

The History of Newman University

1988-1997

Principal of Newman College of Higher Education
1994 to 2000
PROFESSOR BRIAN RAY



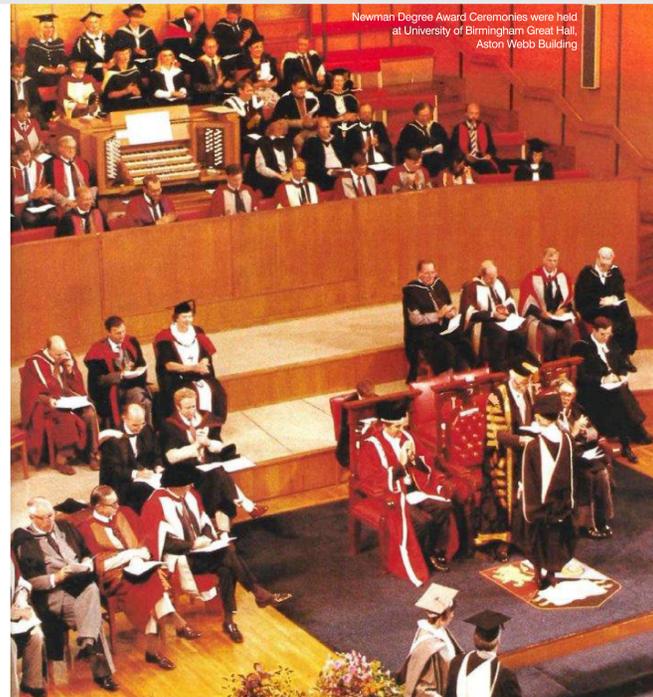
B'ham Post
Purr-fect: John Henry the cat could not resist interrupting Mother Teresa and Cardinal Basil Hume as they sat deep in conversation at Newman College in Bartley Green, Birmingham. The college's resident pet, named after John Henry Newman, was rewarded with an affectionate stroke.



Mother Teresa Visits Newman
Mother Teresa and Cardinal Hume visit on 9th September. Dr Francis Burn recalls:

"Only the previous day one of the college nurses had taken leave to go to Calcutta to help Mother Teresa's work!"

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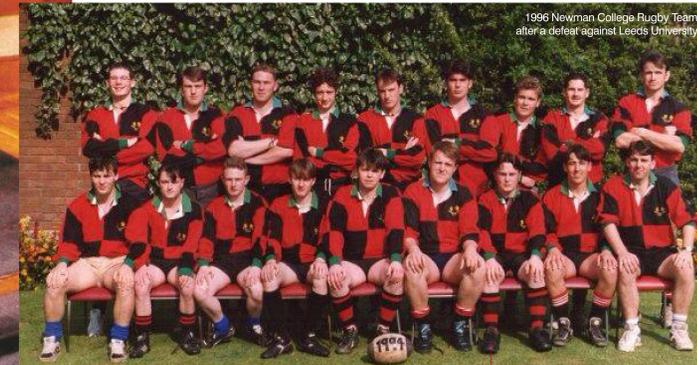
Newman Degree Award Ceremonies were held at University of Birmingham Great Hall, Aston Webb Building



1996 Degree Ceremony



1995 Graduation



1996 Newman College Rugby Team after a defeat against Leeds University

1988

Overseas recruitment began in the Republic of Ireland
As well as maintaining recruitment from England and Wales, places and jobs for teacher training were becoming scarce in Ireland, so the Newman College recruitment team familiarised themselves with the Irish Leaving Certificate and started interviewing potential students in Dublin. This brought fresh students with new ideas which benefited many Catholic schools in the West Midlands.

Another National Conference of Priests was held on Newman campus.

1989



1990

Student uptake increased to 1000 and Newman became the fourth largest centre in the country for training primary teachers! This was partly due to the increase of overseas students studying and visiting the campus.

1991

The formation of a Catholic University was under consideration by Church Officials including Newman's Principal Joan Cuming after a recent White Paper had been published.

1992

In the 1990's English was recognised as an important second language by the Malaysian Government. Their decision to send Malaysian teachers to the UK meant that in 1992 the Newman students are joined by Malaysian teachers who wanted to further their expertise in English by taking an English degree course.

Newman received the first 20 Malaysian teachers who were all mature students. Over the next four years this was followed by further groups of 20 teachers who were chosen by the Malaysian Education Department.



1992 Malaysian Teachers

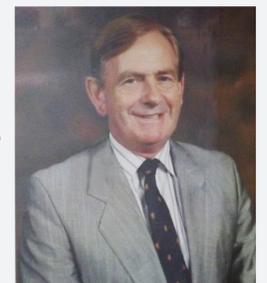
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Newman had control over its own recruitment policy, and it had its own UCAS classification number.

In the summer, previous Newman Principal Dr Joan Cuming and Ken Hodson were married at Hawkstone Priory.

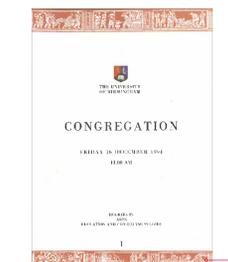
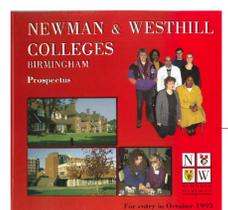
1994

New Principal Professor Brian Ray.



Newman introduced a range of single and combined honours degrees, and now offered a wide portfolio of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in areas as diverse as psychology, sport, theology, education and business.

Newman College was featured in the National Press in 1994, when a team of boxers led by Pdraig McCullough distinguished themselves in the Great Britain and Irish Universities and Hospitals Final held in London. They won several Gold medals and as a result, the championship was held at Newman the following year.



1994 Boxing Championships

1995

Newman held both the National Conference of Priests and the Catholic Education National Conference.



1995 National Conference of Priests

1996

First Class Honours in the family. A former student of the College Rita Roberts, who obtained a first class of honours B.Ed degree in 1982 had the pleasure of seeing her daughter Stacey also obtain a first class honours degree in our December graduation.

Newman was inspected by the Higher Education Quality Council, they issued an extremely commendable report.

The College Basketball team coached by Mohammed Sawar, defeated Reading University in the final of the Universities Basketball Plate Competition.

February – Art students from the College working with pupils from Howley Grange Primary School mounted an exhibition of work completed after a project undertaken with the school. This involved visiting the Barber Institute of Fine Arts at The University of Birmingham and making a personal response to some of the works studied. The exhibition was opened by Sue Pollard and Don Maclean.



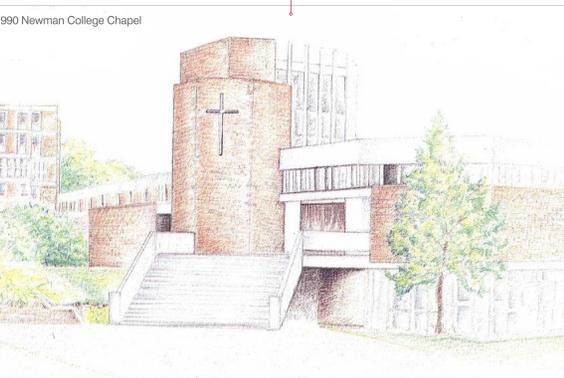
1997 Newman College Art Exhibition

Cardinal congratulates national priests body

"PARISH priorities" will come under consideration at this year's National Conference of Priests, to be held at Newman College, Birmingham, from September 5-9.

Delegates from all over the country will examine priorities in the priest's life, processes of parish consultation and accountability, pastoral education and ecumenical practice. These topics for discussion have arisen out of a nationwide consultation of Catholic priests and, once they are turned into resolutions by the conference, will be offered back to dioceses for implementation.

The meeting follows a letter of congratulations from Cardinal Hume addressed to the



1990 Newman College Chapel

College principals discuss a Christian university

The meeting of church college principals in London, in 1991, was a landmark event in the history of the Catholic Church in England. It was the first time since the Second Vatican Council that the heads of all Catholic colleges in England met to discuss the future of their institutions.

The meeting was held at Newman College, Birmingham, and was attended by 15 principals from 14 different colleges. The meeting was chaired by the then Principal of Newman College, Dr Joan Cuming.

The meeting was a success, and it led to the formation of the Catholic University of the East of England in 1992. This was the first Catholic university to be established in England since the Second Vatican Council.



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