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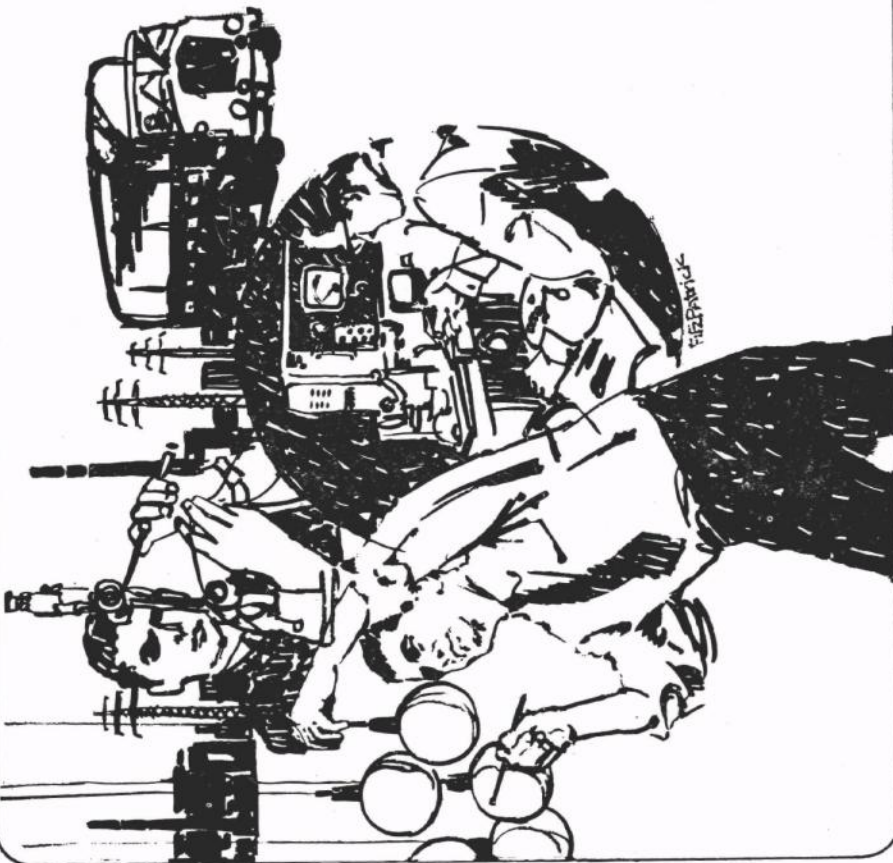
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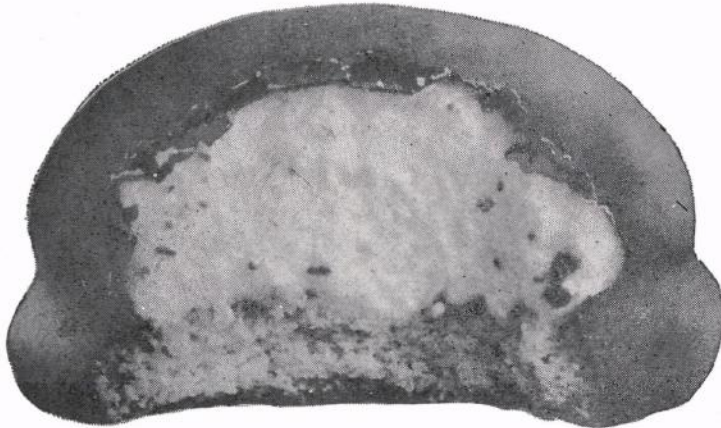
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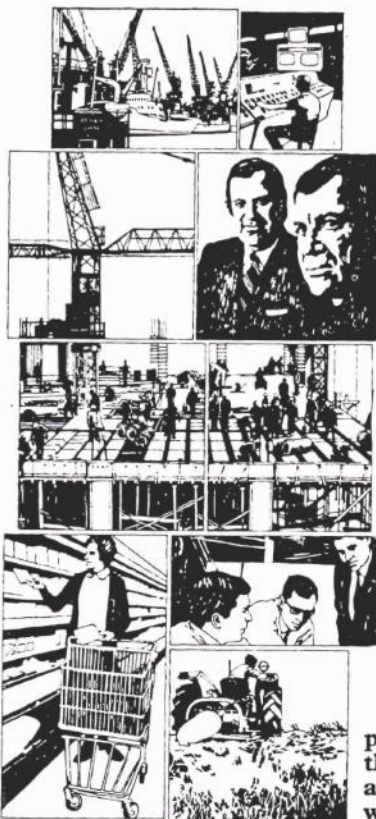
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EDITORIAL

The attitude of the pupils towards Religious Education is difficult to judge. Previously R.E. has been taught like any other school subject: teachers basing their classes on the Bible, expecting their pupils to take notes, learn verses, and write essays. This system has been changing over the past two years, finally confronting the pupils with the new method that was introduced at the beginning of September, which Miss Barcroft describes in her article in this issue.

The widening of the syllabus makes R.E. more relevant to the present. Indeed, it is difficult to speak of a syllabus, for real life issues cannot be confined in syllabuses and the present courses in R.E. abound with such topics as 'violence', 'poverty', or 'communications'. But this changes the role of the teacher. No longer does he or she instruct the class by means of the Bible and notes; now there is a more delicate role to perform—to try to introduce a religion in wide-ranging terms and involve the class in discussion. However, he also has to guide discussion along the right lines and show the relevance of Christianity. Thus, in R.E., more than any other school subject, who the teacher is, and how he embodies what he believes, are of crucial importance.

The problem is that not all Christian beliefs can be expressed in 'relevant issues' or presented to the class in an exciting way. Even more seriously (and this has been noticed in some R.E. classes so far) the teacher might fail to interest the class sufficiently in the subject for there to be any discussion, for although topics such as poverty and violence may be interesting in the social and political aspects, they are inclined to become less so when the teacher tries to relate them to R.E. Thus, in order to retain the interest of the pupils, there is a tendency to shy away from the Christian aspect (and introduce topics such as Buddhism or Hinduism) but if the teacher wants to return to the basic Christian aspect, R.E. has to retreat again to the old method of a teacher instructing a class of silent pupils.

Another problem of the new method is its general nature, trying to deal with many diverse aspects of several religions. This has little relevance to the pupils' personal difficulties of belief or faith. The problem is, of course,

that one cannot expect pupils to put forward their personal religious doubts and feelings before a class of twenty. But these matters of spiritual and personal beliefs, which are missing from the classroom, form a major part of Christianity. Basically this means that the proper place for the teaching of religion must be in the home, for, as recent surveys in England have shown, it is the home that is the decisive influence on religion and morals; the school can only act as a reinforcer for what is already there. To put it in an aphorism: 'Religion is caught, not taught'.

The new method, then, admitting that Christianity cannot be successfully 'taught' as a belief, tries to widen the pupils' religious horizons. But, in doing so, it is easy to lose sight of the religious and Christian content, as the teacher tries to interest the class by introducing topics with little relation to that content.

To sum up, the new method is not without its dangers and irrelevancies, but it is undoubtedly an improvement on the old system. It does, however, depend to a large extent on the pupils' co-operation, and it is largely the responsibility of the teacher to ensure that such co-operation is achieved *without* having to introduce extraneous topics to retain their interest. There still remains the fact that religion is essentially a personal matter, and as such demands a different approach from other subjects.

The Old Boys' Cup

AN APOLOGY

In the last issue the report of the presentation of the Old Boys' Cup contained a serious error. The Cup was in fact awarded to Michael Gault and we take this opportunity to apologise to him most sincerely.

The Prize Distribution

SENIOR SCHOOL

The Senior School Prize Distribution was held in the Assembly Hall on Friday, 20th October. The Chairman was Mr. R. E. M. Clarke, Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the prizes were distributed by Senator T. T. West, B.A., Ph.D.

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Having welcomed Senator West and thanked Mr. Clarke for the great interest he continues to take in the School, the Headmaster went on to report on the examination results of the previous year. In the Intermediate Certificate 64 candidates sat the examination, of whom 46 secured the full certificate; and of these, 31, nearly 50% of our total entry, achieved what is regarded as an Honours Certificate. 70 candidates sat the Leaving Certificate in 5 or more subjects; 54 of these obtained full certificates, 19 of them obtaining three or more Honours grades on Higher level papers. Many of the Sixth Form also sat the I.C.D. Matriculation and by a combination of Honours results in both examinations satisfied the entrance requirements for University. The Headmaster pointed out that although the results of Sixth Form were generally sound, the small proportions of A and B grades on Higher level papers could be accounted for by the reluctance of most people to appreciate that they must work just as hard in Fifth Form as they intend to do in Sixth. The School again did well in the Trinity College Entrance Scholarship Examination lists, for while only one—Geoffrey Chadwick—obtained an award, others of our 13 candidates filled places 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 25 in a list of 70. The Headmaster paid tribute to the fine efforts of the candidates and the skill and dedication of their teachers.

In sport, Mr. Brook commented on the keen interest in rugby throughout the School but remarked that it was the exploits of the Senior Cup Team which captured the enthusiasm of everybody by reaching the semi-final where they were defeated by Belvedere, the eventual winners of the Cup, by 8 points to 4. The Senior Badminton Team won the Leinster Schools Badminton Shield, and the Senior Table Tennis Team won the Leinster Schools League. The Headmaster was able to report another trophy for the School in cricket. The 1st XI won their section of the league and defeated St. Columba's College in the final.

The Headmaster then outlined the other out-of-school activities open to the boys. In particular he congratulated Miss Barklie for her Gilbert and Sullivan production which was, as always, the highlight of the School Concert. But the greatest success, Mr. Brook said, was the new Drama Workshop which not only encouraged self-confidence and creative expression but involved a large number of boys, for the first time, in a group activity. The Headmaster expressed the wish

that even more pupils and parents would appreciate the value of these other activities and take advantage of all the facilities which the School had to offer.

Mr. Brook then paid tribute to Mrs. Bell, the Caterer, and Miss Rosemary O'Donohue, the Secretary, and to all the staff, whose enthusiasm and dedication would ensure the continued success of the School.

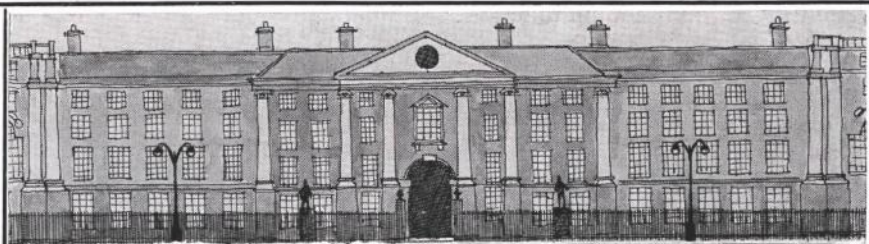
Senator West, in his address, briefly recalled the days when he and Mr. Brook had been fellow pupils in Midleton College and remembered that boys got their work done by hook, or by crook, or by Brook! In a more serious vein, and in reference to the present troubles in the country, he emphasised that it was vitally important for Irishmen of different cultural and religious backgrounds to take every opportunity of coming together and getting to know each other better.

Mr. C. A. Boyle, President of the Old Boys' Union then presented the Old Boys' Cup to Geoffrey Chadwick, and the Distribution ended with the Benediction.

Special Prizes

- John Thompson Scholarship in Classics (£120)*—John Cunningham.
High School Exhibition (£100)—David Robbie.
Glorney Exhibition (£50) and Cup—Peter Boyle.
Bessie Bury Prize in English—Geoffrey Chadwick.
Simon Eppel Prize in Science—Michael Eppel.
Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize—Arthur Godsil.
B'nai B'rith Scholarship (£30)—John Sterne.
John Bennett Memorial Prize—Nial Moore.
S. S. Evans Prizes in Commerce—David McGarry, Geoffrey Reeves.
Dr. Warnock's Prizes in Irish—Eric Logan, Neville Couse.
French Government Prizes—Robert St. Leger, John Sterne, Alan Moore, Neville Couse.
German Government Prize—Robert St. Leger.
Mitchell Scholarship—Alan Ford.
Dr. Start's Prize in Chemistry—Stephen Iland.
Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize—Stephen Hinds.
Miss Mitchell's Prizes in Art—Mark Duffy (6), Norman Gray (5), Allan Beattie (4), Arvid Akerlind (3), Stephen Speller (2).
Debating Society Medal (O.B.U.)—Peter Murtagh.
Erasmian Prizes (O.B.U.)—Geoffrey Chadwick, Clive Slattery.

TRINITY LETTER



The beginning of term in Trinity saw the end of one major college tradition, to the delight of those girls in College who support the Women's Liberation Movement. Thus for the first time, girls, other than Scholars, were allowed rooms in College. This caused a reduction in the number of rooms made available to males and led to the previously exclusive female residence at Trinity Hall being shared by both males and females. When asked to comment on the desirability of this arrangement certain males thought this a good idea but insisted that a bar should be provided at Trinity Hall, and judging by the number of students who patronise the modernised bar in the new canteen block, this seems to be one of the most popular 'clubs' in College.

One cannot help wondering how many decisions regarding campaigns for more and bigger grants are made by 'impoverished students' over a drink at the rate of seventeen pence a pint. Indeed the grants question has arisen again in College this year with the announcement of fee increases of up to eighteen per cent in certain faculties. This led to a widespread campaign by post-secondary school students in Ireland, the centre of which was a march through Dublin. However, this was not well supported by Trinity students, a fact explained by the organisers as due to the late start of the College term, but it would seem that Trinity students generally are not unduly worried about fee increases.

Following a large amount of debate regarding the design and positioning of the new Arts Block, permission has been given for the erection of a slightly modified design of the building and with long-term plans for the redevelopment of the east end of College it may not be long before discussions develop again regarding building on the rugby pitch in College Park.

Thus the College buildings and indeed College life in general are being exposed to continuing change and by involvement in different societies. Old High School boys are

contributing to this change. The Philosophical Society has as its president, Nigel Cox, who distinguished himself by obtaining a Scholarship during his first year in College. He is ably assisted by many Old Boys, including Charles Hickson who holds a post on the committee. David Beattie is president of the Irish Physics' Students Association and is helping to organise a forthcoming conference for this group. AIESEC (I am told it is a society for Economics students) has three Old Boys on its committee, namely, Stewart Wright, David Hunt and Alan Nager. Alan Graham and Michael Tyrrell hold positions in the Law Society and Russell Irvine and Neil Jeffares are involved in the running of the Mathematical Society. David Vipond is chairman of the Trinity Internationalist Branch of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist).

Derek Chapman must remember with joy his parts in the High School presentations of Gilbert and Sullivan as he is now a leading light in D.U. Players. Peter Murtagh is also involved in the Arts, as he is on the staff of one of the College publications, Trinity News. On the academic side Mark Jeffares continues to do well in his examinations and Geoffrey Chadwick and Niall Moore obtained exemptions from the pre-medical year.

In rugby, Old Boys continue to make their mark, with David Duffy as secretary of the Rugby Club, with Kingsley Aikins having been elected a Knight of the Campanile for his services to the Club. Philip Orr and Brian Storey have represented Trinity on the 1st XV. Alan Shatter continues his interest in athletics.

Although one tends to forge new associations in College and one's contact with Old Boys, even one's contemporaries, tends to diminish, the untimely death during the term of one Old Boy, Dave Gault, cast a dark shadow over everybody who knew him, and by the presence of a large number of Old Boys at his funeral, showed that we are faithful to our friends as well as to our trust.

Puer Antiquus.

A New Approach to Religious Education

By a Teacher

'Throughout history and beyond in the dark recesses of men's earliest cultures, religion has been a vital and pervasive feature of human life. To understand human history and human life it is necessary to understand religion, and in the contemporary world one must understand other nations' ideologies and faith in order to grasp the meaning of life as seen from the perspectives often very different from our own'.

It is, perhaps, largely on the basis of this argument that R.E. continues to have a place in the curriculum of many schools today. There are, it is true, those who believe that since religion is so often a divisive factor in society, it should be kept out of schools altogether. Yet surely this is to dodge an important issue. It is the closed mind which, believing it has the whole truth, refuses to listen to, and to respect, another point of view. Maybe there are too many such minds in Ireland at the present time.

All this may seem, however, to put R.E. on a rather lofty level. The reality of the controversy surrounding the subject, of the dissatisfaction of many pupils, must be honestly faced. In this connection, the Editor's gesture, in giving this opportunity of discussing some of the new ideas and methods now being introduced, is much appreciated.

R.E. has traditionally been virtually synonymous with Christianity and the Bible. Now, however, it is felt that the approach in schools should be more open-ended. This is neither to deny Christianity and the Bible an honoured place in the syllabus, nor to reduce religious convictions to a vague compromise. Nevertheless, the R.E. teacher's function is no longer seen to be one of supplementing what should properly be done in the home and by the churches. It is not for the teacher to impart one set of beliefs to the exclusion of others. Thus pupils are not now divided into denominational groups, and the presence this year of a number of Jewish pupils in some of the R.E. classes is warmly welcomed.

Where the Bible is concerned, recent research has shown that pupils are often introduced to too much of it at too early an age, so that when they reach the senior forms they

tend to dismiss it as boring and irrelevant, while at the same time having little real understanding of its nature and meaning. So it seems wise to reduce the amount of Bible study in the junior forms. This year, first form pupils are working from an attractive new text-book, the first part of the 'Developing World' series. They refer to the Bible from time to time, and for this are urged to use a modern translation. It is planned to carry on with the other parts of the series in the second and third forms. In the fourth form, a new series of books 'Living Issues' has been introduced this year. These are centred on themes such as 'power' and 'conflict', and they introduce history and Biblical references as well as topical information, in the form of project work. It is hoped that these books will stimulate awareness of the relevance of religion to present-day problems. The R.E. text-books being used, however, will be kept constantly under review. As in other subjects, there is nothing so dreary as out-of-date text-books!

With this new approach, it is possible that when these pupils reach the senior forms some may be interested in making a more serious study of the Bible, perhaps taking Biblical Studies as a Matriculation subject and later doing it at university. It is worth noting also that recommendations have been made to the Department of Education to introduce R.E. as a subject in the Leaving Certificate. The new Northern Ireland G.C.E. syllabus, which combines Biblical Studies with a section on present-day issues, could well provide the guide-lines for such an examination.

At the same time, it is recognised that for many senior pupils, R.E. must have wider connotations than Biblical Studies alone, and, too, that many may not wish to take an examination in the subject. Rightly understood, R.E. is a many-sided subject; it should include a study of social, political and ethical matters, for religion can never be divorced from life; it should also include a study of the history and doctrines of the great world religions and ideologies, as well as of the denominations within Christianity. Most important of all, though often the most difficult, it should touch on the things of the spirit, on matters of faith and belief, which may find expression in art, music and literature.

It is because it is felt that all these aspects of R.E. are an essential part of education as a whole, and because they could easily be neglected in the pressures of examinations,

that pupils are required to attend R.E. classes. This is in their own interests, and not through any wish to indoctrinate. The attempt is being made this year to introduce senior pupils to R.E. in these wider terms. The aim is a judicious blend of discussion and teaching, and the help of a number of visiting speakers, specialists in particular areas, is welcomed. The pupils cannot expect to be interested in every topic under discussion, but it is hoped that, in retrospect at any rate, they will appreciate that something of value is being achieved in these classes.

The implementation of new methods and ideas takes time and constant re-appraisal. New audio-visual aids and books are now gradually being acquired, and in-service training courses are helping teachers to keep in touch with the latest developments. In all this, the pupils, too, have a great deal to contribute, not in any subservient, conformist sense, but in a spirit of willingness, honestly to think through their own beliefs and to try to learn about those of others. For it is in this way that much of human history and human life can best be understood.

Miss J. Barcroft.

By a Pupil...

Dissatisfaction and even resentment has arisen amongst some members of the senior forms, especially amongst the Sixth, regarding the subject of Religious Education. The boys under heavy examination pressure are dissatisfied with the present situation of being under compulsion to attend R.E. Classes. Unfortunately the consensus of opinion is that the School has failed with the religious aspect of education amongst some members of this year's Sixth Form over the last couple of years. Let me tell you the story of one boy in this year's Sixth Form with regard to the Religious Education that he has received in the School.

In the Junior School he listened to the various stories from the Bible and his homework was to learn verses of the Bible off by heart. There was also a Scripture Examination at the end of each year. In the Senior School, between Forms One to Four, he had to copy notes for the duration of most of the classes. For his homework he was expected to learn these notes. Although he had not realised it at the time, he later realised that this had been religious indoctrination. Feeling bitter about it,

he somehow felt that he had been deceived. Because of this sense of disillusionment, he resented R.E. Classes and started questioning himself about all his beliefs. There was nothing abnormal about his spiritual crisis; except to him that is; it usually happens to boys at one stage or another. In all his life, his next year's R.E. Classes were probably going to be his most vital, as he was about to form his own religious beliefs, in place of the ones he had inherited. When he went back to school at the beginning of Fifth Form, he was surprised to find that this year his R.E. Classes were going to take a different form. There was not even going to be homework. Throughout the year a series of basic, fundamental lectures on the Christian Faith were given, explaining the most basic Christian beliefs, theoretically thus providing the material, which the boy so urgently needed. But this was a fifteen year old boy, and he did not understand the various theological arguments and all this vital information floated over his head. Unfortunately there was a communication gap at work, and by the end of the year he had not formed any definite beliefs of his own, in place of the ones that he had been questioning. When he entered Sixth Form, being a little older and wiser than he had been in the previous year, he wondered if he would be able to understand them this year. He was astounded however, when he found out that this year R.E. Classes were going to be drastically different. Throughout the year he was going to listen to various talks and discussions on modern everyday topics such as Human Rights, Marxism, etc., and what the Christian attitude towards them should be. He wondered if these classes were really R.E. Classes or whether they were more like Civics Classes. These R.E. Classes will probably not have helped him to make up his own mind about the issues that really count to him. He wanted to know if there was a God, not whether a Christian believes in Marxism or not. Next year, subject to examination results, he will leave school and will go out into the world outside. One wonders how he will fare, when he leaves school.

This is an example where R.E. Classes have failed with one boy. Undoubtedly there are many examples that could be expressed to the contrary effect, but this particular example deserves special mention. In that particular case the boy needed R.E. Classes; but not, however, in the form they took. This then would seem to prove the justification of having R.E. Classes. However, some boys mature

earlier than others and have formed their own beliefs as early as Fourth Form. There is in Sixth Form at least one atheist, who for two years now has had to attend R.E. Classes. Does this really make sense?

Progressive steps are being made to improve R.E. Classes at present. 'Indoctrination' classes seem to have disappeared and perhaps this year's Sixth Form is the end of the 'old school'. However, the example that I have given illustrates one criticism of the new form of R.E. teaching. As religion is made more 'relevant' with the use of slides and modern topics, religion itself seems to disappear into other fields. What is taught in R.E. Classes at present is hardly distinguishable from what transpires in a Civics Class. There is something very peculiar about a study which seems to disappear as it improves! Are these new methods a new form of teaching, or are these films and discussions of current social problems a desperate effort to get attention and discipline? It is increasingly difficult to justify how these R.E. Classes are actually Religious Education, since they practically never discuss God, Christ, the Church, the Sacraments or the Commandments; or when these words do come up the references are as likely to be negative as positive.

One added quality that most young people have today is frankness and sincerity. They are not afraid to say what they believe to be right. If R.E. Classes were made voluntary, there is the fear that all the boys will merely walk out. This fear, probably, has not any real justification, and one ought to hasten to point out that there is a very efficient Bible Union Society in the School, which meets outside school hours. If such a society exists outside school hours, surely some people would be only too glad to attend R.E. Classes inside school hours? For the doubters, however, maybe another class could be set up as an alternative to R.E. Perhaps civics or music classes could form an alternative? R.E. Classes would be small and thus more sincere. Perhaps this solution might satisfy everyone.

So despite the present controversy, R.E. Classes could have a real and positive future, if properly applied. Progressive steps have undoubtedly been made in R.E. teaching, but we feel more should follow.

'Discipulus'

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Two Extracts from a History Book of the Future

1. In the year 1975 Ireland was conquered by a surprise attack from a hostile army. This army came from an underground colony that had been formed by fleeing Nazi war criminals. The force was approximately 100,000 men with tanks, aircraft and other modern weapons. The Irish army was almost wiped out at the Great Battle of Kildare and only a few escaped in the Air Corps helicopters. Inside a year all resistance was wiped out.

All, that is, save for the south-west corner of Ireland. There the powerful race of O'Spoofs lived, and they had a very strong army. This army consisted of about one hundred true O'Spoofs, 10,000 lesser soldiers and eight troops of Spooferizors—a diabolical invention of the O'Spoofs.

The Spooferizor was a ray gun connected to a bank of computers. The weapon was set on a target and fired a black beam. When the black beam hit its target it changed into a dinosaur, flying saucer, ghost or some other horrible thing, according to what was on the card passed through the computer. Each Spooferizor was mounted on a huge tank chassis. With the aid of this machine the O'Spoof lands were steadily growing and the invaders realised that if the O'Spoofs were not stopped they would be pushed out of Ireland altogether.

Major-General Fritz Hartmann was given control of an operation to wipe out the O'Spoofs at all costs. At night fast reconnaissance planes were sent over enemy country, but some were detected by Spooferizors. When the dreaded flying saucers appeared in front of them the pilots had to run for home; more often than not the faster O'Spoof craft caught up and the aircraft was shot down. Several spies were parachuted into enemy country and brought back the information that on a certain night a quarter of the Spooferizors would be in the repair yards.

Major-General Hartmann immediately ordered a bombing raid on the repair yards. On the 29th May, 1975, the planes took off from Dublin Airport and headed for O'Spoof country. They struck the repair yards at Cork, inflicting massive damage on the Spooferizors there.

2. At the coming of daylight the land force had reached Cork, the enemy capital city. This would have been well defended, as all the border Spooferizers had rushed back to help, but the fighter-bombers had picked them off one by one. In this manner the invaders fought their way to the State Palace in the centre of the city. Then 170 O'Spoofs came rushing out of the great doors armed with pikes, sub-machine guns, blunderbusses, staves, curved knives and single-shot pistols. The invaders went for them with bayonets and pistols. The O'Spoofs screamed their war-cry, 'A Spooof!, A Spooof!' The invaders threw phosphorus bombs in the windows of the palace and set it on fire. The soldiers and the O'Spoofs fought on in the smoke.

Suddenly the leader of the troops found himself face to face with the leading Spoofer, King Lord Christopher O'Spoof, who was killing people by telling them terrible Spoofer stories and then beating their brains out while they were overcome with laughter. The soldier saw the O'Spoof's mouth open preparatory to telling a story. The soldier fired three bursts from his Schmeisser machine-pistol into the gaping mouth and the O'Spoof fell dead. With the death of their leader the O'Spoofs were demoralised and surrendered. The city was burned and all the O'Spoofs shot. The invaders had beaten the O'Spoofs and now ruled all of Ireland.

Alasdair Deevy (2B1)

Lunasa i gConamara

An samhradh seo chaite chuaigh mé go dtí an Ghaeltacht le beirt charad. Chuamar go dtí Coláiste Thír An Fhia. Bhailíomar le chéile i Stáisiún An Phiarsaigh ar a hocht a chlog ar an chéad lá de Lúnasa. Shraiseamar Stáisiún Cheannt ar a leath-uair taréis a dó dhéag, agus bhí busanna speisialta aq fanacht orainn, leis na scóláirí a thógáil go dtí Tír An Fhia, a tá suite i nGarumna, timpeall cúig mhíle is tríacha ón nGaillimh. Tá a bán ailéan beaga ann, Leitir Mhór, Garumna, Leitir Mhealláin agus oiléain eile.

Bhí naonúr buachaillí in ár dteach a bhí in aice leis an bhfarraige. Bhí clann mhór ag bean a tí Bhí ceathrar buachaillí in ár seomra. Gach maidin taréis bricfeasta taréis calóga, bagún agus arán a ithe, rathaíomar ar scoil.

Thosaigh scoil ar a deich a chlog. D'fhoghlaimíomar amhráin agus filíocht Ghaeilge. Bhí na múinteoirí go h-ana mhaith agus ní raibh siad crua. Bhí na ceachtanna go haoibhinn.

Chuamar abhaile ar a leath-uair taréis a dó dhéag agus d'itheamar ár ndinneár. Bhí na béilí go deas. Chuamar ar ais go dtí an scoil ar a trí a chlog chun cluichí eitleoige, cispheil, leadóg, leadóg boird agus cluichí sile a imirt, nó chuamar go dtí an trá, nó amach ag rothaíocht, ag dreapadóireacht agus mar sin de. Bhí an tae againn ar a sé a chlog, agus taréis sin chuamar go dtí an halla, agus bhí céilí ann.

Lá amháin chuamar go hÁrainn i long ón nGaillimh. Shroiseamar Cill Rónáin agus shiúlamar timpeall na dúiche. Caitheann na fir an t-am ag iascaireacht i rith an lae agus ag tógáil cuairteoirí timpeall an oiléain i gcairt agus capall faoi.

Lá eile bhailigh cúig choláiste Gaeilge eile le chéile sa Cheathrú Rua chun comórtas a imirt, spórt, ceol, labhairt, canadh agus léamh filíochta. Bhí a lán daoine i láthair agus bhí spórt maith againn.

Bhí an dúiche timpeall Tír An Fhia go h-álainn. Na fallaí cloiche, deatach na móna agus an radharc álainn. Is cinnte go rachaidh mé ar ais an bhliain seo chugainn.

Wyn M. Hughes (4A)

You Can't Get Off Now

*Sliding through purple-needed grass
She stops, gazing with glass eyes
Over the pink expanse of liquid,
Felt good,*

*Wanted another. She was slowing,
Red lava ceiling beginning to crumble,
She had to have another.*

*Quivering on the green foam rubber, her hands
Now polythene with blue tubes interlaced
Wriggled in pockets, found it.
Bit more wouldn't hurt
Flash of steel, it was finished.*

*Now ring-whirling on a carousel,
you can never get off
Now*

*The faces laughed
It fell from her hand
Now
Stiff.*

Stephen Iland (6)

Bubbles of Gum

*Here I go chewing my gum
It tastes like
mint
I'll twist it and turn it into
All kinds of shapes with my
Artistic teeth.
The taste has gone now and it's
Not
Very nice
But I will try and blow*

Bubbles.

*Now, I was told
that you try and wrap
the gum around your tongue,
or was it stick your tongue
through it and blow? Anyway I'll
try it. My tongue is through it*

And now you blow—

PUFF! SMACK!

My God

help us,

*It's all over me face, I hate
chewing gum.*

*I'll try once more. Now, I put
my tongue . . .*

Holy Cow,

I'm after swallowin' it

"Water!

Water!"

Brian Beardsley (2B2)

Letter from America

When I first arrived at Tampa International Airport, in August, I thought I'd stepped in a sauna bath accidentally. However I quickly got used to the heat, and lost weight, and faced what has so far been an interesting school year.

The school is run as a public institution by the Pasco County School Board. Gulf High contains 1,620 students, and operates on a 'double session' system. About one thousand students attend from 6.50 a.m. to 12.20 p.m., and the rest attend from 12.30 p.m. to 5.55 p.m. There is no dress code, but everyone must wear shoes. The standards are much lower, and the teachers really 'talk down' to their classes. Some of the worst standards are found in writing and in reading aloud. However, there are a large variety of subjects offered which I could never take at secondary school level in Ireland. Most subjects only last

for half a year, the rest one year. A student gets half a credit per half-year per subject, and he needs fifteen credits to graduate. There is very little discipline; the teachers can rarely do anything to punish the students, except send them down to 'the office' where, at worst, they get a day's extra holiday.

In winter, the two main games are American football (from September to November) and basketball. They also have cross-country running, track, and baseball in the summer. The school has a lovely floodlit stadium, but so do the other schools in the area. The school also has a female cheerleading squad for the football team, and a band fully equipped with majorettes. Every Friday they hold a 'pep rally' which is supposed to encourage the players for their game that evening.

Yours sincerely,

David Woods.

My Words

*I don't know what to say
About the words that come my way
They are so very pretty
And are so very witty
But always seem to be wrong.*

Lionel Tracey (2B1)

High School Revisited

He had not walked Harcourt Street since his days as a scurrying post-boy when he knew every twisting alley in the metropolis. Subsequent affluence and the Government Mercedes had reduced him to a flabby ruin, and as he struggled across the road from St. Stephen's Green, oblivious of the howling traffic which screamed to a halt to avoid him, he uttered a terrible curse.

Pensioned now, and suffering from a severe heart condition, he was of no further use to anyone but the undertaker. With characteristic stubbornness he was disregarding doctor's orders with the first attempt at exercise in many years. Through the bleary eyes of aged disillusionment and nostalgia, he saw ruin and decay on every side where his youth recalled gaiety, wealth and respectability. Here in Harcourt Street where he had shoved important communications through the ever-shining post-boxes of stately town houses he found garish offices and shabby, shuttered relics of a past

era. As he tottered on he began to remember number forty where he used to idle away a few minutes peering through the prison railings, cat-calling at the red and black and pink animals that played marbles on the cinders. His faulty heart beat quicker; surely here at least time could stand still. He was wheezing now and every shuffling step was an immense effort.

His journey over, he stood clutching the flaking bars, expressionless with horror; the devastated playground was pocked with slime-filled trenches, abandoned, grotesque machinery and the spew of a textile factory lay before him and all the time window-frames leered at him through jagged panes. He had seen enough and began to retrace his weary path composing, as he went, a letter of pathetic indignation to 'The Irish Times'.

A. G. Moore (5th)

Liffey Descent 1972

The crowd stood in awe on Straffan Bridge, watching the water level rise on the weir as millions of tons of water poured from Poulaphouca Reservoir to fill the River Liffey. The day was September the second, the Liffey Descent, the most difficult and arduous long-distance canoe race in Europe: Seventeen and a half miles of running water with ten weirs and one major set of rapids.

The first weir on the course was only five hundred metres from the start at Straffan Bridge. I climbed into my White Water Racer and paddled up river to the start. After watching the start of the racing canoes, K1's and K2's, it was my turn. Bang! The shotgun went off and I began paddling furiously to get a good shoot of the weir. Over this without capsize, I paddled on to Celbridge shooting two other weirs, Temple Mills and Vanessa, on the way.

After Celbridge: Castletown Rapids and then the long slog across the three miles of Leixlip Lake with a quarter mile portage at the dam.

I climbed back into the canoe at Leixlip Bridge and saw a climber dangling by a rope on one of the piers. Keeping up a good pace was easy at this stage and I reckoned that I was within the first twenty in the class. Past Lucan Spa and the Sluice Weir to Lucan Weir, where many racing canoes are either smashed to pieces or are badly holed. A broadside shoot here produced the desired effect and I paddled on sustaining little damage.

Down Anna Liffey Weir fish slide and on to Wren's Nest, the weir which sorts out the sheep from the goats! A shoot of the V here resulted in near disaster but a hefty recovery stroke saved my day. Palmerstown Weir followed where I ended up stuck in the 'stopper', the large curling white wave found at the base of falls and weirs and which is capable of literally 'stopping' one's canoe. After many frantic slap support strokes I was spat out and paddled on to shoot the Broken Weir of Glenaulin and Chapelizod Weir, where I slid over the fish slide and capsized. Collecting my dignity and paddles I climbed back into my canoe and paddled the mile or so to the finish.

A can of Fanta was thrust into my hand and I drank with my remaining strength. For all this effort, the memory remains of an unforgettable experience—Liffey Descent 1972.

Roy Siggins (6)

Youth is Dead

*Come here my child,
Come closer
With sickle in hand
He tempts his prey
And the victim is slain
And youth is dead.*

*No more will adolescence walk the fields
Where the stalks matter nor care not
Now, Master Time has inflicted responsibilities
That have slain the paths of carefree strolls
And youth is dead.*

*But in that death
Comes an even greater birth
The ability to care, to love
And to remember.*

Richard Ross (6)

Up to My Neck

One day I had my posh suit on. So I decided I would mess it up. I saw a hole full of lovely slimy mud. I dived in the hole and was soon rolling around in it. I put my head in it and when the muck was hard I was like a thing from outer space. When I got home my Mum hit me round the house, but it was worth it.

Ian Walshe (2B2)

A Character

Michael Anthony O'Toole, who goes locally by the name of 'Mick', is, by trade, a stone mason. This, of course, is a craft which sadly, is dying. It also means that workers such as Mick are very difficult to come by. He now works full time as combined local unofficial gossip reporter and as a farm odd job man. Mick has several brothers in the Maynooth area, one of whom is the local Kosangas dealer.

When Mick is working on some remote part of the farm, he borrows his sister-in-law's bicycle, which is a pre-World War I lady's machine, with tyres dating from the same era. The tyres are so worn that the tubes are visible through the holes in the walls. Because of these holes, the tyres are permanently 'calving', as he puts it; in other words pushing the tube out into a balloon. To solve this problem, there is a piece of rubber in the saddlebag, with which he regularly and unsuccessfully patches the holes.

When his destination is reached, the bicycle is hidden somewhere, usually behind a wall. Then out comes his ancient barrow loaded with a hundredweight bag of cement, two trowels and a waterbucket. Next he dumps his tools beside the pile of sand which somebody has kindly placed there for him. He puts on his overalls and his boots and then the work begins.

Once the work begins, his real character shows, provided of course he has an audience, which he invariably has! He tells about what he did twenty years ago. For a while he worked on a farm as a horse-drawn milk float driver. If there was not enough milk for all his customers, Mick would open a spare can of water which he always carried, and pour some into the milk.

When the stories have come to an end, there may be a silence of up to ten minutes, until, without any provocation, he ejaculates, (making the inexperienced listener almost jump out of his skin), 'Ah, I believe so', or 'I think so, but nobody else does!', in his unique, and somewhat wheezy accent.

These exclamations make Michael O'Toole sound rather odd, but in fact, he is a most entertaining character. He knows every lorry driver on the Maynooth road, which is quite an achievement, and many of them stop to talk.

In fact the unkind person wonders how such a gregarious individual manages to find time for any work at all. But the fact remains, the work gets done.

David Moore (3A)

I'm on my Way

The first time I rode a motor-bike it was a BSA with ten engines and ten wheels. I gave it a kick and it started to move backwards. I pulled the joystick and I took off. I was passing by a skyscraper when one of my engines on the left wing fell off. As I was passing over California I decided to drop in on Aunt Mabel. I was passing over her house when all the engines cut out. I forgot my parachute and I went through the roof and landed in Aunt Mabel's bath. Then I decided to give up motor-bikes and took up aeroplanes. I bought an aeroplane and drove down the road to catch the ferry home.

Kenneth Moore (2B2)

High School News 2079 A.D.

This year all the boys are looking forward, or possibly not looking forward, to moving to the new school. It is time, most people think, to go from the very old-fashioned school at Danum to the new school building (twice the Danum area) at Lawn Avenue, just eight miles from Dublin. The new building, however, is not the most sophisticated in the state. It does contain the usual computers and auto-tape-recorders and the Education Committee this year made these a compulsory teaching method. We shall be very glad of the more efficient heating system.

The science teacher and all the boys will benefit greatly from the wonderful science equipment in the new building. Although the new premises do not have a swimming pool we hope to have one built soon.

Carl Smythe (3A)

Another Mouth to Feed

The early morning sun shone through the high sash windows of the Murphy's tenement room, showing the squalor. Young Michael rubbed his eyes with his grimy hands and looked about him. The rest of his family lay

asleep on the dirty bits of straw strewn across the bare boards. Michael was ten years old, tall, thin and had a pale complexion. He was one of a family of sixteen plus an old grandmother who looked so old that he thought she must be a hundred. There were nine boys including himself and five girls and his mother was expecting another child soon. Another mouth to feed. 'But what can she do?', he had heard his sister, Sheila, say to the widow Malone upstairs, 'when we all live so close together?' It was true, all the houses on the street were the same, families packed together where they ate, drank and slept without any individual privacy.

Over by the fireplace his grandmother rose to poke the ashes in the open grate. She pulled her shawl round her wizened body, turned round and saw Michael. She whispered to him to come over to her quietly. Michael made his way in between the sleeping bodies to his grandmother. Handing him the large kettle she told him to fill it at the pump in the yard.

Down in the yard the silence was broken by the running water from the pump which was shared by ten families. The morning was cold and Michael shivered. The yard was filthy. The rats scuttled hither and thither.

When he returned to the room everyone was awake except his drunken father lying behind the door. His mother was feeding the baby and the rest of the family were sitting around the table waiting for something to eat; if there was anything. The old woman was sitting on the hob trying to keep warm. Michael put the kettle on the fire and sat down on the hob opposite his grandmother.

After their breakfast, which was only a morsel of bread and a mug of tea between the two of them, Michael and his sister Brigid

went out to beg. Eighteenth century Dublin was full of beggars because there wasn't any work to be found. The two children never dared come home empty-handed and if they couldn't get anything by begging they'd steal it. It was beg and steal or die from starvation.

It was evening when they returned home to the tenement room. Their father had gone out to the nearest ale-house and their mother was on the verge of giving birth to a child. She was alone with the old woman, who sent Michael to fetch water and Brigid to fetch the widow Malone upstairs. It was a familiar scene and an hour later the two old women had delivered a baby boy. Another mouth to feed. Everyone went to sleep happily that night and hoping that maybe this child might free himself from the shackles of poverty.

Reg. Deane (3A)

Dublin

*Combustion, Congestion,
Crowds and Dirt,
—Dublin.*

*Cinemas and Shops,
Theatres and Traffic Lights,
—Dublin.*

*Croke Park and Dalymount,
Lansdowne and Santry,
—Dublin.*

*Pollution and People,
Puddles and Pong
—Dublin.*

J. D. Gibson (3A)

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Snowballs in July

One day when we were on holidays in Scotland we climbed the Cairngorm Mountains which are over four thousand feet high. We drove to the car park and left the car there. We walked up to the ski-lift station. Dad and I took the first chair and the others followed us. It was very exciting going up. We could see our campsite getting smaller and smaller. It was a very clear day and we could see for

miles and miles around us. There was plenty of snow and ice on the top and we threw snowballs at each other.

We then ate a snack lunch which we had brought with us, sitting on the terrace of the cafe, in the hot sunshine.

We found the trip down even more exciting and it felt like floating down on a parachute, rather a dizzy feeling.

I will always remember that day.

Roger Armstrong (J3).

My Favourite Hobby

My favourite hobby is the study of birds. I saved up £1.10 of my pocket money and I bought a beautiful book of birds. It tells you such a lot about all the different birds of the world. The most intelligent of all birds are jays, magpies, rooks and ravens. Ravens are so intelligent.

Once upon a time when ravens were thirsty there was no water except in a tall vessel and they could not reach it with their beaks. They each carried a pebble and dropped it in the vessel until the water rose to the top.

I would like to be an ornithologist when I grow up.

Michael Jenkins (J1)

My Pet

My pet is a dog. His name is Rufus. He is a golden cocker spaniel. He eats 'Master McGrath' and sometimes he eats 'Winalot'. Rufus was only eight weeks when we got him. Every morning at about half past seven Rufus comes up the stairs and into my bedroom and licks my face. He always thinks I don't wash my face. Rufus sleeps in a box

with some blankets in it. He is five months old now. When Mummy sweeps the floor he comes in and bites the brush. Rufus always digs holes in the garden. Once when Rufus was in the garden Theo and I wanted to play a game of football. I said Rufus was with me. When I tipped off Rufus got the ball and with his nose he pushed it into Theo's goal. I won in the end. I bring Rufus for a walk every day. I like Rufus very much.

Mark Lyttle (J2)

Trees

*Trees can be big,
They start in a branch
And end in a twig.
They stand in a field,
And when the wind blows
They act as a shield.*

*Trees can be small
And when lightning strikes
They sometimes fall.
They can be fat
Or they can be thin,
As a cricket bat.*

Jonathan Thompson (J4)

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SCHOOL RECORD

School News

Congratulations to Lionel Tracey (2B1) on winning his 6th Trophy in Motorbike Trials run by the Bray and District Motorcycle Club.

Staff:

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby on the birth of a boy in October; and Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor who also became parents of a boy in the same month.

We should like, on behalf of the whole school, to send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Fennell, who injured his back during the summer holidays.

Apologies to Mr. Fennell and Mr. McMullen for having spelt their names wrongly in a previous issue of the *Erasmian*. The mistake was made by Mr. Blackmone.

We are sorry to report the death, on 9th June, 1972, of Michael (Mick) Ivers. He was for over twenty years the caretaker of the School in Harcourt Street.

We congratulate Miss Janet M. Barcroft on obtaining a M.Ed. from T.C.D. This is the first course for such a degree in Ireland and she has the honour of being one of the first group to have the degree conferred on her.

School Prefects 1972/73

Head Boy—Donald Lewis

Hugh Andrews, Ian Burns, Hayes Dockrell, Mark Duffy, Frederick Dunn, Alan Ford, Charles Galloway, Peter Gault, John Holmes, James Piggott, John Reid, Charles Richards, John Robbie, Preyasen Rungasamy, Roy Siggins, Clive Slattery, John Sterne, Michael Stirling, David Wright.

Erasmus's Notebook

One highlight of the term was the visit of the All Blacks to the School. In the persons of Lyn Colling and Geoff Matheson the New Zealanders gave us a short lecture about their country and then answered questions. At first the questions were slow in coming, but led off by Mr. Lowry, the school soon became interested. One couldn't help noticing the All Blacks tact and reserve in answering any contentious questions, and indeed the visit seemed more



of a public relations exercise than an attempt to improve the school's rugby. One thoughtful gesture was the presentation of a framed picture of New Zealand's national emblem, the silver fern, to Donald Lewis, High School's rugby captain (who thanked the All Blacks with a speech in his own inimitable style). Badges, depicting the fern, were also presented to members of the S.C.T.

We all received a momentous surprise one morning last term on entering school, in the sudden appearance on the tarmacadam in front of the School of mysterious white arrows leading to a series of rectangular boxes. Various interpretations were immediately offered, the most popular being that the lines were to guide masters struggling to school suffering from the malady of doubtful origin—the 'Monday morning feeling'. Other members of Sixth Form suggested that the lines were a clever plan to test the ability of some members to tread a straight path in the early hours of the morning (i.e., any time before twelve o'clock). The possibility that they were a king-size hop-scotch court was considered but ruled out on the grounds that if they were, they would surely have been laid down on the other side of the tarmacadam, where they are needed.

However, they were in fact, the car park, consisting of thirty-two numbered rectangles. This gave the opportunity for certain wits to express, to the accompaniment of universal groans, the opinion that the car park would 'make the masters toe the line' or 'keep them in their places'. However, looking at the small size of the individual lots I can't help wondering what would happen if a master happened to invest in a Rolls Royce . . .

One event that passed unrecorded last year was the visit to the School in spring 1971 of the Deputy Minister of Education in the Russian Republic of Georgia, Mrs. Tatinia Rogacheva. She very kindly presented the School with some records of Russian Folk Music (and how my predecessor missed the opportunity of recording this under the heading of 'School Record' I do not know). It is interesting to note that she met in the School two staff members who could speak with her in Russian—Mr. Batchelor, who has since left, and the multilingual Mr. Keegan.

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Debating Society

This year the Debating Society opened with its Annual General Meeting, at which the following were elected:

Auditor, C. Slattery; Secretary, J. Sterne; Committee, P. Rungasamy, J. Piggott, D. Lewis, J. Robbie.

So far we have debated the Motions—'That prefects should be abolished' and 'That the Irish language must be preserved' and also held a Hat Debate. We are very grateful to the teachers who have chaired these meetings.

As always, we are looking for new members, particularly from the Fourth and Fifth Forms. A well-attended debate can be very entertaining and gives a useful opportunity for anyone with strong views on a subject to put them across. In addition, debating is a good way to learn to express oneself in public. We are always interested in new ideas or motions for debate, and would like to know the topics that the school would be interested in discussing.

John Sterne.

Chess Society

Last year was highly successful for chess in High School, especially as our results in the Leinster Schools' League were very satisfactory, although our team was very young. Now the Society is well established and, although we shall never be as popular as the rugby teams, we have a solid following in the School and the standard of play has improved considerably.

This year we have entered two teams in the League, one senior and one junior; our early results have been promising. We also have two challenge lists, which encourage competitive games within the School. Once again we would like to thank Mr. Eames for his organisation and for allowing us to use his room.

John Sterne.

The Library

The School Library has been a great asset to the whole school. It is used widely by both boys and staff at breaks, free periods and after school. At present there are about 3,000 books in the Library and many new books are being added to it. New sections have been

opened up, due to the larger range of books now available. This has been brought about by grants from the Governors and donations.

At this point I would like to thank those recently left Old Boys in last year's (1971) Library appeal who generously donated a total of £54. Books have since been purchased to this amount. This year's appeal at the time of writing has yielded £66. I would like to express gratitude on behalf of all connected with the Library to T. N. Woods, H. E. P. Anderson, N. Gamble and from last year's Sixth Form Richard Ross, Charles Richards, Geoffrey Baker and Alan Sherling and from 3B2 Kenneth Holmes for their generous donations of books.

Lastly I extend my sincere thanks to the Library Committee for their help during the past few months.

D. Deane.

Library Committee

G. Alkin, W. A. Crowe, D. T. Deane, H. R. Dockrell, D. Early, G. A. Ford, S. R. Gardner, D. A. Gordon, N. D. Gray, J. R. Holmes, C. D. Hughes, C. E. Jolley, N. V. Ludgate, B. Meyers, H. J. Raby, R. Siggins, M. T. Storey.

Parents' Association

The Annual General Meeting was held in Danum on Monday, 2nd October, 1972, and the large attendance included the Headmaster and some of his staff.

The following were elected for the 1972/73 season:—

Chairman: Mr. G. Stewart.

Hon. Treasurer: Dr. N. Smith.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. H. W. Burgess.

Committee: Mrs. R. Booker, Mrs. A. Dockrell, Mrs. P. Draper, Mrs. J. Moore, Mr. M. Blair, Mr. R. Godsil and Mr. K. Hunt.

On Monday, 13th November, we held our first function of the season. This was a film and talk on Adventure Sports by Mr. Joss Lynam, Hon. Secretary of the Association of Adventure Sports. A number of the staff interested in Adventure Sports attended the meeting and answered questions.

The next function will be a panel consisting of Mrs. Kingsmill Moore, Senator Mary Robinson, Rev. Noel Willoughby and Mr. David Langridge. This will be held on Monday, 2nd January, 1973, and will be Chaired by the Headmaster.

Due to the financial and social success of the Wine and Cheese Party last year, it is hoped to hold it once again in the School next February. It is hoped greater support will be forthcoming from the parents this year. Details will be sent at a later date.

H. W. Burgess.

The Music Society

The Music Society was formed in September by Mr. Hilliard and some of the boys to replace the Gramophone Society, which had closed down after many years. The aims of the Society are not only to listen to records, but to appreciate music more by attending concerts. We thus hope to enlarge the knowledge of the boys of the School of classical music. The majority of the members are fifth formers, but most of the School is well represented.

We are lucky in having a very large range of records at our disposal and so far this term we have heard music by a wide range of composers. These include Bach, Handel, Messiaen, Stravinsky and Britten.

On Tuesday, 23rd November, a number of boys attended a performance of Bach's Christmas Oratorio in St. Patrick's Cathedral, given by the Culwick Choral Society. I am sure that all who went to it enjoyed it thor-

oughly and we are very thankful to Mr. Hilliard for arranging it.

We are very fortunate in having the use of the staff room for our evenings and we are most grateful to the Staff for this privilege. Both this and the use of Mr. Hilliard's stereo equipment add greatly to our enjoyment. We are also grateful to Mr. Ken Shellard for choosing the music and for giving us his opinions and comments on the music.

The Society tries to meet every fortnight on Thursday evening in the staff room, and details are posted on the notice board. Boys are encouraged to come from all sections of the School and if parents want to come along they will be very welcome.

M.J.C.

School Savings Scheme

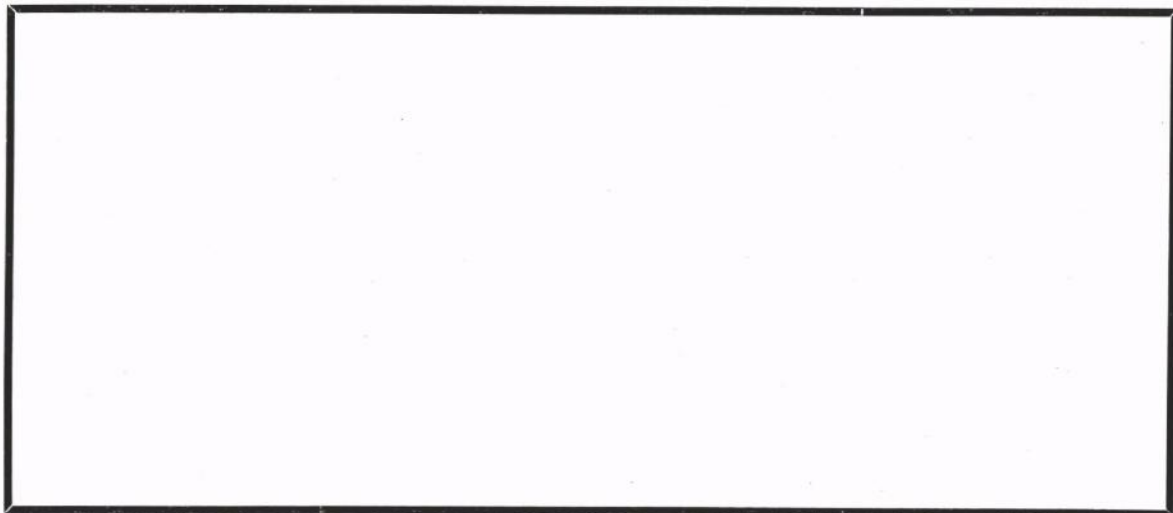
A Savings Scheme, run in conjunction with the National Savings Committee, was launched in school this term. At present the facilities are restricted to pupils in Forms J3, J4, 1 and 2. However, it may be possible to extend the Scheme to other Forms in the future.

The boys participating in the Scheme are issued with a Savings Stamp Card, and can purchase stamps in school to fill the card.

Cards, stamps and further information are available from Mr. Eames.

The Vanishing High School No. 6

The final in the present series



SPORTS REVIEW



THE S.C.T. CUP WINNING TEAM 1972

Standing—M. Duffy, C. Galloway, P. Boyle, P. Gault, B. Hilliard, G. Drake, Mr. Cole.
Sitting—Mr. Cornish, A. Ford, J. Robbie, D. Lewis (Capt.), I. Burns, H. Dockrell, Mr. Brook.

Cricket 1972

	P	W	L	D
S.C.T.	10	8	0	2
2nd XI	2	0	2	0
J.C.T.	7	3	2	1
Under 14	7	4	2	1
Under 13	8	0	6	2

The highlight of last season's cricket undoubtedly was the success of the S.C.T. in winning the Senior Cup. However, the other teams maintained High School's high standard, the J.C.T. reaching the semi-final of their cup. The good weather permitted nearly all the teams to complete their full programmes.

S.C.T.

The seniors had an excellent season, maintaining an unbeaten record. The team was well

balanced, with a forceful captain in David Lewis, sound batting, and penetrative bowling. After a consistent start in the League, where they beat Wesley, St. Andrew's and Mountjoy, they were held to a draw by Belvedere in a rain-curtailed match. This necessitated a play-off against Belvedere for a place in the final. The match was played in gloriously sunny weather and Belvedere, batting first, reached the imposing total of 102 all out. The High School innings was dominated by David Lewis who scored 70 out of the winning score of 106 for four. The Cup Final victory has been described in the June issue.

Of the senior team, Burns, Ford, Lewis and Robbie all gained Leinster trials. Alan Ford was selected to play in the inter-provincial against the Ulster Schools. Burns, Ford and Robbie also featured in South Leinster's first victory in the Jeyes Cup, the all-Ireland under 19 competition.

The annual match against the Old Boys was not as exciting as previous years, but produced much good cricket from both sides. High School, in their first innings, declared at 140 for 8, the highlight of the innings being a stand of 99 for the first wicket between Dockrell (52) and Burns (45). The Old Boys in their innings made 126 for 6 to which the school replied with 110 for 9 declared. The Old Boys, in bad light never looked like reaching the target and ended up with 81 for 7.

2nd XI

Unfortunately this side had only two matches and never had much opportunity to show their skills as a team. However, many members played for the seniors and proved themselves valuable players.

J.C.T.

This year's junior team had a reasonable season. They won their only two league matches, against Masonic and Mountjoy, but in the semi-final they came up against a good St. Columba's side and lost by six wickets after a disappointing batting display. Despite its mediocre record the team was talented and holds out hope for the future. Guy Burgess, the J.C.T. captain, was good enough to play on the seniors and was a member of the winning final side.

UNDER 14

The Under 14 were a successful side, maintaining High School's reputation in this age group. Unfortunately they lost what turned out to be the vital match, against Belvedere, early in the season. After this reverse they won their four remaining league matches convincingly.

UNDER 13

The Under 13 team did not have a very good season from the point of view of results, but the enthusiasm of the team never flagged, and several matches were very close affairs.

I must apologise to the Under 12 and Under 11 groups for the lack of fixtures. Unfortunately they are particularly hard to obtain at this level. The high turn out at practices and the enthusiasm of the boys was all the more praiseworthy because of this.

Rugby Report

S.C.T. XV

With nine members of last season's team playing again, the S.C.T. have had a successful season so far. They started well by soundly defeating Belvedere by 31-9. The team followed this up by beating C.B.C. and then they had a tremendous win over Blackrock at Williamstown by 9-0.

Unfortunately the team has been hit by many injuries which resulted in defeats by Campbell College and St. Mary's. The pack, although not particularly heavy, is workmanlike and has won sufficient ball for the very talented backs to score all but nine of the team's thirty-four tries.

In October, the annual match against the Old Boys took place. The Old Boys fielded a formidable team but nevertheless the S.C.T. were unlucky to lose by 20-16.

Congratulations is due to three members of the team, Ian Burns, Johnny Robbie and Peter Gault who were selected to play for the Leinster Schools XV against Connaught. It is some years since we have had three representatives on this team. Three other boys, Don Lewis, David Wright and John Reid also played in the two preliminary trials.

We would like to wish the team every success in the Senior Cup in which they meet Terenure in the first round.

2nd XV

The 2nd XV started the season poorly by losing to both Belvedere 24-10 and Presentation Glashule 1st XV 16-8. However, with more practice, the team improved very considerably and won their next four matches. The forwards are big and have won much good possession which the backs have used intelligently in scoring 28 of the teams 36 tries. If the team continues to play as well as it is doing at the present, it should do well in the League Competition later this season.

Victories include a 16-9 win over Templeogue, a 28-10 win over C.B.C., a 16-0 win over King's Hospital and a very good 14-10 victory over a strong Sandford Park 1st XV.

J.C.T.

The J.C.T. have had an unsuccessful season so far winning only 3 of their 13 matches. The main problem seems to be inconsistency in play. At times, the forwards have held their own against tough opposition, but all too often they lack determination to win the ball in the loose. The backs are weak in attack and very suspect in defence. A disappointing feature is the number of points scored against the team, 218 in all. If the team is to do well in the Cup Competition in which they meet St. Mary's, tackling will have to be improved considerably. We wish them the best of luck.

The team's three victories were over Presentation Glashule 22-6, St. Columba's 52-0, and King's Hospital 20-0.

UNDER 14 XV

This year's team has been most disappointing, winning only 1 match. This was a handsome 30-0 win over St. Columba's in which the team played very well. Unfortunately they have not been able to reproduce this form in other matches. The backs have shown promise in attack but are weak in defence. If tackling is tightened up and forwards and backs combine better together, the team should improve rapidly.

UNDER 13 XV

The Under 13 XV have not been playing consistently this season. They have had only 5 matches and their sole victory was over Newbridge by 14-8. The forwards are small and have won very little possession either in the tight or in the loose; consequently the team has scored very few points. With more training in basic skills the team's results should improve in the future.

UNDER 12 XV

Despite winning only 2 of their 7 matches the team has played much better than their record suggests. They were unlucky to be beaten by Belvedere 11-8 and 6-0 and have been defeated by the odd try or penalty on several occasions. The team has a strong running centre in Hunt and it is encouraging to see that the backs have scored the majority of the team's points.

The team's victories were over Wesley 8-4 and Sandford Park 36-9.

UNDER 11

Although the team lost their 4 matches, the enthusiasm of the boys has not been daunted. They are steadily improving and with more practice they should be successful in their coming fixtures.

UNDER 10 XV

The Under 10 team has been defeated in all its four matches. The team has not always been at full strength because several players also play on the Under 11 team. The team has tackled with great tenacity and has a strong runner in Blom.

STATISTICS

	P	W	L	D	F	A
S.C.T.	11	8	3	—	187	104
2nd XV	10	6	3	1	173	133
J.C.T.	13	3	10	—	169	218
Under 14	9	1	8	—	65	260
Under 13	5	1	4	—	45	116
Under 12	7	2	5	—	74	94
Under 11	4	—	4	—	12	106
Under 10	4	—	4	—	26	58

Sandford Park

Seven-a-Side Competition

On Thursday, 28th September, Sandford Park School held a seven-a-side tournament at Ranelagh. Eight teams competed on a knock-out basis.

In the first round High School beat Wesley 24-6 with tries coming from Burns, Wright and Reid, the last scoring a hat trick. Robbie converted two of the tries.

In the semi-final High School again built up a comfortable lead but Gonzaga fought back to be only 8-3 down at half-time. After the interval, however, High School returned to the attack, Burns adding to his first half try with another individual effort, and Gault also crossed the line. Robbie converted one of the tries to make the final score 18-3 in favour of High School.

In the final High School met Masonic, who were the surprise packet of the competition, having knocked out Belvedere in the semi-final

10-8. However, they were unable to repeat their semi-final performance and the High School Seven built up a first half lead of 10-nil, thanks to two superb tries by Peter Gault, one of which Robbie converted. In the second half Masonic's attempt to get back into the game was stifled when Peter Gault completed his hat-trick of tries. The final score of the afternoon was a try by Ian Burns which he himself converted to make the winning score High School 20, Masonic 0.

Throughout the tournament High School demonstrated their skill in seven-a-side rugby with extreme confidence. The forwards and the backs combined well, supporting each other to retain possession. Each of the High School players received a Parker ballpoint pen in a presentation case from Mr. Ronnie Dawson.

The players, on behalf of the School would like to thank Sandford Park for inviting them to take part in their Jubilee Celebrations.

I.G.B.

Swimming

This year the Swimming Club began the term very successfully. There were large attendances every Tuesday night. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Church of Ireland Training College for the use of its pool, and thanks are also due to Mr. O'Kane, Mr. Myles and Mr. McMullen for their consistent help and leadership.

This year a school swimming team was entered for the Leinster Confined Swimming Competition. Our team won the Medley Team Relay and were placed second in the Freestyle Team Relay. The team for both these events consisted of Denis O'Brien, David Sherwood, John Fitzgerald and Colm Surgener. Both Colm Surgener and John Fitzgerald did extremely well by being placed 2nd and 3rd in the Individual Freestyle Races.

We hope to hold the School Swimming Gala late next term, and we are looking forward to a good turn-out for this event.

This year the school swimming committee consists of—D. Sherwood (Captain); H. O'Keefe (Vice-Captain); A. Worrell (Hon. Secretary).

It is hoped that more senior boys will avail of the facilities kindly granted to us by the Church of Ireland Training College.

D. Sherwood (Capt.)

Table Tennis Club

The Table Tennis Club re-started after the summer holidays and the following positions were filled—*Hon. Secretary:* Gordon McCoy; *Hon. Treasurer:* Gordon Richards; *Committee:* Alan Cormack, Peter Young, George Willoughby.

It began the season without most of last year's seniors who have left the School. However, this year as usual we have entered the Leinster Schools' League and have a senior and junior team. At the present we are buying a new table tennis table and are fixing up new lighting equipment. We have 30 members and would welcome any newcomers.

*G. Richards,
Hon. Treasurer.*

The Tennis Club

During the summer term the Senior and Junior 'Knock-out' Tournaments were held for the Sealy and Harcourt Cups respectively. There was a high entry despite the fact that the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate exams were 'looming' up in a couple of months time. Congratulations to Preyasen Rungasamy who won the Sealy Cup, beating Brian Crowe in the finals, and also to Alan Cormack who won the Harcourt Cup, beating Ian Jackson.

We were disappointed to find that there were no provisions made in the new school for tennis courts, but we hope this will be altered in the near future. Lack of courts is a real hindrance to the growth in popularity of this sport as any practice matches, tournaments, and 'home' matches against other schools, have to be played in various public courts.

Several attempts were made to arrange matches against other schools during the summer term, for example Diocesan and Belvedere College. These however failed to materialise because of many obstacles.

There was an opportunity for keen players to avail of coaching by Mr. Aidan Bradshaw, arranged by Brookfield Lawn Tennis Club (in conjunction with the Leinster L.T.C.) for schoolboys and girls, and junior tennis club members (ages 10-18 years). These coaching sessions were held during the summer holidays from the 3rd to 7th of July inclusive.

A very enjoyable match was played against the Mothers on the 27th June at Brookfield L.T.C.

The Boxing Club

The Boxing Club re-opened this term. On the first Friday there were many present, but this number dwindled over the next two Fridays to a steady number of about 9.

The Club meets every Friday after school during the Christmas and Easter terms. Boxing championships take place during the Easter term. The Club is made a success by the excellent instruction of Mr. Myles and Mr. Miller. The Club gets support from other masters as well. This year's captain is G. Fallon (6th).

The Boxing Club is running well but we would like to see more members in the future.

S. O'B.

Badminton

We have entered three teams in the Leinster Schools' League, two senior and one junior. We hope to keep up the standard set by last year's first team when they won the Leinster Schools' League.

This season opened with a successful start when the First Team won both their matches against Wesley College at home and Sandford Park away. The Second Team was equally successful by winning both their matches against Beneavin College away and King's Hospital at home. The juniors have also won their match against Wesley College.

The teams are:—

First Team—Dominic Yeow, Douglas Wright, Richard Gray, Richard Mossop.

Second Team—James Piggott, Ooi Hooi Kwheng, Bruce Burgess, David Pierce.

Junior Team—Alan Cormac, Michael Gill, Peter de Lacy, Ian Jackson.

R.M.

Canoesport

Canoeing in school has been gradually getting to its feet with many budding canoeists attending school A.F.A.S. courses. The first of these courses was held at the end of the last summer term at Tiglin in Co. Wicklow, where A.F.A.S. has its headquarters. Paddling was done on the nearby Paddock Lake in Powerscourt, where we all learned basic skills and various rescue techniques for use at sea or in rivers. We tackled the wild Avonmore

River when we were considered capable by our two instructors. Rapids were encountered all the way from Laragh to Clara and capsizes were plentiful. The second course was run on the 25th and 26th November. The basics were taught on Roundwood Reservoir, as well as some 'canoe-icebreaking'. The Sunday was spent canoeing, capsizing and swimming down a hairy stretch of the Avonmore from Rathdrum to Avondale. Both courses were enjoyed by all.

Clongowes Wood College Canoe Club organised a slalom competition at Lucan Spa on smooth but running water. One member of our club competed, coming tenth in his class. We hope to organise more activities in the coming year.

Roy Siggins (6)

Canoe Club

On Saturday, 25th November, 1972, the first official meet of the High School Canoe Club took place in the A.F.A.S. outdoor pursuits centre at Tiglin Youth Hostel. A provisional committee was set up to run the club during its initial stages. The committee consists of Roy Siggins as chairman, Michael Stirling as secretary, John Holmes and Stephen Gardner, with Mr. Broad as master-in-charge of the club.

The club has been able to purchase five canoes with accessories with the help of a generous grant from the School governors. We wish to thank the governors for this grant.

It has been decided to train six to eight senior pupils during the Easter term so that they will then be able to assist in instructing beginners during the summer term. We are very grateful to the Wild Water Kayak Club for their offer to help train any boys interested in canoeing. We hope to train boys sufficiently well so that they will be able to enter competitions with a fair chance of winning.

M.S.

Rock Climbing

Rock climbing has had a considerable success in the school over the last year. All the rock climbing was centred in the A.F.A.S. Outdoor Pursuits Centre at Tiglin and the majority of the climbing was done in Glendalough.



A three-day course was held at the end of the last summer term in which most boys did two days climbing and one day canoeing. All the climbing was done in Glendalough with emphasis on technique. Some of the boys showed a good adaptation to hard climbs. Great interest was shown in the climbs and those who did hard climbs were quite successful.

The next course was held on the 25th-26th November. As many newcomers to the sport appeared an introduction was supplied on easy slabs in the Devil's Glen on the Saturday. Those who had climbed before were able to turn up a rope, a method of climbing a fixed rope. On the Sunday we climbed in Glendalough. Although it was November the weather was quite warm and some of the boys were

able to do a technical climb, in which a certain member of 4th Form was outstandingly good. Feminine interest was supplied by three girls from Park House School who also showed great interest and ability in the climbs.

With the growing interest in rock climbing in the School boys will be given the opportunity of climbing again, and also, we hope, being able to lead their own climbs. On the November course there was great emphasis on safety and knots. I wish to stress that the maximum safety is taken in all these activities. And with these safety measures rock climbing is a very safe sport. We wish to thank Mr. J. Hickmott and Paddy O'Leary for making all this possible.

David Mitchell (6)



OLD BOYS' UNION



OFFICERS:

- President*—Mr. C. A. Boyle.
President Elect—Mr. G. W. Keegan.
Vice President—Mr. A. P. R. Brook (Headmaster).
Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. Ian Hunter, 29 Rostrevor Road, Dublin 6.
Hon. Treasurer—Mr. C. B. Craven, Ard-na-Greine, Swords Road, Santry, Dublin 9.
Hon. Auditor—Mr. R. S. Browning.

COMMITTEE:

- C. Chadwick, H. L. Drew, E. W. Frith, M. Gault, G. W. Kirkpatrick, T. W. R. Meates, W. H. Walker, D. Went, B. R. Wilkinson.

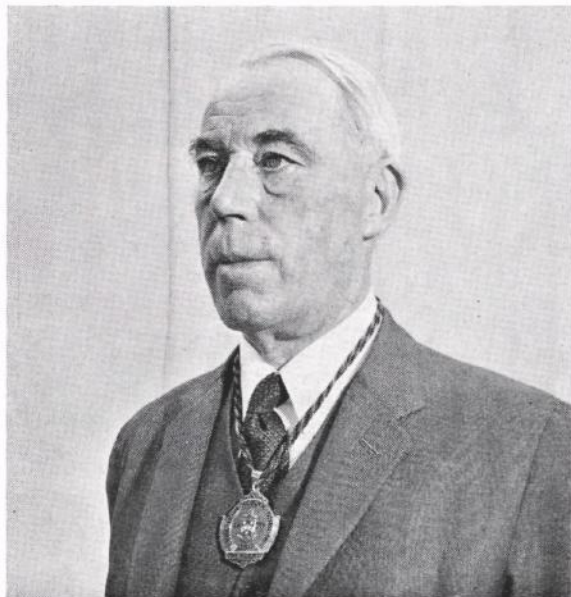
President's Letter

The origin of Old Boys' Unions is in some doubt ranging from those in Scotland bent on

the destruction of Rugby Football who invented Former Pupils' Clubs and who almost achieved their ends, to those who conceived that they would provide an opportunity for an annual 'nosh up'—this term probably deriving from the Hindustani word 'nautch' meaning dance.

Neither of these ideas seem to be the reason for the formation of our Union as we have not an Old Boys' Football Club and so far the 'nautch girls' have not put in an appearance at the Annual Dinner.

The idea was probably thought up in the fevered imagination of an Editor of the *Erasmian* who concluded that if there were to be a Union there would have to be a President who could be called upon for a message in the Christmas issue of the magazine which would have the effect of at least filling one page.



C. A. BOYLE

My wish is that everyone connected with the School, Staff, Boys, former Pupils and their families wherever they may be and particularly those in this country may have peace to enjoy a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

News of Old Boys

ERNEST H. BODELL (1940-44), the Accountant of Arthur Guinness Son & Co. (Dublin) Ltd., presented the Guinness Cup for the All-Ireland Cricket League to Alec O'Riordan, captain of the winning N. Leinster team.

RONALD A. J. CARSON (1957-64) has obtained a Ph.D. from Cambridge and is now in the Research and Development Department of British Cellophane.

REV. DUDLEY A. L. COONEY (1944-48) of Carlow Methodist Church, appeared on R.T.E.'s programme 'Outlook' on 13th October, 1972.

H. R. TIM CHILLINGWORTH (1961-68) is a site engineer with G. & T. Crampton Ltd. He was also Auditor of the Dublin University Engineering Society for the session 1971-72.

ROBERT A. DALZELL (1945-49) is Managing Director of Crowe Wilson & Co. Ltd.

JULIAN S. DAWSON (1951-54) was the conductor of the B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra at the opening of the Belfast Festival.

F. WILLIAM DUNGAN (1922-30) was awarded the trophy for the Best Musical Director at the recent Waterford Festival of light opera for the production of 'Princess Ida'. He has been conductor of the Clontarf Musical Society since its inception in 1954 to the present day.

J. DESMOND FEAGHERSTONE (1933-38) is the architect for the restoration of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

DAVID F. FORD (1956-66) was elected a Scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge, last June. This is a rare distinction. He had just obtained his Theological Tripos (1st Class) with the Nowell-Rostron Prize. While in Cambridge he was awarded the Nunn Studentship to travel to Germany. He has been elected Henry Fellow of Yale University for the academic year 1972-73 and is now in residence there.

IAN A. FOX (1948-58) has been appointed an account director with Wilson Hartnell, Advertising Agents. In connection with the Wexford Festival of 1972 he gave an illustrated lecture on the operas 'Oberon', 'Il Pirata' and 'Katya Kabanova'. He has also written the libretto for James Wilson's monodrama for soprano, piano and percussion, telling the story of the 'Táin Bó Cuailgne'.

HAROLD E. J. GRAHAM (1922-25) who has been with the Life Association of Scotland Ltd., for 42 years, has relinquished the Managership for the Republic of Ireland and gone, for family reasons, to reside in Belfast, where he will be the Association's Manager.

GRAEME F. DUFF (1960-67) was Dance Secretary for the Dublin University Engineering Society for the year 1971-72.

GORDON W. FLEWETT (1961-68) is now doing research towards a Ph.D. in the Department of Chemistry, T.C.D.

RICHARD D. GREEN (1956-67) was Records Secretary of the Dublin University Engineering Society for the 1971-72 year.

RICHARD F. GREENE (1963-65) is Chief Engineer in Fleetwood Ltd., Inchicore.

DAVID P. HUGHES (1958-63) after training in Sandhurst was commissioned into the Royal Signals Corps. He has graduated from the Royal Military College of Science, Swindon, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

KENNETH P. McCORMICK (1957-64) has left the T.C.D. Library and is teaching in Newtown School, Waterford.

ADAM S. MESBUR (1965-70) is an accountant at Whelan Bros. & Ryan Ltd. His success at bridge, which was mentioned in the last issue, continues unabated.

BRIAN C. O'NEILL (1957-64) is in Glasgow University on a three year Research Fellowship.

DAVID A. ORR (1942-52) of Unilever U.K. was one of the speakers at the Seminar 'Insight to Advertising' arranged in Dublin by the Association of Advertisers last November.

PHILIP A. ORR (1961-69) received his Rugby Colours from T.C.D. this year and last year.

R. ANTHONY REYNOLDS (1955-66) is teaching Physics in the University of Alberta at Edmonton.

JULIAN D. REYNOLDS (1951-60) is a Freshwater Biologist at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

REX ROBERTS (1933-38) has made a film for Guinness's called 'Guinness's and the Grand Canal'. He has also made a film for Edward Dillon & Co., Wine Merchants, called 'Sailing Game' showing racing in Dublin Bay.

DR. W. ARTHUR TANNER (1959-66) is a Demonstrator in Anatomy at T.C.D.

DR. MERVYN R. H. TAYLOR (1947-57) has been appointed a Lecturer in Paediatrics in Trinity College.

DAVID H. VIPOND (1955-66) is working as a candidate for the Ph.D. degree in the Chemistry Department of T.C.D.

NIGEL D. A. WALSHE (1957-68) is studying for a Ph.D. in Imperial College, London.

F. NEVILLE WHISKER (1958-67) has been appointed Advertising Officer, Bord Failte for North America, the Continent and Britain.

JAMES G. WILKINSON (1968-69) as a Fireball crew member, finished 3rd in the 1972 Irish Championships, and qualified for the Irish team in the 1973 World Championships at Torbay. As helm on the Trinity 1st, the team were beaten finalists in the Irish Racing Championships.

ROBIN H. WORMELL (1956-67) won the Marathon at the Trinity Races last year and also obtained his Athletics Colours. He was Auditor of the Classical Society 1971-72 and in this capacity jointly organised a Classical Congress in Trinity Term which drew upwards of two hundred participants from all Ireland.

Examination Results

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

Most of these results have not been published in the newspapers yet and any corrections or additions are very welcome.

Degrees

MODERATORSHIP—Natural Sciences: Chemistry (1st Class, equal 1st) G. W. Flewett and N. D. A. Walshe; (2nd Class, 1st Division) D. H. Vipond; Classics (1st Class) B. D. Lewis; History and Political Science (2nd Class, 1st Division, 1st Place) N. E. Gamble; (2nd Class, 1st Division) S. G. E. Lloyd; (2nd Class, 2nd Division) E. B. Nason; Mathematics Mod. Part II (1st Class) P. A. Orr; Natural Sciences: Geology, A. P. Blundell; Natural Sciences (3rd Class) A. Boyle; D. R. Johnson.

B.A. (Hons. 1st Class): D. H. Vipond.

B.A.—T. Haskins, E. C. Newmark, J. H. Hamilton, R. B. Stephens, H. R. T. Chillingworth, J. G. Grace.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—P. H. Gray, R. J. R. Kirkham, R. B. Stephens.

M.A.—J. C. Darling, J. N. Gray, S. Hayes.

M.Sc.—H. C. Loh, J. N. Gray.

B.A.I. (Hons. 2nd Class)—H. R. T. Chillingworth.

B.A.I.—J. G. Grace.

Examination Results 1971-72

JUNIOR SOPHISTER—History (3rd Class) J. G. King; Natural Sciences (3rd Class) J. K. Sargeant and D. R. Johnson.

SENIOR FRESHMAN—Classics (2nd Class, 2nd Division) C. J. V. Packham; Mathematics (3rd Class) R. R. Irvine; Natural Sciences (1st Class, 1st Place) M. Jeffares; (2nd Class, 1st Division) B. C. Storey, M. B. Telford, D. E. Jones; (2nd Class, 2nd Division) J. I. G. Csizmarik, N. A. Moyse; English and French (Modern Language and Literature) (2nd Class, 1st Division) P. P.

JUNIOR FRESHMAN — Mathematics (1st Class, 1st Place) N. Jeffares; (1st Class) R. E. Smythe; Mathematical Science (1st Class) D. A. Reynolds; (3rd Class) J. R. McColl; Legal Science (2nd Class, 2nd Division) M. W. D'A. Tyrrell; Classics: D. F. Kennedy; History and Political Science (2nd Class, 2nd Division) G. A. Fish; Business Studies (2nd Class, 2nd Division) D. S. Mackey; Economic and Social Studies (IIb) D. S. Mackey, A. A. Nagur; Natural Sciences (Annual Examination in Physics I/Maths. A) (1st Class) N. Jeffares.

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DAVID WENT (1958-65) to LORRAINE E. DOUGAN on 29th January, 1972.

BRYAN R. WILKINSON (1945-52) to HEATHER I. DOUGAN on 4th August, 1972.

RICHARD O. W. WORMELL (1950-56) to ELIZA A. BURROUGHS at Ightham, Kent.

Marriages

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

DAVID S. BURGESS (1954-62) to HEATHER V. DAVIS on 24th March, 1972.

GEOFFREY COLEMAN (1958-64) to BARBARA LEACH on 2nd September, 1972.

W. TRUTZSCHLER VON FALKENSTEIN (1964-66) to ROSLYN MORAN on 20th November, 1971.

GORDON H. GILL (1951-62) to CLAIRE A. RODGERS on 16th March, 1972.

LOUIS M. GRUBB (1961-62) to ELIZABETH J. JOBSON on 5th August, 1972.

CHRISTOPHER J. HILLIARD (1959-65) to DOREEN STONE on 14th October, 1972.

DAVID G. G. HOURIE (1955-67) to CAROL A. G. RHODES on 19th August, 1972.

ROGER A. F. KING (1958-68) to HEATHER WARRINGTON on 7th July, 1972.

RICHARD A. McCONNELL (1955-67) to SHEILA M. FISHER on 23rd September, 1972.

LIONEL J. MACKEY (1955-65) to DAPHNE E. LUCE on 8th July, 1972.

BRIAN C. O'NEILL (1957-64) to JULIA A. BRACKSTONE on 9th May, 1972.

NORMAN C. J. POPE (1949-58) to BEATRIX V. CONLAN on 30th August, 1972.

BRIAN E. G. RANALOW (1964-65) to ELSA G. REUS on 14th October, 1972.

DAVID N. SPURGEON (1952-60) to HILARY DORIS JONES on 25th March, 1972.

W. ARTHUR TANNER (1959-65) to D. ANNE LOWRY on 25th March, 1972.

JAMES WEEKES (1961-67) to VALERIE M. BURNS on 4th July, 1972.

David R. Gault

The earliest photograph of David which I have is one from the Swimming Gala which appeared in the 1964 December issue of the *Erasmian*. This is an early indication of his abiding love of sport and his tremendous zest for life. He was elected Captain of the Swimming Club for the season 1967-68, and was awarded his Colours for the Rugby 1st XV both for the years 1966-67 when he was in Form 6, and again for the year 1967-1968 when he was in Form 6U. He served the School faithfully as a Prefect—a very popular one—and left in 1968 having won the Glorney Cup and Exhibition on his performance in the Entrance Awards Examination at Trinity College.

With his arrival at the University his ability really blossomed even though, as a medical student, time for training was strictly limited. A very promising career in rugby was unfortunately curtailed when, playing on the T.C.D. 2nd XV, he suffered a severe shoulder dislocation. He joined the Rifle Club, and gained his Colours in shooting for 1970-1971 and 1971-1972. Perhaps his greatest sporting achievement was the winning of the Pentathlon (Athletics 1st, Fencing, Shooting 1st, Squash 3rd, Swimming) at the Trinity Races this year.

On the academic side his medical studies proceeded smoothly, and he added to his practical experience gained in the Adelaide by working in foreign hospitals during the summer vacations. In 1971 he was in residence at the Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Hospital, Welkom, South Africa, and this year went to the Grant Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.

His easy and friendly manner gained him the immediate trust of patients and I, for one, will always have happy memories of his irresistibly good-natured grin. He will be remembered by a large number of loyal friends with great affection.

He 'walked tall'.

V.W.G.

Deaths

- FREDERICK R. L. BARRETT (Oct. - Dec. 1886) of Willowbank, Dundrum, on 16th June, 1972.
- JACOB M. BARRON (1900-1910) on 11th March, 1972.
- GEORGE ST. P. BUNBURY (1928-1934) at his home in London on 9th June, 1972.
- ALBERT G. FRANKLIN (1918-1920) of Gullistan Cottages, Rathmines, on 8th July, 1972.
- DAVID R. GAULT (1964-1968), following a car accident, on 15th October, 1972.
- EUSTACE A. H. HEARD (1909-1912) on 4th September, 1972.
- WILLIAM HENDERSON (1925-1928) of Northumberland Road on 18th July, 1972.
- CHARLES R. HILLIS (Aug. - Dec. 1909) in England, on 16th June, 1972.
- PADDY KELLETT (1936-1940) in England, on 15th June, 1972.
- ROBERT A. MARCHANT (1926-1930) on 10th June, 1972.
- GEORGE E. PRICE (1922-1925) of Merville Road, Stillorgan, on 29th September, 1972.
- RONALD G. STEELE (1945-1953) of Hollywood Drive, Goatstown, on 2nd November, 1972.
- IVAN WEBB (1925-1929), in an air accident, of Whitebeam Road, Clonskeagh, 18th June, 1972.
- ALBERT E. WILSON (1916-1918) of Woodlands Avenue, Stillorgan, on 15th November, 1972.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held in the School on Monday, 9th October, with the President, Mr. D. A. Orr, in the Chair.

The Reports of the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Sports and Social Secretaries were unanimously adopted and it was evident that the health of the Union in a social and financial sense is extremely good. However, as our President pointed out, one of the objects of the Union should be to assist the School in some tangible way, and in this respect more could have been achieved during the past year.

Our new President, Mr. C. A. Boyle, took over the Chair during the evening and we wish him every success during his term of office.

There was a very good attendance at the meeting which as usual concluded with light refreshments kindly provided by the School

Catering Staff. It is most encouraging to note that this important occasion in the year of the Union is receiving better support from members than in the past, and it is to be hoped that this trend will continue.

Annual Dance 1972

The Annual Dance was held in the Gresham Hotel on Saturday, 4th November. Despite the fact that on this occasion the Dance was very poorly supported by members, a most enjoyable evening was had by all who were there. Earlier in the year, a sub-committee was appointed to consider the whole question of the Dance and on what basis it should be run in the future. To enable the Dance Committee to organise this function in such a way as to receive support from as many members as possible, a brief summary of the report of the sub-committee and a questionnaire is enclosed with this issue of the *Erasmian*, and all interested members are earnestly requested to return the completed questionnaire form as soon as possible. The Annual Dance, quite apart from being one of the most enjoyable OBU functions is an essential source of revenue for the Union. With this in mind, the Committee are quite prepared to organise the function along whatever lines are most attractive to the members as a whole, but this cannot be done without the required co-operation.

Annual Dinner 1973

The Annual Dinner will be held in the School on Saturday, 27th January, 1973, and members who intend being present should return the application form enclosed as soon as possible.

Ladies Night 1973

This function will be held on a date to be arranged during April/May 1973. It is not possible to circularise all members at that time and those who wish to receive further information should return the enclosed form.

OBU Tie

The question of the OBU Tie was discussed during the year and it was decided that the Union should revert to the original striped design as its official Tie which is now available only from the usual OBU stockists and which will be issued only to OBU members.

Register of Members

Due to some very hard work on the part of our Research Department which is headed by Mr. V. W. Graham, our list of members whose addresses are unknown is significantly shorter than usual! From time to time messages filter through that 'a certain member' is rather

annoyed because he is no longer receiving OBU communications. More often than not this is because changes of address have not been notified in the proper manner to the Hon. Secretary. In the event of a permanent change of address the form below should be completed and returned as soon as possible, so as to avoid the circulation of OBU communications being discontinued.

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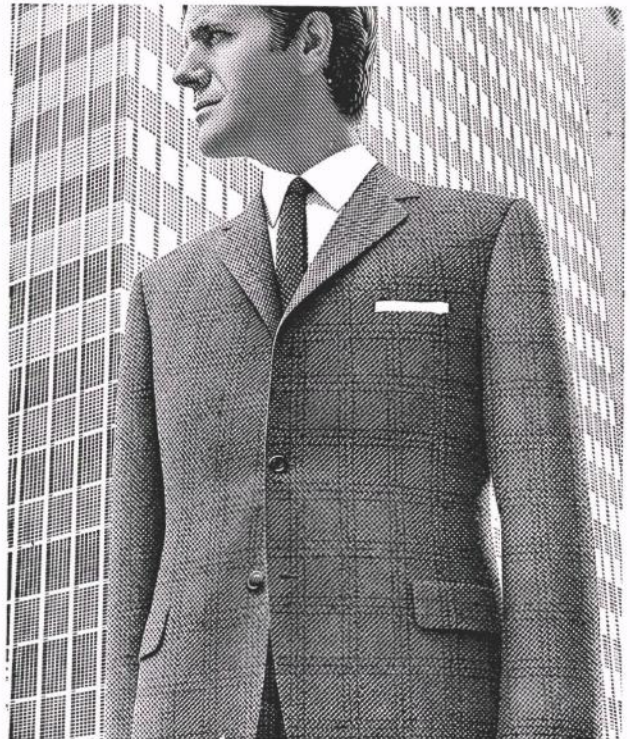
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