A large number of secondary and vocational schools in the midlands were represented at a most successful Open Day held in the Regional Technical College, Athlone, on 20 March 1981. The occasion was organised to enable second-level students, parents, teachers and the public to visit the college, view the facilities, and become more familiar with the courses available and the career prospects for graduates. The enthusiastic response is best highlighted by the fact that close to a thousand students attended. This was very encouraging and the management and staff of the college greatly appreciate the interest shown by the schools concerned.

During the day visitors went on a conducted tour of the college and attended a series of talks on the courses provided by the schools of engineering, business studies and science. Staff from each school were available for discussion and to answer queries. A documentary film on the college was shown at intervals, and the demonstrations and experiments on display offered further insight into the practical aspects of the courses concerned.

While Open Day is designed to cater for a large number on a formalised basis, the college wishes to emphasise that the same service is available at a personal level to interested individuals throughout the year. Enquiries about courses and related matters are always welcome and should be made initially either to the principal, the head of the particular school or any of the department heads. If you require additional information please ask; every effort will be made to assist you.

FULL-TIME DAY COURSES AT R.T.C., ATHLONE, 1981-82

National Certificate in Secretarial Studies
National Certificate in Business Studies
National Diploma in Business Studies (Management Finance)
National Diploma in Computer Programming
National Certificate in Catering Management
Certificate in Art & Design
Professional Accountancy
Foundation Certificate in Visual Education
National Certificate in Civil Engineering
National Certificate in Construction Studies
National Certificate in Construction Studies (Farm Buildings)
National Certificate in Electronic Engineering
National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering
National Certificate in Plastics Engineering
National Diploma in Plastics Engineering
Graduateship of the Plastics and Rubber Institute
Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Polymer Engineering
National Certificate in Science (Applied Chemistry)
National Certificate in Science (Applied Biology)
National Diploma in Applied Science (Analysis)
National Certificate in Mineral Science
National Diploma in Mineral Science

The Regional Technical College, Athlone, at night.
Sports Teams Triumph

Members of R.T.C., Athlone, hurling team, who won their division of the All-Ireland Higher Education Hurling League are shown here receiving a special award from Mr. M. King, Ulster Bank, Athlone, following an exhibition match. Picture shows back (left to right): Stephen Hanratty, Brendan Coffey (team P.R.O.) and Noel Molloy. Front (left to right): Michael Kinsella, Mr. M. King, Ulster Bank, Michael Kenny (Captain) and Pat Cleary. Also on the winning team were: D. Fox, J. Donnelly, C. Spain, E. O’Brien, J. Sullivan, P. Finneroy, J. Grehan, M. Corrigan, P. Cleary, M. Cleary, M. Moran, J. Carey, C. McIntyre, B. Egan and E. Flaherty. The team was coached by Mark Doyle and Camillus King, staff members, R.T.C., Athlone.

R.T.C., Athlone, Gaelic football team who went all the way to the final in the Higher Education League, division three, where they were narrowly defeated in extra time by Carysfort College. The team was coached by Mr. A. Dunne, staff member, R.T.C., Athlone. Picture shows back (left to right): M. McEnroe, B. Crowly, C. Connelly, A. Brennan, D. Mannion, J. Quigley, L. Dunne, F. Mullen. Front (left to right): J. McNeill, D. Dowd, M. Tierman, D. Mulooleys, S. Hanratty, P. Grennan, E. Murray.

Harbison Memorial Prize

A civil engineering student at R.T.C., Athlone, Mr. John K. Connolly of Glencoe, Co. Longford, was awarded the 1980 Harbison Memorial Prize. This award is made annually by the National Council for Educational Awards to the best civil engineering student taking the National Certificate in Civil Engineering examinations.

Mr. Connolly is now studying for the National Diploma in Civil Engineering (Structures) at the College of Technology, Bolton St., Dublin.

Marseillaise

Les sons martiaux chantant de l’orchestre
Du premier régiment
De l’infanterie étrangère
Passant noblement et triomphalement
Vers le fort St. Jean
Insiprant ardeur
Au sein des passants
Vers le vieux port excitant
Où les yachts attendent
Avant de prendre le large
Vers la Côte d’Azur et l’aventure.

(The musical martial sound of the band/of the first regiment/of the Foreign Legion/passing nobly and triumphantly/to the fort of St. John/inspiring ardor/in the breasts of the passers-by/towards the exciting old port/where the yachts await at anchor/before heading out to open sea/to the Côte d’Azur and splendid adventure.)

— Colm Caffrey, M.A.
Twenty-six participants from industrial firms in the midlands and west attended a two-day course in export procedure and documentation held at R.T.C., Athlone on 1-2 April 1981. The course, which is part of the college's overall programme to meet the education and training needs of industry, commerce and the public service in the region, was organised in conjunction with Coras Tráchtala. Included in the photograph are Sheila Blake, manager of the trade information section, Coras Tráchtala, Sally O'Reilly, Coras Tráchtala and John Cusack, head of the management and computer studies department, Regional Technical College, Athlone.

COLLEGE PICTURE COLLECTION

Connemara, Louis le Brocquy, Study towards an image of W.B. Yeats, Charles Harper, Heliocentric timespot, Tom Carr, Snowscene, Colin Middleton, Birds on wire, Robert Ballagh, Delacroix print, Barry Cooke, Stepping figure and Thomas Ryan, Snowy road. Recent acquisitions include Anne Yeats, Plane II, Simon O'Donnell, Milton Friedmann and Michael Kane, Head V.

Michael Farrell, The little tent of blue that sometimes prisoners call the sky (1978)

In conjunction with the Arts Council, the college has over the last seven years acquired some twenty-five works by modern Irish artists. The pictures are hung throughout the college, and are thought to represent the best collection of modern Irish art on public display in the midlands. Further items are annually added and some works have been loaned to exhibitions elsewhere, including the Edinburgh Festival. Amongst the artists represented in the collection are Maurice MacGonigal, Currachs

Martin Gale, Artichoke window
International Catering Exhibition Success

At the International Catering Exhibition in the R.D.S., Dublin, three students of the college catering school won top awards. Ms. Catherine Divney was awarded a gold medal for her coq au vin. Sergeant Danny McConnell was also a gold medalist for his chicken Marengo and Private Patrick Shields received a bronze medal for his cutlets farci. Ms. Divney is a whole-time student in the college while Sergeant McConnell and Private Shields serve with the army in Custume Barracks, Athlone, and attend the college as day-release students.

A.C.A. Jubilee Scholarship awarded to Declan Connolly

The Association of Certified Accountants has awarded its prestigious 1981-82 Jubilee Scholarship to Declan Connolly, A.C.A. Declan, a native of Ballymacnag, Co. Westmeath, completed his full-time education at R.T.C., Athlone, where he obtained a National Certificate in Business Studies with distinction in 1975 and a National Diploma in Management Finance with distinction in 1976.

He then moved to London to work firstly as a trainee accountant and then later as assistant to the group accountant of Hunting Associated Industries. He joined the Fred Olsen Group in 1978, becoming deputy financial accountant and then financial accountant in 1980. In 1979 he completed the professional examinations of the Association of Certified Accountants and was admitted to associate membership in 1980.

The Jubilee Scholarship is awarded each year to allow the recipient to pursue a course for an approved university or C.N.A.A. higher degree specialising in accounting or other related subject. Declan plans to use his award to read for an M.B.A. at Trinity College, Dublin.

1981 stamp depicting C.A. Parsons and his steam turbine.