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Just before the Christmas break a group of former pupils, 5 of whom are students at Mercyhurst College, Pennsylvania, USA, dropped in to say hello and to speak to the current 6th year

group about life in third level level education in America. Good Counsel has had a very successful relationship with Mercyhurst over the years and the past pupils, in addressing the 6th years, spoke in very positive terms about their experiences to date.

While these 5 young men pictured above, Stephen Donohue, Richard Molloy, Ciaran Doherty, Simon Murphy and Darren Conway headed west across the Atlantic on leaving Good Counsel the 6th member of the visiting party, Michael Stafford headed east across the Irish Sea to further a career in the music industry which he has done very successfully thusfar. Better known by his stage name of Maverick Sabre, Michael has appeared on such high profile TV programmes as 'Later With Jools' and 'The Late Late Show' as well as touring extensively. His presence in the school created quite a stir and he may have done more writing in signing autographs than he did while here as a student. We are very grateful to all of them for calling in; it is always very pleasant to see past pupils drop by.

On a similar note, the Leaving Certificate class of 1991 had a get together in 'The Ship' on North Street on the night of December 28. A good turn out of approximately 40 turned out for what was a most enjoyable night of chat and reminiscences. It is always interesting to see the various directions people's lives and careers have taken and of course many incidents and encounters from their days in 'The Counsel', none of which were diminished in the telling by the passage of time, were recalled. Hopefully some of the contacts renewed will be maintained into the future.