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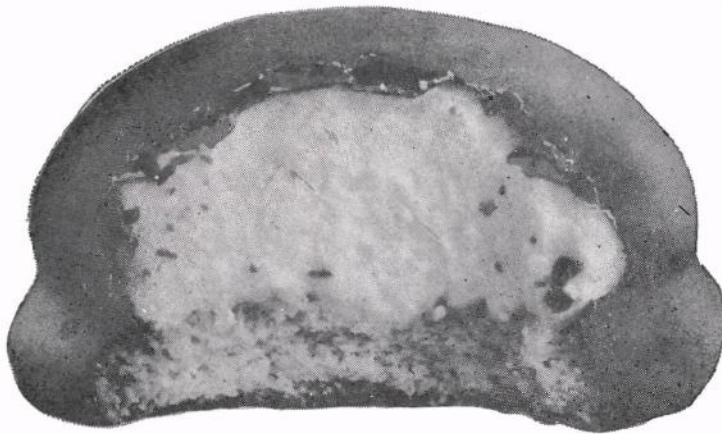
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EDITORIAL

'There once was a man who said : "Damn !
It is borne in upon me I am
An engine that moves
In predestinate grooves ;
I'm not even a bus I'm a tram." '

—M. E. Hare

If one leaves to one side lofty theological or philosophical theories about predestination or determination, it is clear that to a very considerable degree it is during one's school-days that the grooves are constructed along which one will run tram-like as an adult. Whether one decides to study the Humanities or the Sciences after the Inter.—and, indeed, even earlier ; whether or not one decides that one wishes to go to university ; whether or not one becomes interested in rugby, the Photographic Society, the Chess Society : these decisions are factors which wield as much influence over one's embryonic character as it does over them, which will greatly affect the sort of person one becomes, the sort of life one leads, and the sort of friends one has. It is thus a little alarming that these decisions appear to be taken with great casualness, if indeed they are taken at all : often it seems that these matters are decided more by default than by deliberation, as people drift inexorably with the prevailing tide.

Thus, without any particularly sound reasons, except for a couple of classicists, it is 'normal' for the brighter boys to study the sciences after Inter. Again, University — i.e. T.C.D. — is regarded as the natural objective for the intelligent, often irrespective of personal interests. That these 'drifts' are in a generally good direction—it may be true, for example, that industrial society requires more technologists, or technicians, than artists (even in the broader sense of the word) ; and only adherents of the Leavis-school would deny that the more people that go to college the better—cannot condone the taking of personally vital decisions with such apparent nonchalance. Decision-making is an aspect of life for which formal education prepares us not at all, but surely we can at least emphasise the importance of these decisions.

But although these examples are of more obvious moment, the extra-curricular activities in which one participates are also important : the games one decides to play, the societies

one joins. Rugby is compulsory, and consequently everyone has an adequate chance to discover whether or not he likes it. Other activities are not, with the result the overwhelming majority totally ignores most of them, not availing of the often unique opportunities for experience which are at hand. The Gramophone Society has an absurdly small attendance at its meetings, but how can anyone learn whether he likes 'classical' music if he never hears it? No more effort is involved than that of sitting quietly in the warmth of the Board Room to eat one's lunch. To those for whom music means something, the wilful self-deprivation of those who refuse to attend even one meeting is inexplicable : it seems as if they continued to live on bread and water—or chewing-gum — when the most magnificent food and wine can be theirs simply by stretching out their hands. All right—it may prove that bread and water is the only food one enjoys, but is one not in a sense failing in one's duty to oneself if one does not at least sample the other stuff ?

Similarly, the plight of the Debating Society is shameful. It is deeply saddening that, as I write, on no occasion this term have we been able to muster more than a dozen boys to debate topics which, if one believes the media, are the burning issues, of the day, in spite of the facts that the Society is open to every boy in the School, and that each meeting is adequately publicised. Admittedly, it may be something of an effort to come back into school in the evening—although one is apt to suspect that those who maintain that they cannot spare one evening a fortnight from their voluminous mountains of homework are either deceiving themselves, or on the way to a nervous breakdown. But, if this be the reason for dismal attendances, why do more not come to debates held immediately after school ?

Everybody should try—at least once—every extra-curricular activity, for if we must move along grooves, we may at least discover those grooves most congenial to ourselves. The only way to do this is by sampling each groove. Somebody has ponderously suggested that if one digs a rut deep enough, it becomes a grave. At least in our schooldays we may find out which of the graves available fits us most comfortably, and which has the most pleasing aspect.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

From "The Erasmian", October 1920

It is with a very deep interest that during the last few months we have watched the march of history in Central Europe. . . . Those of us who have envisaged the facts in all their deadly seriousness can understand the magnitude of the menace, of which the fulfilment was averted, when the people of Poland heroically stemmed the westward flow of the Bolshevik hordes. . . . In the meantime, however, our own island appears to be suffering from that wave of Bolshevistic spirit which seems to have passed over the whole surface of the globe. But, amidst it all, it is to be hoped that H.S.D., like a pool in the shores of a mighty ocean, will retain its tranquility, and give an example of perfect co-operation, unity and discipline, to those parts of our Empire which are still convulsed with lawlessness and anarchy.

Trinity Letter

The proposed redevelopment of College Park which would entail the disappearance of the Fellows' Gardens at one end and the rugby pitch at the other has, understandably, produced the biggest talking point of the term so far. Fellows' Gardens used only infrequently for such fashionable activities as the Elizabethan Societys' garden party, could be

well done without, especially as it could mean the disappearance of the abominable prefabricated lecture rooms which seem to be constantly mushrooming in its vicinity, and the provision of a new Arts block in its place is an idea which will cause much rejoicing among the College humanists, presently envious of the new biological laboratory provided for the 'science end'. Whether Aristotle, Goeth and the Duke of Wellington can be studied in such modern surroundings is a question which none has yet asked in public—cynical scientists, who have always equated classics with cobwebs and dusty rooms, will claim that it might at least inspire more fashionable garb from the classicists and historians. The proposal to build a Students' Union and to provide more accommodation (perhaps even for women students) is a timely one, though one can sympathize with the plight of the sports clubs who, apart from the rugby club who are destined to take over the present hockey and soccer pitches, will be forced out to the excellently-equipped, but rather unapproachable, sports grounds at Santry.

Meanwhile, however, students are spending a typical Micheltas Term—going to parties, avoiding early morning lectures, joining weird societies and generally taking life easily while the threat of examinations and impending doom is still a long way over the horizon. Most ex High School boys can be included in this category though there are, of course, those exceptions who work all the year round and can confidently be expected to add to High School's proud record of Foundation Scholarships and Moderatorships when the results are made known at the end of May.

Surprisingly, there is a distinct lack of Old Boys in high places this year, although there are notable exceptions. Derek Moran holds important positions in both the Students' Representative Council and the Historical Society, Alan Beck is auditor of the Classical Society, Stuart Daunt-Smyth is on the committee of the Geological Society and David Factor on that of the Business and Economics Society. In the realm of sport, Brian Carson is captain of the badminton club, John Silverstone had a very successful summer on the 1st IX and Philip Orr has made an impression on the first XV rugby team. Many others, leaving the glory to the few, have decided their talents are more suited to less exalted company and, like Trevor Bowen and

John Davy, seem to spend most of their lives playing squash.

The proximity of 'going to press' and pre-occupation with term essays have probably caused me to omit some very important old boys; for that I apologise, perhaps if they are able to get in touch with whoever is delegated as the next author of Trinity Letter before May he will agree to rectify such omissions. In conclusion, may I reassure all those who are striving manfully through college without publicity or elevation to high places that their reward is bound to come later in the shape of a degree, with any luck. This is the eternal hope which keeps us sane.

Filius Vespertilionis Hominis.

Centenary Year 1970

The Centenary Year programme of special events has been completed and the thanks of the Centenary Committee goes to all those who supported and helped to organise the various functions.

The Centenary Celebrations for boys in the school, the official reception given by the Governors and the Centenary Ball have already been reported in the previous issue of the *Erasmian*.

The Centenary Cricket Match between the Old Boys' Union and Kings' Hospital Old Boys' Union was held on the 29th and 30th June. After a very entertaining first evening, the rain washed out the second day's play, leaving the game drawn.

The Centenary Banquet, presided over by our Centenary Year Chairman, Mr. W. S. Cunningham, was held in the Shelbourne Hotel on the 18th September. Excellent speeches and a first class musical programme made this function one to be remembered by all who were present.

The Centenary Rugby Match between High School S.C.T., and a rest of Leinster School's XV represented by one player from each of fifteen schools) was held on the 7th October at the Leinster Branch Ground, Donnybrook. An exciting match, in charge of an international referee, Mr. Kevin Kelleher, kept a crowd of almost six hundred right to the final whistle. The Rest team were well held by High School until they scored twice in the last few minutes. After the game both teams, together with the Leinster Schools Committee and the Games' Masters were entertained to a dinner in the Montrose Hotel.

The Centenary Year Wine and Cheese Party was held in the Clockroom on the 10th October and proved to be a very popular and successful function.

The Centenary Commemoration Service was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 11th October, the preacher was an Old Boy, the Rt. Rev. A. H. Butler, M.B.E., M.A., D.D., Lord Bishop of Connor. Over two thousand boys, parents, old boys, staff and Governors were present. This was a memorable finale to a very successful Centenary Year.

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The Outsider

Some men are born for life and they live their life in harmony with their surroundings—they are educated, they work, they bring up a family, and die in that one small corner of the world which is theirs alone. Most of them never think of anything that is not within themselves. That is not to say that they were not capable of doing so at some stage in their life; but as they become older their minds become rusty—helped, no doubt, by these small gadgets which are designed to stop us thinking and using our brain. We are pieces of a jigsaw, and as such find it difficult to be non-conformist.

But some, for want of a better existence, are born with a whisper, a scent—just the slightest hint of anger on their faces. And as they grow, so the anger grows. They fight and are friendless. They lock themselves into a cupboard of dreams where the white clouds of their fantasy obscure the real dilemma of their pitiful life. When not working they stand on street corners, walk with their heads wrapped up from the burning glances of others or get drunk. They are miserable, they hate everyone, everything—their whole lives—even themselves. They are all around us and even we ourselves have some of this discontent and want for something more filling—it is the drive in us. It is not evil, it is not bad; but it can strain the life out of a man, it can kill his want for love and it will make him a shell.

Fergus O'Connor was such a man.

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Fergus was an unhappy child from his birth. When he was born, his mother had taken only the slightest glance on her new son's face and

passed away. Some said she had seen blight or some evil, and the strain of giving birth had killed her. She was a frail woman.

Some, however, looking deeper into the situation, in later years, said she had lost all will to live and the thought of another mouth to feed had simply been too much for her. Fergus never saw his father—he died when he fell down the steep, stony hill to the small natural harbour where he kept his boat.

The disease which his mother had, seemed also to be in Fergus.

This theory of his mother's death seems most likely, for throughout his youth Fergus was angry and ill—and it was as though something inside wanted out. It was not the anger of a man who seeks revenge nor the illness of a dying man fighting for a few more minutes, but more of a man who hated the very name of his village—who despised all his friends and tried to please none.

As soon as Fergus was old enough to work, he moved away to another village on the other side of the peninsula. There he got a job on one of the boats and worked hard from six 'till ten nearly every day. He was a strong man with huge shoulders and the muscles on his arms became so enlarged and hard when he strained them, that the veins stood out like big tubes. His face was ruddy and clean.

His hair was shaggy and wild. It made him look Christ-like. He was a hard worker and rarely spoke to anyone. Each night when the boats were in, he would disappear to his cottage and nobody would see him 'till morning.

On an odd occasion Fergus would go for a drink in the pub. He would quietly walk to the bar and stand there with his drink. He would not mix with the other men.

But he did not even do that anymore since the evening after the fight. It was not a bad fight—it was hardly a scuffle, but it had made a complete outcast of Fergus.

They had been at sea for eight hours and had not caught anything. The men sat on the slimy fish boxes. Michael sat beside Fergus, both men were tired and under strain. Michael asked Fergus was he going to the pub on Saturday. Fergus said no, and Michael flew into a rage.

'Don't you ever do anything?'

'I get along just fine on my own,' Fergus said.

'Oh, go to hell!'

'Look—I don't ask anything of you. I owe you nothing—I've never been with you off the

boat and don't want to. Just leave me be.'

Michael hit him at this point and Fergus struck back. The blow split his lip and deep red blood oozed out. The other men grabbed Fergus and prevented him from striking again. Michael got up and Fergus walked to the other end of the boat. The men gathered around Michael.

That night Fergus wanted to get drunk. He decided he would and when the boat came in he went home and washed. On his way down the wet hill he could feel the small pieces of grit creak under pressure from his leather-soled boots. As he approached the pub he heard the men shouting and laughing. He stood in the doorway, braced himself and opened the door.

Around the table a group of tough men, wearing oil-skins, were playing cards. Michael was amongst them. He turned and looked at Fergus. The talk and chink of glasses at the bar stopped. They all turned and looked. Their faces were long and there was nothing written on them. Fergus' eyes moved slowly from one face to the next. He stood there frozen, not knowing whether to go in or go home. He looked around for someone to rescue. Just a 'hello' or a 'how are ya, Fergus, lad, come in, come in'—anything . . . dear God someone speak to me! But nobody did. Sweat broke out on his forehead and his scalp became itchy with heat. His stomach trembled and he banged the door shut. He stood in the doorway for a moment, perplexed and frozen with fear and hatred.

He walked back to his cottage and stumbled through the door. He sat on the side of his bed; on the table he found a candle. He struck a match and the sulphur sparked and lit. He touched the match to the candle and a small flame awoke and lighted the room. He burned it sideways and let the wax drip onto a saucer. A drop fell onto his finger. He placed the candle in the little pool of semi-hard wax and it stuck. He sat on the side of his bed and looked at his finger. He rubbed the wax until it became smooth and hard, filling the small grains that ran over his skin. He did not pick it off, he left it.

He took off his boots and lifted his feet onto the bed. He blew out the candle and the grey smoke made circles as it rose to the roof. He slept.

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Next morning he got up and looked in the mirror. There were two white lines on his

cheeks, he licked them and the salt tingled on his tongue. He threw cold water in his face and washed them away.

He opened the door and went out into the crisp air. His breath condensed as it left his nostrils. He rubbed his hands, closed the door and walked down to the harbour. The boat was waiting, smoke pouring out of the funnel, and the nets were still hanging up to dry on the pole. As he stepped onto the boat he felt the wax on his finger. It was hard and white. He picked it off and started to work.

P. Murtagh (5)

The End

(Dedicated to all those who appreciate good hamburger)

*A vale of tears
Or, if you like, a veil of tears
So the old men said.
Death
The end of life
Buried among the reeds
Or in the earth,
Worms
Thick, slimy ones, or even
Many thin red ones
Crawling about in your ribs.
The oily, grimy, smoke
of dirty chimneys
Blackening the city streets
And the city artefacts
And the city people,
Lungs coated
With tars of smoke and of cig
Arettes
Leading
To
Death and thin red worms.
Over carbon monoxide and
Dioxide and tetroxide,
People
Ordinary people
Choking, spluttering
Moaning, dying
In the ruins of a modern jungle.
The city
Rubble only remaining
All smog is gone
All petrol fumes and cigarette smoke
All grimy dirty smoke is gone
All people are gone
Only one air pollutant now:
Radioactivity,*

*Ions and atoms and molecules
Isotopes and isobars
Dying slowly.*

EPILOGUE

*All things came to an end
People, wars, air pollution,
Little red worms,
Even this poem
Poof!*

J. R. McColl (6u)

The Last Year

It is with something of a surprise that one finds oneself in Sixth year. This is the most important year of school life, both from the personal and scholastic aspects. This is the year when everyone is thinking of the Leaving Certificate and probably dreading it. From birth one is inoculated, from all sides, about its importance. The Intermediate Exam fades into comparative insignificance beside it. Before the Inter., I was told by a friend that if he failed, he would commit suicide! I laugh now, but at the time I was quite amenable to this gloomy prospect.

One should curtail one's social activities I know, but I doubt if many of my contemporaries have done so. On talking to friends I was curious to know their reactions to the fact that a way of life, namely school-life, would soon be over. Some expressed fervent thanks at the prospect, while others had not yet thought about it and did not want to do so.

A number of privileges are attached with senior status. For those who go to "tuck" there is the comfort of a special queue apart from the *hoi polloi*. Lunch also, comes quicker, giving more time to lunch-break activities, which seem to have increased with the coming of old age! I stroll in the yard, torn apart by the rival attractions of chess, the haven of the Library, the Debating Society, and sometimes the Gramophone Society. Rarely do Sixth-formers indulge in football now. Of late a popular activity seems to be the worship of motor-bikes, which stand, innumerable, outside the School.

More interest is shown in the future, (how about an Astrology Club?). The attendance at Careers Talks is higher, as is the patronage of the excellent Careers Library. I feel however, that very little guidance is given to us, as regards what we do after School is finished.

Might I suggest a personal talk or talks between each boy and his form-master as being absolutely essential. Often valuable advice can be given by teachers to pupils, and at Parent-Teacher meetings, to parents.

When I was a junior I am certain that I would never have dared offend a senior boy for fear of dire reprisals. But now there seems to be a marked lack of respect for our exalted status—the Age of Enlightenment—I suppose.

Otherwise Sixth year seems comparatively normal and we do not feel our age as heavily as perhaps we should. Never mind, only a few months, or weeks, until the Irish Oral!

Alan Bradbury (6)

Nights at the Gaiety

Last Easter, ten of us took part in two Dublin Grand Opera Society productions in the Gaiety Theatre. The Operas were "La Bohème" and "Andre Chénier". We had several practices before the Dress Rehearsal at the Gaiety.

It was great fun and quite fascinating being behind scenes. It was a new experience for all of us to be the other side of the curtain. The first night of the production of "La Bohème" was not very enjoyable. We were all ready to go on, when the producer, Sanzio Levratti, came and seeing we were barefoot said we should have shoes. So we ran at top speed up six flights of stairs and put on our shoes. Then we ran downstairs and got ready to go on. We were not at our best singing because we were all out of breath.

Our clothes were very colourful but not beautiful because we were meant to be street urchins. All zips had to be covered and no watches or identity bracelets worn. Some of our trousers were too big, some too small, some colourful and some dull. We had waistcoats of all colours and our shirts were brightly coloured.

Our part was outside the Café Morius. We walked on with Parpignol (a man with a cat who sold toys). We played with the toys while singing and some ladies, who were meant to be our mothers, came out and reprimanded us for doing this. Then Alfred Potter sang the solo in Italian, crying "I want a trumpet". Then we marched off singing.

In "Andre Chénier" six boys rushed out and shouted (as all High School boys can) "Arresto

importantissimo de Andre Chénier". This means in English, "the arrest of Andre Chénier has been made". This time we were newspaper boys. Six foot tall Maurizio Piacenti shaking a broom chased us off stage. The six of us in "Andre Chénier" were Alfred Potter, Ian Jackson, Ian Sherwood, Russell Harobel, Richard Ensor and myself. We were joined in "La Bohème" by Alan Cormack, Martyn Schouten, Gordon Richards and Adrian Bannister.

We were all very grateful to Miss Barklie who was responsible for getting us this chance of taking part in these operas. Our thanks also go to Miss McClure and Miss Donohoe who made us up on nights when Miss Barklie was unable to come. The Dublin Grand Opera Society very kindly treated us to the "Sound of Music" one Saturday later.

Derek Dockrell (2A)

Silent People of H.S.D.

"The tongue-less people of the world shall eventually perish and die".

And what about the tongue-less people of High School? We will all perish as in High Scholl we are nearly 100% tongue-less. Therefore the boys (without whom there would be no school) should form a tongue, a tongue to talk for everyone. Some boys are lucky, some are prefects, some have understanding form-masters—others haven't. Several classes have form-masters who just will not listen! Take an example, Alfred Dumbell, 2B5, is put in detention for hitting the Head Master on the head with a cement block. 'This sounds serious, Alfred'. Alfred runs for his form-master (getting beaten up on the way, after all, he is just Alfred Dumbell). Alfred arrives at the door, slips on a banana skin and smashes through the door. His form-master falls back with shock and treads on his lion's tail. Two armed apes swing from the roof to escort poor Alfred to the rostrum.

"Yes, Dumbell?" his form-master roars. "I was standing in the room when—" "shut up", the master roars again. "Get to the point, Dumbell". "I got stuck", Dumbell finally shivers out. "Well, what's the problem, can't you go in to-day?", said the master.

"Yes, but—". He is evicted from the room but the right story is that a prefect told him to drop this brick over the balcony or he'd get lines. He dropped it.

This, of course, could not happen but wilder, less humorous things happen in H.S.D. every day. If there was a boys' committee these matters could be talked over by the people who know the most about them, the boys. So could other subjects such as punishments, heating facilities, equipment, water supplies, soap supplies, etc., etc., and of course any other matters that crop up. My idea is that a few representatives from every class (chosen by the form-master and boys) should meet. If a subject has a case, then it can be brought to a joint boys/masters committee and after that to the Head. This could gain understanding between boys and masters and especially help the masters with teaching, if they can understand what the boys feel should be done. After all, tongue-less people can't talk.

If such a committee is formed then every one will benefit from it, staff, boys and anyone else connected with the school.

So, tongue-less people, SPEAK!

If anyone is interested or has interesting opinions please give them in writing to Mr. Wallace or any member of "The Erasmian" Committee.

Peter Popham (4BD).

Going Home

*The teacher lectures on and on,
And we all wish the bell had gone.
Then suddenly the bell does ring,
And merry hearts begin to sing.*

*We snatch our coats,
And grab our caps,
No time now,
To have our naps.*

*When out of school at last we pour,
Every boy can shout and roar.
Rush to the bus stop, into the bus,
Amid great chatter—Lots of fuss.*

*Tickets bought and feeling grand,
Here we are, a happy band.*

*At last home—We're through the door,
But crumbs we've homework—What a bore.*

Jonathan Caplin (2B2).

The good old 504

*There rotting, rusting down the lane,
Left out to the wind and to the rain
Lies the good old 504,
The train that runs no more.
A good train was the 504,
She ran down to Rathmore,*

*Past the fields and past the trees,
The good old 504.*

*Many a time she made that run
And many, many miles she had done
With her engine sounding like a gun,
Did the good old 504.*

*She ran along the rocky cliff,
Across the bridge that would make you stiff,
Along beside a log cabin door,
The good old 504.*

Through many a storm she would make her way,

*The driver waiting to get his pay,
But there she would get without delay,
The good old 504.*

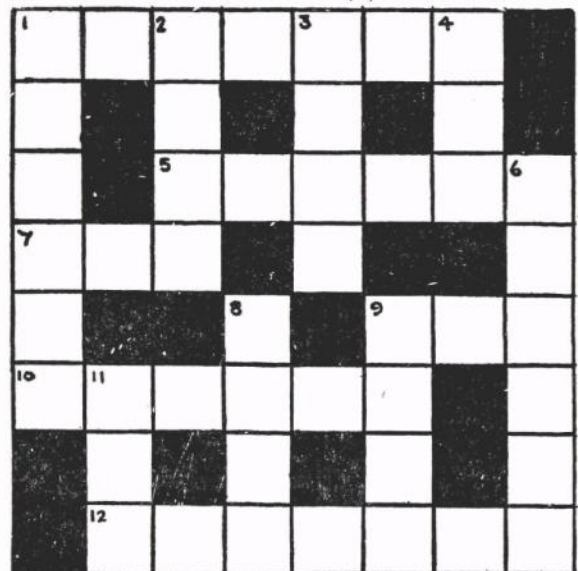
*But one day she was taken off the rail,
The poor old driver went all pale
As he jumped down from the cabin door
Of the good old 504.*

*There rotting, rusting down the lane,
Left out to the wind and to the rain
Lies the good old 504,*

The train that runs no more. M. Hunt (1B2).

Crossword

D. WRIGHT (5)



ACROSS

1. God of Gods
5. English City
7. Merry
9. Francisco
12. Dead Parrot

DOWN

1. Tropical Forest
2. Victim of a Hunter
3. Wood
4. Cereal
6. Fame
8. Toe
9. Male Deer
11. Splash

Solution on page 18

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

A Visit to Aran Mor

Last year while on holidays in Galway my mother and father saw an advertisement in a shop window saying "Enjoy a day on the Aran Islands. So my parents decided to go and take my brother and myself along.

The ship that we were going on was called "The Galway Bay". It was quite a big ship. We got aboard her at half past eight in the morning and she set sail at nine o'clock. We were on her about an hour when we had our lunch which we had brought along with us. We reached Aran Mor Island after another hour. When we left the ship we got a jaunting car to tour around Aran Mor which is the largest of the three Islands. While on it the driver was talking to the horse in Irish.

On the Island there were many tumbled down cottages because the people had to emigrate to different countries to find better jobs. Not many people were living on Aran Mor; there was only one doctor for the three Islands and he got around by helicopter.

On the Island there was a lake and in the middle of the lake there was another Island with trees on it. On the other side of the lake there was a small farm and the farmer was working on it. The farm house was very big and there was a red hay barn in a nearby field.

When we had finished the tour the time was quarter past six and the ship left at half past six so we hurried aboard the ship just in time. On the way home we had a great experience because we saw a porpoise swimming near us.

Kieran Webster (J5).

Our Donkey Form

For a long time past we have had one donkey called Tufty. This year when we were down in the West we brought back three donkeys, a mother and her two year old foal and a three month old foal, which is simply lovely. We thought we would never be able to bring them up. The old farmer who sold

them to us would not let them go by cattletruck because he said they would be "cringed". Then we tried C.I.E., but they were far too expensive. We were in despair. Then we had an idea. We decided to put most of the luggage into the Cortina and some of it into the trailer in front of the donkeys. There was quite a lot of room then. The donkeys travelled very well but when we got home they were very glad to get out. We christened the mother, Martha, the two year old foal, Strider, and the three month old foal, Froda. Then we saw an advertisement for two donkeys in Roscommon, so while Niall and I were in hospital the others went and brought them back. One is black and its foal is brown. So we called the black one Sally and her foal Trinket. So now we have six donkeys!

Christopher Moore (J3).

Autumn

The colours of Autumn are red, brown and gold,

*When the leaves fall off the trees,
And the mornings and nights begin to get cold,
And the birds fly overseas.*

*I go back to school in a nice new class,
And I have toffee apples for break,
I pick up conkers on the grass,
And all the leaves I have to rake.*

Kenneth Duncan (J5).

First Day at High School

*Before I was old, now I am new
In a new school what can I do,
Just ask where to go,
And ask what to do,
What can I do in such a big school.*

*High School is best, best for us all,
I learn lots of things, though I am small,
The teachers that teach, teach us real well,
It's great what they show, it's great what they tell,
In such a big place, I think I'll do well.*

Trevor Sargent (15)

My Pet

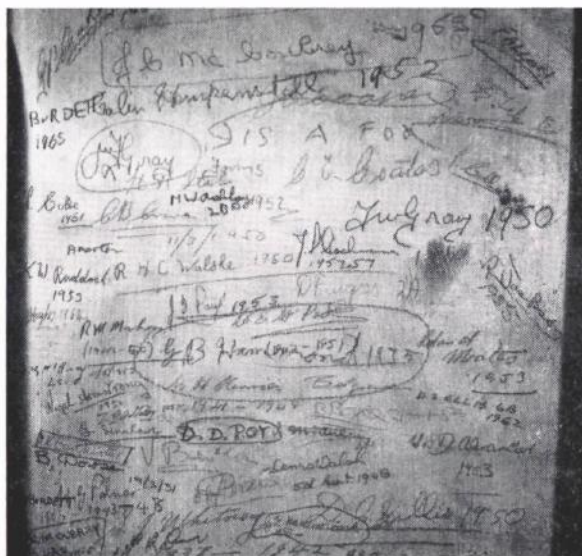
My pet is a budgie and his name is Perky. He is a lovely green and yellow bird and he has a small cage. At each side of the cage there is a pane of glass to keep out some of the draught. He has a little bowl of water at one end of it, and at the other end there is a little bowl of seed for him to eat. There are five little perches, a swing, and a little ladder leading up to one of the perches. He likes it very much, and there is a little bit of sand at the bottom at which he picks. He has two little bells and he plays with them sometimes. He enjoys doing this, and he has a cuttle-fish bone to peck at to stop his beak from getting sharp.

Peter and I sometimes take him out of his cage and he pecks the fluff off our jumpers. He also climbs up our arms and tries to build a nest in our hair!

Every week we clean out his cage and put in fresh water and clean seed and sand, so that he will be well and healthy.

Geoffrey Thompson (J3).

Vanishing High School No. 4



Where is it? Behind a shutter in the hall outside the Clockroom.

SCHOOL RECORD

School News

This term we have many new faces in the staff-room. We welcome them and hope they will enjoy their work with us. They are

Staff Miss Jean Davies in the Junior School and Messrs. G. N. Eames (Mod.) M.A., H.Dip.Ed., R. M. Hilliard, B.A., H.Dip.Ed., J. Toomey, B.Sc., H.Dip.Ed., R. A. McMullan, B.A., H.Dip.Ed., J. Hickey, B.Sc., J. Loughman, B.Sc., R. Cole (Mod.) B.A., L. A. Batchelor, B.A., and A. K. Robinson (Mod.) B.A. Congratulations to Mr. Cronin who was married during the summer holidays. We wish him and Mrs. Cronin happiness. Congratulations, too, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Cole on the birth of a son, November, 1970.

Miss Barklie was joined by Mr. Eric Sweeney in a very interesting piano and organ recital in St. Paul's Church, Glenageary, in October. Miss Barklie played a Brahms rhapsody and a nocturne and scherzo by Chopin. She was accompanied by

Mr. Sweeney in Grieg's A minor piano concerto.

A team from First form won the cup in Football the United Churches' League.

We record our thanks to many who have helped the School. Miss Liliias Mitchell presented us with prizes in Art, and Dr.

Girls Louis Jacobson gave us a cup for single-wicket competition. The Past Presidents of the Old Boys' Union most generously presented the School with a portrait of the Headmaster, painted by Mrs. Muriel Brandt, R.H.A. Mrs. Grice, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Robbie and Mrs. Gill have spent a lot of time in sorting and rehousing the costumes used in the concerts, in preparation for the move to Danum.

Talks were given by the Rev. Brian Wright (Education Secretary of the U.S.P.G.) and Mr. Compton from Uganda (C.M.S.).

Collections made in the School reached the following amounts:

Royal National Life-Boat Institution	£3 10 3.
Irish Wheelchair Association	£5 8 9.

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FORM 6 UPPER

Kingsley T. Aitkins: T.C.D. Economic & Social Studies.

Malcolm Ferguson: T.C.D. Engineering.

Ian R. Jackson: T.C.D. Economic & Social Studies.

John G. King: T.C.D. History.

T. H. Derek Lewis: T.C.D. Economic and Social Studies.

John H. Maybury: T.C.D. Engineering.

Nigel A. Moyse: T.C.D. Natural Sciences.

Cedric J. V. Packham: T.C.D. Classics.

David A. Reynolds: T.C.D. Mathematical Science.

David J. Sinclair: T.C.D. Medicine.

Hamish D. Stewart: T.C.D. Veterinary Medicine

Bryan C. Storey: T.C.D. Natural Science.

Stephen D. A. Wormell: T.C.D. Economic & Social Studies.

FORM 6

B. Peter Acton: Estate Management.

David H. Beattie: T.C.D. Natural Science.

Alexander G. Bevan: Bolton Street College of Technology.

Martin N. Block: T.C.D. General Studies.

Herbert A. Boyle: T.C.D. Economic & Social Studies.

W. Nigel Bryan: Chartered Accountancy, Messrs. Craig Gardner.

David K. Conn: T.C.D. Pre-Medical.

David J. Cooke: Auctioneering, Messrs. Montgomery & Son.

Rodney J. J. Croly: Dublin Savings Bank.

Joseph Czimarik: T.C.D. Natural Science.

Samuel E. Darby: T.C.D. Engineering.

Newton O. Duncan: Stanford University, U.S.A.

David W. Duffy: T.C.D. Economic & Social Studies.

Brian J. Ferguson: T.C.D. Modern Languages.

Harold R. E. Foxall: T.C.D. Engineering.

Ian. F. Geraghty: T.C.D. Pre-Medical.

Randall N. Gray: Chartered Accountancy, Messrs. Cooper & Kenny.

Norman R. Hewson: Chartered Accountancy, Messrs. Craig Gardner.

Russell R. Irvine: T.C.D. Mathematical Sciences

Denis I. Jacobson: T.C.D. Economic & Social Studies.

Mark Jeffares: T.C.D. Natural Sciences.

David E. Jones: T.C.D. Natural Sciences.

R. Alan S. Kearon: Royal Bank of Ireland.

Adam S. Mesbur: T.C.D. Mathematical Science

A. James H. Mercer: Messrs. Brittain Ltd.

Dermot H. Moore: T.C.D. Medical School.

David G. Priestman: T.C.D. Economic & Social Studies.

David S. Richards: Architecture, Messrs.

Hubert Brown & Associates.

Robert A. Schouten: T.C.D. Pre-Veterinary.

W. Alan Singleton: Chartered Accountancy, Messrs. Cooper & Kenny.

Alan D. Taylor: T.C.D. Engineering.

Adrian Tinkler: Messrs. MacNaughton & Sons.

Andrew R. Towell: T.C.D. Engineering.

David R. Wilson: Fogarty Advertising Agency.

Spencer N. Woolfe: College of Surgeons.

Wong Hok John: T.C.D. Pre Medical.

Centenary Service

On the 11th October, 1970, boys, old boys, staff, parents and friends of the High School, Dublin, gathered together in St. Patrick's Cathedral for a service of prayer and thanksgiving to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the School. The service was conducted by the Dean of St. Patrick's, Very Rev. V. G. Griffin, assisted by the Rev. Desmond Black of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blackrock. The blessing was given by the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. A. Buchanan. The lessons were read by the Headmaster and Mr. W. S. Cunningham who is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors.

In his sermon, the Lord Bishop of Connor, the Rt. Rev. A. H. Butler—himself an old boy of the School—aptly summed up the mood of the congregation: "We come in a mood of reflection; that mood which includes both gratitude and pride". He spoke of the changes which had taken place during the history of the School and looked forward to the coming century with confidence and aspiration. "A chapter in the history of the School has ended, the first flush of youth is over, the long hard slog of another century begins, and begins in the best possible way—by meeting with God in His House and remembering before Him the things that matter most in life, such things as gratitude, prayer, knowledge and holiness. When these gifts, these qualities, are seen in the life of the average boy, then, and then alone, is the School entitled to be called a great School".

The staff of the School as well as representatives of the Old Boys' Union and the Parents' Association processed with the Cathedral Choir and Dignatories and the collection was taken up by the School prefects. It was a moving and memorable service, impressive not only by the size of the gathering but by the general feeling of gratitude and unity.

M. H. Gault.



In Memoriam

GEORGE CHARLES JOHNSON,
Master at the High School 1933-1970
Vice-Headmaster 1965-1970
Died 29th July, 1970

One of the quiet men of mathematics has slipped away from us.

George Charles Johnson was born in Avoca late in the first decade of this century. He was the youngest member of a family of thirteen; he lost his father when he was three years old. Educated at Kilkenny College and later at Mountjoy School, he entered Dublin University with the First Sizarship in Mathematics. He proceeded steadily through the term examinations with First or Second Rank Honours until he reached Moderatorship where he obtained a Second Rank Moderatorship in 1932, being one of only two Mathematical Moderators of that year. On the result of this examination he was awarded the Brooke Prize in Mathematics, his opposite number in Classics being the present Pimate of All Ireland, Dr. Simms.

His forte was synthetic geometry and when 'cuts' became more complicated he just became more ingenious. He was too obstinate to let such things go by default. If he had not chosen Mathematics as his discipline then Engineering must surely have claimed him for her own as he loved to construct and repair. He was indeed thus occupied when his last illness overtook him. I did hear him remark once or twice that the choice between Mathematics and Engineering had been a near thing.

Having taught for short periods at Newry Grammar School and Portora Royal School, he joined the staff of the High School, Dublin in

1933 and having taken his Higher Diploma in Education in 1934, he had started on his life's work. He was promoted Vice-Principal in 1965.

One tends to remember him as a very fine administrator and his outstanding ability in this field overshadows many of his other achievements. He was a Sports Master for ten years. His J.C.T., won the Leinster Rugby Cup in 1938 and his J.C.T., won the Leinster Cricket Cup in 1938 and again in 1947. He was a keen, if unorthodox and spasmodic fisherman.

On the academic side he lectured in Actuarial Science at Rathmines College of Commerce, in Mathematics at the School of Commerce and Retail Distribution in Parnell Square and also at the Vocational School in Marino, Fairview, acted as Secretary to the Clergy Daughters' School, examined for the Department of Education and filled the office of Treasurer of the Literary Teachers' Society at one time or another and yet was a regular and helpful visitor to the sick and the bereaved.

When the 'Mathematical Revolution' started I had the good fortune to be taken by him (ever on time and more usually early) to Courses on the 'New Math' and Refresher Courses which were much enlivened by his whispered asides. He was an inveterate punster.

Only last year the Headmaster and Staff of the School gave a dinner in honour of Charlie, as he was affectionately called, and Mrs. Johnson to mark the completion of 36

years of service, and at the Old Boys' Union Dinner this year he gave the speech in reply to the Toast of the School. In his position as Vice-Headmaster he had solved the problem, which few ever really manage to do, of holding that delicate balance of dual loyalty to the Headmaster and to the staff. To demolish the mountains of paper work which arrived on his desk he needed all his perseverance.

After a service in Rathfarnham Parish Church attended by a large and representative congregation 'Johner' or 'Mooner' as he was vicariously called by the boys, was interred in Mount Jerome Cemetery. To his School and many outside it he was a good and faithful servant.

He has earned his rest.

V.W.G.

The news of the death of Mr. Johnson came as a great shock to all who knew him, not least being the pupils of the High School. where he taught for so long. Those of us who knew him directly will remember the effect which his warm personality gave to our classes. Most of all we recollect his jokes and puns which often spiced our periods with him. We all respected and admired him for his fairness and sound common-sense which he showed in all his dealings with us. His efficiency and capacity for work was always tempered by his irrepressible sense of humour. The Senior Boys were especially grateful to him for organising the very successful Centenary Dance last January. Mr. Johnson's death is a sad loss to us, the boys for whom he did so much so cheerfully, and for so long.

N. Cox. A. Bradbury.

PREFECTS 1970/71

Head Boy—Nigel Cox

Gordon Allen, Michael Gault, Douglas McCoy, Russell Irvine, Bryan Burdett, Geoffrey Chadwick, John Cunningham, Michael Eppel, Arthur Godsil, Barry Hilliard, David Lewis, David Mackey, Alan Mooney, William Noblett, Charles Orme, Malcolm Stevenson, Desmond Telford, Ronald Wynne.

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Rugby—Michael Gault

Cricket—Denis Jacobson

Athletics—David Duffy

Swimming—Gordon Allen

Boxing—Richard Ross

Badminton—Desmond Telford

News from the Forms

SIXTH FORM NEWS

We were very pleased to see that four of our boys—Godsil, Lewis, McCoy and Telford were selected to play on the Leinster Rugby Trials.

We noted with some sorrow that four of our boys—Bell, Bowden, Mooney and Turner were injured in accidents this term.

Some 6th Formers are presenting a Dramatic performance in conjunction with the Dramatic Society of Alexandra College. Many of us saw a duo performance of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" by Terence Healy and Geraldine Plunkett, which, if not performed as Shakespeare intended, was (doubtless) very instructive.

N.J.

FIFTH FORM NEWS

There has not been much outdoor activity in Fifth form so far this term. However, the Biology section went on an excursion to the Glen-of-the-Downs on the Nature Trail with Mr. Broad and Mrs. White. A few members out of Fifth form went caving in Mitchelstown, Co. Cork on the 18th October with the A.F.A.S. accompanied by Mr. Broad and Mr. Hickmott.

Fifth form are proud to have two members on the S.C.T., rugby team and congratulate V. Hickey on being selected for the Irish Water Polo team. Fifth form are also attending a series of careers talks on Tuesday afternoons. A careers visit is also being arranged to a hotel.

We would also like to give our best wishes to D. Aikens who is in hospital with a broken leg due to a motor cycle accident.

D. J. W. & G.D.W.

Hobbies Exhibition

This Exhibition will be held on Wednesday, 20th January, 1971.

Solution to Crossword

Across :

1. Jupiter; 5. Exeter; 7. Gay; 9. San; 10. Eldest;
12. Polygon.

Down :

1. Jungle; 2. Prey; 3. Tree; 4. Rye; 6. Renown; 8. Heel
9. Stag; 11. Lap.

FOURTH FORM

With the Intermediate Examination coming up in June there has been very little time for extra-curricular activities. However, a trip is being kindly arranged by Mr. Broad for Fourth form to visit Georgian buildings of interest around Dublin. During Civics class, under the guidance of Mr. R. Cole, 4A are doing a survey on the activities of the Garda Síochána.

The majority of the J.C.T., is taken from 4A and 4BL. Unfortunately Alan Ford (4A) broke his leg during a practice session and will be out of action for the rest of the season.

The Head-boy of 4A is Norman Ludgate, of 4BL Douglas Wright and of 4BD Bevan Myers.

P.G.

THIRD FORM NEWS

Due to the late start to the term Third form have been on only one outing which was a science trip to the Glen-of-the-Downs. We were taken by Mr. Gardner, Mr. Broad and Mr. Toomey. In the Glen-of-the-Downs there is a Nature Trail which led us all the way round the Glen, stopping at every place of interest. These places were marked out on the guidance sheets which were given to us before we arrived. I am sure we all thoroughly enjoyed this outing.

3A also had a debate, with Mr. Willoughby in the chair, and the motion was "Should every country have its own language?". The motion was carried by twelve votes to ten, with one abstention.

The Head-boy of 3A is S. Hinde.

The Head-boy of 3BL is P. Ross.

The Head-boy of 3BD is F. Allen.

D.C.

SECOND FORM NEWS

This term nothing unusual has been done by Second form. Most boys went to the Radio Eireann Orchestral Concert in the St. Francis Xavier Hall. Most of the boys visited the Conservation Year Caravan and enjoyed looking at the display. We had a talk on Uganda by a Missionary.

The Head-boy of 2A is D. Lowe, 2B is R. Ensor and E. Choy of 2B2.

D.E.D.

The Prize Distribution

The Prize Distribution was held in the Clock-room on Friday, 13th November, 1970. The Chairman was Mr. J. V. Luce, M.A., F.T.C.D., Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the prizes were distributed by Dr. Aidan Clarke, F.T.C.D. This year the Senior and Junior prize distributions were combined.

In his report the Headmaster mentioned the Government's new scheme for establishing community schools, and expressed the hope that there would be full consultation with the Governors and Heads of schools concerned before any decisions were taken to implement such a far-reaching alteration in the structure of Irish education. He outlined the many functions which had been organised to mark the Centenary of the founding of the School. These events came to a fitting climax with the Centenary Service in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Dr Reynolds then paid tribute to the memory of Mr. Johnson, the Vice-Headmaster, who died at the end of July. He spoke of Mr. Johnson's fine service to the School, of his loyalty, patience and thoroughness. He concluded "I had become very fond of him during the past few years, and I miss him greatly, as I think does everybody connected with the School. To his widow and sons and daughters we extend our sympathy". To fill his post as Vice-Headmaster, the Governors, Dr. Reynolds reported, had chosen an Old Boy of the School, Mr. G. W. Keegan, an appointment that has given satisfaction to everyone. In addition, in order to relieve the burden of work on the Headmaster and Vice-Headmaster, six members of the Senior Staff—Mr. Gardner, Mr. O'Kane, Mr. Cornish, Mr. Willoughby, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Peters—had agreed to take over certain duties. The Headmaster paid tribute to the willingness with which they had undertaken these duties and also paid tribute to the other teachers for their work during the year.

Dr. Reynolds then spoke of examinations and prefaced these remarks by a comment on the dispute over correcting State Examination papers which had caused the loss of three weeks work at the beginning of term. Dr. Reynolds said that he was greatly saddened to find that teachers (whom up to now he had always regarded as a professional body) could agree to sacrifice the welfare of their own and other pupils in order to secure greater material rewards for themselves. However, he was able to report that the results in both

examinations were not adversely affected; the level of passes was considerably higher than the figure for the country as a whole. He was particularly pleased to find so many Leaving Certificate candidates obtaining high grades on the honours papers. He warned that the gap between honors and pass papers was widening steadily every year and that boys who do not work in fifth year—no matter what their ability—have no chance whatever.

Next the Headmaster described some of the other activities of the School, on the games field and in the many clubs and societies. He mentioned especially the valuable work done by Mr. Hickmott in developing careers guidance in the School, and paid tribute to the work of Mrs. Bell and her helpers in improving the school meals. In conclusion, he reported on the progress of the new school buildings at Danum and said that it was planned to move there from Harcourt Street during the summer holidays.

The Chairman then explained the progress of the new school and outlined the difficulties the Board were encountering in meeting the increased cost. He expressed the hope that the Government would give a grant. The Prizes were then presented, after which Dr. Clark, an Old Boy and a distinguished historian, addressed the assembly. He began by paying tribute to Mr. Willoughby whose teaching had first given him an interest in History. In an amusing speech Dr. Clarke explained the difficulties of a speaker on Prize Day. These difficulties arose from the ambiguities of education which was not about winning prizes but about the cultivation of general interests. There was no direct relationship between skill in a subject and the benefit derived from it.

The President of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. F. J. Fox, then presented the Old Boys' Cup to Bryan Storey, and the Distribution closed with the pronouncing of the Benediction by Canon Coulter.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Old Boys' Cup: Bryan Storey.

PRIZES

Form

6 Upr.—

John Thompson Scholarship in Classics (£100): Cedric Packham.

High School Exhibition (£100): Bryan Storey
Glorney Exhibition (£50) and Cup: Kingsley Aikins.

Bessie Bury Prize in English: David Sinclair.
Simon Eppel Prize in Science: John Maybury
Class Prizes: John King, Derek Lewis, David Reynolds, Malcolm Ferguson.

6—

B'nai B'rith Scholarship (£30): Rodney Smythe.

S. S. Evans Prize in Commerce: Alan Singleton.

Dr. Warnock's Prize Irish: Nigel Cox.

French Government's Medal: Nigel Cox

Class Prizes: Nigel Cox, Russell Irvine, Duncan Kennedy, David Jones, Mark Jeffares, Dermot Moore, Jonathan Mossop

5—

Mitchell Scholarship (£30): Neil Jeffares.

Dr. Warnock's Prize in Irish: Charles Orme.

Miss Mitchell's Prizes in Art: Malcolm Stevenson, Guy Armstrong,

Class Prizes: Geoffrey Chadwick, Stewart Wright, John Cunningham, David Lewis, Gordon Fish, Ronald Cole, Michael Epple, Alan Mooney.

4—

Rogers Memorial Prize: James Piggott and Niall Moore.

Dillon Prize in Mathematics: Donald Lewis, John Sterne and Ian Travers.

Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize: Niall Moore.

Dr. Warnock's Prize in Irish: Eric Logan.

French Government's Prize: James Piggott.

Miss Mitchell's Prize in Art: David Finney.

S. S. Evans Prize in Commerce: Jeffrey Baker.

Class Prizes: 4A—John Sterne, Donald Lewis, Clive Slattery, Robert St. Leger, Reginald Kinlan, 4BL—Ian Travers, David Chaloner, Martin Davies, Charles Galloway, Charles Richards. 4BD—David Groves, Brian Hanna, Peter Murtagh.

3A—

Norman Ludgate, David Early, Hayes Dockrell,

Dr. Warnock's Prize in Irish: John Piggott.

3BL—

Douglas Wright, Frederick Dunn, Robert Pittman.

3BD—

Bevan Myers, David Pierce.

2A—

Stephen Hinds, Neville Couse, Maurice Buchalter, Graeme Murray
Prize in Music: Gordon Bell.

2BL—

Paul Ross, Adrian Cole, Ian Beckett.

2BD—

Fionan Allen, Kenneth Harris, Edwin Meredith.

Miss Mitchell's Prize in Art: David O'Neill.

1A—

David Lowe, Michael Wainwright, Eric Gordon, Garth Mills.

Prize in Music: Alfred Potter.1B¹—

Richard Enson, Trevor Austen, Leslie Holmes

1B²—

Eric Choy Wai Hung, Jonathan Caplin.

Form Masters' Prizes—John Holmes (3A), Seán Mac Aogáin (3BL), Graham Hunter (3BD), Colin Mahon (2A), Desmond Preston (2BL).*Debating Society's Medal (O.B.U.)*: Nigel Cox.
"Erasmian" Prizes (O.B.U.): Malcolm Stevenson, Nigel Cox, Peter Murtagh, David Reynolds.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

S. S. Evans Memorial Cup: Richard Buchalter.
Scholarships (£25): James Gibson (J5), Philip Neill (J5), David Meredith (J3), Ingmar Kiang (J3).*Mitchell Prize (£10)*: Philip Sterne (J5).

J5—Nicholas Hackett, David Moore, Patrick Alexander.

J4—Ian Dunlop, Brian Lewis, Peter Young.

J3—Jacek Majewski.

J2—David Temperley, Peter Scott, Ian Buchalter.

J1—Neil Duncan.

Form Mistress's Prize—Jonathan Thompson (J1).*Prizes in Nature Study*—John Griffiths (J5), Ian Newman (J4).*Prize in Handwork*—Brian Dunlop (J1).

Careers

CAREERS LIBRARY

The Careers Library consists of a number of folders containing information on various careers. There are also a small number of books on careers in general. These may be borrowed by the boys.

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J.H.

The Debating Society

Having lost many of its most active members, the society has had rather poor meetings so far this term. However the meetings we had turned out both lively and interesting. Such a meeting was that at which President Nixon's visit to Ireland was under discussion. After a most exciting battle, during which President Nixon was, metaphorically, torn to pieces by one side of the house and by the other hailed as the saviour of democracy, it was decided by the house that he should not be welcomed to Ireland again.

It is hoped in the near future to arrange an Inter-Schools Debate between High School, Glengara Park, Wesley, Masonic Girls and Sandford Park. We hope that this will arouse the interest the society is due.

Our sincere thanks are again due to all those masters who very kindly gave up their spare time to chair the meetings.

P. A. del. M.

The Gramophone Society

Mr. Robinson has kindly taken over the running of the Gramophone Society, which meets every Friday, at 1.10 p.m., in the Boardroom. The Society's special thanks are due to

Malcolm Stevenson (6) who drew up a poster advertising the meetings of the Society; and to Mr. McMullen, for lending his room to the Society.

The Society provides an excellent opportunity to every boy in the School of listening to serious music; this term we have heard recordings of Sixteenth Century wind music; Beethoven's "Archduke" piano trio; Bach's "Brandenburg" concerto, as well as some electronic music. The Society has also a small collection of gramophone records, which any boy is welcome to borrow. It is therefore a great pity that more boys do not avail of these facilities of enjoying serious music. We look forward to greater support at future recitals.

N.J.

The Chess Society

At the Annual General Meeting held in October a committee of five was elected: Stewart Wright (President), Gordon Fish (Secretary), David Hunt, John Sterne and Keith Trower (committee members).

The membership of the Society has greatly increased (there are upwards of 25 members) and we will soon require new sets and boards. Our application to join the Leinster School-boys' League was accepted and we will have started playing matches against other schools by the middle of November.

New members are always welcome and the committee both instructs and coaches those who wish to learn chess. We meet at the large break every day in either Mr. Keegan's room or Mr. Broad's room.

We would like to thank both Mr. Keegan and Mr. Broad for allowing us the use of their rooms. We would also like to thank Mr. Wallace for allowing us to store our chess sets in his room.

S.W. & G.J.

The Choral Society

Rehearsals began this term for the opera to be performed next February in the School Concert. The Society intends to act Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance" although there is currently a marked lack of enthusiasm, particularly among the boys of the upper forms. As this is likely to be the last Concert in Harcourt Street an effort is being

made to make this performance a memorable one although, at the moment, we have hardly enough active members to fill the cast. Our sincere thanks are due to Miss Barklie, who sacrifices a great deal of her free time for the Society.

G.A.C.

The Photographic Society

The Society opened with its Annual General Meeting this term, at which a new committee was elected.

We hope that boys who are interested in photography will join the Society. The entry fee is very small. All members may use the dark room for printing, developing and enlarging (but only if they know how to use the chemicals). If you are in any doubt please contact Mr. Gardner or anyone on the committee.

We held demonstrations on how to print and develop black and white films.

We hope to have more events and an Annual Photographic Competition in the coming terms.

The new committee for 1970/71 is as follows: S. Farmer (6) Hon. Secretary, B. Walton (Hon. Treasurer), M. Gardner (5), W. Howrie (6), D. McGarry (5), R. Towell (4), and F. Walton (5), committee members.

J.B.W.

A Nature Trail: Two Views

On the 13th of October, 3rd form went to Bellevue Woods in the Glen-of-the-Downs. When we arrived, we dismounted from the bus and were separated into our classes. After this formality we started to walk through Bellevue Woods on the Nature Trail.

Soon we had arrived at "Stop 1" or the first proposed point of interest at which we saw examples of the holly, rowan, hazel and oak tree. We walked on through the trail looking with interest at the beautiful countryside. We saw quartzite, a hard rock which is typical of the Sugar Loaf area, and an oak tree dying as a result of rot. A propped root where the soil had fallen away and the root had been exposed was another interesting point. "Stop 5" showed a rock face being "colonized" by furze and "Stop 6" showed "The Lady of the

Woods" a birch tree so called because of its graceful and delicate appearance.

Squirrels were seen throughout the trail gathering nuts for the hard winter ahead. One of the classes saw an owl sleeping but unfortunately my class did not.

In my opinion the most interesting point throughout the trail was the eucalyptus tree. With its slim, long and smooth bark it stands surrounded by native Irish oaks, hazels and laurels, a native of Australia.

Near the end of the trail we saw the ruins of the La Touche family tea house, hidden by ivy, elder and laurel. The La Touche family was the Huguenot family that left France for Ireland in 1685. They acquired Bellevue Woods (which was then a stretch of land without many trees) in 1753 and held the property until 1920 when the family name died and the estate was sold.

Finally, on behalf of 3rd form, I would like to thank Messrs. Gardner, Broad and Toomey without whom the excursion would not have been possible.

Graeme Murray (3A).

At 1.45 p.m., on Tuesday, 20th October, members of the biology section of 5th and 6th forms set out on a Nature Trail in the Glen-of-the-Downs. The Nature Trail in the Bellevue Woods was a contribution by the Department of Lands towards the aims and objectives of Conservation Year. We were transported there by a C.I.E., bus under the supervision of Mr. Broad and Mrs. White. We arrived at Bellevue at about 2.30 p.m., and immediately started the one and a half long mile trail. The trail was mainly connected with biology, but there were some interesting geographic features such as rock formation and how the valley was formed by a glacial over-flow channel. On the trail we mainly looked at the ecology of the valley, and the trail included twenty-three stops which were concerned with some interesting point about a plant, rock formation or the nature of the place. We completed the trail in about two and a half hours and left immediately for Dublin.

Many thanks are due to Mr. Broad and Mrs. White for bringing us on this tour.

D. J. Wright (5).

Caving

At nine o'clock on Sunday morning, 18th October, seven boys, with Mr. Hickmott, Mr. Broad and Mr. Lowry (who had very kindly

given up his day in order to drive boys to the caves and back), left High School to go caving in Mitchelstown, Co. Cork. We were accompanied by two instructors from A.F.A.S., (the Association for Adventure Sports) and five girls, mostly P.T., students. We drove to the caves with a stop for coffee at Portlaois, and changed and had lunch in a field. We were all wearing assortments of old clothes and were fitted with industrial gloves, and safety helmets with carbide lamps which gave off a lengthy acetylene flame. Then began the long process of getting about twenty people down twenty five feet of wire ladder with only two ropes which could be used as safety lines. The entrance was through a tiny hole in a crack in the rock. Inside the cave we spent a few minutes picking up the bones of dead animals, mainly dogs, sheep and cows.

We went down a rocky slope to a small dry chamber, walked along a small passage, and came out in a large cavern. There were some wonderful formations of rock, and pillars extending from the roof to the floor. We went along several small passages and crawled under one piece of false floor with stalactites hanging from it, just like an 'olde worlde' spiky ceiling torture chamber. After about two and a half hours we came out, brown from head to toe, and had to put our filthy garments in huge plastic sacks. It had been a marvellous experience, and we drove home tired but happy.

G.D.W.

Parents' Association

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, 15th October, with a large attendance present in the Clockroom. The following officers were elected:

Chairman, Mr. I. Gault; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. Stewart; Hon. Secretary, Mr. N. W. Burgess; Committee, Mrs. N. Booker, Mrs. Dockrell, Mrs. Draper, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Moore, Mr. Godsil, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Wheeler.

A report was read from the Governors advising parents that in spite of the cement strike the new school at Danum would be ready for September, 1971.

On behalf of the parents, the Chairman paid tribute to the Headmaster and his staff on their achievements throughout the year.

Future Functions:

The first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, 17th November, on a topical subject 'Twelve weeks to Decimalisation'. The talk will be given by the Irish Decimal Currency Board.

On Wednesday, 27th January, films and a talk on 'Conservation' will be given.

Parents will be advised in more detail of the Hobbies Exhibition and other events in due course.

H. W. Burgess,
Hon. Secretary.

Examination Results

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE AWARDS

JOHN KING—T.S.C. Dagg Exhibition (£150) in History.

BRYAN STOREY—Harris Prize (£50), competing in Natural Sciences (Chemistry, Biology, Geology).

JOHN MAYBURY—Handcock Scholarship (£280) into the Engineering School.

RUSSELL IRVINE—Department of Education Scholarship (£600).

JONATHAN MOSSOP—Dublin Corporation Scholarship (£460).

DAVID REYNOLDS, CEDRIC PACKHAM, and NIGEL MOYSE—St. Peter's Parish Educational Awards.

RODNEY SMITH was also offered a Department of Education Scholarship, but it was withdrawn because he was too young to be admitted to Trinity College.

MATRICULATION INTO TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

David Beattie, Martin Block, Herbert Boyle, Nigel Bryan, David Conn, Nigel Cox, Joseph Csizmarik, Samuel Darby, Newton Duncan, David Duffy, Brian Ferguson, Harold Foxall, Ian Geraghty, Russell Irvine, Ian Jackson, Denis Jacobson, Mark Jeffares, David Jones, Duncan Kennedy, John King, Adam Mesbur, Dermot Moore, Jonathan Mossop, Nigel Moyse, David Priestman, Robert Schouten, David Sinclair, Rodney Smythe, Hamish Stewart, Alan Taylor, Adrian Tinkler, Andrew Towell, Oscar Quan Yin, Wong Hok John, Stephen Wormell.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 1970

Peter Acton, Brian Baxter, David Beattie, Alan Bell, Martin Block, Robert Bolton, Herbert

Boyle, Nigel Bryan, David Conn, David Cooke, Nigel Cox, Rodney Croly, Joseph Csizmarik, Samuel Darby, Brian Ferguson, Harold Foxall, Michael Gault, Ian Geraghty, Ronald Hardie, Norman Hewson, Jackson Hutchinson, Russell Irvine, Mark Jeffares, David Jones, Duncan Kennedy, Adam Mesbur, James Mercer, Dermot Moore, Jonathan Mossop, Douglas McCoy, David Richards, Alan Singleton, Rodney Smythe, Adrian Tinkler, Andrew Towell, David Turner, Newton Duncan.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE 1970

David Aikins, Stephen Alexander, Stephen Mark Duffy, James Ellis, Gordon Fallon, David Alkin, William Anderson, Hugh Andrews, Jeffrey Baker, Colin Baxter, Derek Boate, Alan Bowden, David Chaloner, Nigel Darragh, Martin Davies, Philip Davis, Sebastian Delmonte, Finney, Charles Galloway, Michael Gardner, David Groves, Brian Hanna, Stephen Harris, Trevor Hewson, Brian Holmes, Dermot Hughes, Gareth Hughes, William Hunter, Reginald Kinlan, Donald Lewis, Eric Logan, Peter Lucas, Russell McMillan, Niall Moore, Peter Murtagh, Alan Nason, Robert Nicholson, James Piggott, Colin Reid, Charles Richards, John Robbie, Richard Ross, Robert St. Leger, Alan Sherling, David Sherwood, Clive Slattery, Stephen Spoor, John Sterne, Robert Taylor, Ian Travers, Fintan Walton, Rodney Warren, David Whyte, Albert Williams, David Woods, David Wright.

New Building

The construction of the New School is proceeding according to plan. Operations were seriously held up owing to the Cement Strike, although during practically all this period some Building operations took place.

Since the settlement of that Strike a considerable amount of the lost time has been made up through overtime, and it is anticipated that, subject to no further Strikes, or labour or other troubles arising before completion of the Building, the Contractors will be in a position to hand over the New School to us on the 1st August next.

Those who have visited Danum recently will have noticed the progress made, and at the present moment the roof is on one end of the building. It is hoped that the whole building will be completely roofed before Christmas.

Question Time

This year's Question Time was a special bumper edition to mark the centenary of the School, and all the schools which had participated in previous years were invited back: Alexandra College, Diocesan School, Park House, St. Andrew's and Wesley College were all present. One time-honoured tradition was ignored when the proceedings began almost on time, and we were thrust into a series of questions. As usual there was a good selection of double entendres ("Name two birds one might see in a suburban garden") which were vociferously enjoyed by the rabble, overflowing from the back of the Clockroom into the Hall. The variety of questions was as great as ever, ranging from the obvious ("Where is the General Post Office?") to the arcane ("What is the word for a flock of snipe?" Answer—known by a boy in 2nd form: "A whisp"). The range of answers was even broader ("What is a fish-in?" Answer: "An angling festival"). By the end of the third round the scores were:

Diocesan, 43; High School, 40; Alevandra, 32; Park House, 27; Wesley, 27; St. Andrew's, 23.

The next round introduced a new feature: A number of sequences were to be completed by the teams. Although the sequences were written on a blackboard for the benefit of the audience, the complex processes of alternately adding-three-and-doubling and doubling-and-adding-three and the like were somewhat erudite for us proles. After the final round of identifying antiques, the result was announced, and there was general satisfaction that Diocesan, the only school which had not previously won the cup, emerged victorious.

Diocesan, 70; High School, 66; Park House, 49; Wesley, 49; St. Andrew's 47; Alexandra, 43.

Mr. Ralph Walker's announcement after a Question Time as enjoyable and stimulating as always, that this was his last appearance as Question Master was greeted with surprise and dismay, and all would echo Dr. Reynold's hope that the Old Boys may yet persuade him to change his mind on this decision.

N.J.C.



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SPORTS REVIEW

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BADMINTON

Capt: D. J. Telford
Hon. Sec: J. Mossop

CRICKET

Capt: D. I. Jacobson
Hon. Sec: D. J. Telford

ATHLETICS

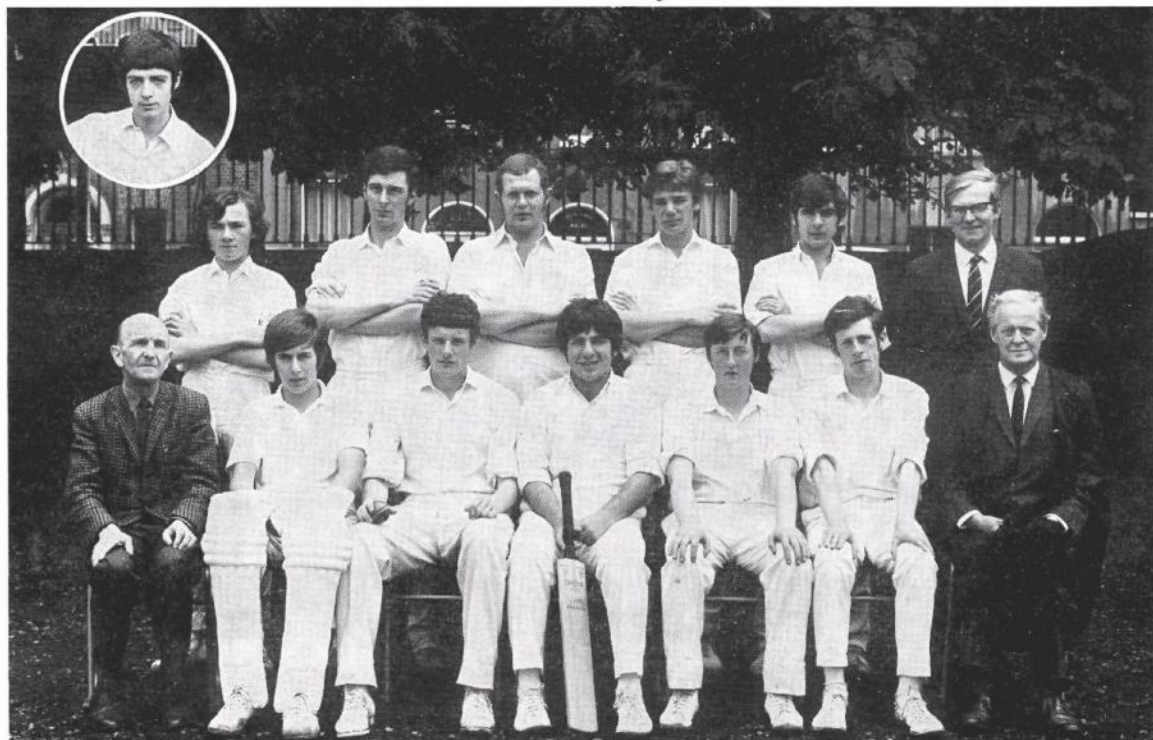
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SWIMMING

Capt: G. Allen
Vice-Capt: M. H. Gault
Hon. Sec: B. Holmes

BOXING

Capt: R. Ross
Hon. Sec: C. Richards



1st XI CRICKET

STANDING: B. C. Buttimer, D. S. Mackey, S. N. Woolfe, D. E. Jones, B. M. Jacobson.
 Mr. Cole.

SEATED: Mr. Cornish, D. Lewis, S. D. A. Wormell, D. I. Jacobson (capt.), D. J. Telford,
 M. N. Block, Dr. Reynolds. *Inset:* B. P. Acton.

Cricket Report 1970

S.C.T.	7	6	1	0
2nd XI	6	4	2	0
J.C.T.	4	2	2	0
V - 14	6	6	0	0
V - 13	4	4	0	0
V - 12	4	0	3	1

This season High School kept up their good record by winning the Minor Cup (under 14 League) and also reaching the semi-final of both the Junior and the Senior Cups. Quite a few of the early matches were cancelled due to bad weather.

The High School captain, Denis Jacobson, and Spencer Woolfe and bowler, Stephen Wormell, all obtained Leinster Trials. Jacobson

and Woolfe both kept their places on the Leinster Schoolboy side, Jacobson later being chosen to play for the Irish Schoolboy side.

S.C.T.

This year's team had seven members of the previous year's team. The team, I feel, were rather unlucky not to do much better in the League. They were beaten in the Senior League by St. Columba's College who incidentally went on to win the Cup. They won all their other League matches. At the end of the season they played the Leprechauns in a very exciting match at Danum. The school won owing to some fine batting by Denis Jacobson, Spencer Woolfe and Stephen Wormell. It was the first time for some years that the Leprechauns were beaten by a school side. During the last week of School they played the Old Boys in their annual fixture. The Old Boys won this game despite some good batting by Peter Acton and David Lewis.

2nd XI

Due to some bad weather at the beginning of the season the 2nd XI had not played any friendly matches before they started the League. They played six League matches winning four and losing two. They had to play King's Hospital in the semi-final of the League, but unfortunately they were beaten. Players that stood out on this side were David Mackey and Robert Bolton in batting and Stuart Farmer and Barry Hilliard in bowling.

J.C.T.

The Junior Cup team were rather unlucky this season as their early matches were cancelled because of bad weather. They were only able to play one match before they started to play in the Cup. In the first round they were given a walk-over by Wesley College and in the second round they played Masonic whom they beat. Then they played St. Columba's College in the semi-final. In this match they were defeated and St. Columba's went on to win the Cup.

UNDER 14

This year's team, I feel, was one of the best under 14 sides that High School has produced. Consisting of no less than ten members of the previous Cup winning side, they were unbeaten all the season. In the League they beat St. Mary's, C.U.S., St. Paul's and Sandford Park on their passage to the final. In the final they met Masonic. This match was played at Kenilworth Square. Masonic batted first and they made 74 runs, Alan Ford and John Robbie being the damaging bowlers. High School passed this total for the loss of only one wicket, Ian Burns carrying his bat for an undefeated 40 runs. This is the fourth time in a row that a High School under 14 side has won the Cup. I would like to congratulate Mr. Fennell, the team's coach, who did so much to make this team victorious, and all the members of the team.



MINOR CUP TEAM

STANDING: D. E. Dockrell, D. A. Cornick, W. A. Crowe, S. Alkin, R. Pittman, G. D. Burgess,
SEATED: Mr. Fennell, P. J. H. Gault, I. G. Burns, J. C. Robbie (Capt.) G. A. Ford, H. R. Dockrell, Mr. Cornish.

UNDER 13 AND UNDER 12

I am very sorry that those two teams did not get more matches. The under 13 played four matches and they won all of these. I am sure they will make a good under 14 side next term.

UNDER 12

The under 12 team were very keen and out of their four matches they drew one and lost three. However I feel that in years to come they will turn out to be a very useful side. It is hoped that next year this team will get more fixtures.

Rugby Report

	P	W	L	D	F	A
S.C.T.	8	5	3	—	97	66
2nd S.C.T.	4	1	2	1	42	63
J.C.T.	7	4	3	—	143	56
U.14	6	5	0	1	122	12
U.13	4	1	3	—	28	71
U.12	2	0	1	—	0	44
U.11	1	1	0	—	22	3

S.C.T.

The S.C.T., with six of last year's team playing have made a fair start to the season. There have been many variations to the team due to injuries and also to the keen competition for places. Among their best results are a 19 - 3 win against Presentation, Bray, a 24 win against Masonic and 9 - 0 win against St. Mary's. The Centenary Match v. The Rest of Leinster proved a lively encounter with The Rest coming out on top with a surprisingly narrow margin of 15 - 10. The match v. The Old Boys was entertaining with the Old Boys winning 13 - 11.

The pack, although not very heavy, can be a match for any side, when on form. They are active in the loose play and are always working for the ball. The backs, however, are erratic in attack but strong in defence. The back-line has been subject to many changes but with more confidence it should prove a scoring potential.

Congratulations to M. Gault, D. Telford, D. McCoy, D. Lewis and A. Godsil who got preliminary trials. The former two gained final trial, while D. McCoy and D. Lewis were chosen as substitutes for the trials. M. Gault was chosen to play for Leinster.

2nd S.C.T.

The 2nd XV have made an erratic start to the season but have had some successful results including 9 - 9 draws with Templeogue and Terenure and a 14 - 8 win against St. Columba's. They have scored fourteen tries in five matches, which indicates their strength in attack. The backs have competent runners while the pack has a few individualists. The main weakness of the team is tackling in the backs and lack of clean play in the forwards.

J.C.T.

D.T.

With four members from last year's J.C.T., this year's side were a much fancied team at the beginning of the season. They have a strong pack, who are both competent in the tight and loose. The backs, who have received plenty of good ball, are weak in defence but strong in attack. However, the half-back pair have skill and flair and J. Robbie, the captain, is also a formidable place kicker. Among their best results are a 24 - 3 win against Newbridge, a 41 - 0 win against Gonzaga and a 37 - 0 win against St. Andrew's. They have scored twenty-eight tries in seven games; nineteen contributed by the backs and nine by the forwards.

The J.C.T., 2nds have played three matches with heavy defeats by Sandymount High School 1st team, and a narrow 14 - 13 defeat by St. Paul's.

UNDER 14

The under 14 XV have the best record so far this season, losing none of their six matches. The forwards are heavy, strong and active and have scored the majority of the team's tries. The backs are hard-running and strong tacklers but should be given more ball from the pack. Their victories include a 37 - 3 win over St. Columba's, a 21 - 0 win against Wesley and outstanding victories against Newbridge (11 - 0) and Terenure (13 - 6).

UNDER 13

The Under 13 XV have had an unsuccessful season so far winning only one of their four matches. This win was a remarkable victory over Newbridge (12 - 5) at Newbridge. If the combination between backs and forwards improves this could be a more successful team.

The Under 13 2nds have played one match going down 36 - 3 to De la Salle.

UNDER 12 AND UNDER 11

The Under 12 XV have played one match, losing heavily to C.B.C., but one must remember that it is the trying-out stage for newcomers. The Under 11 XV are keen and enthusiastic and enjoyed their trip to Carlow where they overwhelmed a local side by 22 - 3.

D.J.L.

Badminton Club

The new season opened very successfully for the Badminton Club. The lines were repainted and in a friendly match against Wesley our 1st IV won 3 - 1. The sport has become very popular among the junior forms and the court is in constant use on club days (Tuesdays and Thursdays). We are entering three teams in the League, the 1st IV, the 2nd IV and the Junior IV. The 1st IV are drawn against Ballyfermot and St. Paul's I, the 2nd IV against St. Benildus, Masonic II and Wesley II and the Junior IV against Sandford and Wesley I. We wish these teams luck in the new season. The committee elected for the season are D. Telford (capt.), J. Mossop (sec.), M. Storey and D. Lewis.

J.M.

The Swimming Club

During the year, there has been a remarkable increase in the number of boys attending swimming on Tuesday night. We would like to welcome Mr. Eames, who, with Mr. O'Kane gives his undivided attention to the boys.

This term has been very quiet, as far as competitions are concerned. This is mainly due to the postponement of the School Gala, until March, due to the late start of the term. The main interest has been water-polo. We have entered a team in the Indoor Division 3 League. As we are not allowed to take a ball into the Church of Ireland pool in Rathmines, we are greatly indebted to St. Vincent's Glasnevin, for giving us two games, every Sunday, as training for the team. Swimming on a Tuesday is not only for boys, but for masters as well. So let us see a few masters going to swimming in the near future.

Last, but by no means least, all the swimmers and I, would like to congratulate Gordon Allen and Michael Gault, on being elected Captain and Vice-Captain respectively.

B.H.

Swimming in H.S.D.: A Historical Note

When High School was founded in 1870 nobody thought of arranging swimming instruction for the boys. In the early 1900's when Dr. Thompson was Headmaster, the boys themselves took the initiative.

Very few of the Sixth Form boys could swim and they were ashamed of this fact. Two boys named Richardson and Duggan decided to start a High School swimming club. They became captain and honorary secretary respectively. They rented the Iveagh Baths for a short time every week, and to raise money for the rent, a small annual subscription was exacted from each member. A Dublin printing firm printed membership cards for the club. One of the original cards, dated 10th May, 1910, still survives. Swimming contests with Belvedere College were arranged.

At first the club was limited to the Sixth Form, but later other boys joined, and the club was divided into a Senior and a Junior section. It was soon recognised as a school society, and a master named Mr. Norton instructed the boys.

I received this information from one of the founders of the swimming club, now Professor L. J. D. Richardson, a retired Professor of Classics at Cardiff. J. R. Duggan, the other founder, was killed at Gallipoli in the first World War.

S. E. Hinds (3A)

Athletics

This year the School Sports were held on June 6th. There was a good attendance to witness the entertaining track and field events.

The Senior 100 metres—the Taylor Cup—produced an exciting finish, a tie for 1st place by Brian Burdett, who took the Cup, and David Duffy who took the Medal.

Kingsley Aikens ran a well-judged race to take the Walker Cup in the Senior 1500 metres, and he also won the Senior 800 metres. The Magill Cup was won by R. S. Wilson and the Cunningham Cup by Ian Burns.

Top honours went to Robert Taylor who won the Moore, Sloan and War Memorial Cups.

Congratulations are due to Belgrave for winning the house relay.

The committee thanks Mr. Raleigh and the other masters who contributed so much to making the day a success.

A.A.N.

Boxing

This year, as always, the Boxing Club meets every week in the Clockroom on Friday afternoons after school. However, there is a shortage of senior members as the majority of our present members come from the junior regions of the school.

Early this term R. Ross was elected captain of the club, with C. Richards vice-captain.

Mr. Myles and Mr. Miller deserve our gratitude for their interest in the club and for arranging everything in connection with it.

We hope to arrange some inter-school tournaments and in order to ensure success for these and for the 1971 Championships we appeal for more seniors to join and start training now.

R.R.

Table Tennis Club

Table Tennis began this year with our A.G.M., at which the following officers were elected: Secretary, A. Chapman; Treasurer, J. Robbie; Committee, M. Storey, D. Fox and L. Richards. This year we have entered a junior (under 15) and senior team (under 19) for the Leinster Schools' League. L. Richards is in charge of organising our matches.

Because of enthusiastic response to last year's tournament we have decided to hold another one later in the year. This tournament will be divided into senior and junior sections. D. Fox and M. Storey will organise this tournament.

The committee would like juniors to play off matches for the ranking list as soon as possible. Subscriptions should be given to A. Chapman or J. Robbie.

The Centenary Rugby Match

On Wednesday, 7th October, a very attractive rugby match between our senior team and a team, chosen from fifteen schools with whom we have connections, was played as part of the Centenary Celebrations.

The early stages of the match, although quite interesting, were nothing compared to the second half. In the first half, after D. McCoy had missed with a penalty, Tony Moran the Blackrock out-half made a good break from his own half, kicked over P. Boyle's head and won the race for the touch-down. So the Rest of Leinster side was 3 - nil up after 12 minutes. For the first half the School side was mostly on the defensive and only the break by the wing R. Taylor brought anything near to a scoring chance. However, the defence was very solid especially the tackling of the centres Don Lewis and C. Orme.



Centenary Match

After the interval the Rest gradually got on top scoring two tries through Nixon from Clongowes and Waugh of Andrews, both of which Moran failed to convert. So they were 9 - nil up with 15 minutes to go. However, the School side wasn't beaten. The pack, very well led by the captain Michael Gault gave the backs a lot of possession and the backs in their turn started to move smoothly. After several very good efforts we eventually got our try. From a scrum, out-half D. McCoy, floated a perfect cross-kick into Taylor's hands, who scored near the posts. McCoy added the points.

The game really began to buzz and when, with minutes to go, M. Gault scored and McCoy again converted, unbelievably High School were ahead. Unfortunately in the dying moments Nixon and Dix each got a try and the Rest ran out 15 - 10 winners.

Had High School won it would have been a tremendous feat but despite losing it was a very enjoyable and entertaining match.

Both teams greatly appreciated the meal given afterwards in the Montrose.

D.J.L.

OLD BOYS' UNION

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President: Mr. F. J. Fox.

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Gentlemen,

Thank you for the honour of electing me your President, it is my hope that I will fill the position as you would wish me to do so. I realise that my duties should embody three forms of benefit for: (1) the present boys; (2) the School; (3) the O.B.U. It is my endeavour that some progress will be achieved during the year.

It is with great sorrow that we report the death of our Patron, Mr. Sam Meyer, during

our Centenary Year. He was a friend to us all and was mainly instrumental in founding the O.B.U. We tender our sincere sympathy to his family.

Our Centenary Year celebrations were culminated by a most memorable Thanksgiving Service in a crowded St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every function was a great success, thanks to excellent Committees and, of course, last year's President, Mr. Ralph Walker.

This year has had a most encouraging start. The Annual Dance had a 30% increase in attendance and was a great social occasion and a financial success for the Union. The Old Boy's Cup was won by Bryan Storey. It was my pleasure to make the presentation on Speech Day. An excellent evening's entertainment was had by a packed house at our Centenary Question Time, Diocesan, Alexandra, Wesley, St. Andrews and Park House competing with the School. Diocesan School won, for the first time, by a short head with H.S.D. breathing down their necks.

Mr. John Cook, the Headmaster of Campbell College, Belfast, has accepted my invitation to be the Guest of Honour at our Annual Dinner on January 16th. My best thanks to him and to Mr. Bob Mitchell, the Sports Master, who with Mr. Jack Cornish have arranged for an annual rugby fixture to be played at Belfast and Dublin alternatively.

The Committee wishes to extend their Register of Old Boys, as well as membership of the Union—so to those leaving or having just left, please join to put something back having received so much.

Yours sincerely,
FRED. J. FOX.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 16th November, 1970. The President, Mr. R. J. Walker was in the chair.

The Secretary reported on a successful year in which the main events of the Union had been most enjoyable and well supported. The Hon. Sports and Social Secretaries, reported that in general the functions had not been well supported and some dissatisfaction was expressed at the increasing trend of disinterest of the part of the members in the various Union and A.S.U. Sporting events.

The Hon Treasurer reported a drop of approximately £60 in the surplus compared with the previous year, due mainly he said, to rising costs.

Our new President, Mr. F. J. Fox took over the chair during the meeting and in the course of his opening remarks he said that he was looking forward to his year of office during which his main objective was to enable the O.B.U. to achieve something worthwhile for the boys of the school.

Annual Dance 1970

The Annual Dance held in the Gresham on Saturday, 7th November, 1970 went off extremely well. This year the duration of the Dance was extended to 1.00 a.m. which seemed to have the desired effect as there was a substantial increase in numbers compared with previous years and a satisfactory surplus was achieved.

Question Time 1970

The Annual Question Time was held in the Clockroom on Wednesday, 25th November. This year all the schools that had taken part in previous years were invited to return to take part in a "Bumper Centenary Year Event". The evening was both enjoyable for the competitors and extremely illuminating for the spectators! The visiting schools taking part were Alexandra, Diocesan, Park House, St. Andrews and Wesley. Diocesan won a very exciting competition with the Home Team finishing a very close second. As Diocesan were the only school not to have won the cup over the years this result was most satisfactory.

Annual Dinner 1971

The Annual Dinner will be held, for the last time, in the Clockroom, on Saturday, 16th January, 1971. Members who intend being present should return the application form enclosed with this issue of the Erasmian as soon as possible.

Ladies Night 1971

This function will be held, on a date to be arranged, in the Spring and members will be advised of the details in due course.

News of Old Boys

NEVILLE ADAM (1951 - 1957) is now farming in Co. Laois.

KEN ASHTON (1956 - 1964) is on the staff of the Guardian Assurance Co., in Johannesburg.

ALAN BECK, Sch. (1960 - 1967) is this year's Auditor of the College Classical Society.

ROBIN H. D. WORMELL (1956 - 1967) is Assistant Secretary.

STANLEY BENNETT (1937 - 1945) has been appointed Administrative Manager of Thomas Street Holdings Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Arthur Guinness Son & Company (Dublin), and is closely associated with the Emerald Star Line.

GERALD BENSON (1956 - 1967) has returned to Dublin after a couple of years in a travel agency in London. He is now working for Express Travel Service, Merrion Row.

MARK S. BLOOM (1958 - 1967) was chosen to play for the International Irish Golf Team against West Germany and Scotland. He also played for Leinster against Ulster in Belfast.

PETER BLOXHAM (1965 - 1968) is President of the T.C.D. Veterinary Society for the present year.

A. PAUL BLUNDELL (1957 - 1966) is this year's President of the T.C.D. Joly Geological Society.

The Secretary is GODFREY S. NOWLAN (1958 - 1962) and the Treasurer is STUART DAUNT-SMYTH (1960 - 1968).

ERNEST BOYDELL (1940 - 44) was appointed on the 1st August last The Accountant of Arthur Guinness Son & Co. (Dublin) Ltd.

CLIVE W. BROWNEE (1962 - 1963) has won the Lewton Coronation Prize of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants. The competition (for advanced accountancy and financial management) was open to 11,384 students from Britain, Ireland and overseas countries.

ROBERT BUTTIMORE (1953 - 1959) has obtained his Ph.D., degree in Classics from Oxford University.

BRIAN CARSON (1959 - 1957) has been elected a Knight of the Campanile for Badminton.

GEOFFREY COLEMAN (1958 - 1964) moved from the General Accident Co., to Messrs. Price Forbes Ltd., insurance brokers, two years ago, and is now with the Johannesburg branch of the same firm.

- DEREK E. DANN (1936 - 1943) has accepted the position of Managing Director of the Emerald Star Line—a wholly owned subsidiary of Arthur Guinness Son & Company (Dublin) Ltd.
- J. L. BARRY DEANE (1941 - 1942) has been appointed a representative in the Department of International Affairs of the British Council of Churches and the Conference of British Missionary Societies.
- BRIAN DUNGAN (1959 - 1966) is Treasurer of the D.U. Agricultural Society.
- DAVID FACTOR (1965 - 1968) is Vice-President of the D.U. Committee of the Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales.
- DAVID A. FLEURY (1961 - 1962) is chairman of the Graduate and Student Section, The Institution of Electrical Engineers, Irish Branch. His chairman's address was entitled "Computers in Aer Lingus".
- RICHARD A. FLEURY (1958 - 1960) is now Technical Manager of Irish Merchants Ltd.
- IAN A. FOX (1948 - 1958) gave several talks on early gramophones and records at the Wexford Festival this year.
- RICHARD FRANCIS GREENE (1963 - 1965) joined British Leyland as a Production Engineer early last September. He is based on the Cowley Factory at Oxford.
- THOMAS HAMILTON (1968 - 1969) is Welfare Officer of the D.U. Students Representative Council.
- DAVID E. ST. C. HERMAN (1952 - 1961) has been appointed manager of the auctioneering and estate agency of Thomas Dockrell Sons & Co., Ltd. He will be responsible for a programme of major expansion and development in this area of Dockrell's business.
- REV. GEORGE HILLIARD (1957 - 1963) was ordained priest last June. He is continuing to serve as curate in Banbridge.
- TOM IRWIN (1952 - 1962) is Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Navy at Portsmouth.
- PROFESSOR A. N. JEFFARES (1930 - 1939) has published a new book on W. B. Yeats. This is a group of essays under the title "The Circus Animals".
- NORMAN KILROY (1951 - 1956) has been appointed Managing Director of Jeyes (Ireland) Ltd.
- GEOFFREY S. KINLAN (1963 - 1969) went to London last summer, and joined the National Westminster Bank as trainee computer operator.
- NORMAN LAMBERT (1953 - 1959) was ordained deacon in Lichfield Cathedral in September. He studied at Christ Church College, Canterbury, and the Theological College in Chichester. He is serving in St Mark's Parish, Rocker Hill, Tipton, Staffordshire.
- REV. GORDON LINNEY (1952 - 1956) was ordained priest last June by another Old Boy, the Bishop of Connor. He will continue to serve as curate in Agherton Parish, Portstewart.
- COLM MacAOGÁIN (1952 - 1965) is working as a design engineer with British Leyland near Birmingham.
- EOGHAN MacAOGÁIN (1956 - 1966) is at Warwick University doing post-graduate studies in Mathematics.
- J. S. McCREADY (1951 - 1956) has joined the staff of United Dominions Trust (I.) Ltd., as Data Processing Supervisor.
- H. B. S. MONTGOMERY (1913 - 1922) was awarded the O.B.E., in the Birthday Honours List. He is Senior Principal Scientific Officer in the East Malling Research Station in Kent, and has made a special study of fruit trees.
- ROBIN MONTGOMERY (1949 - 1946) is now the Director of the Paper Back Centre in Suffolk Street, Dublin.
- DEREK J. MORAN (1959 - 1968) is Treasurer of the College Historical Society.
- PETER H. MULLOCK (1956 - 1963) has passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, and has been appointed Audit Manager in Messrs. Cooper & Kenny.
- ALAN POPE (1951 - 1960) is Secretary-Accountant in Terrapin, Wicklow.
- NORMAN POPE (1949 - 1958) has been appointed Head of the Physics Department in the Bluecoat School, Sonning.
- REV. IVOR POWER (1956 - 1957) was ordained priest in Portadown last June.
- REV. W. C. G. PROCTOR (1912 - 1921) had an unpleasant experience last June, when he was attacked by an unknown man in St. Ann's Church, Dublin, after he had taken a week-day service. The church was empty at the time, and he received two knife wounds. Fortunately no vital organ was damaged, and after some days in hospital he made a good recovery. The reason for the attack is unknown.
- DAVID RICHARDS (1958 - 1964), who was for three years on the staff of Coates of Ireland Ltd., is now works chemist in Messrs. Bailey, Gibson, Clondalkin. He hopes to be married next year. His brother Paul is production executive for Messrs. Wilson Hartnell, advertising agents.

GEOFFREY SMITH (1954 - 1965) is resident inspector in Waterford of the Phoenix Assurance Co.

BERNARD C. THOMAS (1963 - 1966), who has been studying music at St. Edmund Hall, has been awarded a degree with first class honours in Oxford University. He has returned to the University to continue his studies.

BURKHARD TOEBELMANN (1963 - 1965) is in the Far East representing Messrs. C. A. Docke. His work takes him to Tahiti and New Guinea.

BRIAN WELSH (1952 - 1959) is manager of the Jet petrol station in Lucan.

DAVID WENT (1958 - 1965) passed with first class honours in both sections (A and B) the final examinations of the King's Inns and the Incorporated Law Society, and was awarded the John Brooke scholarship of £120 p.a. for 3 years.

DR. TREVOR WEST (1954 - 1956) has been elected as a representative for Dublin University in the Senate. He is a Lecturer in Mathematics at T.C.D.

DR. JOHN WILLIAMS (1951 - 1960) is Senior Houseman in Whiteabbey Hospital, Belfast.

REV. PETER WILLIAMS (1951 - 1959) is Lecturer in Church History in Clifton Theological College.

Marriages

DEREK DONALDSON (1960 - 1966) to JOAN RICHARDSON.

RETT GIBSON (1949 - 1957) to MARIE DOOGAN.

GORDON GRAVES (1954 - 1960) to HILARY SIMPSON, 2nd October, 1970.

DEREK GEORGE GREGORY (1952 - 1956) to JANICE E. COWICK, 29th August, in Richmond, Ontario.

DAVID MILLER (1953 - 1962) to IRENE COOLICAN, 22nd October, 1970.

PETER H. MULLOCK (1956 - 1963) to AVRIL L. KENT, 5th September, 1970.

ROWDON TAYLOR (1955 - 1964) to VIVIEN MASSEAU, 18th September, 1970, at Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Deaths

LEWIS BOLTON COOLEY (1928 - 1934) 15th August, 1970.

COMMANDER ARTHUR TUDOR DARLEY

REV. DONALD McLINDON (1943 - 1946), Rector of Enniscorthy, drowned on 15th August, during a yacht race off Rosslare. Rev. E. D. Shearer, Rector of Wexford and his son were also drowned. Donald McLinden had been in commercial life before taking Holy Orders in 1957. After curacies in Kilkenney and Derry, he spent three years in Canada, and was installed in Enniscorthy in 1966.

GEORGE CHARLES JOHNSON, Master at the High School from 1933 to 1970 and Vice-Headmaster from 1965 to 29th July 1970.

Examination Results

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Degrees

Moderatorship—Mathematics (1st Class) E. S. MacAogáin; Classics (1st Class D. J. Ford; History and Political Science (3rd Class) R. H. de S. Cole.

M.A.—Rev. D. W. McClatchie, H. G. M. Payne, D. C. Wilson, E. H. Winter.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—S. M. Lee, J. P. Macdougald, J. W. Shaw, D. K. Taylor.

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Applications on the form below should be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary not later than Friday, 1st January 1971.

Due to the limited seating capacity it has become necessary to fix a maximum number and applications will be accepted strictly in the order in which they are received. As this will be the last occasion on which the dinner will be held in the clockroom there is likely to be a considerable demand for places. Members are respectfully requested to bear this in mind when extending invitations to guests, and should it become necessary the Committee reserve the right to ask members to reduce their parties.

It is regretted that applications cannot be accepted after the maximum is reached. The Hon. Secretary will acknowledge all applications and will send invitations to the guests of members.

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