

Tributes paid to the late Paul Quinn

Teacher **John O'Dwyer's** eulogy at the funeral in Ballylinan captured for many the Paul they knew. "I have been trying to remember exactly when Paul and I first became friends" said Mr O'Dwyer "For the life of me I simply cannot because our paths appear to have merged rather than crossed. What started out as a professional pupil teacher relationship soon developed through a mutual interest in all things electrical and mechanical into friendship. In the best traditions of learning the pupil went on to learn more than the teacher and I can say there have been many occasions when Paul's superior knowledge has gotten me out of a bind."

There have been warm words for Paul from one of his best friends, **Richard Daly**, principal of the college. "Paul was my hero. From the very first time I met him I was impressed by his bravery and strength. A sense of humour and a love of life marked the boy turned man who daily made the most of talents he was blessed with and who was a source of inspiration to us all. Paul Quinn had defied ill health all his life and had made a habit of beating the odds. I have always counted myself so lucky to have known Paul, I have counted myself blessed to have had him as a friend and I have been doubly blessed to have him share in some of my family activities. Paul had a heart which was bigger than most. For any of us to face mortality is a daunting task and a task which Paul faced each day. His love of technology and machinery, of family and friends was so great that he did not have time to waste on self pity and the heart which was too weak to allow longevity was also too strong to surrender. 'That'll do!' Paul would say in response to any arrangement or offer which was made. Now I know the Lord will say 'That'll do!' to his servant who gave of his best and has now been called home." May he rest in Peace



Congratulations are extended to teacher Brenda Sweeney and her new husband, Noel McAndrews, pictured on left, following their wedding in Ballinasloe Co Galway. Staff and students extend their most sincere best wishes.

Two Past Pupils Box for Ireland in World Championships



Congratulations to Eric Donovan and Roy Sheehan who were members of Ireland's Amateur Boxing team who competed the World Amateur Boxing Championships in Chicago. We are proud of you.

Career Booklet is Launched



Cllr, Sean Cunnane, Ms. Niamh Meagher senior Inspector from Dept. of Education and Science, Mr dunney Careers teacher and Mr Richard Daly Principal, attending the launch of the Careers Booklet at the College. The booklet ,which was compiled, edited and produced by students, parents and the wider Home School Community, contains details of many of the careers which are popular among students today group.



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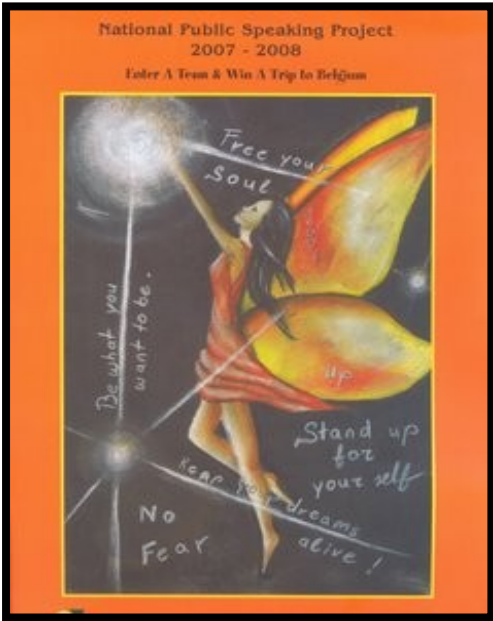
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Deep sadness at the loss of our friend Paul

There was deep sadness in Athy College as the news was learned of the sad loss of their great friend and technical expert at the college, Paul Quinn, who passed away at the young age of 28 years. Pictured on the left, Paul was a key member of staff in the College for the past 9 years. Paul first came to the college as a first year student 15 years ago. He always had a keen interest in computers and having completed the Information Technology PLC at the college, he took up employment there, as the technical expert in the computer department. He will be sadly missed by staff and students alike. Tributes were paid at his funeral by Principal Richard Daly and teacher John O'Dwyer. Sincere sympathy is extended to his family and friends. See back Page.

Award Winning Design



Congratulations, once again, to Birute Liepinyte, Leaving Certificate student at the college last year, who won the Mental Health Association "Design a Cover" competition. Great to see the entry form for MH Public Speaking Competition arrive in all schools with Birute's design on the cover. She is now studying art in Third Level college. On right, Birute, pictured with her Art teacher, Ms Mary McKenna and on left her award winning design.



Design Winner

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Congratulations and Celebrations



At Athy College Debs' Ball

