds 27th 7.00 p.m. Form 4 Parent/Teacher Meeting

MARCH

Sat 9th 9.30 a.m. Runnymede Entrance Examination
Fri 15th 7.00 p.m. Celebrity Dinner with Lord Whitelaw
Sat 16th 8.00 p.m. St Patrick's Night Dance
Sun 17th 3.00 p.m. Prize Day (Philharmonic Hall)
Fri 22nd 3.30 p.m. Term ends

COMMENTARY

THE Spring Term is the shortest one of the current academic year, and a term during which a substantial part of parent-teacher consultation process takes place. St Edward's has always set great store by such meetings, recognising the essential partnership between home and school which forms the basis of good education.

The social highlight of the term, if not of the year, is the visit of Lord Whitelaw for the Celebrity Dinner on March 15th. It says much for the prestige of the College in national circles that Lord Whitelaw has agreed to do us the honour of a visit. Tickets for the Celebrity Dinner, which is held at the school, are available at £20 each from the Development Office.

The Parents' Association have moved the annual Race Night into February, and expect a good attendance at a most enjoyable occasion. The St Patrick's Night Dance on March 16th is always popular and early reservation of tickets, especially if a reserved table is required, is recommended. Tickets for, and details of, all events can be ordered through the Development Office on 259 5371.

Prize Day will once again be held at the Philharmonic Hall and arrangements for the showpiece occasion will be announced through the school. The event will be sponsored by Legal & General.

Finally the Entrance Examination to both Runnymede and to the Senior School are both held during the Spring Term. Application procedures are well in hand at the time of writing and any would-be applicants who have not yet contacted the school should do so as far in advance of the examination date as possible.



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Where are they now?

TWO of the characters featured in the last issue were recognised by a young Ian Buckle third from the left on the back row. Ian, who is an accountant, still lives locally and plays rugby for the highly successful Old Boys Rugby Club.

Second from the right on the front row is

Paddy Gibson. Paddy is now a General Practitioner in the London area.

This term's picture features some rather unusual trousers and facial hair no longer permitted. Can anyone tell us to whom they belonged? Do they still have them? The Editor awaits replies with bated breath.

Fr J. E. Brady — 85 not out!

LAST year one of the school's more adventurous former pupils, John Brady, celebrated his sixtieth year as a priest. Here we look at his remarkable career.

John Brady from St Anne's Parish, Rock Ferry, went to the Catholic Institute in Hope Street in September 1918. In November 1922 he entered the Novitiate of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Limerick and was ordained priest on December 21st, 1929 in Dublin.

He retains many of the memories related by Urban Peters in his interesting article which appeared in 'The Edwardian' in June.

Always interested in history, even as a scholastic in Dublin, John Brady was a co-founder of the de Mazenod Circle along with Tom Purcell, an old boy of St Francis Xavier's, Liverpool, in which the history of the Oblate Fathers in England and Ireland was compiled.

In 1930, after his ordination, Father Brady received his obedience for the Transvaal, South Africa, and particularly in Pretoria. Pretoria is the cradle of the Church in the Transvaal and so he established the Catholic History Bureau whose aim it is to 'collect the fragments' of the history of the Church in South Africa.

Over the years all the publications have been collected and bound and the Archives are now housed in the Afrikaaner Section of the University of Johannesburg. The Catholic History Bureau is recognised throughout South Africa and even beyond and is often made use of as a source of information.

The Christian Brothers founded their

first College in Kimberley in 1897 and twenty-five years later came to Pretoria and subsequently to Boksburg, Cape Town, Bulawayo and opened several centres for coloured and African education.

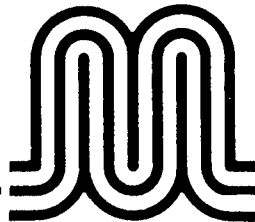
GRATEFUL

Father Brady, despite his 85 years keeps in touch with his early mentors and is ever grateful for the education he received from them. Hope Street and St Domingo Road, Everton have passed into history but Sandfield Park continues the same spirit and characteristic of Viriliter Age.

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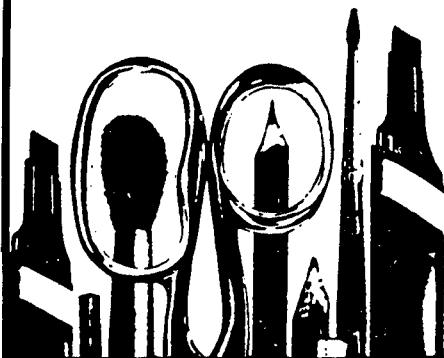
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UNILEVER — THE STANCE WORKSHOP 1990

BUSINESS Studies tutor Richard Young, who joined the College in 1989, has done a great deal to build up the school's newest department in a very short space of time. The Department, with the co-operation of the Development Office, has established strong relationships with the local business community and runs a school bank on behalf of Barclays Bank, sponsors to the Friends of St Edward's.

Six members of the Upper 6th Advanced Level Business Studies group received a Stance Workshop T-shirt when they attended a Business Studies game workshop at Unilever, Port Sunlight. The workshop was organised with the help of Darren Rudkin, a St Edward's old boy, who now works for Unilever. Pupils from eight Merseyside schools attended, together with representatives from the world of industry and commerce.



From left to right: Alex McCann, Fergal McGuire, Liam Holmes, Robert Greenland, Paul Tobin and David Lea.

The school bank now has over one hundred members, which has meant a busy time for members of 'A' Level Business Studies groups. Pictured are two successive years of Lower 6th bankers.

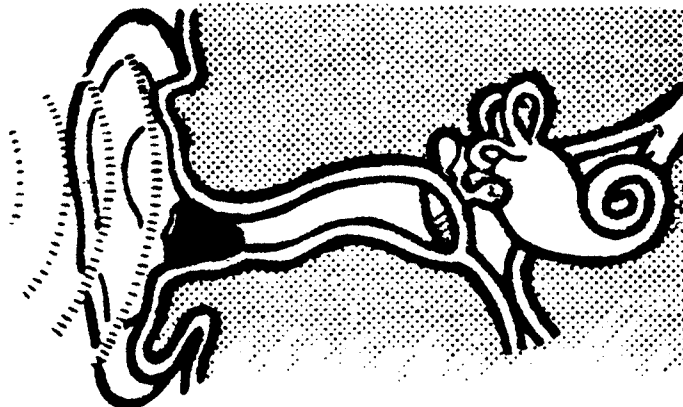


1989/90, left to right: Stephen Parker, Joseph Power and Fergal McGuire.



1990/91, left to right: Glen Rooney, Tim Fitzsimmons, Gerard McEvoy and Paul Atkinson.

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Dear Editor,

Having just read the Autumn edition of 'The Edwardian', I felt inspired to write. I have two objectives: (1) to encourage any classmates ('68-'75) to feel free to call by if they are passing (Frankfurt airport is close by!) and (2) to inspire others to write: I certainly feel the letters page is interesting for past pupils.

Since leaving St Edward's in 1975 (I can't believe it's 15 years already!) I have lived the life of a nomad, or more appropriately, as you will read, a bedouin. After completing my Engineering degree at Cambridge I joined Ford Motor Company. Since then I have moved house 12 times and country six times in the past 8½ years. The detail is as follows!

I spent almost 3½ years at Ford: meeting my future wife, understanding why people talk badly about Essex and generally getting my feet wet in the Business World. From there I moved to Lausanne, Switzerland where I completed an MBA at business school named IMEDE. From there I moved to Proctor and Gamble in Geneva. I have been with them in Marketing for past 7½ years. During that time I have spent two spells of 12-18 months in Geneva; one period of six months in Vancouver, Canada; 2½ years in Cairo, Egypt, helping to sell P&G there; one year in Newcastle (highly recommended) and the past 18 months here in Germany, just outside Frankfurt. As you can see, I've been very lucky indeed (although some might feel unlucky!) I am now responsible for a large part of the Company's business in Germany.

Along the way I've travelled extensively in the Middle East, Europe, parts of the Far East and North America. Surprisingly I managed to get married along the way: we've been married for over eight years. We have two children: a six year old Canadian boy and a four year old Egyptian girl both of whom have travelled more in their short lives than I did in my first 25 years and than my parents have done in 60 years.

To my regret, since leaving Liverpool I have lost touch with all my classmates. Many stayed in the Liverpool area, still and despite the fact that my parents still live there, I very rarely seem to make it back. It seems much easier for them to visit us. I can remember good times in the three or four years after leaving school when many of us used to go out/holiday together (John Sullivan, Stephen Carney, John Keenan, Nigel Burrows, Stephen Hope, Damian O'Connor, Colin Dooley: Where are you all now?) Regretfully, geography and to a certain degree, spouses, split us apart. It is all the more sad, considering that the good friends I made at University are still good friends. Only in July, we had a reunion at my old College and about 50 out of 120 ex-students attended the dinner. I would endorse an idea put forward by Denis Quayle in the last issue that reunion dinners be organised. I would certainly be first on the list to attend a '68-'75 reunion. Who else is interested?

Some readers may be interested in news of my brother, Paul ('67-'74). He also got his degree from Cambridge. After a very brief spell in UK industry he moved to the USA to complete his PhD. He has lived there for the past 10 years or so, and finally in May '90 decided to marry. He has been working as a research and development chemist for the past few years, and lives in Pennsylvania. Now that he has his Green Card, my parents have given up all hope of seeing him living back in England.

As a final note I'd like to say hello to any staff members who remember me. In particular to Geoff Robinson: I don't want

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to make you feel worse than probably you must have when you saw it, but the staff photo in the last issue, was taken before I was born! You must have been the youngest teacher the school ever had!

Best Regards,

KEVIN McCARTEN

Neuenhainer St. 28,
6232 Bad-Soden,
West Germany.

Dear Editor,

You will no doubt recall publishing an article by me in Issue 2 of 'The Edwardian' and at the end of that article I said after leaving St Edward's I entered into another life of discipline by going to sea. I thought I would write to you once more and give you as brief account as possible of that part of my life and the rather mixed but interesting rest of my experiences until my retirement late 1969.

As you know I left St Edward's at the age of 14 to join the ranks of potential bread winners plus the many unemployed. As a scholar I had been good at English, History, Geography and especially French, but at Maths etc. I was a disaster. This fact was brought home to me by dear old Brother Walsh who was my last master. Instead of an encouraging word to a boy who was setting out to face the world as it were he just took me to one side and said, (I quote,) 'You will never be any good at Books, Peters' (unquote).

I spent many weeks after leaving, writing a stereotype sort of letter after Office Boy jobs without any success. It was in the spring of 1924 that my mother informed me that an uncle of mine who was with the Cunard Line was arranging for me to go to sea. Although fond of Geography the thought of world travel had never entered my mind so all this came as rather a shock to me, but as one never questioned his parents decisions those days, to sea I went.

I joined a big liner called 'Carmania' and sailed May 15th 1924. Here I was a little boy still in short trousers, still a schoolboy at heart, pitched headlong into a strange and frightening world. My first job was trying to distinguish Port from Starboard and Forward from Aft and that floors were decks, ceilings were deckheads and stairs were companion ways.

I think, perhaps the biggest shock to my boyish mind was that most of the crew seemed to be most fluent in two languages, English and Obscene. However I will not dwell on the sordid parts but on what impressed me most. My first trip was up the St Lawrence River to Quebec. The St Lawrence River was fascinating but to see the lovely old city of Quebec and to actually see the Heights of Abraham and relive the story of General Wolfe still fresh in my young mind. My next voyage was to New York. The sight of the skyscrapers and most of all the Statue of Liberty were like a wine to me.

After six voyages on the 'Carmania' she was taken out of service so I was transferred to another ship the 'Franconia' which did a world cruise every year. I did my first world cruise in 1925 and with my liking for Geography still fresh in my mind, all the places I had read about became reality.

I actually saw the Rock of Gibraltar,

Vesuvius, the volcano Stromboli in action, Athens, the Suez Canal, India, Ceylon, China, where far north I saw part of the Great Wall; Japan and a wonderful view of Mount Fuji, on to Hawaii, through that great achievement of engineering the Panama Canal. I eventually did eight world cruises visiting both hemispheres, plus West Indies cruises and North Cape cruises. It was a life I enjoyed and am very grateful for it gave me the opportunity to see so many places I had only read about at school. There is an old saying but a very true one, 'To see much is to learn much.' I left the sea in 1933 and spent six years in America working at different jobs.

The last 18 months was spent between Miami, Miami Beach and Key West. I returned to England, May 1939. As is well known, war broke out in September that year. That same month I rejoined the Merchant Navy and did two voyages to Ecuador, Peru and Chile, then I went to Canada with several hundred evacuee children. I stayed ashore for a while to take a gunnery course and joined a ship as a seaman gunner which took me to Jamaica. The ship was the Mopan belonging to Elders and Fyffes out of Garston.

It was on my second voyage on the above ship that once again my life style changed. On November 5th, 1940 which as you know is Guy Fawkes day, we met up with a German Pocket Battleship the 'Admiral Scheer' which sunk us and took us all prisoner. From that day until March 1941 I spent down below decks on German prison ships living in most distressing conditions until being landed near Bordeaux which was then occupied by the German Army. I was later transferred to Germany where I remained until being liberated in April 1945.

Returning to England I finally decided to give up the sea and eventually started another way of life working in a factory which was then the Automatic Telephone Co. but is now Plesseys.

My first job was a time clerk and to my horror I was asked could I work in decimals, I promptly said yes. I progressed into costing and stock accounting and rose to the dizzy heights of assistant divisional accountant. All accounting up to Trial Balance was worked out in LSD and decimals (which I might add I had at last mastered.) I was familiar with Stock Ledgers etc., and until my retirement I was in charge of the making up of wages for several factories around the area. The reason I am telling all this is I hope I have vindicated myself with my old form master Brother Walsh and to say I was not so bad at Books after all.

Yours sincerely,

URBAN PETERS

Dear Editor,

May I, through your columns, inform your readers of the activities of the school's Saint Vincent de Paul society. This year our membership has increased to about twenty, who have shown tremendous enthusiasm in all our endeavours. We can now undertake daily visits to Sandfield Park School, a local authority-run school for children with special needs.

I would like to ask for the support of your readers in our fund-raising attempts to provide several under-privileged children with an activity holiday in the summer. Donations and other gestures of support can be made to us through the school.

Many thanks,

ROBERT GREENLAND

Letters—CONT.

Dear Editor,

I'm sorry I didn't get round to writing anything for you when I was in England. Anything I'd written then would have been either melodramatic enough to shame 'The Sun', or flippant and trivial. I'll give you a brief summary of my history (post-teaching).

Actually, you did get something on my UN work, so I'll start in Guinea. Which began eventually enough, as our visas weren't ready. Plenty of palaver in French later, ourselves and a reasonable amount of our luggage were allowed to go but our passports were retained. It took us a week to get them back, and my visa is for 'the son of a UN official': is Dad hiding something from me? (is Mum hiding something from Dad?)

After a few days settling in, we set off on a huge 'Fact-Finding Mission' to the border areas where refugees were. It was all very high-powered: WHO, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP — all the UN and government big-wigs.

We had some fun travelling, as the roads were diabolical. I'd never have believed a car could drive with water coming over the bonnet unless I'd seen it! And we're supposed to shift 8,000 tonnes of food over those roads in a month!

Anyway, we've been back in Conakry for about a fortnight now, and done nothing. We are still trying to squeeze some wages from someone — we've been paid for about a week since we arrived. They can't work out who should pay us — the red tape here is a minefield. For example, vehicles: WFP have offered us the use of four vehicles, but:

(a) They belong to USAID, who know nothing of this arrangement.

(b) We used them in Liberia, and still haven't paid for them.

(c) They are 600 miles away.

(d) They are in Ivory Coast, and the border is closed — Guinea and Ivory Coast aren't quite at war, but they aren't far off.

Still, I believe the night-clubs and patisseries in Ivory Coast are the best in Africa, so we might be persuaded to go on another fact finding mission. So if you see the headline '4 UNV's trapped in Disco by War' you'll know who it's about!

Anyway, I've got to get back to work (I just had to answer a misdirected call from New York in French — he got very ratty because I had no idea what he was talking about.)

Take care, and send me a copy of any libel you print.

God Bless,

MARK LUNT

Dear Editor,

I wonder if any of your readers noted, as I did, the celebrity guest featuring in the Old Boys Rugby XV pictured in Issue 2.

I enclose a cutting (right) from my own copy of none other than Des Clarke of 'Neighbours' fame. What a tribute that the great man should take time off to turn out for the Old Boys.

Yours faithfully,

NIGEL T. WAGSTAFFE
'Dunryotin'
Liverpool 8

Dear John,

Thank you for your letter and for showing me around the old school.

There are a few Old Boys in Victoria, graduates from the '30's and I have passed on some of your material. The only young

(under 60) Old Boy I have met in Canada is Larry Doyle, circa 1950-'1-'2. Larry has carved out a successful career as a computer consultant with the Royal Bank and still lies about his age so he can play rugby.

Yours sincerely,

NORMAN BRIDGE
3395 Cadboro Bay Road,
Victoria,
Canada

Dear Editor,

I wonder if any of your older readers remember my brother Jim who was an Edwardian from 1923 to 1929 in the St Domingo Road days?

One of the great characters in the College at that time was Bro. Greenish, a short, stout man who taught chemistry and who was ideally suited to handle the rebellious spirits of the twenties. He stood no nonsense but knew when to be unseeing.

Jim used to relate the occasion when Bro. Greenish took the form football team outside to take a photograph. They were all much taller than he and during his absence a chalk drawing appeared on the blackboard of a small fat figure on a step ladder pointing his camera at eleven giants. The form waited for the explosion with relish. Bro. Greenish simply picked up a duster, cleaned the board and started his lesson.

On another occasion a swot, reading his text book ahead, noted the phrase 'chlorine is a greenish-yellow gas'. The class was ready to greet this with guffaws. Without a second's hesitation the Reverend Brother read 'chlorine is a yellowish green gas'.

Jim's constant battle concerned the spelling of our address 'Feilden Road, Bebington'. The road was named after a famous Canon of the local Anglican Church. Bro. Greenish was convinced he was being conned and refused to accept the spelling. Ten years later he was posted to St Anselm's where I was a fourth year student.

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He picked up my exercise book, looked at the name and address. His only comment was 'Do you have an older brother who attended St Edward's? Remember me to him; we came into contact many a time'. I am sure they did!

My brother's great friend was Frank McKeown who was sadly lost at sea early in the war serving on a destroyer.

J. F. ADAMSON

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your letter of 6th November, I am sorry that I have delayed the renewal of my membership but I have unfortunately had an extended period of hospital treatment and my correspondence has suffered! I now enclose the renewal form etc.

I must say I enjoy the magazine, although I do feel like the 'Neanderthal Edwardian', reading about present pupils and their activities — it was never so exciting in my day. Our noses were kept firmly to the academic grindstone!

I would like to join Cashline 2000 and have included a year's subscription in my cheque.

I was interested to see references to Gordon Pratt — he was in Upper Va at the same time as me. At that time I was a rather quiet, self-effacing boy and so may not have made much impact. I can remember many of my contemporaries and often wonder what happened to them. If you have any ideas on some of them I would be glad to hear of them e.g. Joe Atkins (who lived in Fazakerley, I believe), John Cook, Peter McNamara, Michael O'Reilly, Victor Rogers, Edward Simmons, Francis Yates.

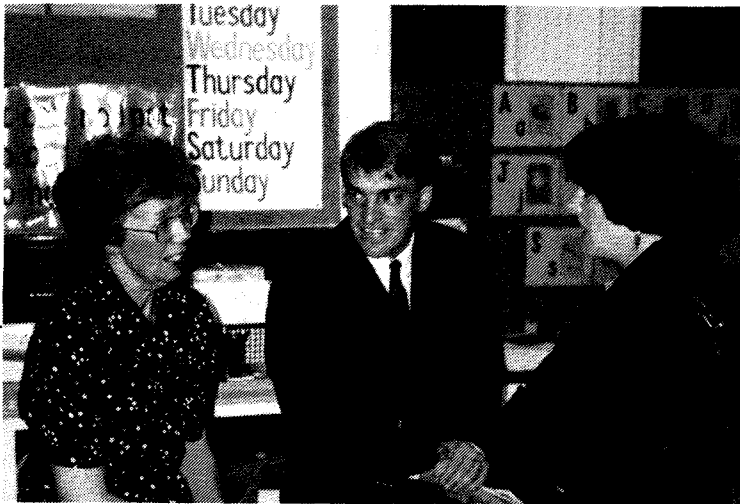
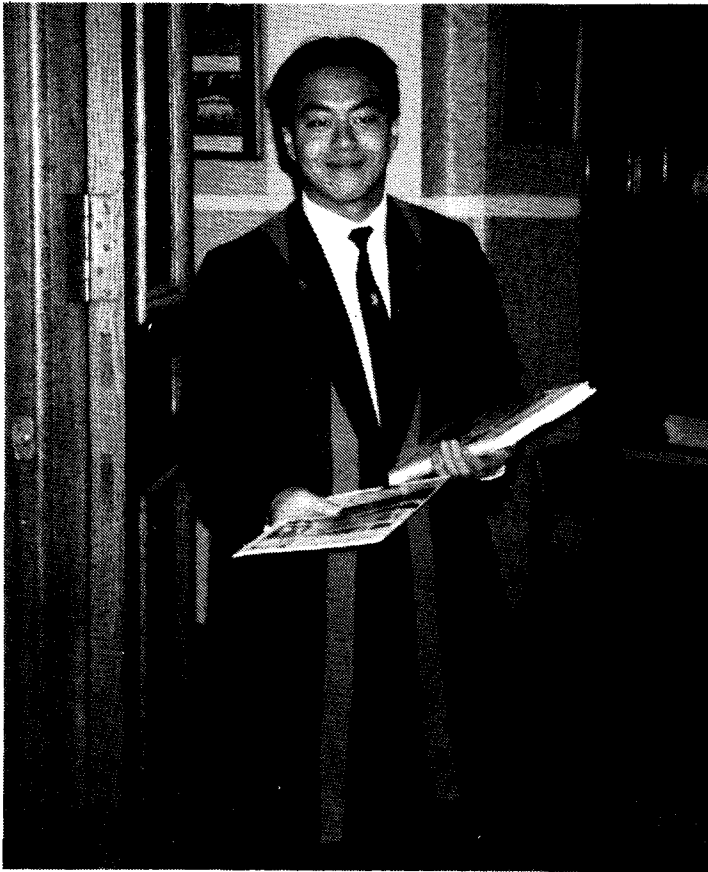
Best wishes in all your efforts

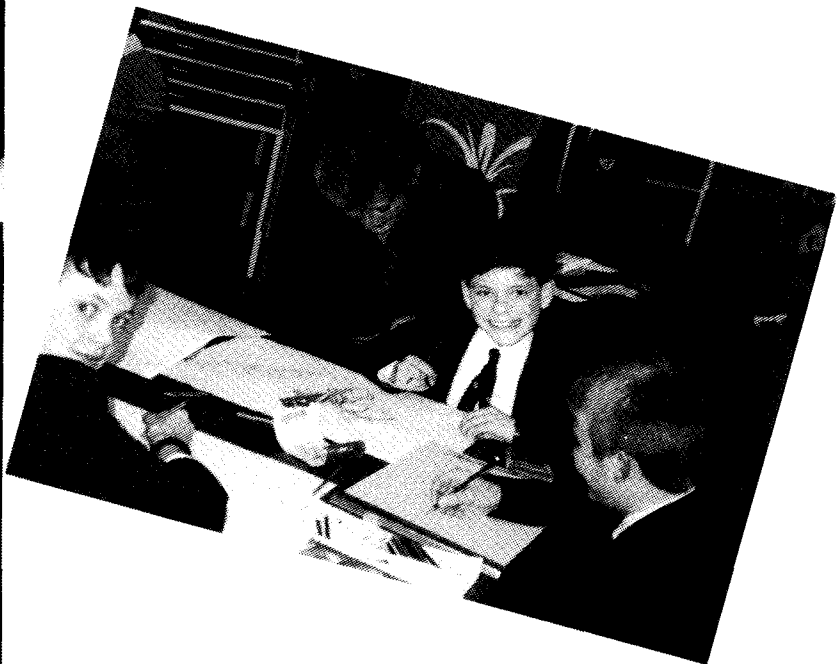
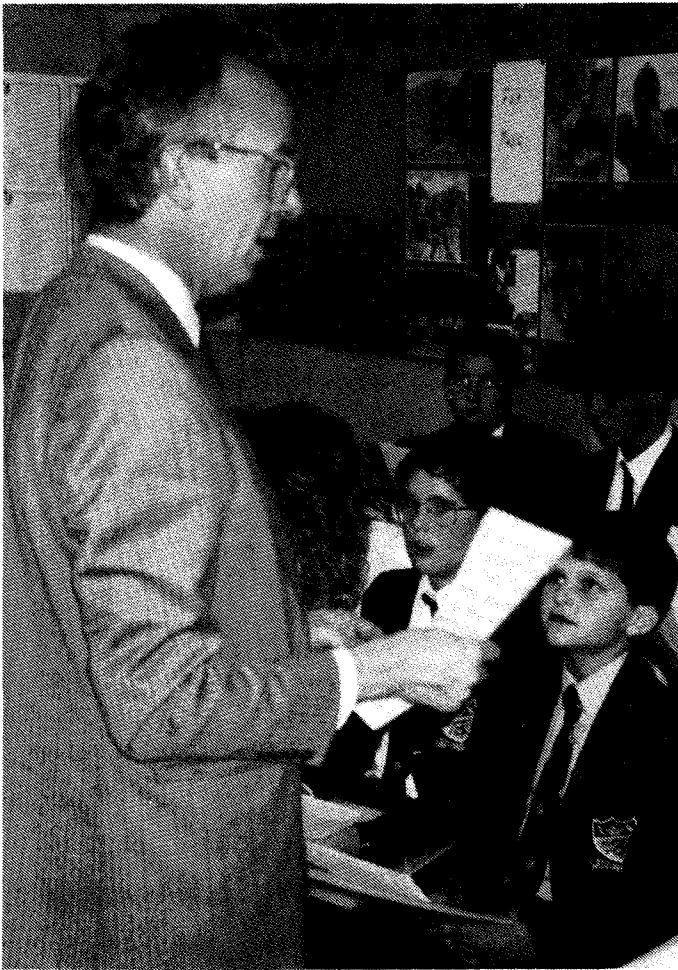
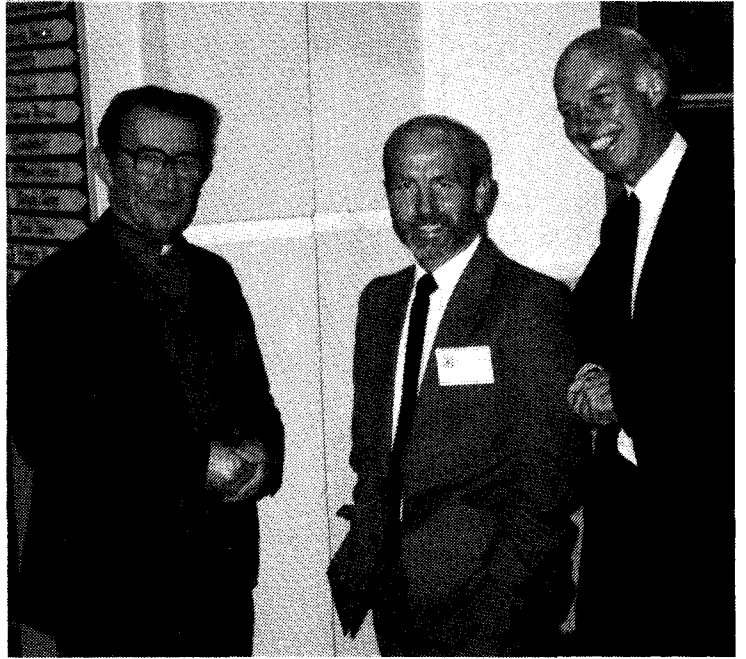
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FROM THE HEADMASTER



MAY I first of all offer my warmest wishes, and those of the Community here at St Edward's, to all our friends, College families and supporters for the New Year.

I hope that intentions as to schoolwork figured prominently amongst our pupils' New Year resolutions, as the new term is a short one and there is much to be done. Public examinations at GCSE and Advanced Level are now really only a matter of weeks away, and vital those weeks will be. There is no substitute for self-discipline in study.

We have made a good deal of progress in preparing for our first mixed intake in September of this year. Such a change

involves far more than the physical changes to the building itself, although that in itself is a major task. In November last year we had a very useful in-service training session for the teaching staff of the College and I am confident that we will be not only ready for but also looking forward to the start of a new era in the history of the College in September.

It is with a great pleasure too that we welcome Lord Whitelaw as our guest at the Celebrity Dinner on March 15th. We are very flattered at his acceptance of our invitation and are conscious of the honour he is doing us in visiting the College. The

annual Celebrity Dinner is already proving a popular event on the school calendar, with last year's event being sold out. That was a marvellous occasion, and this year will be no different.

On the subject of dinners, it was splendid to see so many people attending the St Edward's Weekend Annual Former Pupils' Dinner organised by the CIEA. The record turnout of nearly 200 squeezed surprisingly comfortably into the Dining Centre which had been newly decorated, and a most pleasant time was had by all. My thanks are due to the Dinner Committee for all their hard work and dedication.

Elements of Success

THE thirty-second London International Youth Science Fortnight took place this summer, with a total attendance of 300 people, from 50 nations (including many Eastern Bloc countries). The science fortnight was aimed at bringing together young people from different cultures, in the hope of creating more understanding and to allow the free exchange of ideas to take place. As science is getting increasingly important in everyday life, and affect us all, it is a firm basis on which to build such an occasion.

There were two parts to the Science Conference: the scientific programme, in which, amongst other things, I visited places such as Cambridge University's Physiological laboratory, the Royal Marsden Hospital and St Bartholomew's Hospital; and the social aspect of the two weeks, on which I won't elaborate!

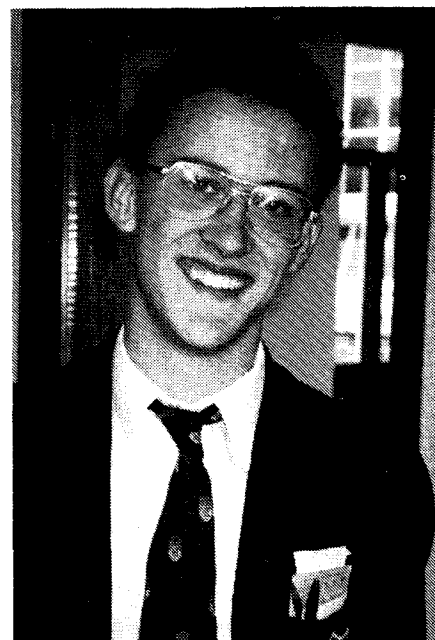
The fortnight not only gave me an insight into the science which is ahead of

me, hopefully, at university, by means of lectures, demonstrations and seminars, but it also gave me the chance to meet people, converse with them and broaden horizons.

The cost of the LIYSF totalled just over £500 (including accommodation in universities' halls of residence), which I raised through sponsorship from local industries. I am primarily writing this article, therefore, to formally thank all my sponsors and to encourage them to consider sponsoring any future applicants from the school.

Overall, the fortnight was an extremely enjoyable and fulfilling experience. I would thoroughly recommend the Science Fortnight to anybody who is interested in science and its uses.

● By Stephen Smith (6A Science 1/2/3) who was sponsored by: Science and Engineering Research Council, International Contact Trust, Bib Sterlin Ltd, Schering Agrochemicals Ltd, British Nuclear Fuels Ltd.



THE photograph below is from a competition in Analytical Chemistry last April. The competition, for lower 6th students in Merseyside schools and 6th form colleges, is organised by the Royal Society of Chemists.

This year the team finished in third place. The photograph shows them

being presented with plaques and we received a cheque for the school.

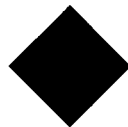
The team (left to right): Stephen Smith, David Coombes and Stephen Curran. Also pictured is member of staff Mr David Bamber. Mr David Coombes also came second in the individual section of the competition.

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St Edward's Parents' Association

AS many of you will know, the parents' association organise a number of social and 'fun' events throughout the college year and what a superb start it has been! The tremendous support of parent members and friends of St Edward's, at the events so far, hopefully indicates that the association remains strong and the committee are much encouraged in that support.

We started the year with the new parents' reception and social, held on 22nd September 1990, and this was very well attended. We hope that those who attended used the opportunity to meet fellow parents, making new friends in the process.

The Mass at the Cathedral, celebrating our patron St Edward, on 14th October, was followed by a luncheon at The Devonshire House Hotel. Again, a large number of you came to this event and whilst there were some problems serving such a large number the day seemed to go well, with the famous Teenage Mutant Hero Turtle providing the children with entertainment. We have booked this again for next year, but shall ensure that parents are able to book tables, rather than individual seats, and the management shall gear the staff to cope with the sudden influx of hungry Edwardians!

Our social calendar lists the 27th October as a Halloween Night. However, this year we decided against the black and gloomy atmosphere of goblins and witches and went instead for an Anglo-American theme, with red, white and blue bunting and flags

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decorating the hall. Mrs Marion Garvey managed to obtain genuine American table decorations to add the extra touches. Mike Summer's Big Band did a splendid job of providing first class music to suit all tastes and it was good to see so many on the dance floor 'tripping the light fantastic'.

A group of lady members of the association volunteered to cook a hot pot supper and did an excellent job. It was so successful that many people asked for the recipe! It was quite a simple recipe, 'Take 2 stone of potatoes, a sackful of mixed veg, add one sheep ... etc'.

The most recent event we held was a

treasure hunt, on 4th November 1990. Over forty cars entered and this proved to be a big hit with parents and children alike. The route took us to Delamere Forest, solving clues on the way, and ended at The Hillcrest, in Cronton, where we had supper. The final scores were very close, with only one or two points difference between the winners, proving that the quiz had been carefully planned and all the entrants had a fair chance. Congratulations to Adrian Fitzsimmons for organising such a successful and enjoyable event. What was especially good about this event was that we could involve the whole family and we hope to hold similar family days over the coming year.

Finally, a few words about other social events. On 30th November 1990, there was a 'Ladies Day Luncheon' at the Everton 300 Club. This proved to be a very popular event for the ladies.

Our Christmas Fair was held on Sunday 2nd December 1990 and then there was the Christmas Dance on Saturday 15th December. It was a night not to be missed.

We look forward to your continued support, all our events are open to current members and the large number of 'old friends' that still like to keep in contact with St Edward's. If anyone has any suggestion or ideas we would be pleased to hear from you, remember it is *your* association, we are simply the people who try to ensure that the events are well organised and run smoothly.

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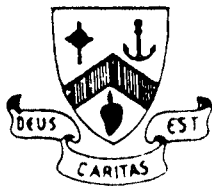
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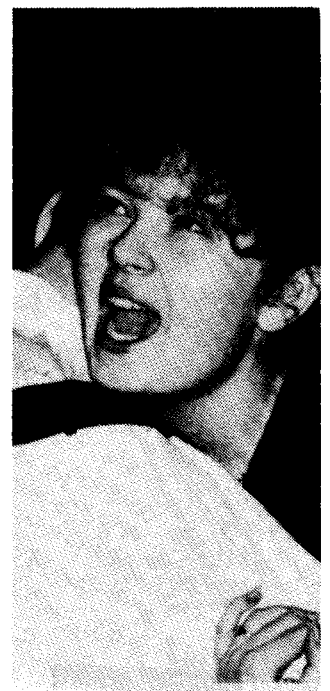
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TWO former members of St Edward's Dramatic Society, Paul Connolly (1985-1987) and Cathy Green (1986-1988), have 'trodden the boards' at the Edinburgh Fringe this year for the Oxford Theatre Group — a company that brought Mel Smith and Rowan Atkinson (to name but two) to the public's attention.

This production of 'Words From the World's End' won the celebrated Guardian International Students' Award. Congratulations to both, especially to Paul who found time to successfully complete his Oxford finals this year!

Another ex-member of the Society has continued her theatrical interest. Claire Jones (1988-1990) who stage managed productions here has joined the stage crew at the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, for its productions of 'The Tempest' and 'The Beggar's Opera', before commencing her degree in Theatre Studies next Autumn.

Paul Byatt, who completed his 'A' levels only this summer, has just joined the cast of the popular Liverpool soap opera, 'Brookside', where he appears as a member of the recently arrived Dixon family. We wish Paul all the best and hope that his career enjoys the same suc-



● *The photographs show (at the top of the page) the 'Tempest' company, including ex-pupil Claire Jones, at the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, and (above) Cathy Green, as seen in 'A Man for all Seasons' at St Edward's.*

cess as that of our most distinguished former pupil and actor, Michael Williams.

Mr Wells would like to hear any news from the school's ex-'Thespians'!

English Speaking Union Competition

THE post-Stewart era of Public Speaking has begun with St Edward's taking first place in two local heats of the ESU national competition.

Highest marks were gained by the winning teams in the categories of Chairman, Main Speaker and Vote of Thanks, on topics which covered (separately) the existence of God and 'A' Level examinations.

Fiona Evans, James Lloyd and Wendy Trehay on the one hand and Stephanie Wilson, Paul Jennings and Mark Tierney on the other will now compete at the

Town Hall, Liverpool (cuts permitting) for a place in the regional final to be held in Chester.

Pictured are jubilant supporters of the two teams as they celebrate success in the corridors of the school.



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Diary of the French Exchange to Moulins/Yzeure

Tuesday 23rd October

13:30: Minibus pulled out of St Edward's with 14 pupils, Mr Hughes and Miss Edwards inside and all the luggage on the roof.

13:31: Roofrack collapses.

14:20: Set off once more with pupils plus luggage in the minibus and minus roofrack.

Wednesday 24th October

Arrived at the Lycée Technique in Yzeure to a marvellous welcome; those people who already knew their exchange partners were reunited and one or two others met their French counterparts for the first time.

Thursday 25th October

After the group were shown around the school facilities in the morning, including the computer driven machinery workshop, the glass-blowing and glass-cutting factory, and the commercial art department, pupils had the chance to attend classes. Lunchtime saw a fine cricket match on what can only be described as a 'difficult wicket' with the English pupils running out victors by six wickets. Person of the match award must go to Miss Edwards who, playing for both sides, caught out Stephen Settle for a duck (un canard). Thursday afternoon saw the start of a strike by the French pupils who, as part of a concerted nationwide campaign were demanding better security in schools, smaller class sizes and more teachers. The group from St Edward's and Bluecoat school were somewhat baffled by events though most tagged along with their correspondents on the demonstration march to the Town Hall. A visit to Souvigny followed allowing Mark English, Owen Davies and Katherine Grady the chance to play a church organ.

Friday 26th October

The strike continues! The only school activity not affected was the France v England football match won 7-5 by St Edward's, with a sizeable crowd present to watch, amongst other attractions, the crunching tackles of David Greaves, the immobility of the normally cat-like Michael Cozzolino in goal, the probing runs of Stephen Settle (without the ball) and the rather unfortunate Manchester City shirt and hairstyle of James Lloyd.



Saturday 27th October

Today saw the pupils' strike continue (the Minister for Education, by this time, had agreed to 1100 more teachers nationwide) and when school officially broke up for half-term at midday there only remained a trip for the whole French and English groups to the forest at Tronçais where pupils wondered at a variety of strange oak trees. Once half term began in earnest, pupils participated in whatever their host families had arranged until Tuesday 30th when a disco/soirée had been arranged and everyone was treated to the sight of Mr Hughes, Madame Collay, Monsieur Charoussat and Miss Edwards putting their best foot forward. (C'est le pied!) Several young French girls managed to entice several of the fifth formers away from their seats and onto

the dance floor. (No names mentioned: Richard Wang, Bernard Kelly, Mark Tierney, Paul Yates and Mark Lomax.)

Most pupils returned to Liverpool on Friday 2nd November with tales to tell:

Katherine Grady from Bluecoat with the one about 'How I ate 16 snails and 3 pigeons'; Mark Lomax with 'How I smuggled my psychedelic trousers past customs'; Bill Jefferson now holds the world record for nights without sleep and Andy Morris from Bluecoat does a nice sideline in unusual photographs.

Thanks go especially to Miss Edwards, Madame Collay, Monsieur Charoussat and all those who made us so welcome in France.

● Anybody interested in the next Exchange Visit in 1991. (4th, 5th and 6th form only) should see Mr Hughes for details.



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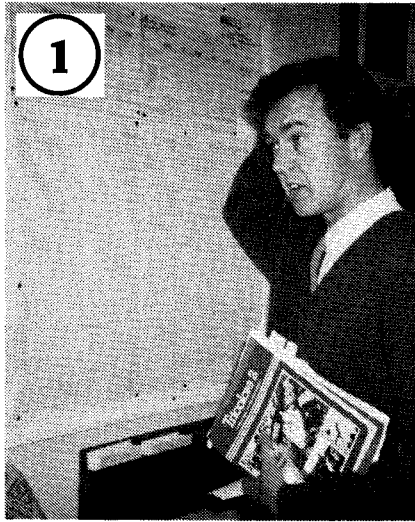
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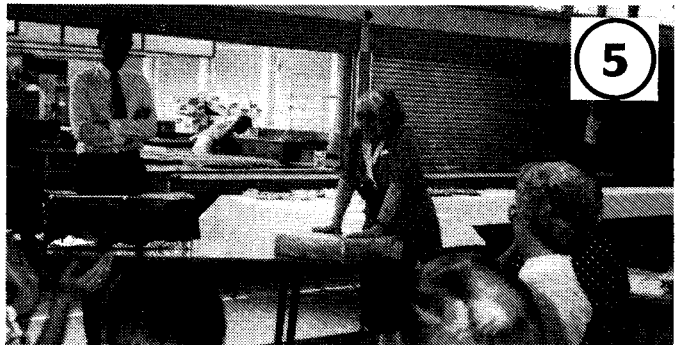
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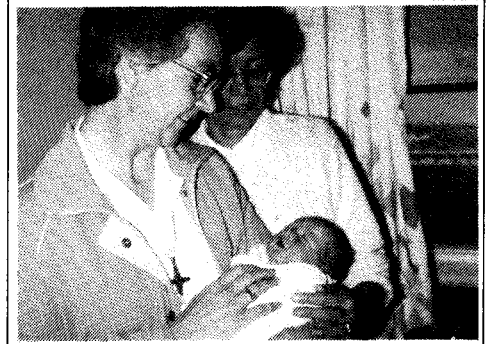
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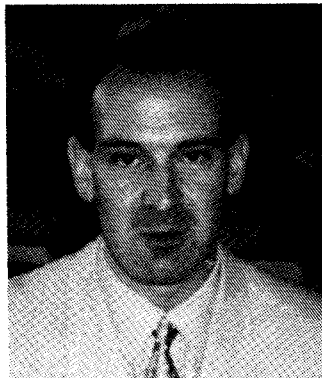
Young Sisters in training.

WELCOME!

St Edward's welcomed several new members of staff this year. Here they tell us a little about themselves.



Mrs Sue Hollifield was educated by the Faithful Companions of Jesus at Lark Hill House School, Preston. She continued her studies at Newnham College, Cambridge, and graduated in 1981 with a BA Joint Hons Degree in French and Italian. During this period she spent a year living in Montélimar, in the Rhône Valley as part of the course. For the last six years she has been teaching in Stoke-on-Trent at St Thomas More High School. She obtained her MA in 1984 and has been involved in examining for French GCSE examinations. Involvement in parish council activities in Stoke and teaching Italian to adults have been combined with the full-time job of nurturing two children under five. She particularly enjoys spending time in foreign countries and looks forward to sharing this enthusiasm with the pupils of SEC.



John Brennan was educated in 'sunny Southport', and, having received a Catholic education from former St Edward's pupils, notably Mike Pinnington, was fully aware of the marvel and splendour that St Edward's could offer. Obtaining 20 'O' levels and 10 'A' levels, failing only History — he turned down Oxford University for the 'University of Life', graduating (with Honours) to a career of sherry drinking on Saturday afternoons in Bold Street. Referring to drink (mine's a pint), intoxicating liquid refreshment is gladly consumed upon Friday evenings, after a long stressful week as a hardworking teacher!

He was fortunate and privileged to teach in the city's premier school —

the Blue Coat 1981-90 (shome mish-take shurely — Ed) and with contacts between various pupils he has enjoyed a smooth transition into St Edward's College. He enjoys most sports, but as Mr Campbell (Head of Rugby) observed, his interest and skill is with the other shaped ball, and he has joined the staff soccer team! Tennis is his main summer sport, but for non-sporting recreation, he has a major interest in films — mostly westerns and 'film noir'. He thinks that visiting the cinema is a sadly declining experience, hardly compensated for by the video age.

The highlight of his teaching career was breaking through the £1,000 a month take-home-pay barrier, and the biggest influences on his teaching career are the holidays. As mentioned, gaining the £1,000 was 'a far, far better thing . . .' and the independent sector is 'a far, far better rest . . . than (any) he has ever known!'

Mr Brennan is 94.

reading and continued involvement in church youth work and various other forms of ministry. Interests in both Rugby and Soccer is quite definitely at a 'non-participant' level these days. The football team to which he confesses a life-long allegiance should, perhaps be nameless — but came to Anfield to beat Liverpool and win the league championship in the last game of the 88-89 season.



Jane Fitzsimons has a long family connection with SEC; her three brothers Timothy, Andrew and Paul all attended the school. Prior to coming to Runnymede, she worked as a teacher of the deaf for nine years, eight of them in Yorkshire, and one in Canada. Her interests range from sporting activities such as squash and swimming to quilting, travelling and Chinese food.



Mr Don Crisp read English at University College London, 'rather longer ago than he cares to remember'. After gaining a BA Hons in English, he went on to study theology at the London Bible College, obtaining a BD Hons, also from London University. This was followed by two years in Pastoral ministry, in a small Baptist church in East London, after which he began teaching, alongside continuing Pastoral Ministry. Since then he has moved around, for a variety of personal and family reasons, teaching in London, Romford, Essex, Coventry and Birmingham — the last three in Head of Department posts, before coming to this area, and to St Edward's. After the early death of his first wife, he has since remarried, and in that connection moved to this area. A few years ago, from Coventry LEA, he was seconded to Leicester University for a year, to take an MA in Mass Communication.

Main interests/involvements include Drama/Theatre, cricket (these days watching rather than playing, but you never know!), a lot of



Brother Michael Doherty obtained his BA in 1946 and started his first teaching post in Runnymede in the same year. Subsequent teaching posts included St Edward's and St Mary's, Crosby, where he helped to initiate athletics and cross-country; St Aidan's, Sunderland; John Rigby, Orrell; St Joseph's, Stoke and Nugent Comprehensive. He also managed to find the time to study for diplomas in Education, Religious Studies and Reading development and also an MA in twentieth century literature.

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which he gained in 1961. In January 1969 he left for Africa and worked mainly in Liberia and Sierra Leone until May 1990.

He is a sports enthusiast with an impressive record of participation and coaching; as well as coaching rugby, soccer and basketball in schools, he is an official and qualified coach to the AAA and BBA, and has coached international athletes in shot, hammer and pole vault. Whilst working in Sunderland, he founded the 'Ashbrooke Road Relay' in 1961, which still takes place annually. He cites both rugby codes as his favourite sport, but also enjoys watching the less orthodox sport of Australian football on television, especially whilst he was recovering from a serious leg injury sustained last January.

He appreciates almost all the arts, except the most recent pop, and lists John Gielgud, Dustin Hoffman, Judi Dench and Meryl Streep as his favourite actors. He writes as a hobby, and was included in an anthology of Christian poetry in 1989. He dislikes the tabloid press for their mercenary use of people and also for their promotion of the 'Gazza Cult'. He also dislikes people who denigrate the young while ignoring their virtues; horror films; hymns set to hit tunes and travelling, although he enjoys arriving!

Brother Doherty is happiest in pleasant company, especially on a high fell on a frosty day (with the guarantee of a convenient pub being open when they descend!), or when remembering his time in West Africa, and the joy that the people there have and share.

He has now joined the Religion department of St Edward's, and lives with the New Creation community in Horne Street, Liverpool 6.



Mrs Glenys Linford trained as a librarian at Liverpool Polytechnic. She worked at Bootle Public Libraries, and then, because of her husband's work, moved to the South of England, where she became (in her own words) a travelling library to some of the small villages in rural Surrey.

The family later moved back to Liverpool, and she became a Medical Librarian at Walton Hospital, providing an information service for doctors and paramedical staff there.

Her hobbies include helping to run a Girl Guide group at her local church, walking in Yorkshire and the Lake District, where she goes as often as family and other commitments allow, and acting as chauffeur to take her children to all their various activities.



Rita Gray graduated from Leeds University with a degree in Communications, and then entered the clothing industry, where she spent

4½ years working in management, training and industrial training. She then decided that she wanted to combine a career in teaching with living abroad, and achieved this by spending three years in Spain, teaching English as a foreign language. Her first year was spent teaching in a large commercial organisation in Madrid, before she set up her own language school in a small mining village in the south of Spain.

Her interests include many of the arts, such as literature, theatre, music (both classical and jazz) and ballet. Top of the list of pastimes is marking; GCSE and lower school work being particular favourites! She likes to socialise, but is hard pressed to find the time as she's also studying part-time for an MA in Victorian Literature, which she finds very helpful in her English teaching. Although she's 'not a very sporty person' she enjoys swimming and is a fan of both Liverpool and Everton (although not of Tranmere Rovers, strangely!).

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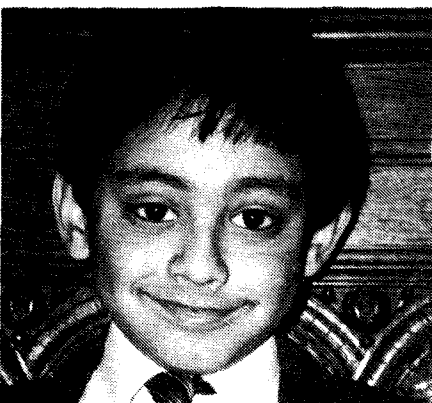
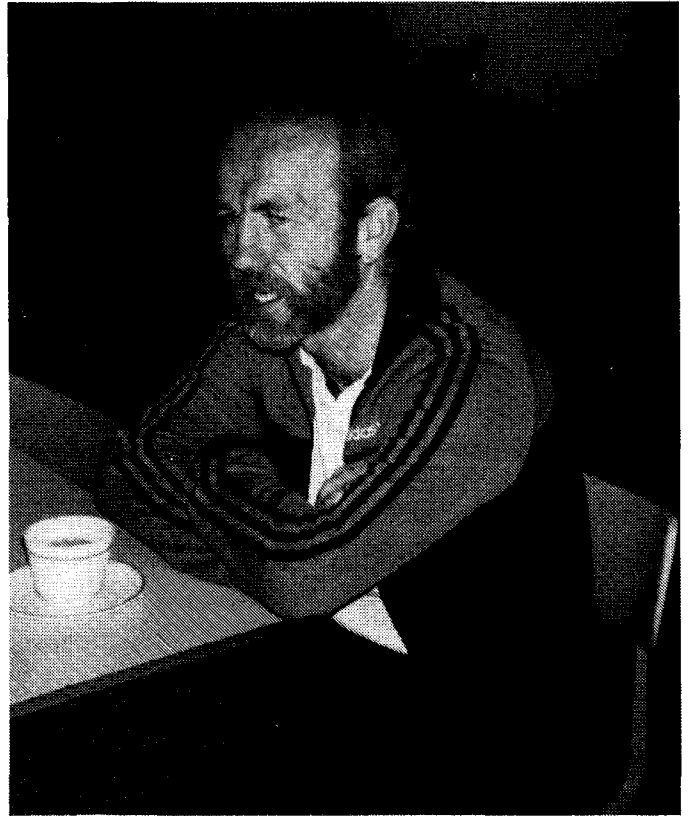
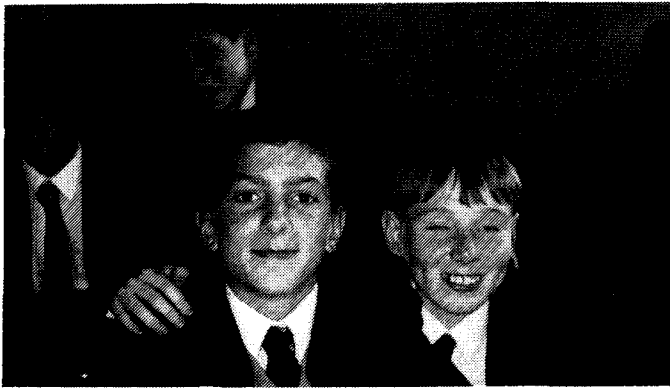
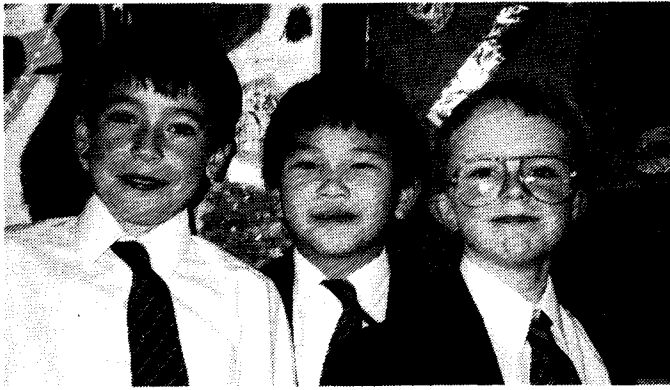
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NEWS OF FORMER PUPILS

Snapshots

Mr Matthew Kearney, now of 62, Radnor Road, Weybridge, Surrey, graduated from Manchester University in 1982 with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He then took a management post in the Aerodynamics and Research section of British Aerospace, Bristol, before leaving for SRC in Brussels, Belgium, where he spent a year working as a Project Engineer.

In 1987 he entered London Business School, graduating in 1989 as a Master of Business Administration. Since then he has enjoyed a successful career as an Investment Controller at the London based company, 3i (Investment in Industry) Plc.

We heard too from Alison Jones who spent her Sixth Form at St Edward's from 1985-87. Alison is now at Law School at Chester following her LLB degree (2(i) from Essex University. Alison is hoping to do her articles in Liverpool at the end of the Chester course.

There was news too of Alison's Sixth Form contemporary **Ian**

Russell, who graduated with a 2 (ii) in French this summer from Reading University.

Andrew Smith, who left school in 1990 after a distinguished career, is studying Banking and International Finance in London.

Stephen Shuttleworth, a former pupil (1977-1988), entering into his third year of study at Liverpool University where he is reading Chemistry. Stephen was awarded a scholarship from the Nuffield Foundation, Oxford, to work on an organic chemistry research project with Dr Thomas Gilchrist during summer 1990. Joseph Wilcox, a former pupil (1970-1977), John Wilcox, a former pupil (1966-1973) and Terence Wilcox (1972-1979).

Joseph is an accountant with Lloyds; Terence is a solicitor and John is a Coal Mine Manager.

Leo Byrne, son-in-law of the late Eugene Genin MBE who

had a long and distinguished relationship with St Edward's, has become a professional maker of violins, violas and cellis.

Leo, who was Head of Modern Languages at our Birkenhead subsidiary St Anselm's College until this summer, has made instruments in his spare time for the past seventeen years, and many of them have been purchased by professional musicians.

In addition to his role as Musical Director of the Oxtou and Claughton Orchestral Society and the South Liverpool Symphony Orchestra, he continues to direct an orchestral Summer School at Rydal in the Lake District, and is a freelance professional violinist.

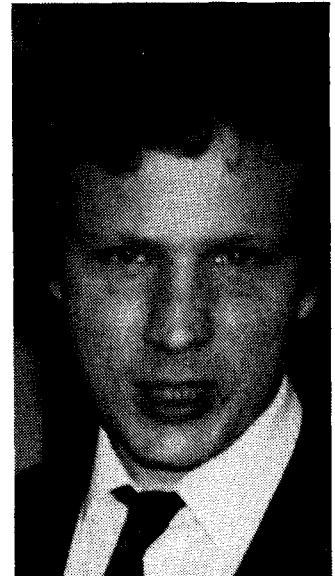
Further details of his work are available by telephoning 051-632 2053.

Marriages

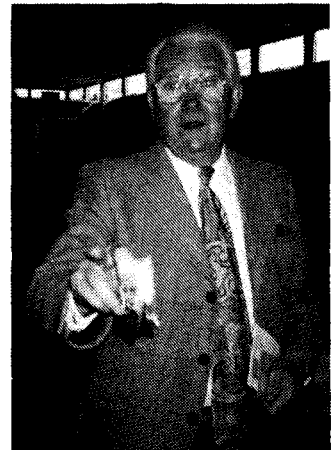
Colin Cunningham, a pupil at the College from 1973-1980, recently married in Rieti, Italy, and is now working for Nissan in Amsterdam.

Michael O'Keefe, a pupil at the College from 1972-1979, married Joanne Power on 9th August at the Cathedral.

We would like to wish them our best wishes and happiness for the future.



Sports master Mr Richard Coakley in aggressive mood! . . .



. . . Accountant Mr Elliott Annon also in aggressive mood!

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THE early part of the autumn term is always a busy time for the cross country club, and this year has been no exception. The standard of competition locally is very strong, but some encouraging results have been achieved, notably in the first Merseyside League fixture at Sherdley Park, St Helens.

The U12 team have lost no time in making their mark. After winning their opening fixture against St Mary's and St Anselm's at Sandfield Park, they gained 3rd place in the Merseyside League race, and another fine third place in the Liverpool Harriers Trophy race, against teams from as far away as Manchester and Coventry.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our congratulations to Neil Blackhurst and Ben Leather, who were both

Cross Country

chosen to represent Merseyside in Dublin recently, where they ran very well to finish 4th and 10th respectively. Good support for them has come from Peter Gee, David Broderick, Stephen Parkinson and Stephen Cranny.

The U13's have also made a good start to the season. They also achieved 3rd place in

the Merseyside League Race, scored good wins against St Mary's, St Anselm's and Wirral GS, and reached the regional final of the Milk Cup after a fine team effort in the first round at Bebington. Allan Whelan and James Fogarty have usually been our first counters, and they have been well supported by Robert Pope, Peter Silcock, Dominic Smith and Brian Renton.

The team will be losing the talents of Allan Whelan later this term, when his family emigrate. Our best wishes go to Allan and his family for their new life in Australia.

The U14's have not yet enjoyed the same degree of success. Illness and injury have played a significant part in this, and we hope for better results later on when the team recovers full strength. Stephen McKenna has produced some fine performances in finishing as our first counter in every race to date.

POTENTIAL

The U16's are a team with a lot of potential, but they too have been hampered by injuries. They did achieve good wins against St Mary's, St Anselm's and Wirral GS, but had to settle for 7th place in the Merseyside League fixture. Kevin Beckett has been the most successful runner to date, with some good performances also from Neil Murphy, James Riley and Chris Fogarty.

The Seniors obtained our best result in the Merseyside League fixture at Sherdley Park, finishing 2nd, with Tom Snape, Steven Settle and Brian McArdle all well placed. Good support has been forthcoming in other races from Stacey Williams and Mark Moore.

DAUNTING

The highlights of our fixtures for the coming term are the two remaining Merseyside League fixtures at Arrowe Park and Clarke Gardens, and the Northern Schools Championships. The latter are held over the daunting hills of Lyme Park against some sixty schools from all over the country. The support of parents — and other Edwardians — at these and the other fixtures is always most welcome.



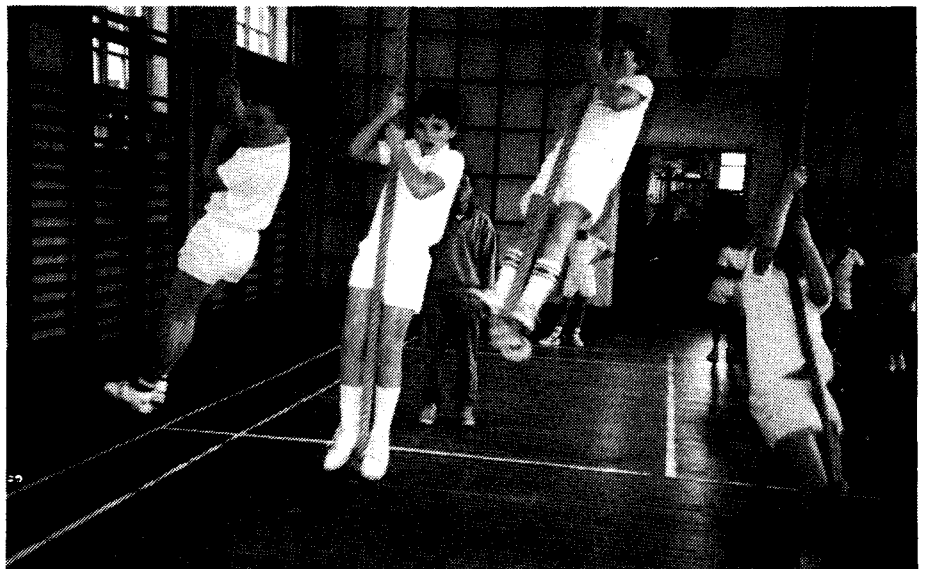
RUNNYMEDE SPORT

THE Autumn term is always a busy time on the sporting front. The U11 A football team have played 9 games this season with notable scalps — Kings Chester and St Anselm's. The U11 captain James Hargreaves has played well, and new boys Jonathan Hardacre and Christopher Stockton have strengthened the team. For the U10's, Matthew Ireland and Miles Scott have put in good performances.

The U11 A & B Rugby teams have had several practice games against first year senior opposition and begin their fixtures soon. Simon Worsley and John Irving look good prospects for the future.

The swimming team are again looking in good form with early victories against St Paul's and St Anselm's.

The most promising Runnymede team so far this season are the Cross Country team who, in 3 league meetings have come second, first and first. Team captain Ian O'Brien had run consistently well as have other team members Craig Griffies, Matthew Gilmore, Mark Kelly, James Riley and Colin Price.



Pictured are Runnymede boys in training.

RUGBY REPORT

IT has been a record breaking start to the season by the 1st XV: ten tries were scored against Rydal, seven against Cowley. Never have victories against these sides been so decisive. In the Daily Mail National Knock-out Cup the 1st XV have beaten Manchester Grammar School and Rossall, the latter unbeaten until that time.

In the regional final St Edward's beat Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith, by 16 points to nil in a memorable encounter, reported in *The Times*, and now face Newcastle GS in the Northern Final in the first few weeks of 1991.

Newcomers Tim Lloyd and Martin Keenaghan, at stand off and hooker respectively, have made vital contributions, playing expansive, flamboyant rugby. Matthew Morgan, 1st XV captain, has led the team well, showing a thoughtful and intelligent approach to what is often dismissed as merely a very physical sport. Jason Smith, 1st XV leading try scorer on the right wing, has justifiably reached the final Lancashire

trial.

In the lower school we are fortunate that two members of staff are coaching each year group. This is reflected in the continued progress and development shown. One example of this was the standard of rugby provided by the U16's, U14's and U13's playing under floodlights at Liverpool-St Helens (to whom we are most grateful) against St Benildus College from Dublin in a howling gale. The U16's and U13's won easily and the U14's lost narrowly.

Finally, a word of thanks and congratulations to the Old Boys. It is encouraging to see their continued progress in league rugby and most gratifying that Danny O'Brien can still find time to help our 1st XV forwards with their scrummaging, and that Nick Nelson regularly watches and supports the 1st XV.

The ultimate measure, though, of success this term has been that Mr McCarthy and Mr Adamson have expressed their interest in coaching rugby next season!

Old Boys Sevens success

MARK SEDDON, our man on the Sandfield Park terraces pouring Drambuie into his Bovril, and part-time would-be David Bailey, reports . . .

The Old Boys Rugby Club (now in its 40th anniversary season) are continuing to show the strong form they exhibited last year. In the first league game of the season the 1st XV (pictured) defeated the impressive Manchester side Old Aldwinians by a clear 15 points.

At the end of September, the Sevens squad once again took the title in the Wallasey competition, defeating Caldy in the final. That was the only game in the entire tournament where the side conceded any points, although victory by 24 points to 10 was nothing if not comprehensive.

In addition, at the time of writing, the Club was through to the third round of the Lancashire Trophy competition. However, the proudest member of the club was

probably the press officer who had two of his action photographs of the Old Boys team published in the *Courage* 1990/91 Rugby Union handbook.

As well as playing fine rugby, the Old Boys RUFC has a very active Golf Society which plays some three in-house tournaments each year at different locations. New members are encouraged and should contact Paul Kelly on 228 1414.

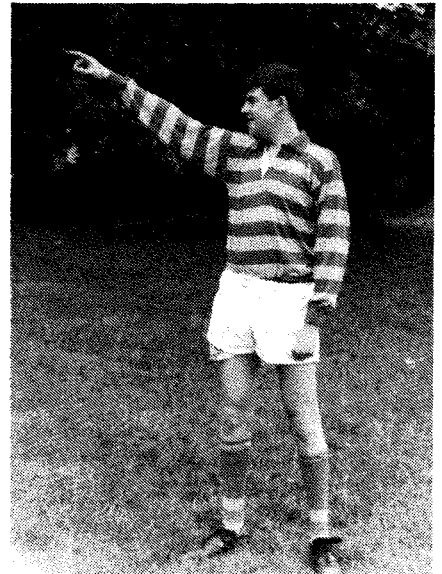
Turning to the future, a rugby tour to Holland has been organised for April and later the same month the 40th Anniversary Dinner will be held. Any Old Boys who have been connected with the club over the last four decades are invited to make contact with the officers. A full report on both events will appear in a future issue of 'The Edwardian'.

Meanwhile, all club members are able to join the regular training sessions held every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the School, starting at 6.30 pm.

Rugby Quiz

PICTURE 1:

Name the player; why is he a born leader of men?



PICTURE 2:

Name the player; estimate his weight (then!), and explain why he is wearing a Rydal jersey.



PICTURE 3:

Name the coach; what is the name of the stadium and what is the liquid in the bottle?



THE prize for getting all three correct is a rugby ball of your choice. Entries in writing to Mr J. G. Campbell as soon as possible.



St Edward's OB RUFC. 1st XV. Photographed 22nd September 1990.