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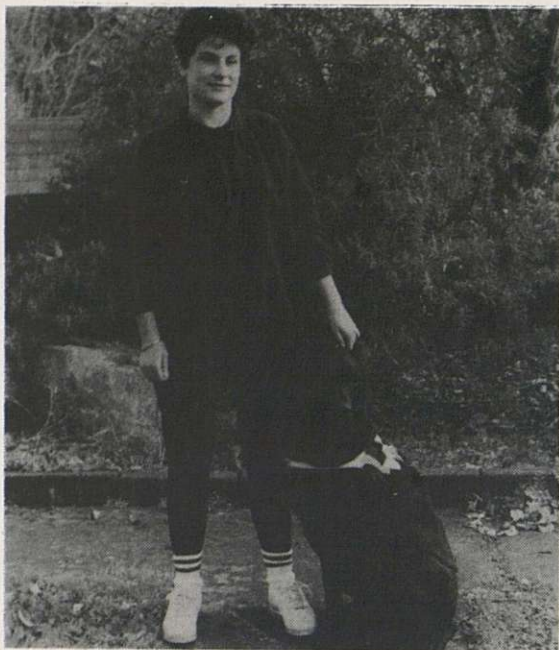
"You have put on Christ"



"In firm you have been baptised"

Bishop Eamonn Walsh pictured with the parents of the babies baptised by him on Sunday 6th December last.





Jenny

If you live in the Beverly Estate you may be lucky enough to have made friends with Jenny Hollingsworth, a quite remarkable young woman. If not, you may have seen her going to do the shopping or taking her little daughter Sara to the Playgroup. You cannot miss her – she is strikingly beautiful and is always accompanied by a large black curly-coated dog. Whenever they come to a road, Breen, this gentle four-footed creature stops at the kerbside and waits until the traffic stops before crossing to the other side. You see, Jenny Hollingsworth is blind.

When I rang her doorbell last week I wasn't sure how I would be received, but when Jenny opened the door and invited me in I knew she was someone special. Everything about her was attractive, the short dark hair, the slim figure, the impeccable dress sense and most of all the happy and cheerful way in which she talked about her life. No hang ups, no looking back, only an exuberant confidence in the future and living life to the full.

Jenny was born in Terenure and educated at St. Paul's, Greenhills. Always keen to travel she left Ireland at the age of 21 and for a few years worked in Africa and Norway. On her return to Dublin she met Kevin. For some time everything went well but when Jenny was five months pregnant she lost her sight. At first this loss was intermittent, and after Sara was born she underwent many operations but it was no use. By the time Sara was a year old, Jenny was blind. That was three years ago. With such a shattering blow most people would have

given up – but not Jenny. With determination and confidence she set out to overcome the difficulties that lay ahead. But it is really Breen who has changed her life completely.

The Irish Guide Dog Association is one of those extraordinary dedicated groups who work quietly in the background giving hope and confidence to the sightless through the eyes of man's best friend, the dog. Jenny applied to them for a Guide Dog and after many interviews her name was put down on the waiting list. These interviews are necessary because it is most important to match the personality of the dog with its prospective owner. Guide dogs are mostly Labradors and Retrievers. Suitable pups are sent out to families for one year where they receive basic training. At 8 months they are matched to an owner. This is vitally important as height, personality and lifestyle must be taken into consideration. Country or town-based owners have different needs. In all cases though, dogs must be amenable to children.

Jenny first met Breen when she went to Cork last November. She stayed in a lovely converted farmhouse where she and four young men, under the watchful eye of the handlers, spent a whole month getting to know their dogs. It was hard work being taught how to handle them and learning the commands. "I was practically chained to Breen for the month" Jenny laughs "but we bonded very quickly". Breen is obviously devoted to Jenny. He is constantly learning different routes around Knocklyon. There have been a few problems with access to certain places but Guide Dogs must be given priority. They have their own identity card and are welcomed in most places. "Superquinn and Quinnsworth are wonderful" says Jenny. "They look after me very well and even know my name".

Training of Guide Dogs takes place every 3 or 4 months and only 20 to 25 dogs find homes with applicants every year despite the fact that there are thousands of blind people in the country. It is a slow and costly business. Fund raising is carried out by the Association a few times a year and Jenny hopes to do some of this work in the future, perhaps a video with the help of Kevin. She is also very anxious to do voluntary work involving people. Having been the recipient of much counselling in the past three years she would like to share the benefit of her experience with those in need whatever adversity they encounter. "If you've been through it yourself" she says "you learn how to cope". I would be very happy talking and listening to others if it would help them in any way".

One cannot help but admire the unselfish attitude of this lovely young woman. We will hear more about Jenny in the future, she is that sort of person.

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Photo left shows Declan Lynch - a 20-year-old past pupil of St. Colmille's School and Templeogue College - now completed university, who has volunteered to work in Romania for 6 weeks commencing next month. Below he tells us what his work will be.

Unit B1 of Victor Babes Hospital is home to some seventy abandoned children, all under the age of six. These orphans have been diagnosed as H.I.V. positive. This is one of the problems that exists in Romania even though media attention has been focussed elsewhere. I am planning to travel there as a volunteer worker in the near future. Conditions in the unit have improved greatly but still leave a lot to be desired. So the main aim of the volunteers is to make the everyday living conditions of the children more comfortable. I hope in some way to help achieve this in the time I will be there.

I believe my work will mainly consist of general childcare - everything from washing, feeding and dressing, to entertaining and helping the children. I will be working with the Romanian Children's Appeal, along with other Irish volunteers.

Each worker must raise £700 to cover travel, insurance, and accommodation. I have organised a number of events through which I hope to raise this amount, one of which is a Table Quiz in Templeogue Tennis Club on 28th of January. Your support would be appreciated.

Declan Lynch

Anyone wishing to contribute to this very worthy cause may do so to A.I.B., 279 Templeogue Road, A/c No. 05389168 or further information may be had from Declan at 944269.



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The Guild raised £116 at our carol singing in December for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

Well done to our Drama Group who did very well in the Tomlin Cup competition recently.

Many thanks to Superquinn for hosting the launch of our Local History Book. Copies are on sale in Superquinn and from I.C.A. members. (see photos on page 8)

The Guild meets every first and third Tuesday of each month in the Community Centre at 8.30 p.m. sharp. New members are always welcome so why not make a new year's resolution to join.

Catherine Cardiff



Letter to the Editor

A Chara

Those of us in our mature years will remember the Angelus bell which rang out three times daily, the brief period of prayer which ensued and the excuse for a short rest.

The passing years have since seen the demise of this practice but now with the introduction of the electronic, automatic campanology to the church we should attempt to revive its true meaning by saying the Angelus prayer aloud before midday mass on Sundays.

Only a thought!

Name and address with editor.

Comments to the Editor.



Valentine's Disco

The Knocklyon Variety Group invite you to come along and join in the fun of dancing, with a great mixture of music from the 60's to the 90's on Saturday 13th February in St. Endas G.A.A. Club from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Your support would be very much appreciated.

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Some of the beautifully costumed children from Miss Ní Chiaruain's class during "Tops of the Tots" Concerts

Welcome to 1993! The New Year covered the Junior School in a blanket of snow – much to the delight of the children, (and the anxiety of the parents!!) However, it didn't last long but it brought something to our attention – many children *could actually walk to school!* There was no traffic congestion and the children seemed none the worse for the exercise. Perhaps we could all make a new year's resolution to leave the car at home some mornings.

In December many of you came to our "Tops of the Tots" concert evenings . . . what a success! Praise was lavished on children, teachers, parents (with the odd reference to Principals and their HARD-WORKING secretaries!!). The standard was so high that many parents could not believe the rehearsals were only a few weeks long. Grandparents were invited to have a special viewing the following day as we were forced to restrict places on the night due to shortage of space. Rumour has it that the Concert Hall will be the venue for the next production!

Again, may we remind you to register your children for school at least two years in advance of starting. Names for '93 and '94 must be in by now . . . if not . . .!

If you pass the school some day you may think we've all gone potty. Every windowsill is sagging under the weight of plant pots containing spring bulbs. The first crocuses are appearing under the watchful gazes of young eyes. Soon everything will be sprouting up, including the children. Which reminds me, new tracksuits and jumpers are available from the school shop.

That's all the news from the Junior School. We will endeavour to have something exciting to tell you in the next issue.

• WATCH THIS SPACE •

December was the usual rush of activity round the school. The appearance of the Christmas tree at the main entrance heralded the approaching season of goodwill. The post people got busy delivering Christmas cards around classrooms – it looked as if everybody got one Christmas card at least. The school raised their usual money donation for the local St. Vincent de Paul branch, which this year totalled £1,000. A Monster Draw took place and a no uniform day raised the rest of the contribution. Parents kindly donated some lovely prizes and the school was very grateful. Pupils are to be congratulated on their wonderful charity.

This year the choir travelled on a Sunday before Christmas into the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in D'Olier Street. They gave a beautiful carol service, Mr. Gearty their conductor and Mr. Kelly the accompanist were as proud as punch of them. It is hoped that this will be the first of many such visits to the city centre church. The choir did the honours again on the morning of the school holidays and parents, teachers and fellow pupils were treated to carols and readings in St. Colmcille's Church. They have been invited to sing again at the end of the month at the Mass for the Conference of the Community Games. They of course won first place at the games last year with Mrs. Gillan in charge. This choir was made up of present and past pupils of the school.

The following are the winners of the "Make a Christmas Card Competition" sponsored by Lantz Stationery – Mr. Paul Hughes.

6th Class

- 1st Prize: Sarah Nolan, 50 Dargle Wood
 2nd Prize: Brian Keely, 22 Ashton Lawn
 3rd Prize: Martyn McLaughlin, 87 Woodfield
 3rd Prize: Peter Donovan, 43 Beverly Downs

5th Class

- 1st Prize: Aaron Ward, 20 Carriglea Road
 2nd Prize: Kevin Fee, 15 Delaford Grove
 3rd Prize: Lorna Burke, 25 Knockcullen Park

4th Class

- 1st Prize: Eleanor Purcell, 50 Cremorne
 2nd Prize: Evelyn Rouiller, 41 Templeroan Avenue
 3rd Prize: Kathryn Doyle, 3 Templeroan Park

3rd Class

- 1st Prize: Keelin Geoghegan, 18 Templeroan Drive
 2nd Prize: Gemma Davey, 22 Knockcullen Park
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We wish all our pupils and parents health and happiness in 1993.

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Hope Springs Eternal...

We have got over Christmas and presto, New Year, and the stretch in the evenings and all that.

Now that I have a few days more or less to myself, I am with a certain sense of urgency, trying to sort myself out, how to cope better for the year ahead. I say urgency, because very quickly the New Year, and life crowd in on us.

This is the thinking behind New Year resolutions, which generally boil down to an effort to avoid past mistakes. You very likely read recently some statistics that New Year resolutions are a bit of a cod, that most of us do not survive long with our resolutions. And statistics or no statistics, from hard experience, few would question the above rather disheartening conclusion.

But most of us again in spite of this, thankfully do not give up. The real losers are not those who fail, but rather those who lapse into cynicism, give up trying. Hope springs eternal, and this does not just happen to be poetic inspiration. It is this, but much more, it is essential Christianity, it is God produced, and therefore good and wholesome beyond measure.

Life, need I remind you is a hard and stern taskmaster. There will be many and varied reasons for throwing in the towel, but never you mind, the hand of God, is by no means lacking here also.

If there is overpowering evil, all sorts of innocent

suffering, despair around and about us, the good is there too. We are all well aware the evil makes the news. The good by comparison may seem insignificant, but it is persistent, stubborn, it simply will not go away in spite of the tremendous odds against it. And one has a gut feeling that this same good, somehow someday, will have the ultimate triumph.

Jesus Christ himself is the greatest example of this kind of good and he assures us: "Fear not I have overcome the world", and thanks be to God he is stubborn and persistent and will not go away: "Behold I am with you always".

A final thought prompted by me just now seeking directions. I have a thing about giving or receiving directions. Unless they are crystal clear and simple I succumb to panic and get lost. When well meaning people round off all sorts of lefts and rights, and straight-aheads with the traditional, you can't miss it – a minor sinking feeling sets in on me. I think of Jesus in this context. Once he was asked for directions, Philip, I think it was when he pleaded – Lord we do not know the way. Jesus replied with directions to end all directions, in a mere single sentence of less than ten words: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life".

Pat Alan Fitz



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Parents are requested to give at least two weeks' notice to one of the priests prior to the baptism of their child.

Enquiries: Catherine Collins 946917.

KNOCKLYON BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TEAM

The purpose of the group is to provide: (i) a "listening ear" to people in grief; (ii) to encourage the bereaved and to help them work through their grief; (iii) to motivate them to move forward and begin to cope with life again. Recovery takes time and continuous support will help. Any of the following may be contacted:

Mary	938998	Kitty	936109
Betty	941283	Bernie	943178
Phyllis	941283	Brian	943178

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A support group for separated and widowed people. For information ring Bernadette at 945572.

IRISH CHILDBIRTH TRUST

is a mother to mother, non-professional community-based support group. It welcomes expectant mothers, new mothers and experienced mothers and provides support at "coffee and chat" morning and evening meetings. Further information can be had from K.C. Duffy at 941953.

KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

An umbrella organisation which comprises representatives of the various residents' associations, groups and individuals within the Parish. Its function is to monitor the planning and social functions of the area and take account of external and internal influences on Knocklyon. Information: Bill Meagher 941672, Chris McGreal 941945, Irene Fagan 931489.

KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY PLAY GROUP

For children 3 years to schoolgoing age. 10.00 to 12.30. Five mornings per week in Church Meeting Room, or as corresponding to St. Colmcille's N.S. Bookings for September now being taken, or phone Jacqui at 942260.

KNOCKLYON POST-PRIMARY COMMITTEE

Function: To secure a post-primary community school for Knocklyon. The committee welcomes advice and assistance in its endeavours. Secretary: Mary Muldoon 946601. Chairman: Vincent Kenny 942092.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

Is an organisation which provides information and support to those who want to breastfeed their babies. For information on local monthly meetings or telephone counselling, contact Mary Bird at 941279. New mums and babies always welcome.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Any mothers interested in becoming involved in this group should call to the Presbytery any Friday morning between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. All welcome. More information: Linda Boland 945944.

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

This is a group of interested and concerned parents of children in the Senior and Junior schools. They endeavour to liaise with the school authorities to improve facilities for their children, raise funds when necessary and mediate between parents and schools authorities when requested. For further information ring Pat Walsh, Chairman at 942377.

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BADMINTON CLUB

The Knocklyon Badminton Club (League) meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the Community Centre. Also, Mondays and Wednesdays in the Old Bawn Community School. For details, phone Phyllis at 941166.

KNOCKLYON SOCIAL BADMINTON CLUB

Venue: Youth and Community Centre.
Wednesday 8 - 11 p.m. and Sunday 7 - 11 p.m. in Youth and Community Centre. Enquiries Geraldine McSweeney 944764.

BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS G.A.A. CLUB

Situated on the Firhouse Road, this Club caters for all who want to play hurling, football or camogie. Teams begin at under 10 level for all games. Coaching takes place on Saturday mornings for ages 7 upwards. Other club activities include Set Dancing every Thursday at 8.30 p.m., Traditional Music every Wednesday in the Lounge. Also a ceili on the first Saturday of each month and a sing-song on occasional Sunday evenings. On Friday nights during the winter months a "25" card game session takes place. Details from Paddy Walsh - Chairman Juvenile Section, 942795 or Sean Flynn - Club Secretary, 932920.

BRIDGE CLUB

Knocklyon Bridge Club is a social club which meets every Monday in the Senior School at 7.30 p.m. We provide a Joker and a cup of tea! Contact Deirdre Connolly 947201. All welcome, including beginners.

COMMUNITY GAMES

A new executive and committee has been elected for 1993 and hopes to encourage as many children as possible to participate in the various events. Secretary: Aileen Millane, 942263, P.R.O.: Aidan Nevin 945874.

GIRL GUIDES

Meet on Friday evenings 8 - 9.30 p.m. in the Scout Den. Contact Louisa Richardson 945676.

I.C.A.

The I.C.A. meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Community Centre at 8.30 p.m. It is a self development group for women and gives scope for members to involve themselves in various activities which include crafts, drama etc. New members always welcome. Ring Ann O'Connell at 942140 or Catherine Cardiff at 942439.

KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY

Annual fee £10. New members contact Liam Mongey at 942091.

KNOCKLYON ROAD CLUB

Formed in 1990 for Bicycle Touring and Racing. Membership is open to boys and girls, 12 years and over, from within and outside parish. New girl members especially welcome. Club meets for training every Saturday at 9.30 p.m. at Superquinn. Details Helen Rafter 947559 or Danny McGroary 946349.

KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Has 20 teams, ranging from U.8 to U.19. in the South Dublin Boys' League, Dublin District Schoolboys' League and Amateur League. Parents' help always welcome. Details Noel Gaughran at 935740 or Finbar Dolan at 946111.

KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB

Meets weekly in the Youth and Community Centre. The Junior Club (10 - 12 years) takes place on Fridays 7 - 9 p.m., and Senior Club (12 - 14 years) on Saturdays 7 - 9 p.m. The Young Adults (age 15 upwards) meet on Saturday night also and are now recruiting new members. Volunteers on club nights are always welcome. Chairman: Gay Byrne 942917, P.R.O.: Marie Nolan.

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KNOCKLYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This group was established in order to create an awareness of history in the area. It is hoped that sometime in the future we will secure space to display photos and items of local historical interest. Chairman: Vincent Kenny, Tel. 942092.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Function: To prepare a meaningful liturgy for the 10 o'clock weekly Children's Mass, through Music and Drama. For information contact Eva Coffey at 941715 or Kathryn Coffey at 946197.

THE FOLK GROUP

If you are 15 or over (no upper age limit) you can join the Folk Group which sings at the 12 o'clock Mass on Sundays. For information, contact Colm O'Neill at 944625.

KNOCKLYON VARIETY GROUP

Meet every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in St. Colmcille's Junior School Hall. Enquiries to Gillian Keenan at 947283.

We have endeavoured to make this Directory as comprehensive as possible. If we have omitted any group by oversight we sincerely regret this and would kindly request that you let us know your particulars by contacting the Editor (941204) by phone or post so that inclusion will be guaranteed in future issues.

Many Thanks

THE KNOCKLYON NEWS

This publication, *YOUR Parish Newsletter*, has been running now for ten years with the aim of informing and entertaining you, our readers. We have also attempted to make you feel part of a caring community.

The parish has changed enormously since our first publication, especially in terms of its size, and we have tried to reflect this change in the content of the Newsletter. However, we feel that with more personnel we could serve you better.

As always, we welcome your articles, ideas, views, news, photos and letters for publication, but we would also greatly welcome your help in putting the Newsletter together.

For further information please phone Fr. Alan at 941204.

FULL OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



Prospect Prep-School held their Christmas Concert in aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. The children from all three classes were involved and shown here are just some of the proud pupils with the cheque for £402 which will go directly to the Cardiology Unit.

I.C.A.

Local History Book Launch



L. to R. Muireann Murtagh, Ann Fee, Pat Bradley, Ann O'Connell, Betty McLoughlin, Peggy Lynch, and Angela Ryan, pictured at the book launch reception in Superquinn.



L. to R. Ciaran Collins, Manager Superquinn, Ann O'Connell, President Knocklyon I.C.A. and Liam Cosgrave, pictured after the presentation to Mr. Cosgrave at the local history book launch on 8th December in Superquinn

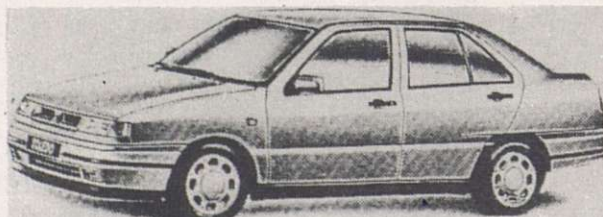


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Well, Christmas has come and gone, 1992 is now a memory and 1993 is another year which will bring all the usual worries to families here in Knocklyon and further afield.

Hopefully Knocklyon Utd. can bring some cheer to households around the area. If your son plays with the club there is always something to cheer up your household as he comes home full of muck with tales of what might have been. So get out there this year and support your team.

Earlier in the season we predicted that we would bring Silverware back to Knocklyon again this year – well we have already done so. Over the Christmas break the League ran a 5-a-side indoor tournament covering six age groups. The club won their way to three finals at under 10, 11, 12 – an excellent performance. Unfortunately our 10s and 11s were edged out in the final but our under 12s were crowned champions, so as predicted we already have something in the trophy cabinet.

The players who played were: **Under 10:** Darryl Ralph, Adam Troy, Paul Egan, Ronan Hopkins, Ciaran Murphy, Andrew Lyons, Eoghan Fitzmaurice. **Under 11:** Ken Treacy, David Keenan, Paul Twomey, Niall Flanagan, Cathal Colwell, Declan Potter. **Under 12:** Patrick Deans, Barry Dolan, Mark Duffy, Shane Prendergast, Peter Synnott, Andrew Clarke, Eoghan Murphy.

We are all looking forward to the remainder of the season on the field of play and look forward to seeing you on Sundays.

P.R.O. Finbarr Dolan, 946111

Knocklyon Community Games 1993

Below is a list of Managers for the different disciplines. All assistance in coaching and organising in the games would be much appreciated and very welcome. Please contact any member of the committee.

Gaelic Football - Girls	
Pat O'Mahony	526692
Hurling - Boys	
P. O'Neill	Knocklyon Sen. Sch.
T. Sweeney	K/lyon Sen. Sch.
Cycling - Brian McGroary	946349
Basketball - Boys & Girls	
Fergal Byrne	942917
Chess - Deirdre Ann Wynne	944976
Draughts	No co-ordinator
Table Tennis - Boys & Girls	
Eileen Dorman	945528
Hockey - Boys & Girls	
Catherine Sherry	945384
Gillie Hughes	944886
Pitch & Putt - Boys & Girls	
Padraig Cullinane	941481
Soccer - Girls	
Noel Gaughan	935740
Seamus Doherty	942029
Soccer - Boys	
Thomas Masterson	511572
Rugby - Boys	
John O'Carroll	941425
John Brophy	942141
Tennis - Boys & Girls	
Noeleen Meagher	941836
Mary Pendergast	942141
Art, Boys & Girls	
Vincent Kenny	942092
Swimming - Boys & Girls	
Aileen Millane	942263
Kathleen Ní Mhurchu	941423
Athletics - Boys & Girls	
Tommy O'Raw	944272
Badminton, Mixed Teams	
Michael McSweeney	944764
Choir	
Orla Gillan	K. S. S.
Camogie	
Pat O'Mahoney	K. J. S.
Olympic Handball - Boys & Girls	
Lindsay Pennycock	945140
Gymnastics - Boys & Girls	
Neil O'Reilly	934753
Gaelic Football - Boys	
Ronan Hoare	943855
Donagh O'Farrell	933402

Looking forward to joining you in a successful 1993 Community Games for our Parish.

Aiden Nevin, P.R.O. - 945874

LOCAL CHAIRMAN FOR R.T.C.

Mr. Damien Fee, 20 Lansdowne Park has been appointed Chairman of the Governing Body of Tallaght R.T.C.

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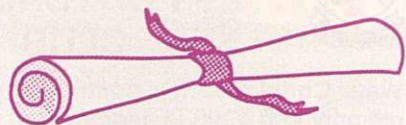
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Life After School



This month's contributor is Ailbhe Curran, Knocklyon Avenue, who has just completed a B.Comm Degree at U.C.D., Belfield.

The first shock experienced within the confines of U.C.D.'s Belfield campus is the sheer size and enormity of the place. Although more akin to an aircraft hanger in contrast to Trinity's historical setting, with its ten thousand full-time students it is the largest seat of learning in the country and in many ways resembles a town, self-contained within its own setting.

The second major difference, and the one which potentially can have disastrous effects the quicker the month of exams approaches, is the fact that there is no one standing over you to ensure you tow the line. Freedom of choice really does come into its own at this point. You choose whether or not to attend your lectures, to hand in your assignments or even to study. The best advice is simply to ascertain early on how much of a risk-taker you're comfortable being!

For my own sins, I chose to subject myself to three years pursuit of a Commerce Degree. As business courses go, the B.Comm is highly regarded and is one of the best and most popular in the country. While this is indeed a worthy reason for choosing it, my main reason was more practical - I could change my mind once I had entered its clutches. Whichever variation of commerce you choose to do - day, international or evening - the set-up tends to be fairly similar. A common syllabus is pursued by all, subsequently followed by a choice of area specialism in your final year. This allows some leeway and scope for the student to switch business direction if he/she so wishes, an advantage not found in some of the other business courses more specific in nature.

Unlike some of U.C.D.'s other faculties the commerce one has a very distinctive identity and in many ways is quite close-knit in character. Although a class of three hundred seems very large by

secondary school standards, the common two-year base ensures you get to know a wide variety of people. The second means by which this identity is fostered is through the auspices of Commerce Day. This is an annual charity event undertaken by all three classes of the faculty. As long as it stays within the boundaries of safety, anything goes on this particular day, and it generally does! Never do so many get so drunk in the name of successful fund-raising as they do here!!

The academic side of college life is only half the story, the social aspect is the other equally important part. Societies and clubs of all shapes and varieties abound and in general there is at least one to suit everyone's needs. Joining them not only offers a cheap way in which to pursue your interests but is also a useful step to take in meeting others.

A principle which deserves to be enshrined in the annals of theoretical science is that a student's social life is directly proportional to the amount of money he/she possesses. Depending on your financial status, it is within the realms of possibility to be out every night of the week. Reasonably priced college discos and events and the drink contained therein however go some way towards offering the cash-strapped student, like myself, an opportunity to sample college night life. Another useful hint in enjoying a social life is to get to know non-Dubs in your class. Inevitably it is those that hail from outside the Pale who know the best places to go in Dublin!

Whatever course you may be contemplating doing, it is worthwhile to obtain the literature published by the colleges and to talk to others who have already been involved in it. In this way you should be able to obtain a clearer and more realistic picture of the highs and lows of the course and hopefully be able to make a more informed choice on the matter.

Ailbhe Curran

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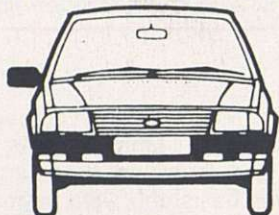
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