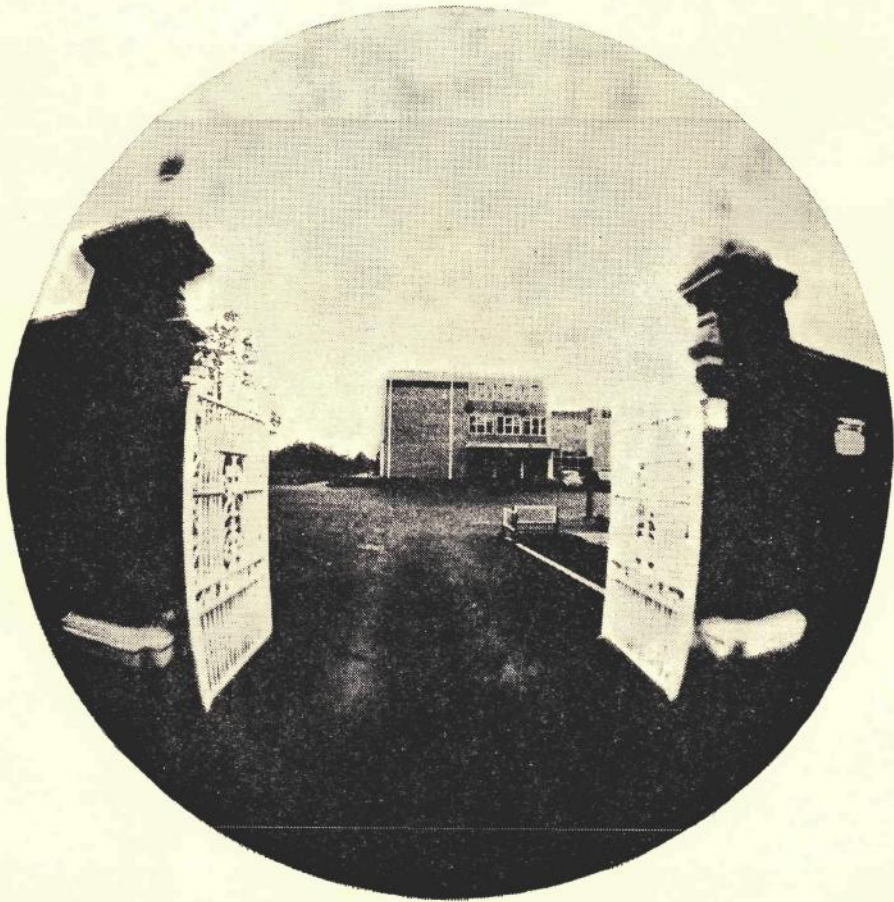


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EDITORIAL

In a year when the School has seen the advent both of new premises and of a new Headmaster it could be surmised that the School is on the threshold of a new era. Certainly the situation should have the effect of instilling new enthusiasm into those who experienced an atmosphere of lethargy in Harcourt Street, knowing that the move was imminent and feeling that innovations could be postponed until then. In one field at least we have evidence of concrete results. Those who believed that the vandalism, which was becoming rampant in its environment at No. 40, would prey eagerly upon the un mutilated structure in Danum have so far been proved to be in error. Whether the beast cannot adapt to new surroundings or whether he is lying dormant and awaiting his chance to strike we cannot tell. It is my belief, however, that provided a hard line is taken on vandalism in the early stages, we shall so prolong the winter that we shall starve the animal in hibernation.

A somewhat lax attitude to discipline has developed in the School over a period of years and, while I feel it would be inadvisable to introduce more rules, I feel it is essential that pupils respect the existing rules. It must be understood, therefore, that while a person may feel that a law is unjust, he must not feel that he has been treated unfairly if he is punished for breaking it. His course of action should be to attempt to have it repealed or amended. The reason for this is simple and practical. If a person is not punished for breaking one rule then it is logical to assume that he should not be punished for breaking another. Thus if one rule can be broken without incurring a penalty the attitude towards the other rules immediately becomes unhealthy and the job of enforcement becomes impossible. There is an element, albeit an extremely small minority, in the School which insists on breaking rules simply because they are there.

The artist and poet, Edward Lear, when asked why he had spelt the word rocks 'rox' in an illustration, replied that it was logical to spell a word as it sounded. Then it was inquired why he spelt figs phyggs'. That, he responded, 'is pure nonsense'. And so is the practice of breaking rules for no reason other than annoyance because the rule exists. Few

would argue that some code of discipline is necessary for the efficient functioning of any establishment, indeed, a set of rules imparts a feeling of security in that it relieves worry and conscience by taking responsibility from the individual. Also important, it ensures fair and equal treatment of everyone. If this hard core hold out they may succeed in preventing the enforcement of a law, in particular that forbidding smoking on the School premises but they will make enforcement of other rules considerably more difficult because they will have raised doubts as to the credibility of the law enforcement body and the prefects. If those who insist on smoking in School wish to do so then they must present a reasonable case in favour of the repeal of the rule and must abide by the decision arrived at. Blatant disregard for the rule can achieve nothing except ill will.

To change the subject and to try to provide some food for thought I should like to consider an aspect of what is but should not be the Arts v. Sciences battle. Those studying humanities, please spare a thought for the unfortunate scientist who has practically lost the use of the English language and forsaken it for unintelligible technical jargon. If one intersperses one's conversation with classical gems or cites historical cases to reinforce one's argument one is considered to be well read and well educated. If one as much as mentions a word which has a physical, chemical, biological or mathematical connection, one is accused of attempting to blind with science. The scientist is ashamed of his ignorance of the arts but the authors, controllers of media and editorial writers of the age seem proud of their ignorance of science. In a world which is so much affected by technological discoveries and developments it cannot be healthy for a situation to exist where there is no discussion of the morality of certain aspects of technology. Thought and discussion are stimulated not by discoverers and researchers but by writers, and writers are shirking their duty. If a scientist invents gunpowder and there is no writer to promote discussion on the discovery then the use of the development will be for evil rather than good. The writers in modern society cannot afford to ignore so great an influence thereon.



Courtesy "Irish Times"

THE UNVEILING

The Official Opening of the New School at Danum

On the 26th November, 1971, the new building at Danum, Rathgar, was officially opened by An Taoiseach, Mr. J. Lynch, T.D., and dedicated by the Most Rev. Alan Buchanan, D.D.

The opening ceremony took place in the assembly hall of the new building before a large gathering of invited guests. The attendance included: Rev. Rupert Gibson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; the Bishop of Tuam, Rt. Rev. J. C. Duggan; the Bishop of Meath, Most Rev. R. B. Pike; Dr. Isaac Cohen, Chief Rabbi; Senator Professor W. B. Stanford and Senator

Professor W. J. E. Jessop; Dr. H. W. Parke, Vice-Provost of Trinity College, Dublin; Mr. M. G. H. Ellis, S.C., Chairman of the Board of Governors. The Headmasters and Headmistresses of many Dublin schools and representatives from the Old Boys' Union, the Parents' Association and the pupils themselves, were also present.

The proceedings commenced with the assembly singing, in Irish, the National Anthem, accompanied by Miss Barklie on the piano.

Mr. Ellis, presiding, began by acknowledging the honour paid to the School by the presence of Mr. Lynch and Dr. Buchanan. He then outlined the vicissitudes of the foundation endowed by Erasmus Smith during the last century, leading to the transfer of the High School to its present premises. He praised

the architects and contractors who in spite of the cement strike and rising costs brought the building to completion at only a little over the budget available. "It is one of the great tragedies of life," he said, "that the late Dr. Reynolds, who had helped and advised the architects did not live to see the School completed". He commended Mr. Keegan and the staff for the unstinting effort they had put into making the transfer successful and said that a special debt of gratitude was due to Mr. Dungan who had worked night and day on behalf of the School during this difficult period. Having expressed great confidence in the future he called upon Dr. Buchanan to formally dedicate the new school building.

Dr. Buchanan, after a prayer for education, continued with the service:—

"To the glory of God in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord I dedicate this new High School in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

This was followed by the School Prayer, a prayer for peace in the world and Ireland, and the Lord's Prayer.

Mr. Ellis then asked An Taoiseach to accompany him down the hall and unveil the plaque which is to commemorate this official opening. Having unveiled the plaque to the enthusiastic applause of the assembly Mr. Lynch returned to the stage where he delivered his address.

Mr. Lynch began by expressing his appreciation for being formally associated with the official opening of the new High School. In its 100 year history the High School had established a splendid reputation and many of its pupils had gone on to occupy prominent places in Irish life. W. B. Yeats, perhaps the most distinguished Old Boy, he understood had not enjoyed school very much. Having seen the new school and its surroundings he felt sure that the present pupils would not feel the same way. He concluded his outline of the modern teaching facilities in the new school by saying that today's students will have little excuse if they fail to live up to the high standards set by their predecessors. He particularly commended the High School on its initiative in setting up a post- Leaving Certificate class which did important work helping students find their feet after the hurly-burly of pre-University examinations. Mr. Lynch ended his

address by paying a warm tribute to the late Dr. Reynolds. He said it was not only Dr. Reynold's contributions to Irish education which were outstanding; his life of service to Christian ideals would be a lasting example and inspiration to all those whose vocation lay in the education of youth.

The Headmaster, Mr. A. P. R. Brook, M.A., H.Dip.Ed., having expressed gratitude to Dr. Buchanan and Mr. Lynch for sparing time from their high offices, began by drawing some telling comparisons between the first home of the High School and the new building. 40 Harcourt Street had cost £7,300 to buy and convert; the present building had cost approximately £400,000. The facilities designed for 300 pupils had amounted to one large school-room, three classrooms and a reading-room. By contrast, the present building, which will take 500 pupils comfortably, has 25 standard classrooms, two tutorial rooms, a library and study area, two art rooms, five laboratories, a 100 seat demonstration and lecture theatre, a kitchen and dining area, an assembly hall-theatre, and a number of studies and storage rooms. Nevertheless, the absence of a full language laboratory, gymnasium and swimming pool left us with much to look forward to.

He went on to draw our attention to a marked improvement from the early days in the dedication and qualification for work of the teaching staff. On the first staff a teacher had complained because his teaching time-table did not fit in with his railway time-table; on today's staff teachers willingly give many hours of their free time to taking extra-curricular activities and attending courses to improve their professional skills.

Mr. Brook then spoke of the future. In spite of the fact that the pace and pressure of change in education were increasing rapidly he felt sure that High School would meet any demands made upon it. He made a plea that, in finding the solutions to the problems that confront us, the views of the professional teacher from the classroom should be listened to, above all others, with respect. It is he who is uniquely able to see when changes that, in the long run may be beneficial are in the short term going to be disastrous to those who are in the middle of the process—the children.

Speaking of the qualities and standards which the School hoped to instil in its pupils, he summed them up as "academic excellence,



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THE DEDICATION

and the readiness to look for and meet the needs of others; and both we see as equally important".

The Headmaster concluded by expressing confidence in the School's ability, with the continued support of Old Boys, parents and

Governors, to face the changes and challenges of the future.

Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Buchanan were presented with bouquets, and the gathering adjourned to the dining area where champagne, caviar and other delicacies were served.

Thanksgiving Service

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Opening of the New School Buildings at Danum was held in Zion Parish Church on Sunday, November 28th, 1971, at 3 p.m. The preacher was the Lord Archbishop of Dublin, The Most Rev. A. A. Buchanan, D.D.

Members of the Choral Society were supported by members of Zion Parish Choir in the formation of the Choir. The Lesson was read by the Headmaster and was taken from the Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians. In his sermon the Archbishop emphasised the function of a school in turning out each boy whole and ready for life. He pointed out that schools have a duty to each boy in the school and must find in what direction his talents lie so that he may emerge prepared to take up his position. The service was concluded with the singing of the School Hymn.

Afterwards, parents were invited to the School for tea and in order to view the new premises. We trust that they were suitably impressed.

G.A.C.

Change of Premises

Possession of the Harcourt Street premises was officially relinquished at noon on Friday, 16th July, 1971. The keys of the new building at Danum were handed over at 4.30 p.m. on the afternoon of Friday, 30th July, 1971.

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The High School Film

*"Better by far you should forget and smile
 than you should remember and be sad"*

We hope not. The authors of this film have attempted to create for posterity a picture of the High School as it was in Harcourt Street. Although the film has its nostalgic parts, we have endeavoured to intersperse these with flashes of humour and scenes of factual interest so that it may not be burdensome.

The project was conceived by Mr. Broad and embarked upon with encouraging enthusiasm by a team with suitable qualifications. Filming was completed within a week at the end of term in June 1971.

Many adverse factors hampered our efforts, probably the most awkward being cost. A really professional job would have required about £1,000, while the total of our assured assets amounted to no more than £30! Necessity being the mother of invention, we set about overcoming our frustrations by a variety of means involving ingenuity as well as the generosity of U.C.D. in lending us a magnificent Bolex camera. The vagaries of the Irish weather also demanded both patience and perseverance.

The idea of colour film, delightful as it would have been, was discarded on the grounds of cost and the inevitable wastage which the use of this medium entails. Although limited to black and white, when the processed film came back, we felt that our efforts had been well rewarded. Most shots were reasonably good, a few had to be rejected as useless. We discovered that High School, with its grimy Dickensian stables and cobbled yard, was quite photogenic!

Next came the tedious task of editing. This involved dissecting the entire film into individual scenes, labelling each of these, deciding on their order, and finally linking them all together again.

This done, an unexpected difficulty arose. We learnt that the jointed film, about 1,500

feet long, would be unlikely to stand up to the inevitable strain of repeated use, thus making a copy essential. This has more than doubled the figures of our original estimate! However, spurred on by such measure of success as we have achieved, we now decided to enliven the scenes with sound—an ambition not yet realized. With gratifying anticipation of our competence, Mr. Brook asked us to make a film of the official opening of the School on 26th November.

To compare the old with the new is an intriguing pastime. By joining both films in one reel, we hope to present an interesting record of a momentous event in the history of our School.

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Director and Script-Writer: Nigel Cox.

Co-Director: Niall Moore.

Editor: Sebastian Delmonte.

Lighting: Bernard Fintan Walton.

Special Effects: Mr. Gardner.

Artist: Reg. Kinlan.

Sound: Concerted Effort.

Cameraman: Stuart Farmer.

Producer: Mr. Broad.

We are deeply indebted to Mr. Farmer for his kindness and help in procuring the camera and in directing operations at the commencement of filming, when his expertise was extremely useful.

Niall Moore.

The German Trip

Last summer, Mr. McMullan's German group spent three weeks in Delmenhorst, West Germany. Travelling by student flight—a bright yellow jet—we arrived in Dusseldorf. Our

first impression of Germany was the heat—it stayed between 30° and 40° while we were there. After a long train journey we arrived in Bremen later in the evening. Delmenhorst—a town of about 70,000—is about 10 miles from there. It is an industrial town, largely populated by immigrant workers. The road systems and housing designs seemed quite advanced, but the town had been almost entirely rebuilt since the war.

We stayed with different families but each day went to the same school. This is a comprehensive-style school with over 1,000 students. Segregated education is unknown—quote, 'very bad for the blood pressure'. There is complete freedom of appearance—some of the senior students were bearded and uniform has never been heard of. The facilities in the school are highly advanced, many of the classrooms have electronic metal blinds on the windows. However, the classes are large (30-40), and the number of subjects taken is greater than here. There are no regular examinations, but each subject is tested ten times a year. There is a general shortage of teachers, and the number of school hours is being slowly reduced. At present, the school opens from 8 a.m. until lunchtime, but if the temperature reaches a certain level, it closes at 11.30 a.m.

The myth of hard-working, sober-living Germans disappeared soon after we arrived. We noticed a limited amount of resentment towards the British, but as Irish, they found us more acceptable. During our stay we visited Bremen, Luneburg and the East German Frontier. We also learnt some German.

We would like to record our sincere gratitude to Mr. McMullan for all his efforts.

J.S. & G.D.W.

Caving Trip to Co. Fermanagh

Caving has turned out to be the most successful of the adventure sports now run in the School. This is due to the hard work and organising by Mr. Broad of a number of outings to the various caving areas in the country. The most recent of these was a trip, in mid-October, to Blacklion in Co. Cavan. This small village lies only two or three hundred yards from the border and Co. Fermanagh. Throughout the time we spent there it was necessary to cross the border on a number of occasions.

It was arranged that we would spend Friday and Saturday night in a house owned by the Irish Caving Club near Blacklion. The house was in a rather bad state of repair but this did not deter us from having a good time.

Mr. Broad and Johnny Cohen left Dublin on Friday night taking with them most of us and on Saturday morning Mr. Hickmott left with the rest. When we arrived on Friday night we met our guides, Eamonn Devoy and Cathy White—both very experienced cavers who knew the caves which we would be going into.

On Saturday, after we had had breakfast and Mr. Hickmott had arrived, we set off for the first cave, Poul-na-Gollum. This cave was the most adventurous any of us had attempted in that it had deep water and it was necessary to use a dinghy for about 30 yards. On more than one occasion we were submerged in water up to our waists. There were some very interesting caverns and passages with calcium formations created by dripping water depositing calcium. There were also stretches of passage where one had to squeeze through holes barely the width of one's hips. However, we each emerged from the cave in one piece only very cold and wet. We went back to the hostel and made some hot food and had a change of clothes. That night we went into Blacklion and some went to the local dance hall while others listened at a public meeting of the Provisional I.R.A., after which we had a very long and interesting discussion with the speakers of the meeting.

On Sunday morning we had a large breakfast and attempted to dry out some of our clothes. After dinner and packing we set off for our second cave, Marble Arch. The entrance to the cave was very beautiful and the river which flows through it had cut several spectacular arches and gullies which were now covered with ivy and ferns and the whole area was forested. For the most part the cave was dry with only a very shallow stream running through it. When the river is in flood it leaves sand behind and because of this there are some small beaches. There were not as many calcium formations as in Poul-na-Gollum but there was a great abundance of mud and we all got filthy.

Arriving back at the caving hostel freezing cold, we changed into warm, dry clothes and had some hot food. But some of us were wondering where Johnny's car and its occupants were. It arrived about two hours

late with the impression of the rear end of a cow across the front. Luckily the damage was not too serious and only the radiator was burst, otherwise it was mechanically perfect.

So it was that at about seven o'clock on Sunday we left for home. Unfortunately the car only made it to a small town about five miles outside Carreen and Johnny, Sebastian del Monte and myself had to sleep in the car that night while the others went on home. In the morning the radiator was replaced and we limped home to Dublin.

That, roughly, was how our caving trip to Fermanagh went. We did find it beneficial to us and a very enjoyable week-end and hope that there will be many more. Had it not been for the selfless devotion of Mr. Broad and Mr. Hickmott, and the generosity of Johnny Cohen, Eamon Devoy and Cathy White this trip would not have been possible.

P.de L.M.

Rosemary Browne and the Great Composers

Mrs. Rosemary Browne is a most interesting person of whom not many people know. Mrs. Browne lives in Balham, London and is very much the ordinary housewife but with a difference. The difference is that she is a 'medium' (a person who can contact the dead) and has been receiving music from Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, Liszt, Greig, Debussy and various other great but long dead composers.

It all began when Mrs. Browne was seven and Franz Liszt appeared to her, and said that he would give her music when she grew up. Liszt did not return until after her husband died in 1964. Since then she has had visits from him and various other dead composers.

Although Mrs. Browne plays the piano, she is not knowledgeable enough to be able to produce music without some help. Sometimes the music comes very quickly and at other times it is slow and hesitant and so she often has to ask the composers to repeat what they have given her. Mrs. Browne also claims to have heard the finish of Schubert's Unfinished Symphony. She says that she has never heard anything more beautiful. She also says that Schubert communicates very easily.

It has been firmly stated by many prominent musicians that the music is exactly in the style in which the composers wrote their

music. This makes one ask is there a life after death? I believe there is a life after death and that there is a means of communication between this world and the next.

Reg Deane (2A)

Street Life in Athens

One of the most interesting aspects of a holiday in a foreign country is studying the way of life of the people. When I was in Greece last summer I found this as instructive as looking at the ancient monuments and as enjoyable as sunbathing on one of the Mediterranean beaches.

The number of street vendors in Athens is amazing. Men bearing sticks with small slips of paper attached to them stand at street corners. They are selling lottery tickets for a draw, as in the Irish Sweepstake. A vendor stands beside a portable charcoal grill, offering roasted corn-on-the-cob, such as one can get in tins in this country, to passers-by. When one's shoes are coated with sun-baked dust, shoe-shiners squat on the footpath ready with their brushes. A man, looking as if he is carrying a huge cauliflower, advertises his wares. He is, in fact, selling sponges. A glass showcase with a pair of scales on top of it, and full of trinkets is at the roadside. This is a sort of pawnbroker's shop. A sign on it bears the legend "Highest prices paid for gold teeth"!

It is impossible to walk down a street without coming across at least half a dozen kiosks. The Athenian kiosk is a shopping centre condensed into the area of a telephone box. One can buy newspapers and sweets there, as might be expected, but that is not all. One side of it may be festooned with racks of sunglasses, another with clothes, and the front may be hidden behind a curtain of leather belts hanging down, competing with tourists' souvenirs for a prominent position. Perhaps the most important commodity for a tourist perspiring in the hot sun is lemonade.

Mounting a bus in Athens, the first thing that one notices is the scarcity of seats. Most people have to stand on the single deck of the bus. The first time I underwent a bus journey I noticed, while squashed between two garlic-breathing Greeks, that an Athenian bus is never considered full, and nobody is told to wait for the next one. Despite this constant strain, the buses are well kept. This can probably be explained by the fact that each driver is permanently assigned to a particular

bus. He takes pride in it, and as well as keeping it clean, actually adorns it. On and around the windscreen there are various decorations. There is always a small shrine, often a photograph of the driver's family, some flowers—a fixed vase is thoughtfully provided by the makers of the bus—and dolls in national costume. Posters issued by the present administration read "Zeto o stratos" or "Long live the army". The windscreen is bordered by coloured tape, or a silk fringe. From the number and type of these decorations, one can find out something about the personality of the driver.

Although many shops in Athens have been influenced by countries like America, and have an international appearance (one shop which I saw had an advertisement for Irish linen in the window) many are still rather primitive. While business is conducted in a badly lit room at ground level by one man, his partner can be seen hard at work in the basement making the commodity to be sold.

One can sit to drink in an Athenian street cafe and sip *ouzo*, a strong spirit which tastes like liquorice. *Mezedes*, small tidbits consisting of cheese, tomato, olives or even octopus, which, despite its appearance when alive, is like tender chicken, are served with this drink. I, myself, rather liked Turkish coffee, a very sweet and strong drink which comes in tiny cups.

Finally, a moral for dear, dirty Dublin. Despite all these potential sources of litter, unlike the thoroughfares of our own capital city, the streets of Athens are spotless.

Stephen Hinds (Form 4A)

On Connacht

'Tis the wild land where Queen Maeve once fought,

*In the days when men of iron were wrought,
The country of the curlew and the snipe;
Where now sit old men dreaming with a pipe.*

*The barren hills, the endless bogs, which make
The eye sicken for a bush or tree to break
The dull monotony of the lonely place,
Unbroken yet by man's "civilising" rat race.*

*For years they lived in the shadow of servitude,
Helpless prey to "British Magnitude",
And still the scars of famine are unhealed,
One sees the blackened house and untilled field.*

*But Connaught is not in its death throes yet,
The white-washed cottages have not met
Extinction by starvation and emigration,
The old man sees it all in his imagination.*

David Moore (2A)

Death

*I see your shadow on the faces at the funeral,
Those long dark faces which recall the beauty
they will miss,
No matter how seldom it had been there.*

*I see your smile on the faces of the tombstones
In long dark rows; each announcing peace, but
immobility.
Each recording lives of history and worthless
dates.*

*I see your look of interest on the babies not
yet born,
The beings who will live in preparation for the
debut-last-night of your theatre
Which seems never ending,
And when, O! Ultimate, can I visit you,
When will You make my appointment?*

Richard Ross (6)

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I am now in my third year in the senior school. When I was in first form the system of streaming used in second form upwards was that of BL and BD. The BL section was for the boys in second form who were studying Latin and who were also considered to be more intelligent than the boys studying Art. The BD was for the boys studying Art and who were also considered to be of lower intelligence than the other boys.

Luckily (or perhaps not) this system was changed when I went into second form. The system was that anyone in 1A went into 2A and the boys in 1B1 went into 2B1 likewise 1B2 into 2B2. The boys in 2B2 studying Latin joined up with the boys in 2B1 studying Latin for the necessary periods. This was all fine. Parents and students alike were told that B1 and B2 were completely the same. But were they? I think not. At the prize giving four boys in the A class received prizes and three in the B1 class but merely two in the B2 class! Why? If the committee concerned decided to

award only a certain amount of money to second form, surely they could have divided it evenly among the classes.

I can recall many times being called 2BD and 3BD instead of 2B2 and 3B2 not because the masters look upon us in this manner, but because we are really the same thing, which was supposedly changed.

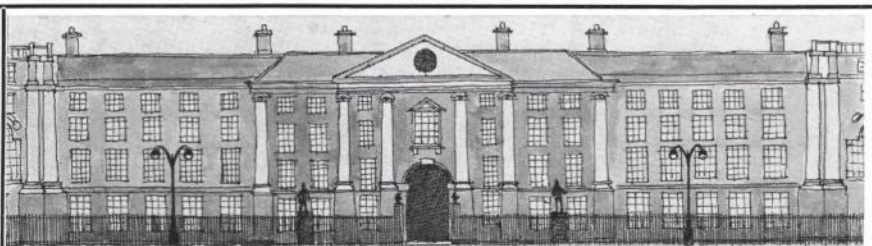
It is beginning to seem to me that the number of honours I get in the Intermediate Examination will not be judged by my abilities but by the number of slow and lazy boys in my class, who will slow down the rate of progress in the class.

I think it is time that a new system was brought in. In the fifth and sixth forms the classes are graded by their abilities in every subject rather than in general. This system seems to work much better so why not apply it to second form upwards as well. If this system were applied it would surely lead to a higher percentage of students passing the Intermediate Examination.

Maybe the system of streaming that has been suggested here is not the best, but it is time some new system was created and applied.

Desmond King (3B2)

TRINITY LETTER



The term about to end in Trinity has been one of those which periodically occur when nothing of much importance seems to happen. There have been complaints about the price of meals in the Buttery which have been ignored by the Catering Committee who plead higher overheads to support the increases which have made eating in College almost as uneconomical as eating in Grafton Street. To prove the point, the Students' Representative Council and the Historical Society have been providing a snack service at a fraction of the cost demanded in the Buttery and these have proved a realistic and popular alternative.

The standard of debating in the societies, the quality of articles in College Rags and the whirlwind tour of the Jesus People have provided varying topics for conversation, though none of these, unfortunately, seem to appeal to many of the students as much as the opening of the Buttery in the evening as a bar.

The only controversy which has, justifiably, engendered any real interest has been the agitation for student grants. Trinity, thanks to the Catholic Hierarchy, is now very much a middle-class university and the distinguished accents that once graced front square are becoming more muted. Students are quite naturally indignant that Northern Irish British

students are given enormous grants to deprive Irish students of places, while many Irish students cannot even afford to go to their own university or, if they do, are forced to give up their holidays, when they are supposed to be working for exams, in order to earn enough money for their fees and books. This is a situation which needs a speedy solution before the radical element among the students start to stir up real trouble in the universities.

High School Old Boys are still an active group in College, many of them have responsible posts in various societies, and a few, such as Derek Moran, have risen to fame in the various spheres of College life. Derek has been very active in differing fields such as the S.R.C., the Historical Society, and as business manager of the magazine T.C.D. and this year he was chairman of Freshers' Week which is designed to help new students find their feet in Trinity. Other Old Boys have done well in sport. John Silverstone will be cricket captain next season while Philip Orr and Rickie Stephens were both awarded their rugby colours while Kingsley Aikins and Michael Gault also played at various times for the 1st XV.

Generally speaking, however, High School Old Boys are content to get on with the

two main aims of College life, the gaining of a good degree and the broadening of one's general education before one is forced to settle down to earning a living. This should be the real test of a successful university education; it is not enough to obtain various combinations

of letters after one's name, one must learn how to use them and if one can do this in the few years in Trinity, one will certainly have well benefitted by the experience and should find it easier to achieve one's aims in life.

Aurea Mediocritas.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

A Vintage Car Story

Once I went to buy a car. It was called a vintage car. The wheels were made of rubber and spokes which were made of silver steel. The colour of my car was blue and white. The registration number was JZY 21. There was one engine. There was a roof which slid up and down and a light on each side of the windows. There was a spare tyre on the back and a roof-rack on top. The top was made of canvas and there was a mirror beside the window. There were two seats in the front which were made of leather and one seat for the back. There was a brake beside the driving seat; there was a rubber horn which made a funny noise. The steering wheel was brown and was very shiny, and there was one wiper which was made of rubber. I liked my vintage car.

Neil Harrison (J2)

My visit to St. Michan's Church

At Hallow'een Mummy, Dorothy, Gwyneth and I went to visit St. Michan's Church. The caretaker met us and showed us around. First we went inside and we saw an old organ on which Handel had played. We also saw a balcony with musical instruments stuck on to it. We then went outside. The man opened back the heavy doors and we climbed down the steps to the vaults. We first saw the coffins of the Sheares brothers. Then we went down into another vault. We saw the skeleton of a Crusader with whom I shook hands.

This was a very interesting visit.

Samuel Smith (J3)

Clare Island

One day in the holidays while we were down in the West we decided to go to Clare Island for the day. We had wanted to do this for

years but we never managed it. So next morning we got some rugs and a book each and bathing togs. Just as we got into the car one of us noticed that the car tyre was flat. We took the pressure and it was down to twelve pounds so we got out the hand pump and pumped it up.

It was about five or six miles to the harbour which was called Roonagh Quay. We had been told that the boat started at eleven so we were there a quarter of an hour early. After half-an-hour we began to wonder if it was coming in at all! In an hour it came in and the boat man had to go to the village which was four miles away.

We had to row out in a currach to get to the boat which was very old and cranky. When we were about halfway across a priest held up his hand in horror; he asked the boat man to turn the boat around because he had forgotten his coat.

Eventually we got to the island but first we had to climb up a steep ladder to the pier because the tide was out. There were a lot of other boats moored there. We then had lunch in a farmhouse which was converted into an hotel. Afterwards everyone wanted to go for a walk and also to explore the island. First we went along the cliffs which were very steep in places. Then we passed a long natural pier which was made up smallish stones. We went inland again, and passed some neat cottages. One had a very fierce dog which nearly bit me. We came to a cross-roads and the family split up. Daddy, David and I went right and we met a farmer who was just back from England and he said that there were only eighty people living on the island.

We had heard about a lighthouse and that it was only a mile away. We walked three miles and we found that the people meant an Irish mile! So, much as we wanted to go, we had not got time because we had to get to the

boat. I saw a lovely gurgling stream and I dipped my feet in it. It was lovely and cool.

There is a lovely wild feeling about the whole island and the people were so easy-going that it made one dread going back to real civilisation.

C. Moore (J4J)

Horses

*I don't care a bit about horses,
There much more fun from other sources,
Bikes are faster, smoother and nice,
Horses are bad tempered and full of vice.*

*They bite and kick and gallop away,
And eat lots of expensive food like hay,
They stamp on your toes,
They lie down and doze.*

*I'd prefer to have a bike or a car,
Which would go twice as far,
Some people would like them to race or ride
But this kind of person I cannot abide.*

Shane White (J4J)



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SCHOOL RECORD

School News

Congratulations to the following members of staff who have had degrees conferred upon them by Dublin University:

Mr. A. P. R. Brook — M.A.

Mr. R. J. Millar — M.A.

Mr. J. A. Hickey — H.Dip.Ed. (Hons.) (1st Class).

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lowry on the birth of a daughter.



Erasmus's Notebook

Erasmus notes that so far this year no attempt has been made to introduce a more frequent 'rag mag'. For, from being in competition with the Erasmian, it would provide a forum for discussion which the Erasmian cannot. After all, it's not much good putting an article on some burning question in the Erasmian when by the time the next publication appears the topic has long since turned to ashes. Since this paper would not enjoy quite such a large public circulation as does the Erasmian it could, perhaps, afford not to pay too much attention to the Erasmian's ideas of impartiality. The 5th form usually manage to produce something and since this year they haven't produced much (not even complaints) they might consider such an undertaking.

A source of considerable amusement to the whole School and no doubt of considerable frustration to our long suffering secretary, Miss Donohoe, has been the installation of an internal telephone system. So far, Erasmus is not aware of intimidation of the staff by means of heavy breathing on the other end of the line, but the system has great possibilities. Rumour has it, incidentally, that the source of a call can be traced—yet another invasion on the privacy of the individual. Did Mr. Gardner choose his own phone number?

The Radio Society

Due to an unfortunate accident in transporting our equipment from Harcourt Street, the communications receiver has been temporarily out of action. It is hoped to carry out

repairs before next term and to start the society again as soon as possible afterwards. Reception should be much improved now that we are in uncluttered surroundings and we shall be constructing a more efficient aerial. Mr. Gardner is now in the process of studying for the Department of Posts and Telegraphs examination for a Radio Experimenters Licence. Consequently we look forward to having our transmitter in operation next term.

D.G.R.

The Gramophone Society

The Gramophone Society restarted very late in the term, in order to assess the support for its re-introduction. It was decided to play contemporary music now and again, as well as the more "classical" pieces, in order to cater for a greater number of tastes. It is too early to decide whether support will be more forthcoming than previously, although many were glad of the opportunity to hear the recording of "Jesus Christ, Superstar" kindly lent to us by Mrs. White. We would like to thank Mr. Miller for his tireless support, Mr. Hickey for the use of his room and Miss Barcroft for the use of her record player.

M.E.

The Choral Society

Rehearsals are well under way for our next production, "Iolanthe" by Gilbert and Sullivan, which we hope to stage as part of the School concert in the new year. While the 5th and 6th forms continue to exhibit somewhat dis-

appointing support for the Society, the enthusiasm of the lower forms is very encouraging.

Members of the society formed a part of the choir which sang during the Service of Thanksgiving which took place in Zion Parish Church to commemorate the opening of the new school buildings. We are grateful for the support which we received in this from the members of Zion Parish choir. Miss Alice Barklie continues to do monumental work for the Society and sacrifices a great deal of time and effort for us. This is greatly appreciated by the members and for it we are eternally grateful.

G.A.C.

The Debating Society

The Debating Society has had an encouraging season so far, with attendances slightly more than last year. However, the support from fifth form is far from satisfactory, a symptom, it is felt, of post-exam apathy. The committee for this year was drawn from members of fourth and second year as well as from sixth, in order to stimulate members of lower forms to attend. Such subjects as the relevance of Christianity, the prospect of a United Ireland and entry into the E.E.C. were debated, resulting in heated and thought provoking exchanges. It is hoped to have a joint debate between the masters and boys in the near future. We would like to thank the staff for their interest in the Society, which is gratefully appreciated.

The auditor for this year is P. Murtagh and the secretary is M. Eppel.

M.E.

The Chess Society

This is the first year in which the Chess Society has not been run by its founding members. However, membership has never been stronger. We have a growing challenge list, and we are at present running an under 15 tournament. At the beginning of the term, a committee was elected, consisting of John Sterne (President), Kenny Harris (Secretary), Jonathan Caplin (Treasurer), Edward Lee, Peter Lucas and Donald Siev.

Our first match was played against a team from last year's sixth form—we lost, but we hope to do well this year in the Leinster Schools League. We also want to thank Mr.

Eames for the use of his room and notice board, his assistance in the running of the Society and for donating a special prize for the most improved player this term.

J.S.

The Library

The Library has benefited greatly by the change to the new school. It is very much bigger, with adequate space for studying and reading, as well as having many more facilities for the borrowing of books. The number of boys that use the Library has risen very substantially and from the beginning of term (i.e. mid-September) to the end of November there have been 1,200 lendings. At lunchtime when the Library is open, large crowds are attracted to it. Since the beginning of term 100 new books, including some very costly books on art, have been added to the shelves which makes our Library compare very favourably to those in other schools.

At this point I think it fit to thank the following for their generous contributions to the Library: Mr. Dungan (who presented beautiful books on cricket and music), Keith Trower, Mrs. Herman, Mr. Miller, R. A. Reynolds, David Aikens and Mr. Gardner (who presented most valuable additions to the art section).

Thanks too to David Lewis, Neil Jeffares, Nigel Cox and Gordon Fish who helped move the books from Harcourt Street and my thanks also to the present members of the Library committee for all their trouble and effort.

Library committee: S. Alexander, J. Baker, D. Boate, D. Chaloner, M. Davies, B. Hanna, S. Harris, C. Galloway, J. Hutchinson, D. McGarry, N. Moore, P. Murtagh, R. St. Leger, D. Woods, J. Sterne, D. Whyte.

J. S. Baker.

Examination Results

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

Degrees

Moderatorship—Natural Sciences: Botany (1st Class) M. Fenner; Experimental Physics (1st Class) R. A. Reynolds; History and Political Science (2nd Class, 2nd Division) J. H. Hamilton; Legal Science (2nd Class, 2nd Division) D. S. Cresswell; Classics (1st Class) A. E. Beck.

H.Dip.Ed.—R. H. de S. Cole.

M.A.—J. J. Steyn, D. J. Lloyd.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—W. A. Tanner, E. J. Taylor.

B.A.I. (Hons. 2nd Class)—A. J. Dunn, B. D. Carson.
 B.Agr.Sc. (Hons. 2nd Class)—D. B. Dungan.
 B.A.—A. B. Eppel, L. D. H. Lee, N. W. de L. Murtagh.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

Degree

B.Agr.Sc.—(Upper 2nd Class)—N. Storey.

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, BOLTON ST.
 Diploma in Surveying (Environmental Economics)—M. B. Adams.

SOCIETY OF KING'S INNS

Courses A and B—James Hamilton, Siralingum Govender.

INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY

Second Law Examination, Papers 4, 5, 6, 7—Brendan Comiskey.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

EXAMINATION RESULTS 1970/71

SCHOOL OF LAW

Department of Legal Science

Honor Examinations—

SENIOR SOPHISTER—Moderatorship Part III,
 Second Class, Second Division: D. S. Cresswell.

JUNIOR SOPHISTER—Moderatorship Part II,
 Second Class, Second Division: P. C. Hayes.

SENIOR FRESHMAN—Moderatorship Part I,
 Second Class, Second Division: A. G. Graham; Third Class: G. C. Richards.

JUNIOR FRESHMAN—Second Class, First
 Division: A. Shatter; Third Class, C. G. Woodhouse.

Careers

Careers Librarians are—

W. Noblett, B. Burgess, N. Gray, D. Pierce, H. Raby.

Careers Room Open—

Monday 11.00 - 11.15; Tuesday 1.15 - 1.45;
 Thursday 1.15 - 1.45; Friday 11.10 - 11.15.

Careers Talks—

High School is most grateful to the following people who gave up their time to talk to members of the 5th form:—

Opportunities for Graduates—

Mr. D. Montgomery, Appointments Officer
 T.C.D.

Engineering—

Dr. R. C. Cox, Engineering Department,
 T.C.D.

Veterinary—

Dr. Hatch, Veterinary College.

Quantity Surveyor—

Mr. G. Aston and Mr. Webb, Messrs.
 Patterson & Kempster.

Solicitor—

Mr. Mannim, Incorporated Law Society.

Accountancy—

Mr. A. M. Moloney, Craig Gardner & Co.

Erasmian Committee

G. Chadwick (6U) Editor; D. Lewis (6U)
 Sports Editor; D. Simms (6) Art Editor; D.
 Wright (6); D. Woods (6); P. Murtagh (6);
 A. Ford (5); D. Cornick (4A); D. Dockrell
 (3A); J. Gibson (2A).

Parents' Association

The season opened with the Annual General Meeting which was held in Danum on Monday, 25th October, 1971.

There was a very large attendance—over 300—which included the Headmaster and some members of the Staff.

Mr. Gault, the Chairman, welcomed the new Headmaster, Mr. Brook, and introduced him to the parents.

The following were elected for the 1971/72 season:—

*Chairman—*Mr. I. Gault.

*Hon. Treasurer—*Mr. G. Stewart.

*Hon. Secretary—*Mr. H. W. Burgess.

*Committee—*Mrs. Booker, Mrs. Dockrell, Mrs. Draper, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. N. Blair, Mr. K. Hunt, Dr. N. Smith.

Last year we had a membership of 247 parents, but this could be increased, so to those who are not members please come along and join the Association.

Our first function was a talk and film on the R.N.L.I. and was held on Thursday, 18th November, 1971. It is hoped to follow this in January with 'Youth Counselling'. Special emphasis will be put on Drugs and Alcohol. This meeting must be of interest to all parents. In February 'Career Guidance' will be the theme of the meeting.

Of a more social nature it is intended to hold a Wine and Cheese Party in the School on Saturday, 12th February, 1972.

Parents will be notified in more detail of these functions at a later date.

H. W. BURGESS,
Hon. Secretary.

SPORTS REVIEW



SENIOR CRICKET XI, 1970

M. Duffy, D. Lewis, M. Dockrell, P. Gault, C. Galloway, B. Hilliard, Mr. Cole, Mr. Cornish, G. H. Ford, B. Buttmer, D. Telford (Capt.), J. Robbie, I. Burns, Mr. Keegan.

Rugby Notes

S.C.T.

The Senior Team, with six of last year's team available, has done very well this year. The team had a disastrous start to the season when beaten heavily by Belvedere. However, after some training the team began to function.

The pack has been playing extremely well in the last couple of matches and has been gaining good possession from which the backs have scored many good tries. The backs are stronger in defence as well as attack. They handle the ball competently.

They play as a team and this has made a tremendous difference, as recent results have shown. They have won their last eight matches against Leinster Schools. It consists of many fine individualists who also fit in well into the team.

The team has had many fine victories including 12-7 over St. Mary's, 16-9 over Belvedere, 11-9 over Newbridge, 22-4 over Wesley and 17-6 over C.B.C. They put up a great fight against Blackrock losing 20-15. They also

played extremely well against the Old Boys, losing 13-10.

Congratulations to Arthur Godsil, David Lewis, Donald Lewis, Peter Boyle, Val Hickey and Barry Hilliard who all got Leinster Trials. Godsil was selected as a travelling substitute.

Both the S.C.T. and J.C.T. enjoyed their trip to Campbell College. The trip was very kindly sponsored by Mr. Fox and our hosts welcomed us with great hospitality.

2nd XV

The second fifteen are a useful side this year, but lack finishing power. None of their defeats have been large ones. The forwards are strong and good around the field. The backs are big and fast, but unfortunately are sometimes weak in defence. Some of their victories include 47-3 over St. Columba's, 22-14 over Sandymount and 20-7 over Clongowes.

J.C.T.

The Junior Team this year has got a good pack but is weak in the backs. The pack is big and strong and wins some very good balls. On some occasions the backs have shown

some good attacking power but are weak in defence. Some of their victories include 22-8 over St. Columba's, 16-14 over Templeogue, 13-4 over Masonic and 24-14 over Newbridge.

The J.C.T. 2nd XV have played three matches winning one against C.B.C.

UNDER 14

This team has a useful pack and backs which are good in attack, but alas, they have the fault of most teams this year; their defence is very bad. However, the side has potential and with further training could develop into a useful side. Some victories include 42-0 over St. Columba's, 32-6 over Masonic and 44-3 over St. Andrew's.

The Under 14 2nd XV had two matches and is still looking for a win.

UNDER 13

Unfortunately this team has a very poor record so far this year. It is very weak, but the team spirit is good and it is very keen to improve. Its two wins were 8-0 over Masonic and 16-15 over Clongowes.

The Under 13 2nd XV has had two matches and has still to record a win.

UNDER 12

The Under 12 XV suffers from the same defects as the Under 13's. It is weak but is still at the sorting-out stage, and could develop into a good side.

UNDER 11

This year's team has shown great promise. The forwards are big and strong and combine very well. The backs are fast and capable of scoring many tries. This team should turn out to be a good one in future years. This season it has beaten De La Salle 20-10 and St. Andrew's 32-0.

UNDER 10

This is the second year the School has fielded an Under 10 XV. It has played two matches so far, both against De La Salle, winning one and losing the other. There is great enthusiasm and considerable potential in the side.

	P	W	L	D	F	A
S.C.T.	16	11	4	1	231	161
J.C.T.	13	6	7	—	205	191
2nd XV	8	2	6	—	122	132
Under 14	12	4	7	1	173	212
Under 13	9	3	6	—	102	235
Under 12	6	1	5	—	53	136
Under 11	5	3	2	—	66	48
Under 10	2	1	1	—	8	36

I.G.B.

Table Tennis Club

Last year was a very successful season for the Club, as our senior team came third in the Leinster Schools' League. This was our first time to enter an outside competition and we have gained much experience for this year's league.

Owing to the move to Danum, table tennis was delayed a number of weeks this term, but the wait has been worthwhile as we now have our own table tennis room, for which we would like to thank Mr. Brook and Mr. Peters.

In the league this year we have matches against Mountjoy-Marine, Kostka, De La Salle, Churchtown, Moyle Park, St. Paul's, Avoca-Kingstown, Blackrock, Oatlands and Wesley. Next term we hope to arrange three tournaments in the School; these are a junior and senior championship, a league and an inter-house match. Table tennis is held every Friday in the prefabs and anyone (including staff!) is welcome.

Leslie Richards (6U)

Badminton Notes

This season we laid out a new court in the assembly hall—a huge improvement on Harcourt Street—with proper lighting and changing facilities. We have entered two teams in the Senior League and one in the Junior League. Nigel Darragh was elected captain, Dominic Yeow vice-captain and Alan Sherling secretary. To date the second team have played and won one match in defence of the 2nd League. The juniors have played two matches but have lost them both narrowly. The senior team still have to play.

N.D.

Swimming

The Swimming Club started off well this season, the highlights being the School Gala, Leinster Schools Water Polo Championship and the Leinster Schools Swimming Championship.

The School Gala was different from other years in that the prizes were given out after each final. It was found that this quickened the proceedings. This year we had two new events, the Junior Backstroke which was won

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by A. Moore and the Junior Inter-house Relay which was won by Harcourt. One of the most exciting events was the Masters v. Boys. The Masters won for the second year running after a very close race. We wish to thank the following Masters for being such great sports: Mr. Hickmott, Mr. McMullen, Mr. Broad, Mr. Cole, Mr. Blackmore and Mr. Fitzgerald.

The Boys' Relay team pulled a good win by beating the Old Boys. This is the first time in a number of years that the boys have won this event.

The Senior Championship was won by Brian Holmes and the Junior Championship by P. Barry. We would like to thank Mrs. Brook for presenting the prizes.

In the Leinster Schools' Water Polo Championship the School was beaten in the opening rounds by Clongowes Wood. The score was 4-1. All those involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The team being: B. Holmes, V. Hickey, J. Cohen, J. Fitzgerald and N. Darragh.

In the Leinster Schools' Swimming Championship the most successful was D. Sherwood who came sixth in senior breastroke and W. Campbell also did quite well.

B.H.

Canoeing

This term some 15 members of the 5th and 6th forms under the guidance of Mr. Blackmore are taking an A.F.A.S. (Association for Adventure Sports) course in canoeing. The course consists of films, discussions and practical work in canoes. We have seen two films so far, the first showing the basic manoeuvres in handling such a boat and the second about a trip down the Grand Canyon by canoe. Recently the group visited a stretch of the river near Palmerstown and braved the wintry conditions to enjoy an afternoon's training, but unfortunately some participants spent a little more time in the water than in their canoes. At present we are considering joining the Irish Canoe Union and in the future we hope to do some indoor training at the Curragh Pool.

All members would like to thank Mr. Ernest Lawrence, Mr. Leslie Hyland and Mr. Blackmore who is in charge of canoeing, as the three of them have put much time and effort into organising our group.

A.N.



OLD BOYS' UNION



DAVID ORR, O.B.U. President

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Dear Member,

It is a great honour to be elected President of the Old Boys' Union, especially so in a year when the Old Boys will want to show support for the School in its new premises. As an 'exile' I will be dependent even more than former Presidents on the support of all members and, in particular, on the hard work of your Secretary, Treasurer and Committee.

In the past year the School suffered a sad blow in the untimely death of Dr. Reynolds. His passing will be a great loss to the Union. Dr. Reynolds was always an enthusiastic supporter of all our activities and he retained a close interest in his former pupils.

We welcome the new Headmaster, Mr. Brook, as our Vice-President. We wish him success in his heavy responsibilities and we look forward to a long and close association in the years ahead.

Before the Annual General Meeting at Danum in November we were able to look around the new school buildings. The design and layout are impressive and the facilities for study, sport and other recreational activities are excellent. The Headmaster has kindly agreed that we can continue to hold O.B.U. meetings and functions on the School premises. Our first major event will be the Annual Dinner on 15th January. Although we will miss the atmosphere of the old Clockroom, I am sure we will soon feel at home in Danum. We look

forward to a good attendance at our first Dinner there.

To old High School boys, the assembly room will not be complete without a clock and it has been suggested that the Union might provide one of appropriate design which would be a reminder of traditions of the past. It is estimated that this would cost £50 or so and we propose asking as many Old Boys as possible to contribute, limiting the donation to 50p.

Members who wish to contribute should complete the enclosed form and send it on to Cyril Craven as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible (and their wives) at the London Dinner on Friday, 11th February. Your friends and colleagues on the "other side of the Irish Sea" look forward, as always, to a most pleasant evening and we would like to see as many of you as possible with us.

The year has started with a most enjoyable annual dance and I am sure that members will equally enjoy the other functions this year. We need to show our support for the Union and the School in this year of transition.

Yours sincerely,

D. A. ORR.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Friday, 5th November, the President, Mr. F. J. Fox, in the Chair. There was what was probably an all time record attendance and the meeting was both lively and interesting. The Secretary reported on a successful year, during which all functions had been enjoyable and well supported. The Hon. Sports Secretaries reported that the various O.B.U. and A.S.U. sporting events had been most enjoyable. In the A.S.U. Rugby seven-a-side competition, the High School finished runners-up to St. Andrew's in the final.

The Hon. Treasurer reported on a very successful year from a financial point of view. The accounts showed a substantial increase in the surplus compared with the previous year, which was due mainly to a record profit from the Annual Dance and a better return from the Union's investments which had been re-arranged during the year.

Our new President, Mr. D. A. Orr took over the Chair during the meeting and it is a great honour for the Union to have as its President

the Vice-Chairman of the Unilever Organisation. We wish him every success during his term of office.

The first Annual General Meeting in the new premises ended with light refreshments very kindly provided by the School Catering Staff and it is to be hoped that future Annual General Meetings will receive the same support from members of the Union.

Annual Dance 1971

The Annual Dance held in the Gresham Hotel on Saturday, 6th November, 1971, as usual was most enjoyable. Our best thanks are due to the Hon. Dance Secretary, Richard McConnell who, as a result of the substantial structural alterations carried out at the hotel during the summer, had more than the usual quota of problems. However, the evening was a tremendous success and a very satisfactory surplus was achieved.

Annual Dinner 1972

The Annual Dinner will be held for the first time in the new School on Saturday, 15th January, 1972. Members who intend being present should return the application form enclosed with this issue of the *Erasmian*, as soon as possible.

London Dinner 1972

The London Dinner will, as usual, be held on the eve of the Irish/English Rugby International at Twickenham, on Friday, 11th February. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend this function, particularly those residing in the U.K. Application forms are enclosed with this issue of the *Erasmian* and should be returned as soon as possible.

Prize Day Pamphlets

The School is at present compiling a collection of Prize Day pamphlets and would be grateful if readers could help to furnish those of the following years: 1908, 1923, 1929, 1935 and 1945.

We would also appreciate the receipt of *Erasmians* from 1929 - 1949 (inclusive).

News of Old Boys

NIGEL W. BRYAN (1964 - 1970) has passed Part I of the Institute Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

- R. G. B. BUTLER (1944 - 1946), after success in many fields including insurance and teaching, now lives in Ontario, Canada, and runs his own business.
- BRIAN D. CARSON (1959 - 1967) is working as a mechanical engineer with Shell Chemicals (U.K.) Ltd., Shell International. He has also enjoyed considerable success at badminton and is ranked first in Leinster.
- DEREK CHAPMAN (1962 - 1969) played the part of Jack Point in the Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society's production of "The Yeomen of the Guard".
- DR. R. CURTIS (1954 - 1961) has joined Sound Systems as Installation Manager.
- DAVID B. DUNGAN (1959 - 1966) will spend the next two years in Pennsylvania, attending College and managing a three hundred acre beef farm.
- THE REV. V. S. DUNGAN (1927 - 1935) has been instituted as rector of Killiney Parish.
- JONATHAN FISHER (1959 - 1961) is a lecturer in Electrical Engineering in Kevin St. College of Technology.
- DAVID J. FITZPATRICK (1945 - 1955) has been elected a member of the British Orthopaedic Association.
- GEORGE M. GRAY (1959 - 1965) has been appointed assistant manager of the Princes Street branch of McGowans of Glasgow, having successfully passed the N.A.G. diploma examination.
- DEREK G. GREGORY (1952 - 1956) has had conferred upon him the degree of B.A. by Carleton University, Ottawa. He holds a post in the Civil Service of Canada.
- KENNETH A. GREGORY (1952 - 1958) is a director of Arnold Gregory Ltd., Auctioneers and Estate Agents.
- PROFESSOR A. NORMAN JEFFARES (1920 - 1930) is retiring from the directorship of the Yeats International Summer School.
- NEIL JEFFARES (1962 - 1971) obtained first place in Ireland in both the Mathematics and the Sciences groups of subjects in the Leaving Certificate Examination. He was awarded the Tom Clarke Scholarship.
- STEPHEN KERTETZ (1966 - 1967) has graduated from London University with an Honours Degree in Mathematics (Upper Second Class).
- JAMES KILLEN (1954 - 1965) has been appointed a Junior Lecturer in Geography at Dublin University.
- N. S. MONTGOMERY (1938 - 1947) is the managing director of I.P.T. Income Continuance, which is a subsidiary of the Irish Pensions Trust.
- JOSEPH W. MOORE (1936 - 1942) is Honorary Treasurer of the Irish Amateur Swimming Association.
- PHILIP A. ORR (1961 - 1969) has been awarded his colours for Rugby in Dublin University.
- NORMAN D. SIMPSON (1949 - 1959) occupies the post of deputy director of the Language Department of the University of Rwanda.
- DAVID WENT (1958 - 1965) has added the position of part-time Lecturer in Commercial Law at T.C.D. to his already extensive duties.
- DAVID C. WILSON (1960 - 1962) has obtained the degree of Ph.D. in Bio-Engineering for his thesis "Accommodation-Accommodative Vergence Synkinesis in the Human Visual System", from the University of California, Berkely.

Marriages

We congratulate the following Old Boys on their marriages and wish them every happiness.

- BRIAN D. CARSON (1959 - 1967) to THELMA MAYBURY.
- CYRIL CRAVEN (1945 - 1951) to AUDREY SULLIVAN.
- RODNEY W. CROMER (1955 - 1963) to PHYLLIS BURGESS.
- DAVID B. DUNGAN (1959 - 1966) to DIANA K. MAYTHAM.
- ROGER N. DUNGAN (1952 - 1965) to AVRIL SMYTH.
- J. GORDON H. FILDES (1951 - 1958) to SALLY E. FALKNER.
- KENNETH O. FILDES (1951 - 1958) to VALERIE TAYLOR.
- HOWARD J. GREER (1957 - 1968) to HILARY B. BELL.
- DEREK A. J. HARRIS (1954 - 1961) to MARY KEDWARD.
- THOMAS HASKINS (1953 - 1959) to JENNIFER SMYTH.
- ROBERT KEMP (1963 - 1964) to CAROL MAHER.
- ERNEST G. KEOGH (1959 - 1965) to GILLIAN THORNTON.
- C. DESMOND MULLOCK (1956 - 1963) to CHRISTINE JONES.
- JULIAN D. REYNOLDS (1951 - 1960) to SYLVIA C. PIROSKA.

ARTHUR H. ROBB (1957 - 1963) to LINDA M. MORRIS.
 DENIS L. SANDES (1957 - 1964) to LESLEY SCOTT.
 DAVID L. SEMPLE (1951 - 1957) to JOY F. ALEXANDER.
 DESMOND E. SIMPSON (1951 - 1958) to SYLVIA McCONNELL.
 JAMES W. SHAW, M.B. (1958 - 1964) to KATHRYN DAY.
 G. ANDERSON WATT (1945 - 1954) to ELSPETH F. CLAYTON.

Deaths

GEORGE GIBSON GRIFFITH (1907 - 1909), Kellymount, Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny.
 GEORGE REGINALD HAYNES (1900 - 1903) 15th November, 1971.
 DESMOND MURPHY (1922 - 1926) 27th September, 1971.
 GEORGE GERALD MacNEICE (1926 - 1929) 6th October, 1971.
 GEORGE PRICE (1922 - 1925) 28th October, 1971.
 RICHARD WILLIAM SHAW (1910 - 1911) 30th October, 1971.

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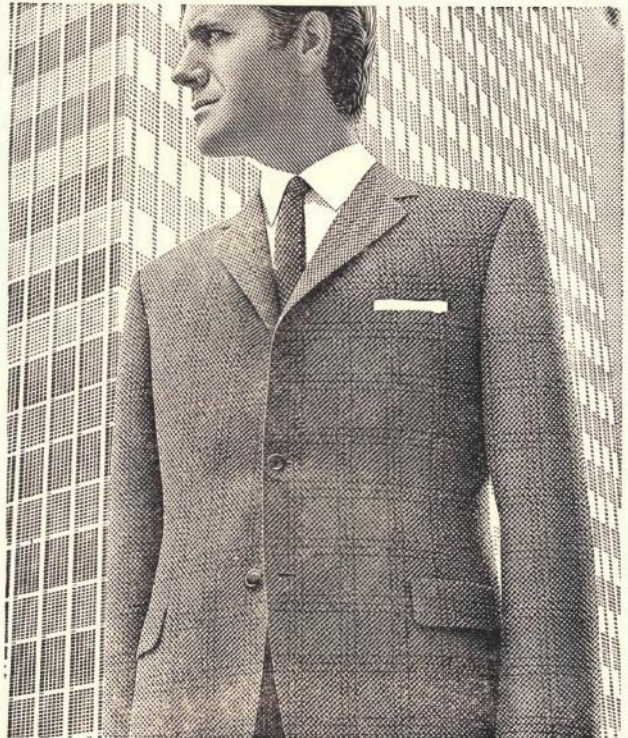
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