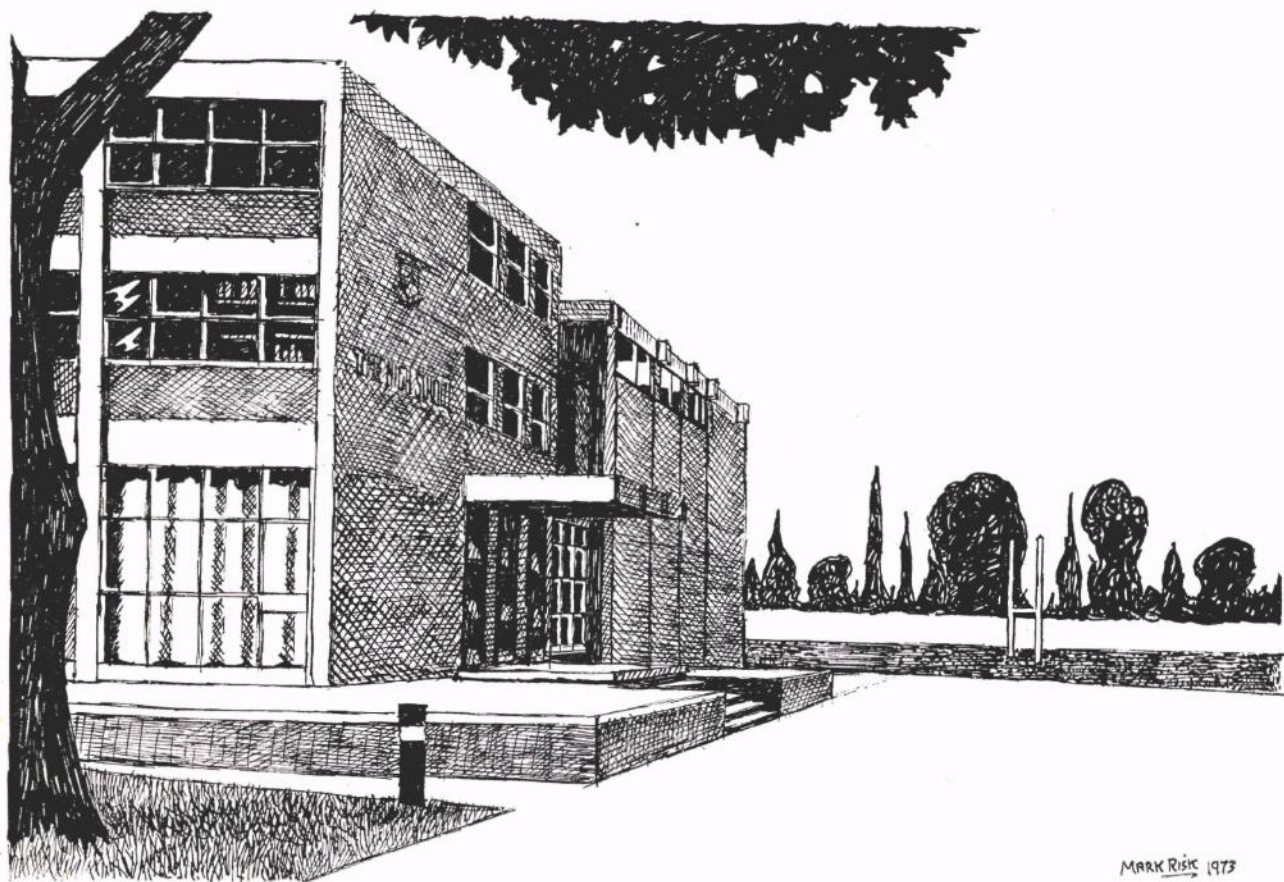


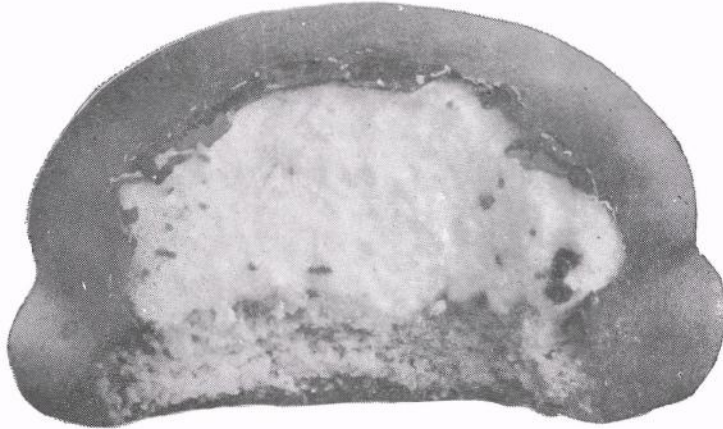
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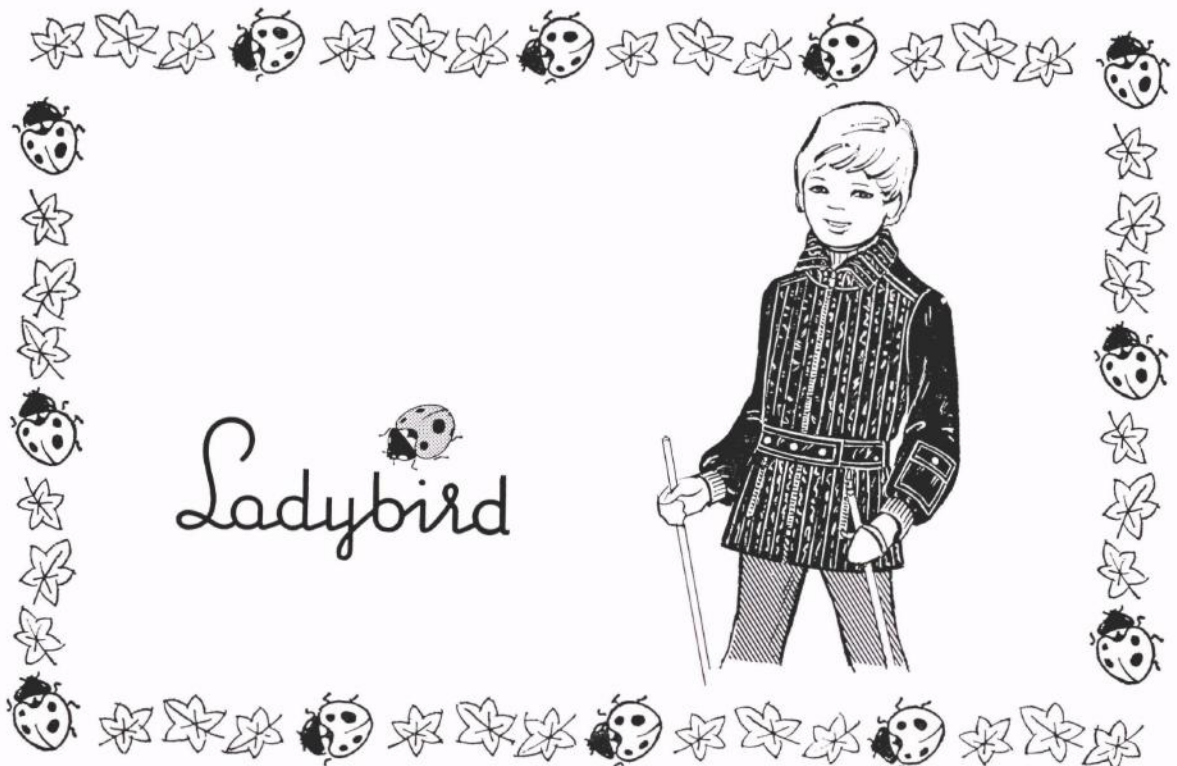
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EDITORIAL

There was a headline recently in "The Education Times": "IS THE PREFECT'S BADGE A DEADWEIGHT?" The article questioned the traditional assumptions of the role of a prefect—that his main duties were to keep order, help the staff and set an example to his fellow pupils. "There were times when prefects in some schools came only from the school élite, held badges of office, patrolled the school in search of rule breakers . . ." It immediately struck me that these were the very duties and characteristics that one normally associates with prefects in the High School.

Such duties have been accepted by prefects for many years. Both the prefects themselves and most other pupils have always thought of them as a natural part of the school discipline. But it might help to clear many issues of discipline and authority if we examine more closely the duties of prefects at present and also look at some additional possibilities.

There are, of course, extremes in the attitudes towards prefects: some boys might claim, half-seriously, that they were embryo tyrants or fascists, playing the same role as "trusties" in prisons—of picking out the malcontents from among their fellows; others might see them as the representatives of the pupils in the authoritarian school system. But between these two viewpoints, one looking on prefects as "the establishment"—an extension of staff authority—and the other thinking of them as the pupils' "tribune", there is a considerable middle ground, where the feelings towards them range from apathy to mild dislike.

The most important function of the prefects is to keep order. The prefects patrol the school and the playground during break, and have the power to give "lines" or, for a more serious matter, to stick a boy in detention. The problem facing the prefects is to keep order without appearing "right-wing" or fascist or biased towards their friends or fellow rugby players. For the prefect does not have the natural authority and presence that a member of staff would, and has to rely more on persuasion and reason than force.

Another duty of the prefects is to help the staff, and this is generally accepted by both prefects and pupils. If a teacher wants help with a collection for charity, a meeting in the

school, or a concert, he will turn to the prefects.

I also mentioned that prefects were supposed to act as a good example to their fellow pupils. Now this point brings in one of the fundamental and most troublesome problems for prefects: are they prefects and policemen first and pupils second, or are they primarily "pupils' tribunes" putting the students' own feelings on discipline into action? To take an everyday example: what does a prefect do when he sees a boy running along the corridors? As a prefect and a representative of the school authorities he should stop and reprimand the boy, perhaps giving him lines. But as a pupil he knows that he has many times himself run in the corridors, and perhaps still does when he is going for dinner or to the tuck shop. There is no doubt that the "establishment" answer to this dilemma is that the prefect must "do his duty"—for, what would happen if *everyone* started running in the corridors? But many prefects cannot make this mental leap from being a pupil to being a representative of discipline and authority. They still sympathise with those who break such "minor rules"—indeed they may sometimes feel that such rules are pointless.

Basically, this relationship between a prefect knowing the school rules and rigidly enforcing them by use of "lines" or detention is too simple. For, while prefects have the power to "force" discipline on the pupils, they can never really use it in a rigid and total fashion. For, unlike the staff, they do not act independently of the student environment and pressure. They are themselves to a certain extent representatives of the pupils, and as such they are influenced by the pupils' opinions. The prefects cannot just "impose" the discipline from above by means of "lines"—if they did the relationship between the prefects and pupils would just degenerate into an "us-them" one. Such an approach would merely build up unpopularity and hatred. Rather, the prefects have the difficult task of being both the representatives of authority and discipline and also the representatives of their fellow pupils, and when keeping order they have to "explain" the extent of and necessity for the rules with the understanding they have as *both pupils and prefects*.

It can, I think, be seen that the prefects are in a difficult position. The staff emphasise the necessity for them to be strict in their enforcement of the rules and careful that they abandon any "anti-establishment" sympathies they may have with the pupils. But the pupils tend to look on the prefects as still being pupils and naturally sharing some of their disorderly tendencies. When the prefect is strict and unbending in his discipline the pupils tend to look on him as "one of them"—to be feared and disliked. It is up to the prefect to try and convince such pupils that they should respect the rules of the school as being for their own good, and should look on the prefects as being fair and humane in enforcing the rules: it can be a difficult idea to put across.

I think that the fundamental problem here is that the more the authoritarian, disciplinarian aspect of the prefects is emphasised the less the pupils tend to respect them as fellow pupils. And in High School the idea of prefects being selected by the headmaster and staff from well-behaved and co-operative boys is emphasised. The prefects are not selected so much as "tribunes" of the pupils, but as representatives of authority. Thus the general body of pupils cannot feel either involved or democratically represented.

Of course, this raises the major question of whether there is any place for democracy in a school. Some might say that the authority of the headmaster and teachers is final, and that it is the duty of the prefects merely to enforce, and certainly not to question, that authority. But last year it was admitted that there should be a certain amount of "representation", if not democracy, when the School Council was established. And it needs only a logical extension of the principle involved in the School Council, that the pupils should be able to comment on and question the general running of the school, to establish that the pupils should have some participation, if not in the selection of the prefects, then in their disciplinary duties. If there could be some form of co-operation or inter-change of function between the School Council and the prefects, then the lack of involvement and the sense of an "us-them" relationship might be removed.

Whatever way the prefectorial system might develop, there is always a need for some established form of relationship between the pupils and staff, where they can meet on equal ground. The School Council was established to provide that form — so far it has not

succeeded in doing so. Perhaps one factor which might help it would be the enlisting of the prefects' help. For the prefects are in the unique position of being representatives of "authority" and also being pupils. The fact that they are at present primarily, if not wholly, responsible to the staff and the headmaster, does not mean that they cannot also *represent* the pupils.

Prize Distribution

SENIOR SCHOOL

The Senior School Prize Distribution was held in the Assembly Hall on Thursday, 29th November. The Chairman was Mr. W. G. Booker, M.A., P.C., Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the prizes were distributed by Mr. Fred Cogley, Head of Sport, R.T.E.

Before commencing his report the Headmaster thanked the Chairman for the time, energy and expertise which he devoted to the school as an Old Boy, a Governor and a parent. He welcomed Mr. Cogley and another visitor, the Leinster Schools Senior Rugby Cup. In reference to the latter his tribute to the persevering dedication of the Senior Games Master, Mr. Jack Cornish, was warmly applauded.

In his report on the school year, Mr. Brook said that examination results on all levels were highly satisfactory. The Intermediate Certificate results were the best for some years with 58 of our 65 candidates obtaining full certificates, and 36 of these obtaining 3 or more honours grades. The Leaving Certificate results were even more satisfactory, with 58 of the 61 candidates who entered for five or more subjects in their first attempt at the examination obtaining full certificates. Most of the 6th Form also sat papers in various subjects in the T.C.D. Matriculation Examination and there were some very fine performances here too. While John Sterne was the only member of Upper Sixth to be awarded an Entrance Scholarship, other members of the class obtained high places in the list of candidates.

Moving on to the subject of games, the Headmaster again congratulated the members of the 1st Rugby XV on winning the Senior Cup, but hoped their triumph would not distract people from the fact that there is a very

wide range of physical activities being run successfully by the school. The Badminton 1st IV had won, for the second year running, the Peard Plate, the trophy for the Leinster Schools League; the 2nd IV won the 2nd division competition, and the Juniors were runners-up in their League. The Senior Chess team won League C of the Leinster Schools Chess Association's Competition and there was growing enthusiasm for this game throughout the school. Mr. Brook gave an account of the other sporting activities, mentioning in particular the interest in Adventure Sports, especially Mountaineering and Canoeing.

The Headmaster then outlined the other out-of-school activities open to the boys. The highlight of the Music Society was the visit by Douglas Gunn and his wife, who had played harpsichord and recorders and given a most instructive and entertaining talk. The Choral Society and the Drama Workshop had both produced creditable performances, and in the Debating Society, Clive Slattery had the distinction of winning the Irish Times Cup. In mentioning the many other societies and clubs in which the boys can participate, Mr. Brook emphasised their value in giving a more rounded education than mere academic studies and said that employers placed great importance on this aspect of a boy's school record.

In conclusion, Mr. Brook offered thanks individually to many of the people who worked behind the scenes at guaranteeing the continued success of the school.

The Chairman, Mr. Booker, said that the winning of the Senior Cup had put High School on the sporting map and enhanced the reputation of the school immeasurably. He reported that plans would be announced in the near future of an even greater expansion of the range of sporting activities.

Mr. Fred Cogley, in his address, offered his personal congratulations to the Senior team. He pointed out, however, that there was always a danger, in games, that winning might become the most important aspect. The real value of games was the friendships which are formed while playing them, and while the desire to win had a place it must be kept in a proper perspective. For this reason he was delighted to see that High School had such a wide variety of games and other activities in which boys could actually participate.

Mr. G. W. Keegan, M.A., H.Dip.Ed., Assistant Headmaster and President of the Old Boys' Union, then presented the Old Boys' Cup to Donald Lewis, and the Distribution ended with the Benediction.

Special Prizes

John Thompson Scholarship in Classics (£120) — Clive Slattery.

High School Exhibition (£100) — Charles Richards.

Glorney Exhibition (£50) and Cup — James Piggott, David Wright.

Bessie Bury Prize in English — James Piggott.

Simon Eppel Prize in Science — Dermot Hughes.

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize — Donald Lewis.

John Bennett Memorial Prize — John Robbie.

B'nai B'rith Scholarship (£30) — Russell Wayman.

Dr. Warnock's Prizes in Irish — Sean MacAogain, David Lowe.

French Government Prize — Russell Wayman, John Piggott.

German Government Prize — Mark Story, John Piggott.

Mitchell Scholarship — Stephen Hinds.

Dr. Start's Prize in Chemistry — Maurice Buchalter.

Rogers Memorial Prize — Garth Mills.

Dillon Prize in Mathematics — David Lowe.

Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize — David Lowe.

French Government Prize — Alfred Potter.

S. S. Evans Prize in Commerce — Stephen Matthews.

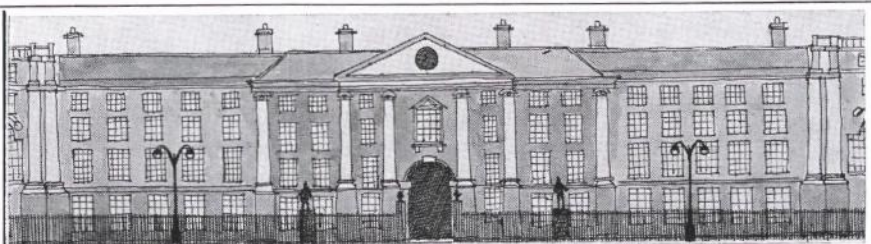
Miss Mitchell's Prizes in Art — John Piggott (6), Stephen Rowe (5), Philip Davidson (4), Stephen Mercer (3), John Lawson (2), Shane White (1).

Music Prizes — Charles Wheeler (5), Peter Mack (1A).

Debating Society's Medal (O.B.U.) — Clive Slattery.

Erasmian Prizes (O.B.U.) — Hayes Dockrell (6), Mark Risk (5).

TRINITY LETTER



The term from October to December in Trinity was one of the most interesting and ludicrous terms in the history of the College in recent years. Not since the glory days of Joe Revington, Alan Baxter and David Ford has the College seen, with great delight, the rantings of various individual 'hacks', to the extent that students actually got involved. Yes indeed, the disease which is rife in all Irish Universities has, at least, been smashed in Trinity. Apathy is gone! The year opened with the news that Kevin Ward (elected Vice-President of the SRC four months earlier) was due to resign. An avalanche of 'resignations' followed suit, not least being the amazing affair of President John G. Stephenson, believed to be a student leader. Unfortunately, however, none were to fulfil their promises, and the SRC remains one of the most senile institutions, supposedly representing students, in TCD.

The high point of the term's rantings of these 'hacks' was the invasion of the Dining Hall during the Hist. Inaugural of Friday 26th of October. The assault was led by ex-HSD man David Vipond against the horrible 'fascist' Jonathan Guinness. A movement had been formed by Mr. Vipond and his cohorts called 'The Movement to Destroy the National Front in College' (the N.F. being a similarly repulsive *clique* emanating from elements within the Phil.). As the demonstrators were about to smash into the Dining Hall the Gardai were called, scuffles broke out, nobody was hurt, and the whole affair has since died down. Except, that is, for Nigel Cox and his Phil. 'hacks'. Free speech is dead in Trinity, they say, and one can almost hear the weak voice in the distance crying 'Bring back the Ban!' However, the situation is not at all as bad as the Philosophical Society would have us think. Free speech does exist in Trinity (slightly shaky, perhaps, but next term things will be back to normal). Jonathan McColl, another of the Phil. people, has emigrated to UCD, the other university, and Nigel Cox, although active in College, has retired to some extent

to his free room in the Rubrics (at present falling down with old age—like Mr. Cox's politics).

David Vipond continues to lead the Trinity College Internationalists (Maoists) further into oblivion. Peter Murtagh is just beginning to recover from last term's attack from the said Mr. Duckpond. Sources now have it that the two could possibly even stay in the same room for an estimated ten minutes! Prizebond's attempts to become the HSD's first man in the Dail floundered on the rocks last month with the shock result of some 170 odd votes being cast for him in the Monaghan bye-election (odd votes in more ways than one). However, to give the man his due, he is the only consistent politician in the College and believes sincerely in his political ideologies (a rare quality in anyone these days).

On the journalistic side of College activities, Peter Murtagh continues to lead countless hundreds of Trinity students up the garden path with his *Trinity News*. The last issue of Michaelmas term carried the headline 'Trinity College For Sale—Fitzwilton Bids £70m'. The same issue also called for a meeting of all students on the Dining Hall steps and, believe it or not, they came in droves! But that was a special, end of term, issue and throughout the rest of the term the newspaper was of a reasonably serious nature. *Trinity News* is certainly becoming a stronghold for ex-HSD 'hacks' (though none would ever claim that their 'education' at that institution had anything to do with their rise to fame), and next term Patrick Gageby will be editing, with the aforementioned Murtagh as news editor. Niall Jeffares continues to refuse, point blank, to ever lower himself to buy a copy of the paper and, since leaving HSD, seems to have become politically passive. What a shame he isn't propounding his former (?) ideologies.

Of the new students into the university from HSD, most appear to have had all individuality or willingness to get involved completely sapped out of them by the time they

reach us. Johnny Robbie is the only shining star amongst a dreary lot. After his success on the 1st XV, he is now playing 'wing' for the 1st XV in Trinity, Don Lewis and Cocky Wright also keeping their hands (?) in at the game. One can also view other ex-HSD 'nine-to-fivers' wandering around the College: Ian Travers, the Waltons, Dermot Hughes, John King, Sam Darby, Stephen Alkin, Richard Ross (a well-known disease in Players), Mark and David Duffy, and the Aikins brothers.

Whatever Trinity had in the past is now dead. Although one reads in the papers that students are active, the vast majority (about 4,000) of the students in Trinity, be they from High School or not, are as interesting as a glass of water. God be with the days when students did something — even making a nuisance of themselves. While our mines are stolen, while the gap between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' grows daily greater, the Trinity student sits in the Buttery drinking his pint. Perhaps we need a few hundred Clive Slatterys?

Pip! Pip!

A Good Knight's Work

*A tower on a craggy cliff,
A maiden sadly weeping (sniff);
Where is the knight to set her free?
He's in his castle drinking tea.*

*A dragon grimly guards her cell
So no one breaks the evil spell;
She can't escape while he's nearby—
The neighbours certainly won't pry.*

*The knight goes by that way by chance
Holding firmly his great lance;
He sings a mighty battle song
And his muscles seem very, very strong.*

*Egad! he strikes without delay
Which makes the dragon scream with dismay;
The knight is scorched by a belch of fire,
He gasps and feels himself perspire.*

*The maiden looks on with a frown,
"Hooray!" she cries, "the dragon is down!"
The knight carried her back to his court—
It was only her love that he had sought.*

Martin Reid (1B2).

On Good Manners

I despise them. Lacking good manners completely myself I despise them in other men. Yes, I despise them in the same way as I despise "Woman's Lib". However, my disregard of good manners is not out of laziness but rather it is a studied and deliberate non-cultivation.

What are good manners? I ask you! They are a code of laws, breakable on pain of being a social outcast. They are chains that have grown up over the ages since Adam met Eve, since the first male amoeba said hello to the first female amoeba. These laws are capitalized upon by the whole female race, from the lowest worm to our mothers, for the further exploitation of men.

By force of these laws men are sent scurrying to their feet every time a woman passes. Newspapers are cast aside and pipes must be taken from the smokers' mouths. More often than not seats must be relinquished before the oncoming horde.

It is disgusting, absolutely disgusting, to see a fully grown male acting like a slave, subservient to a mistress, chauffeuring mistress to the most expensive restaurant in town. Then, for the sake of good manners, he is out of the car and opening the opposite door for the emergence of the all-powerful female before the doorman, whose job he is doing, is aware of the car drawing up. Then again, who was the first out of the car? Who is the first to enter through the restaurant doors? (Which-ever Eastern country it was that had women walking three paces behind their lord and master had a good idea.) Who then finally foots the bill and tips the waiter? Injustice piled upon injustices! Is all this for the sake of good manners? Then good manners are humiliating beyond belief and condemnably expensive, and in these days of inflation we are better without them.

Where have good manners got MANKind? The answer is "further down the path to ruin". Look at the poor spiders. It is good manners for them not to pay for the dinners but rather to be the dinners. Look at the men from the Middle Ages and Renaissance. It was good manners for them to be the targets of muck thrown up from the streets and muck thrown down from the buildings. Persecution pursues them even into the buses where they must give up seats, uncomfortable as they may be, to

women. Wherever one looks men are continually giving way to the female and her weapon, good manners.

The difficulty is that it is the women who get the care of all infants. The brainwashing begins here and continues throughout every man's life cycle, from the cradle to the grave. It is a conspiracy; while trying to make us think they are weak, they make us weak by thinking that very thought. "The weaker sex." Pah! I say. They are stronger than they would have us believe.

MANkind, revolt!
Throw off the bonds of slavery!
Stop shaking hands!

W. Lee (4A).

My Electric Dustbin

Have you ever wondered just what an electric dustbin is? I was reading a notice about ERASMIAN contributions when I came across the words "Electric Dustbins". It suddenly struck me; (the notice board fell down), my vast vocabulary of words as shown on "Call my bluff" did not include the words "electric dustbin". Immediately I started my inquiries. After weeks of fruitless searching and countless packets of Polo mints, I admitted defeat. I returned home and locked myself in the kitchen with a copy of "Mad". When I finished that, I read a Green Shield Stamp catalogue; and then I found it. On page 12, amongst the colour television sets and the dartboards, I found it: "No. 18, Electric Dustbin, three-speed gearbox, chromium-plated, runs on A.C. only. Instructions for assembly enclosed.—7½ books." I ran as fast as my ears would carry me to the local supermarket (which I won't say was H. Williams) and proceeded to purchase a million cans of processed peas. I then realised I had no money but this did not stop me. As soon as the stamps were in my hand I ran out through the plate glass window, leaving behind me one cash desk hidden from view by a million cans of peas; (I hear the poor girl at the desk is still trapped). On arriving home I started to stick the stamps into books. Three weeks later, with 7½ books of stamps and a tongue considerably smaller than it had been, I went to collect my gift. Having received it, I rushed home to look at it. Tearing off the wrapping I saw an assortment of parts. There were big bits, small bits, square bits, round bits, valves,

wires, switches and many other components. Hurriedly I looked for the instructions. Ah, there they were. Having read them four times I still did not understand them. Well, would you? Can you read Arabic?

Colin Day (4A).

Off to School

*In my shoes and with my scroll
Off to school I started to stroll;
Hopped I, leapt I, ran I, skipped I,
Jumped I, crept I, sneaked I, slipped I,
Stopped I, looked I and seeked I,
Pushed I, crushed I, yelled I and battled I,
Laughed I, cried I, whistled I, sang I,
And . . .
Let me not conceal it . . . was stuck I.*

Russell Sheridan (1B2).

The Sountry-Cide

*I've got a gouse and harden in the country,
An ace I call my plown,
A treat I can replace to
When I beed to nee alone;
Caterfly and butterpillar
Perch on beefy lough
And I listen to the dats and cogs
As they mark and they beow.
Yes wature is nunderful,
There is no weed for nords,
While silling by my windowflutter
Biny little tirds.*

Ahilip Pitken

(Philip Aitken 4B2).

The Memoirs of A (ruined) Gambling Man

My friends, I was not always so. The quivering, prematurely grey wreck, sporting the chewed tie, frayed cuffs, scuffed shoes and shiny trousers is but a pale imitation of the previous Montgomery.

I was a robust, healthy, sober (what does it feel like to be so?), rosy cheeked lad of some

(as they say) twenty summers when, on a fine autumnal day, the sun in the sky and my worldly fortune in the pocket, I entered through the impressive portals of Leopards-town racecourse. I was, to my surprise, joined by a smiling, instantly sincere man in a natty lightweight suit and a pink tie. He said he was a philanthropist whose sole interest in life was to help young fellows like myself amass a fortune. He recommended Honest Sid and also a certain Number Three in the first. "Between you and me the animal doesn't know how to lose." Sadly, the horse must have been attending night school, for his knowledge was greatly improved as he demonstrated to the public by finishing last of twelve. Slightly shocked, I met my new-found friend, Barnum P. Bailey, Esq., just after the race. "Never mind, son," quoth he, "Tiger Lily is full of running." She may have been, and probably was, as unconfirmed reports of sightings have come from places as far afield as Samoa and the Bering Straits, but I can assure you that she didn't materialise in the vicinity of the winning post that day. I didn't contribute to Honest Sid's fourth country home fund in the third, but in the next, with the advantage of a red hot tip "Otter is stamina-packed" I doubled my bet. Otter certainly was stamina-packed as he showed few signs of tiredness, but even fewer of winning. Meeting Barnum Bailey after the race I asked sourly "Any more good things?" "Be not bitter, kid, the favourite won't win the next, and I have the name of a flying long-shot." I toddled along to Sid, who by now was smiling every time I approached, and staked fifty pounds. The favourite didn't win—I must give credit where it is due—she finished second last, one place ahead of my fancy. "Well," said Barnum, "you've been unlucky, but I have a cert. that will recoup all your losses and more." Well, if sluggishness and laziness be the stuff of which certs. are made, then this one was of the blood royal, although if you, comrades, accept the normal definition he was a very dubious one.

I saw Barnum Bailey once after the races as he drove away in a gold plated Rolls Royce in the company of Sid, with an expression tantamount to a sneer on his face. I shook my fist ineffectually and then coughed because of his CO₂ fumes which arrogantly smothered me.

The hat is being passed around, friends—thank you all kindly.

Rory Montgomery (4A).

Autumn

*The painted leaves fall from the trees,
They scatter upon the green, green grass,
And as they disappear, the trees are less
The beauty and splendour which once coated
them.*

*The insects die, the beauty lives,
But not for long
For this is the Autumn song
Which pollutes the earth with beauty;
Alas for us, we cannot appreciate it.*

*'Tis pleasant to see these leaves,
Brown, red, orange, gold are they,
Which dye this earth colours rarely seen;
And the beginning of the fruit,
Sweet ripe fruit
Sweetened by the Autumn weather
With colours in variety;
Sweet, refreshing and juicy,
The fruit that clusters together,
But not forever,
For it must disappear with Autumn.*

*The beauty comes, the beauty goes,
To wet the earth with rains and snows,
But while it's here one always knows
It's Autumn.*

*The days come short, the night too long,
The thrush no longer sings its song;
The rustling leaves to the bonfire go
Until they burn low, low, low,
Till the flame dies,
And also Autumn.*

*The burning cold that kills so mean,
It can be felt, but not seen,
Piercing through our body of clothes
And so Autumn goes—
It's Winter.*

David Green (4B2).

The Aftermath of a Battle

*Silence lies over the battle-field,
No flag waving in the breeze;
Bodies lie in bloodstained clothes,
Nothing moves but the trees.*

*Soldiers lie in peace, at rest,
Where they once filed two abreast;
Not a breath left in their lungs,
Lying beside their bloodstained guns.*

Colin Motyer (3B2).

Training the Falcon

*Come, my beauty; come to me—
Try to learn the food is free.
When you do I'll let you see
Without a hood, so come to me.*

*I'll pace you up and down your home
Till you learn to stay and not to roam;
I'll poke you with a meaty bone
Till you do not fret, nor mind, nor groan.*

*Now it's time to take you out
And let you meet the things about
Like zooms and hums and revs and shout
And cars and crowds both thin or stout.*

*Now you're free to some extent
For I'll let you fly on line at length;
You can hover, perch, descend, ascend,
And not one pigeon dares offend.*

*Next the lure and hunting skill:
The lure's a rope that's swung until
The falcon grabs the dummy kill,
Which gives it eager claws and bill.*

*Now the final point is near
That shows the bird's whole life career;
Will it put a cloud of fear
On lesser birds, both far and near?*

*If it does, fame's on the way
And you'll be known for many a day,
But if it fails then you will pay
By months of work that have slipped away.*

Trevor H. Sargent (3A).

Mr. Tramp

I see the tramp across the road, no proper clothes or shoes, no place to go.

His coat is a dirty brown, it has no buttons, and therefore has no warmth. It is an ancient model of the most horrible design, it touches down near his ankles, and the end of it is wringing wet. Underneath the overcoat a blazer hangs upon his shoulders, never been washed and looks it too. His shirt is a greasy-white with a filthy black neck and also a pungent odour flows from his presence. His hair is very greasy and its colour is a greeny white. He has a bald patch at the back of his head; it sticks out a mile. He also has an ancient cap, a cap which he wears when it's raining. I wonder why he does that, he should let the rain wash his hair, that would do him

a bit of good. His shoes are also old models with holes in the toes so that the Winter can soak through his holy sock to give him 'flu which he may never come through.

He is sitting on a stone bridge just south of Ballinstar and he looks as if he's dying. His face is a mass of wrinkles which indicates his age, around the 60 mark; an old age for a tramp. His eyebrows are a whitey-grey and they are very long, they look as though they need to be combed but of course they never are. His eyes are green and tired of life. His nose is stumpy and very short and he has a lot of hair about his face: stubble, which is never shaved. His ears are long and very red and look very cold. I think I'll ask him in for a 'cuppa' or something before he slumps over the bridge and into the water. After all it's Lent, and it would make this Lent worth remembering.

Brian Beardsley (3B2).

Beautiful Poise

*Beautiful poise
delicate
nursing the goodly nature
twisted around the doom
she felt such gloom
causing her to fall
pausing in her fall
to think
consider
muse
Coloured autumn leaves
delicately poised
fragile
on edge
Beside the mourners
she felt so sad
to join in flight
to gather her wings
wrap her cloak around
her beautiful poise
sadly lamenting
curling her toes
pointless
hopeless
no hope
she mourned her loss
not to toss
back; dreamless
despairing her existence
no point
sadly lamented*

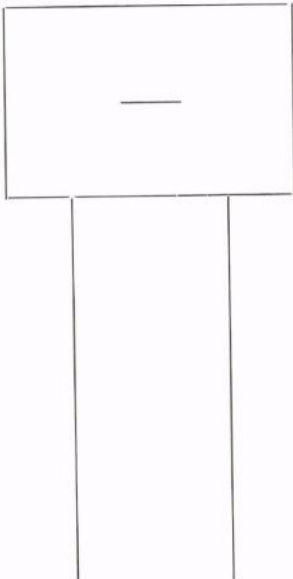
Desmond King (5).

"A Highly Efficient Electrical Water Sterilizer"

This year I hope to enter an electrical water sterilizer in the Aer Lingus Young Scientist's Exhibition. At last year's exhibition I did a considerable amount of work in finding out what happens when electricity is passed through a solution of bacteria. The result of this previous work has paved the way for the electrical sterilizer on which I am now working. The sterilizer which I have designed is highly efficient in de-salinating, softening and removing all micro-organisms (including viruses) from water, thereby making it fit for human consumption. This sterilizer could function on an industrial scale only when large amounts of electricity are available. However, it has another disadvantage in that small amounts of pure water are formed in comparison to other methods of sterilization.

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to Mr. Toomey, Mr. Gardner and Mrs. White for their encouragement and great interest, without which this project would not have been possible.

Edward Lee (5).



A familiar sight to High School pupils. What is it?

For a clue, see Erasmus's Notebook.

Ireland and International Development

The apparent apathy among Irish people about the relations of our country and the West in general with the Third World reflects a basic misunderstanding of the causes of, and solutions to, the problems of developing countries. Over the last two decades the contribution of Ireland to the attempts by Third World countries to salvage a humane and viable economic system from the debris of nineteenth century imperialism has not been insignificant, but this is due more to the dedication and self-sacrifice of some religious orders and individual philanthropists than to any enlightened views on trade relations or overseas aid taken by the population in general. Since joining the E.E.C. our responsibilities to the developing countries have increased enormously, since we are now members of one of the largest trading blocks in the world, which also contains most of the great nineteenth century imperial powers.

When considering the relationship between the E.E.C. and the Third World countries, we must not forget that the root of most of Western Europe's prosperity, and the cause of many of the Third World's problems both lie in the blatant exploitation of the world's resources by the European powers in the name of imperialism. We must not forget that the prosperity of Britain, which overflowed in a certain measure to Ireland, was founded on the capital supplied by the slave trade and maintained by a criminal abuse of power which manifested itself in such acts as the cotton monopolies which built up English and Irish wealth at the expense of the Indian peasants, many of whom relied on the cotton cottage industry to survive and have lived well below the bread-line ever since. We must not forget that the capital brought into Western Europe at the end of the nineteenth and the beginning of the twentieth century derived largely from the use of cheap and often forced labour in the colonies, which disturbed the stable tribal society without providing a new viable economic or social structure. We must not forget either that we are all responsible, in a positive or a passive way, for the continuing flow of capital resources from developing to developed countries, the inequitable trading arrangements which leave Third World countries at a grave disadvantage in dealing with developed countries, and the unwillingness on our part to take

any radical action to bridge the rapidly widening gap between the rich and the poor countries. Bearing these considerations in mind, and remembering that while a slight fluctuation in the Irish economy does not significantly affect our life-style, a similar fluctuation in the Zambian or Indian economy would be measured in thousands of deaths from starvation or malnutrition, it does not seem unreasonable to ask an Irish politician to put the interests of developing countries before even the interests of his own constituents. This can never happen, however, unless the electorate themselves pressurise their representatives into supporting a more enlightened foreign aid policy.

Any constructive foreign development policy taken by the E.E.C. must contain three vital elements. One major contribution which the E.E.C. could make to the closing of the gap between rich and poor nations would be to place restrictions on the operation of multinational corporations based in Europe which are draining the life-blood out of Third World countries in the form of finite natural resources, and which are able to maintain the economies of developing countries in the state of stagnation necessary for the continued supply of cheap labour through ruthless asset stripping. There is nothing that the developing nations can do in the face of multinational capitalism, since such corporations as the I.T.T. and the United Fruit Company have annual turnovers each greater than the entire G.N.P. of South America, and can depose any Third World government at will. The king-making powers of multinationals, demonstrated most recently in Chile, and before that in Brazil, Uruguay, Dominica, Uganda and Cambodia can only be broken by the Western powers of the U.S.A. and the E.E.C. Although the Scandinavian countries, the Benelux countries, the German Government and the French and English Opposition have committed themselves to breaking the back of the multinational corporations, the E.E.C. has never formulated a joint policy on multinationalism, and European-based corporations have remained at the root of many of Africa's problems.

The second sphere where action is needed is the sphere of direct aid grants. This can take the form of either short-term relief aid, which although essential is merely a stop-gap solution, or an infusion of capital for long-term development. The latter, to be effective, must take the form of direct monetary grants to

development projects rather than loans or profit-making investment, which result in general in a net export of capital resources, and so tighten the imperial knot instead of loosening it. Although they must retain an important and well-honoured place in the struggle against world poverty, private philanthropic organisations such as Concern or Gorta would be the first to acknowledge that their contribution to world development, although important in individual human terms, can only tackle a fraction of the problems of the Third World. The only bodies commanding the resources necessary to bring about any substantial shift of the world's wealth to developing countries are governments. Governments can supply technical assistance and capital on a scale impossible for any private charity. Despite the increasing gap between rich and poor countries, Britain, France and Italy have reduced their aid to the Third World. In common with Germany, Benelux and Scandinavia, our Government has substantially increased its contribution to Third World development, but still falls far short of the United Nations recommendation of 0.7% of our G.N.P., which in itself seems inadequate. The argument that we cannot afford overseas aid in the face of our own poverty problem at home is not valid. Our own problem is one of redistribution rather than G.N.P., and so would not be solved by a reduced foreign aid budget.

The third, and by far the most important action which could be taken would be to change the inequitable trading system which the E.E.C. has imposed, in its economic strength, on the Third World, and particularly on the Yaunda Convention countries and the British Commonwealth. This is the field in which national self-interest and international morality most conflict. The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and the Common Agricultural Policy, which are the basis of any common stand by the E.E.C. against the Third World are both designed to restrict the import into Europe of food products such as sugar and cocoa, which are essential to many Third World countries, while ensuring that all raw materials which are important to Europe's economy can still be imported at the cheapest possible price. In enforcing this, the "Atlantic Partnership" can use its near-monopoly on Third World trade to impose any system they desire on the developing countries. The attempts by internationally-minded statesmen such as Kurt Waldheim and Sicco Mansholt to

persuade the E.E.C. to accept a more equitable trading system have been destroyed by self-interested quota-hunters, not least in Ireland, where our increased sugar quota could substantially reduce the exports of poorer and more needy countries.

We in Ireland have a particular responsibility as the only non-imperial member of the E.E.C. to give our support for the growing movement for an improved relationship between the

developed and under-developed world. We must supply the necessary vocal support to those Ministers in the present Government who have taken an active and humane interest in the Third World, who have been forced by electoral expediency to confine their activities to nibbling around the edges of the problem of world poverty instead of striking at its economic roots.

Robin Hanan (6U).

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Hallowe'en

*Goblins, dwarfs and witches,
Clowns with baggy breeches,
Just a part of the funny scene
That suddenly appears at Hallowe'en.*

*Sometimes you see skeletons,
Devils wearing wellingtons;
Witches with their magic wands
Are turning puddles into ponds.*

*Fireworks to be seen,
A display out on the green;
I hope this rocket doesn't fail—
No, there it goes: what a fiery tail!*

*O glorious Hallowe'en Night,
Your bonfires, big and bright;
I know you'll never fail to come
Although you may seem dead to some.*

Aarnoud Huissoon (J3).

A Journey to the Moon

One day three men were hunting for treasure when they found a plan for a rocket. The first man said, "Why not build a rocket?" The second man said, "Okay", and so did the third. The next day they began to make a rocket and in about a year they had finished making their rocket. They made sure they had everything. They jumped in and started off on their journey. When they landed on the moon they put on a space suit. Then they got out of the rocket and walked around. After a few hours they saw a monster and he caught them. The monster brought them to a witch and by this time they were trembling with fear. When

they saw the witch stirring a big cauldron they ran back to the space ship as fast as their legs would carry them. They blasted off and came back to earth. They would never build a space ship again for fear of meeting the witch a second time.

Roger Davies (J2)

Spring

It was the 30th December and snow lay on the grass and flower beds. I went walking around the garden and something green was catching my eye under the lilac tree. I bent down and pushed away the overhanging branches and there were some lovely little snowdrops. "The first sign of Spring," I said to myself as I put back the branches carefully. There were a few more bunches of snowdrops around, one behind the roller, one beside the rose bushes and one under the kitchen window.

Each day the snow went, bit by bit, until at last there was only one blob of snow in the middle of the garden where we had made a snowman. The snowdrops were much less noticeable now and other plants had shot their leafy heads above the surface of the soil. Also the days got warmer and this helped the plants to grow. Much more birds flew about now and when I saw them I remembered the one solemn little robin that came to the kitchen window every morning in the winter.

The whole garden seemed to come to life just then: a squirrel ran across the branch of our big oak tree; a hedgehog ran to the pile of bricks at the end of the garden; a tortoise poked its head out of its shell, and a lark in the oak tree started singing.

Spring is a very delightful season and it is very nice to see the world come to life again after the winter. But it is only one of the four seasons in the year and at times they are all very enjoyable.

Clive Ingram (J4M).

A Day at Arundel Castle

One fine day we went by coach to Arundel Castle. The coach driver parked the coach in the coach car park. We got out and walked across the road and paid our money to get into the castle. Just inside the gates we came to a cafe and beside it was a flower shop. It sold beautiful bunches of roses.

We walked up the hill to the castle entrance. We walked over a drawbridge to get into the castle. The castle has been the home of the Dukes of Norfolk for the past five hundred years. It was built in 1295. On the walls you can still see the marks of cannon balls. The guide told us Arundel got its name from the French word *Hirondelle* which means swallow. The castle is situated in Sussex. There is a big lawn in the middle of the castle and on the outside there are lots of trees around it.

When you go inside the first thing you see is a Chapel. It has lovely carvings and marble pillars; all the windows were made of stained glass. Next we came to the big stone hall and stairs and were very surprised to find that there was a painted sleigh that had been made in Ireland. The next room was called The Baron's Hall; the roof was made from oak wood and there were beautiful paintings. In the dining room the table was all set for dinner in beautiful silver. The drawing room had a beautiful fireplace with a carved family crest on it. The bedroom had been especially made for Queen Victoria and had a picture of her beside the bed. The bed had a canopy with a fringe and tassels hanging from it. The Library was one of the longest rooms in the castle and still has a lot of early books in it. We had to pay again to see the costumes some of which were worn by the Dukes of Norfolk. There was a collection of armour and weapons. We went out and down lots of stone steps to the dungeons; it was very cold in them.

We were able to buy lots of souvenirs and they were all sold in aid of charities. On the way out we saw two beautiful cats in the

grounds and just at the gate we went into the church. We would have liked to stay longer but we had to get back to the bus. I took lots of coloured photos and my daddy took some slides. It was the most interesting day of my holidays.

D. Garrett (J4J).

Break Time

*When I go out at break to play
I always shout hooray, hooray.
It really is a sight to see
All the boys looking at me.*

*Once when I was going to tuck
I fell into a puddle of muck.
All the boys were laughing at me
I really was a sight to see.*

*I then got up and went to tuck
And bought a nice big lollipop.
It was dripping, I was licking
I really was a sight to see!*

Colin Hodgins (J1).

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SCHOOL RECORD

School News

We congratulate Mr. McMullen and Mr. Toomey on their marriages. We wish them and their wives every happiness for the future.

Mr. Eames has left the staff and has joined AnCO, the Industrial Training Authority, as Education Officer.

We welcome to the staff Mr. Rose. Mr. Rose has returned to Ireland after seven years teaching in Africa.

We congratulate Mr. Keegan on being elected President of the O.B.U.

We congratulate Mr. Broad on achieving his Canoe Leadership Certificate.

We congratulate Miss Barcroft on giving the "Thought for the Day" for a week in the beginning of August, on R.T.E. Radio.

We welcome to the staff Mrs. Malin.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Wallace on the death of his mother.

We congratulate Russell Wayman (6U) on his drawing in "The Irish Times" of 14th November, 1973, illustrating the expected appearance of the comet Kohoutek and the planet Venus on January 7th, 1974, shown against the silhouette of Dunsink Observatory.

Prefects

Head Boy:

Alan Ford

Prefects:

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Hayes Dockrell
Russell Wayman
John Fitzgerald
Sean Keegan
Guy Burgess
David Cornick
Brian Crowe
Wayne Duffy
Ian Hanna

Stephen Hinds
Alan Moore
Sean O'Brien
Geoffrey Reeves
Alan Peters
Peter Robbie
Peter Roberts
Paul Ross
Jonathan Turner
Charles Wheeler



Erasmus's Notebook

Who remembers the old school? Those grimy corridors, dingy, battered stairs and the cobbled yard—all are surely vivid in the memory of any boy who ever attended Harcourt Street. Few can regret the move to the new school except, perhaps, those who compare the individual, idiosyncratic classrooms of the old school to the clean, uniform ones of the new.

And, indeed, what change has been greater than the improvement in the catering facilities. The Victorian kitchens, the small and crowded dining rooms, the general air of bleakness—all combined to drive away, rather than attract, the pupils; this despite the Trojan efforts of Miss Williamson to overcome the practical difficulties. Thus the new school was welcomed, if merely for its modern kitchen and dining area. But a lot depends on the people to use it, the catering staff. And here the best compliment to Mrs. Bell and her staff is the sheer numbers of boys who now take dinner, and the general satisfaction at its high standard.



What are they? Thousands of perplexed High School boys wracked their brains (in vain) trying to answer this puzzling question. Erect metal objects sprouting out of the tarmac—at least ten feet high. "Ah!" the cry went up, "Get Mr. Broad—they must be preserved." Prehistoric tree-trunks? Perhaps they were neolithic tombs—Knowth, Dowth, Newgrange and Danum? Had we been playing football over an archaeological goldmine?

Perhaps not.

Alternative suggestions were plentiful—but not nearly so appealing. Had the headmaster hit upon a novel (and, one would think, effective) way of ensuring that boys who ventured over the wall into the forbidden garden never did so again, i.e., were the mysterious erections gallows? Could prefects now threaten recalcitrant malcontents (and malcontent recalcitrants) with capital punishment? Was flicking paper pellets a hanging offence?

We have no answer yet, but watch this space!

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What is the exact position of 6U? It is a pre-university year, and as such has more freedom than lower forms, but it is nevertheless a part of the High School. So one would presume that it generally has to obey the same regulations as other forms. But in one respect there is a difference: 6U members are not under compulsion to play rugby. If the argument is that 6U members are under exam pressure and ought to be free from outside pressures and commitments, surely this applies equally to the intermediate and leaving certificate students? Perhaps it is a matter for the School Council.

In a similar vein, what is the exact position of "THE ERASMIAN"? As the official school magazine, distributed to pupils (and thus to parents) and Old Boys, it does have a certain "establishment" standing. On the other hand, it is supposed to print articles, poems and letters by the pupils, and to represent their viewpoints. Naturally the two clash. Not all the pupils' contributions, however lively, amusing or clever, are suitable for the magazine if *someone, somewhere* isn't going to be offended. Thus the situation arises where the editor finds himself acting as a censor—omitting and removing all references to smoking or hard drugs, or changing expressions such as "Jesus!" to the less blasphemous "Holy Cow!"

The uselessness of "THE ERASMIAN" as an adequate forum for the reflection of pupils' ideas, problems and humour leads naturally on to the subject of a "rag-mag". A revival of this sort of a magazine, allowing the pupils free rein for their "creative instincts", their grouses and their complaints, would provide a forum for discussion which "THE ERASMIAN" cannot. It might even have a use as a means of communication between the School Council and the pupils.

What do boys actually do in detention? Erasmus selected some examples, from essays written in detention:

"*Why I love detention*" — I love detention, because you are kept in after school." "Detention helps you to write better, sometimes."

"*The English Language*" — "The English language should not be miss used, but sometimes it can't be helped."

"*Manners*" — "There are many forms of manners there are the rules of the road which are in other words manners on the roads and in the air the jets have the manners to fly at a certain hight, no lower and no higher if he did he might crash with another plane and that would not be mannerly."

"*Petrol*" — "Petrol is got from the ground from oil and is a valubal substance of the world two day. The oil is used for nearly everything two day. In the olden days in Arabia the Arabians used to put oil on their sick camels. . ."

"*How I can avoid Detention*" — "I would like very much to avoid detention, the only way I can see is to avoid French classes. . ."

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With the prospect of an increasing world crisis it is felt that the school should start bicycling as a sport, to prepare boys for the future. It is learnt through official sources that an intense debate raged in the staff room as to whether this sport should be included in the more regular school sports, or come under the A.F.A.S. umbrella. Finally it was agreed after a senior sportsmen's summit that it should be included with A.F.A.S. activities. Mr. Cornish was heard to say that bicycling was outside his field of play. It is felt that a certain member of staff who has already been experimenting with the latest low-slung machine will be appointed to run the club. Mr. Gardner is to be approached to give technical assistance as a keen cyclist, an expert in puncture repair and replacing missing links.

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 Colin J. Surgenor: T.C.D. Pre-Medical.
 Graham G. Walker: Kilroy Brothers Ltd., Trainee Representative.
 David W. H. Whyte: T.C.D. Natural Sciences.
 Alan Worrell: Philips Electrical Ireland Ltd.
 Douglas C. Wright: Cathal Brugha St.
 Herbert H. Wright: D. L. Martin, F.R.I.C.S., Quantity Surveying.
 Dominic Y. T. Yeow: Ringsend Tech. School.

Erasmian Committee

Editor: G. A. Ford.

Asst. Editor: D. Cornick.

6th Form: S. O'Brien.

5th Form: D. Dockrell, W. Fegan, D. King.

4th Form: J. Gibson, J. Hick, T. Turner.

3rd Form: D. Meredith, P. Willoughby, S. Malkinson.

The highlight of this term was, without a doubt, the Simultaneous Chess Match, when Mr. John Gibson of Collegians Chess Club came to the school and played against twenty-eight boys. Mr. Gibson won twenty-four games and drew one.

We meet every day at Big Break in C5, and are very grateful to Mr. Hilliard for the use of his room, and for his invaluable assistance to the Chess Club.

Jonathan Caplin.

Debating Society

Last year was rather quiet for the Society, with only five debates held in the year. However, the school had a great success with Clive Slattery's victory in the Annual Schools' Oratory Competition, held by the St. Michan's and St. Paul's Debating Society last February. He spoke against the motion "That State Examinations Should Be Abolished".

After the Summer break an Annual General Meeting was held on 4th October. Alan Ford was elected auditor, Stephen Dowds secretary and Gordon Bell, Hayes Dockrell, Robin Hanan, Rory Montgomery and Graeme Murray were elected to the committee. Since then, three debates have been organised, on Israel, Religious Education and Fascism.

As this year is the Society's tenth anniversary, a week of debates is being arranged for next January. This will include an inter-schools debate, which will take place on Tuesday, 22nd January. The motion for debate will be "That Religion is Bunk". Parents are welcome.

We would like to thank all the masters who have chaired our debates, in particular Mr. Wallace, whose continuing interest has been of great benefit to the Society.

Chess Society

The Chess Society has started off this year very well and has attracted many new members. The Senior team has moved up into League B of the Leinster Schools' Chess Association's Competition and drew 3-3 with Terenure College in their first match. The Junior team has begun this season with a 5-1 victory over Coláiste Eoin, and are showing great promise for future wins.

Due to the large increase of club members, we were supplied by the school with six new chess sets, which are appreciated very much.

The Library

At present there are over three thousand books in the Library. The majority of these are in the non-fiction section but there are about nine hundred in the fiction section. The reference section is growing, and we hope to add the Encyclopaedia Britannica to it in the near future. Boys and staff make good use of the facilities available and some use it at lunch time to eat in comfort, much to the annoyance of the Committee!

We are grateful to many people for gifts, among them the following: Mr. Ian Hunter, Mr. Eames, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Gamble, Mr. McIlwaine, Alan Beattie (6), Peter Roberts (6), Nigel Monaghan (6), Paul Ross (6), Edward Lee (6). The appeal to boys who left school in 1972 produced the excellent total of £86, and this year's appeal has already brought in £47. This, when added to the annual grant from the Board of Governors, enables us to make additions to all sections of the Library. At present secondary schools receive no help from the Government in buying books for libraries.

Committee: M. Cann, A. Cole, N. Couse, S. Dowds, D. Faulkner, C. Gray, K. Harris, S. Hinds, E. Meredith, N. Monaghan, A. Moore, E. Moss, G. Murray, S. O'Brien, G. Reeves, M. Risk, P. Roberts, P. Ross.

Michael Cann.

Parents' Association

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 1st October, 1973, in Danum and the Committee was elected for the 1973/74 season:—

Chairman: Mr. H. W. Burgess.

Hon. Treasurer: Dr. N. C. Smith.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. K. Hunt.

Committee: Mrs. R. Booker, Mrs. A. Dockrell, Mrs. J. Temperley, Mrs. M. White, Mr. S. Davies, Mr. E. Sullivan, Mr. E. Hunt.

There was a good attendance at this meeting but we are hopeful that next year we will see more parents involved in the Association. The Headmaster answered a number of questions put forward by parents, and Brian Hunt, one of the pupils, made a short speech asking for support for the Canoe Club.

Mr. Ian Broad introduced his team of film makers and Sebastian Delmonte gave us some idea of the difficulties encountered in making this film which was entitled "The High School". The film was thoroughly enjoyed by all present and filled some of the parents with nostalgia. Some parents will have recognised their son or sons in the film and we look forward to seeing it again when the sound effects have been added.

Choral Society

This year, thanks to an unusually large attendance from the upper forms (there are four boys in sixth form participating), the Society plans to produce "The Mikado" by Gilbert and Sullivan in February of next year. Rehearsals are progressing satisfactorily despite illness and people's voices breaking, and we wish Graeme Murray a speedy recovery from his illness.

One Saturday in November a number of the boys went to the Gaiety to see the Rathmines and Rathgar presentation of "The Mikado", the experience gained being invaluable. Our sincere thanks are due to Miss Barklie, without whose enthusiasm and patience none of this would be possible.

C.W.

The Music Society

The Music Society, now in its second year, after replacing the Gramophone Society, has met three times this term. The Society aims to play some of the lesser-known pieces rather than the well-known classics. It meets on Thursday evenings every three weeks and everyone, including parents and friends outside the school, is welcome although we feel more support could come from Forms 4 and under.

A wide variety of pieces have been played. Compositions by Beethoven, Sibelius, Handel and Dvorák, to name a few, including the short piece "Entrance of the Queen of Sheba" and the three-quarter hour "Beethoven Symphony No. 3—Eroica Symphony", an unusually long piece for the Music Society.

Much thanks is due to Mr. Hilliard, who uses his own stereo equipment for the meetings. We would also like to thank David K'Eogh for coming along one evening to play a selection of his records. Finally we would like to thank the staff for the use of the staff room for our meetings.

G. Reeves.

Examination Results

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

Degrees:

Moderatorship—Mathematics (1st Class Co-equal second place): P. A. Orr; Natural Sciences — Theoretical Physics (Special Honour): Choy, Wai Lam Thomas; Zoology (3rd Class): S. L. A. Daunt-Smyth; Geography (Class II, Div. 2): A. C. Boyle; (Class II, Div. 2): D. R. Johnson; (Class II, Div. 1): G. A. T. Mahon; (Class II, Div. 2): J. K. Sargeant; Psychology (Class II, Div. 2): A. C. Vaux; Legal Science (Class III): A. G. Graham; (Class II, Div. 2): G. C. Richards.

M.A.—A. R. L. Beck.

B.A.—Mathematics: H. R. E. Foxall; Natural Sciences: J. I. G. Csizmarik, A. C. Travers, T. H. D. Lewis, H. A. Boyle, I. S. Nicholls.

H.Dip.Ed.—(1st Class, Hons.): M. M. G. S. Delmonte (with Distinction in Teaching), B. D. Lewis; (Class II, Div. 1): N. J. G. Fallon, N. G. W. de L. Murtagh.

M.B.V.—P. A. Bloxham.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—A. B. Eppel, B. J. Gutkin, D. J. Tyrrell.

B.B.S.—Faculty of Economics and Social Studies (Class II, Div. 2): R. M. Cowan, P. C. Hogan, J. D. Silverstone, S. L. Davy.

B.D.S.—L. D. H. Lee.

B.A.I.—Engineering (Class II, Div. 2): K. W. Davey, K. C. Lam, I. S. Nicholls.

B.A. (Forestarii) C.—I. P. Booth.

Junior Sophisters

Classics (Class III): C. J. V. Packham; Modern Languages (German, Class II, Div. 2; Mod. Part 1): F. D. Chapman; (French, Class II, Div. 2; Mod. Part 1; Distinction in Spoken Languages): B. J. Ferguson; Mathematics (Class II, Div. 1): R. R. Irvine; (Class 1): J. G. Wilkinson; History (Class III): J. G. King; Natural Sciences (Class II, Div. 1): B. C. Storey; (Class I, Physics and Maths A)

(Class II, Div. 1): P. T. Cox; (Class I): M. Jeffares; (Class II, Div. 1): D. E. Jones; (Class III): N. A. Moyse; Economics and Social Studies (Pass): K. T. Aikins, I. R. Jackson; (Class II, Div. 2): D. W. Duffy; General Studies: P. M. McCrodden; Legal Science (Class II, Div. 2): A. J. Shatter; (Class III): C. G. Woodhouse; Engineering (3rd Year): M. Ferguson, J. H. Maybury, A. D. Taylor, B. S. Teh, A. R. Towell.

Senior Freshmen

Mathematics (Special Course: Class I, 1st place): N. Jeffares; (Class II, Div. 1): R. E. W. Smythe; (Class I): D. A. Reynolds; History (Class II, Div. 1): N. J. Cox; (Class III): G. A. Fish; Natural Sciences (Class I): N. Jeffares; Economic and Business Studies (Class II, Div. 1): D. I. Jacobson. The following Senior Freshmen passed their year being Satisfactory under the Continuous Assessment Scheme: D. E. Hunt, D. S. Mackey, A. A. Nagur, C. G. Orme, R. G. Woods, S. G. Wright; Legal Science (Class II, Div. 2): M. W. D'A. Tyrrell; General Studies: A. P. Walker.

Medicine (Distinction, 1st year Physiology): G. A. Chadwick; (Distinction 1st year Anatomy and Physiology): N. J. Moore; Veterinary: A. A. J. Mooney.

Junior Freshmen

Ancient and Modern (French, Class II, Div. 2; Latin Class III): J. Mossop; Modern Languages (English, Class II, Div. 1): P. P. O'Duffy; (French, Class II, Div. 1): P. P. O'Duffy; History (Class III): T. W. Elliott, G. E. Hughes, D. C. Robbie; Natural Sciences (Class III): J. M. Cohen, K. I. Trower; (Class II, Div. 2): I. C. Travers, B. J. Burdett; Economic and Business Studies (Class II, Div. a): D. K. McGarry, R. T. Mullen; (Class II, Div. b): S. W. Harris, P. E. Odlum, A. J. Sherling, J. G. Taylor; M. J. Sparksman; Legal Sciences (Class II, Div. 1): W. J. Cunningham; (Class II, Div. 2): P. J. Boyle; General Studies: A. T. Godsil, R. G. Walker; Engineering (1st Year): M. A. Golay, D. G. Rivlin; Pre-Medical: M. N. Eppel, D. S. Delmonte, R. H. D. Wormell, J. D. Chaloner; Medicine (2nd Medicine, Part II, Class II, Hons.): D. J. Moore, who won the Aquilla Smith Prize; (2nd Medicine, Part II): D. J. Sinclair, I. F. Geraghty.

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons
Pre-Medical Year: M. H. Gault; First Professional Exam: S. N. Woolfe.

The following degrees were unfortunately omitted from previous issues of THE ERASMIAN:

Moderatorship—History (Class II, Div. 2): A. R. Griffin (conferred Dec. 1972); Natural Sciences (Class II, Div. 1): M. V. Hanna (conferred Dec. 1972).

B.A.—D. J. Tyrrell (conferred Dec. 1972).

B.B.S.—(Class II): T. G. W. Bowen (conferred Dec. 1971); (Class II): D. Fahy (conferred Dec. 1972); P. M. Newmark (conferred Nov. 1972); G. L. Schouten (conferred Nov. 1972).

Special Prizes:

Hackett Prize in Natural Sciences — G. W. Flewett, N. D. A. Walshe.

Downes Divinity Premiums Written Composition—T. Haskins.

Cluff Memorial Prize—N. E. C. Gamble.

William Roberts Prize—C. J. V. Packham.

Diamond Payne Memorial Prize — H. R. T. Chillingworth.

Arthur Lyster Prize—N. Jeffares.

Begley Studentship—J. W. K. Carson.

De Renzy Centenary Prizes—R. J. R. Kirkham.

Henley Memorial Prize—N. Jeffares.

C. Walter Jones Book Prize in Organic Chemistry—M. Jeffares.

Institute of Chartered Accountants

Part II: Nigel Bryans (Dec. 1972), R. Gray (Dec. 1972). Part V: Donald Beck.

Auctioneers and Valuers Institute

Part III: D. J. Cooke, who is now fully qualified.
Part I: W. A. Noblett.

University College Dublin

B.A.—S. P. Hilliard; First Year Social Science: C. D. M. Simms; First Year B.C.L. Course: F. B. I. M. Nolan; Second Year Arts: A. L. D. Bradbury; First Year Legal Science: K. Ratnan.

SPORTS REVIEW

Cricket

OLD BOYS v. SCHOOL

The annual match versus the Old Boys was played at Danum on the 21st and 22nd June. The match took a new form in that the first innings was limited to 30 overs each. High School won the toss and batted first. Despite the early loss of Dockrell, Richards and Burns put on a stand of 49 for the second wicket. There was then a collapse in the middle-order batting and only Burns was successful with a good 84. Good batting at tail from D. Lewis and A. Peters enabled the team to reach 116 for 8.

The Old Boys, due to some fine batting by B. Buttimer, D. Sweetman and J. Ridgeway, made 120, Ford being High School's most successful bowler, capturing 5 wickets for 43 runs.

In the second innings High School batted steadily again. Due to some fine bowling by F. Brady and S. Molins both the School's opening batsmen were dismissed after fifteen minutes for 15 runs. I. Burns and J. Robbie took up the batting and again due to S. Molins' bowling, High School lost their captain, J. Robbie, for 8. G. Burgess came in and he and Burns set up a hot pace for a while, which was ended when J. Ridgeway caught Burns for 21. Burgess batted defensively yet steadily for the rest of the innings and hit a good 39 not out, while P. Gault batted well at the other end to hit 24 runs. The High School score at the end of the innings was 135 for 6.

The Old Boys went in for their second innings and due to fine batting by R. Molins and S. Molins, who between them hit 110 runs, F. Brady and J. Ridgeway brought the score to 134 for 3, the Old Boys winning the match by 7 wickets.

G. Burgess (Hon. Sec.).

Rugby Report

S.C.T. XV

The Senior team, with four members from last year's Cup-winning side, have had a reasonably successful season so far. The team had a bad start to the season by being beaten by a strong Belvedere side. However, after some training they began to fit in well. They

defeated C.B.C. and had tremendous wins over Terenure by 7-6 and St. Columba's, 18-3.

The pack is big and strong and has plenty of potential, while the backs are strong running and combine well together.

Congratulations are due to Ian Burns, Mike O'Kelly, Brian Crowe and Wayne Duffy, who all got Leinster Trials.

Both the S.C.T. and J.C.T. had an enjoyable trip to Campbell College, although both teams lost. The hosts were very kind and welcomed us with great hospitality.

We would like to wish the team every success in the Senior Cup competition.

2nd XV

The 2nd XV started the season well with wins over St. Andrews by 7-0 and Templeogue by 20-14. The team is maturing well. The forwards are big but lack determination for winning the ball in the loose. The backs are fast but very suspect in defence. With more combination between the forwards and the backs, the team should do well in the League competition.

The 3rd XV had a good win over C.B.C. by 28-10 in their first match.

J.C.T. XV

The Junior team this year has the makings of a useful side. The forwards are big and strong and have won some good possession for their fast backs. They have had quite a good season so far, with wins over Masonic by 34-4, Sandford by 26-4, and King's Hospital by 36-6. They started the season well by drawing with Belvedere 13-13. None of their defeats has been serious. They lost to Campbell by only 9-16. We wish them the best of luck in the Cup competition.

The J.C.T. 2nd XV have lost both their matches.

UNDER 14 XV

This team has been rather disappointing owing to lack of size rather than of skill, and has just had its first win. The backs have shown promise in attack but are weak in defence, while the forwards are in need of more weight. The side has plenty of spirit, and with more training should improve rapidly.

The Under 14 2nd XV has had two matches, both of which have been lost.

UNDER 13 XV

The Under 13 team has had a good start to the season, though it has been beaten by some strong teams. The players have combined well and have scored a good number of tries.

Victories include a 4-0 win over Wesley, a 12-4 win over Gonzaga, and a good 23-6 win over Newbridge.

UNDER 12 XV

The Under 12 XV have played only three matches so far. They have won one match, defeating Wesley by 7-0. The team is at the sorting-out stage and with more training in basic skills they should develop into a good side.

UNDER 11 XV

This year's team has already shown great promise. The forwards are big and combine well together. The backs look capable of scoring many tries. Their best result was a draw with Terenure, 8-8. This team should prove successful as the season advances.

UNDER 10 XV

Since the start of the season the Under 10 team has shown great enthusiasm. This is shown by the high turnout at practices. They were defeated in their only match against De la Salle. But this team shows great potential and can look forward with some confidence to their future fixtures.

STATISTICS

	P	W	L	D	F	A
S.C.T.	6	3	3	—	43	67
2nd XV	6	2	4	—	51	125
J.C.T.	8	3	4	1	126	88
Under 14	8	1	7	—	51	238
Under 13	6	3	3	—	43	108
Under 12	3	1	2	—	15	62
Under 11	2	—	1	1	8	22
Under 10	1	—	1	—	4	36
Under 10	1	—	1	—	4	36

G.D.W. (Hon. Sec.)

Swimming Club

Officers for 1973-4: *Captain:* Harvey O'Keeffe; *Vice-Captain:* John Fitzgerald; *Secretary:* Willie Campbell.

Tennis

Despite the very short summer term and the proximity of examinations, there was a high entry for both the Junior and Senior Championships, the results of which were:

Senior—Winner, P. Rungasamy; runner-up, J. Turner.

Junior—Winner, P. Negus; runner-up, P. De Lacy.

Boxing Club

Owing to Mr. Miller's absence from school for a year, Mr. O'Connor has volunteered to take his place. (Mr. O'Connor used to hold this post before he went to Canada.) We are very grateful to him and wish Mr. Miller every success for the year.

A meeting was held at the beginning of term to elect officers for the club. Mr. Myles, Mr. O'Connor and 45 boys were present. This was the largest attendance for many years. The officers were elected as follows: *Captain:* Paul Ross; *Vice-Captain:* Stephen Shera.

Boxing is held as usual on Friday afternoons at 4.00 p.m. We have had good attendances each Friday but there is still a big lack of boys from the 4th, 5th and 6th forms. We hope, though, that with the wave of enthusiasm held by lower form boxers that this problem will be solved in a few years.

We are very grateful to the sergeant, Noel Doyle, for drilling our punch-ball unit onto a wall in the room beside the Assembly Hall. This has proved invaluable to us.

It is hoped that we can hold a boxing match with another school in the near future. Inquiries are being made for this.

With the invaluable and ever-reliable help and guidance of Mr. Myles and Mr. O'Connor we feel that this year could be the most prosperous for the Boxing Club.

Paul Ross.

Badminton

After last season's successes in the Senior and Senior Seconds Leagues, and the Juniors being runners-up in their League, four teams have been entered this year. So far all matches have been won very convincingly.

The standard of the teams is high and the Juniors are very enthusiastic. Badminton in the Junior School is progressing well with about 20 boys playing. We are very grateful to Mrs. Kelly for coming in on Friday afternoons to coach them.

Officers for 1973-4: *Captain*: Richard Gray; *Secretary*: Michael Gill.

The teams are:—

Senior I—R. Gray (capt.), R. Mossop, M. Gill, I. Jackson.

Senior II—A. Cormack, P. Robbie, W. Duffy, A. Harrison.

Junior I—P. de Lacy (capt.), T. Turner, P. Aitkin, P. Young.

Junior II—P. Burry (capt.), G. Morton, L. Dawkins, B. Pierce.

Michael Gill.

4B2 Football

Our Soccer team has met with considerable success in the last two seasons, having won 8 out of 12 of our matches. The forwards have shown great eagerness and skill and have capitalised on the smallest mistake, scoring about 45 of the goals. The defenders have joined in the spree as well (Green 10), but most of our goals have come against weak opposition.

This season we have had little chance to play because we are an Intermediate Exam. class.

There has been this season a dispute with the rugby players and three of them resigned. This resignation has been a spot of luck for we have found very capable reserves in the way of Keegan, Clissmann and Daly. We show our best form, so it seems, when we are losing. On November 14, 1973, we played Stratford with our weakest side, but we only lost 5-4, and deserved to win; Kent, Hick and R. Green (who came on as sub and scored twice) showed prominently.

Last year we played a 4-3-3 system. Again we had some convincing victories, but our last match was undoubtedly the best when we lost 5-4 to Stratford, and (again) we were 5-1 down at half-time, but it could have been more but for the brave defending of Patterson, Green and Sheridan, and the skill of Styles, Belford and Morrison in the midfield. Speller, in goal, was like elastic, stretching from one

end of the goal to the other, but unfortunately the attack failed to shine and they missed a few golden chances, but in the second half they were right on key.

This season we obtained from the Headmaster permission to practice on a rugby pitch and we hope other forms will participate in school soccer.

D. Green.

Adventure Sports

Adventure sport activities in High School date from a Department of Education circular advertising an introductory course run by the Association for Adventure Sports (AFAS) in November 1969. Three members of staff attended the course in Sligo and decided as a result to start similar activities in school. Boys were initially encouraged to attend open AFAS courses and gradually interest and enthusiasm grew in the school. In the last two years a special weekend introductory course has been organised by AFAS at their centre, Tighlin, Co. Wicklow.

In September 1972, with reference to the preference of boys, interests of staff, facilities and geographical location of the school, it was decided to specialise in caving, mountaineering and canoeing. The Governors and Old Boys Union gave money to purchase equipment. Since then snorkel and orienteering have been added to the list. There is no doubt that the key person in establishing Adventure Sports in the school has been Mr. Hickmott, whose initial foresight, organisation and energy has made High School a leading school in this developing field.

High School, which has in the last few years received a large amount of assistance from AFAS, is now beginning to contribute quite considerably. Three recent old boys, D. Mitchell, B. Storey and J. Carson, have passed their mountain leaders certificates and are now instructing on AFAS courses as well as helping in school expeditions. Mr. Hickmott has served on an AFAS Committee which drew up a document making a case for greater financial assistance from the Government and which met the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education last July to represent their case.

It is hoped that the school will in the future in its turn assist other outside groups especially from the more underprivileged sections of our city.

Help is needed in two main ways at the moment in AFAS sports in school in the form of transport and instructors. Offers of help with transport from parents will be gladly taken up, also if any parent or old boy is qualified to instruct in any of the AFAS sports and willing to help occasionally he will have an opportunity to do so.

teachers and youth leaders who may wish to discuss the possibility of involving groups of young people.

Tickets, 5p, with reductions for groups, will be available from High School and from Fox's, College Green, in early January. Further information and posters may be obtained from the High School, Telephone 908946.

Series of Introductory Talks

With the object of encouraging more people to take an interest in Adventure Sports, the High School and the Association for Adventure Sports are arranging a series of talks and films.

The series of five sessions on consecutive Wednesday evenings starts on 23rd January at 8.00 and is sponsored jointly by the First National City Bank and Fitzwilton Ltd. The activities concerned are Canoeing, Surfing, Diving, Orienteering, Caving, Sailing and Mountaineering.

The Association for Adventure Sports, which is the central body for such activities in Ireland, was founded in 1969. It runs courses through Ireland and is a non-profit making body run almost entirely by voluntary workers. A.F.A.S. has the aims of encouraging participation, particularly among young people, and promoting safety and efficiency in all adventure sports while protecting the amenities of the Irish countryside.

The series of talks will be held at the High School, Zion Road, Rathgar. At the end of each session of talks, films and slides, the audience will be able to break up into smaller groups to question experts and will be given an opportunity to inspect the various items of specialist equipment.

Talks are primarily for young people, but should appeal to everyone; and as a special effort is being made to obtain films rarely seen in Ireland, they should also appeal to experienced participants.

The Association plans to provide inexpensive follow-up courses for anyone who wishes to widen his leisure interests by actually trying any of the activities, many of which are currently experiencing a tremendous growth in popularity.

Everyone going to the talks will be given a free sixteen-page booklet containing full information about the A.F.A.S. activities and an introduction by President Erskine Childers. The series will conclude with a Seminar for

The Canoe Club Report

The Canoe Club was formed on Saturday, 25th November, 1972, by some members of that year's Sixth Form, with Mr. Broad as master-in-charge. To get the club "off the ground", the school Governors gave it a generous grant, with which five canoes and accessories were bought. Members of the club competed in races with some success. During last year other pupils of the school also competed in races. At the beginning of this year the Old Boys Union kindly gave us money with which to buy a new canoe and accessories for it.

At Easter, 1973, the Canoe Club was officially opened to all who wished to join. Within the following four weeks we had a membership of over sixty. The boys learned the basic techniques on the River Dodder, which runs past the back of the school. Many precautions are taken to ensure complete safety while canoeing. During the term many of the boys went canoeing on the Liffey and on the Boyne, under the guidance of experienced instructors. An enjoyable time was had by all. Last September some of our members went on a two-day canoeing and climbing course held in the A.F.A.S. Outdoor Pursuits Centre at Tighlin, and many new canoeing techniques were learnt. Some of the older members of the club have competed in races over the past few months with a fair amount of success.

Recently a "Canoe Club Job Fortnight" was held. The boys went round their parents and friends and did jobs for them, for which they were paid. The proceeds went to the club, which purchased two more canoes, accessories for them, and eight canoeing helmets. We also purchased slalom posts for use on the Dodder. Thanks are due to all who supported the Job Fortnight. In the last few weeks the Parents Association have told us that they will help the club out with the buying of more equipment. We are very grateful to them.



Mr. Broad shows how it is done.

The Canoe Club now has eighty-five members and new members are always welcome.

Finally, on behalf of the club I would like to thank all the parents who have supported us. I would also like to thank those masters who continually provide transport, of both boys and equipment, to and from activities, and most of all, very many thanks are due to Mr. Broad for his continuous help and hard work in the running of the club.

Committee—Secretary: Stephen Dowds (6); *Chairman:* Brian Hunt (6); *Treasurer:* Ian Hanna (6); *Equipment Officer:* Nigel Monaghan (6); *Activities:* Colin Mahon (6).

Brian E. Hunt (Chairman).

High School Mountaineering Club

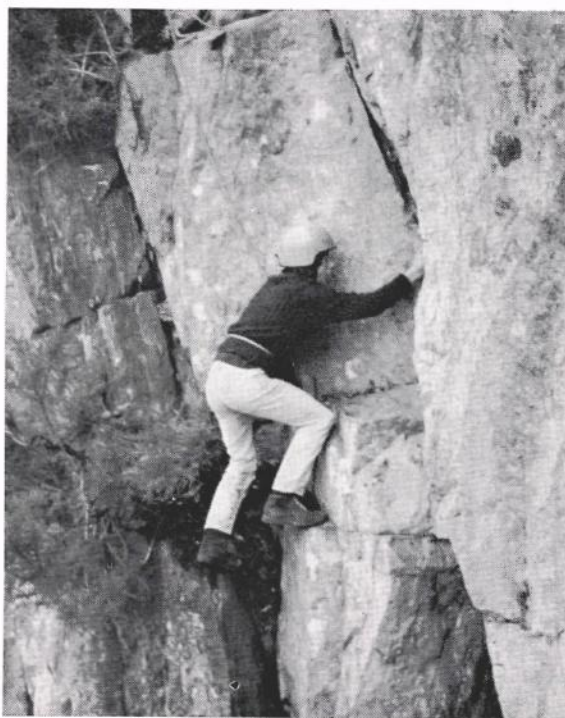
Since the Climbing Notes appeared in the last "ERASMIAN" we have experienced certain changes. We have had a growth in numbers, although this has been stunted as we are limited to the more serious forms, and as a direct result of this a formal club has been inaugurated and a committee elected. The following are the officers for this year: *Chairman:* Charles Wheeler; *Secretary:* Eric Gordon; *Treasurer:* Ivor Shaw. A nominal subscription of twenty-five pence is being charged this year.

Most of our activities have been concerned with rock climbing in Dalkey Quarry, where we have had elementary as well as advanced climbing. Various hill walking, as well as rock climbing expeditions are planned for the coming term, and the committee hope that attendance on these will be high. We hope

to travel further afield for these activities. We have received a further grant from the Board of Governors, and this has enabled us to add to our already extensive range of equipment. We are looking into the possibility of having training sessions in the school grounds.

On behalf of the club I would like to echo thanks to several instructors who have climbed with us and who have shared their skill in instructing our members. Two of the more prominent figures have been David Mitchell and Bob Richardson, whom we thank sincerely. Thanks are also due to Mr. Blackmore for taking a large part in the proceedings.

Ivor Shaw.



Scaling the heights in Dalkey.

Snorkling Club

This term saw the start of yet another new adventure sport, "Snorkling". At present there are about twenty keen snorklers, and due to the kind help given by Mr. McMullen we have been able to get an instructor, Mr. Jack Meaks, to come up to the pool on Tuesday nights. From here it is hoped that since a knowledge of snorkling has been given, the pupils will go on to take sub-aqua diving seriously.

Colin Mahon (Hon. Sec.)



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Letter from the President

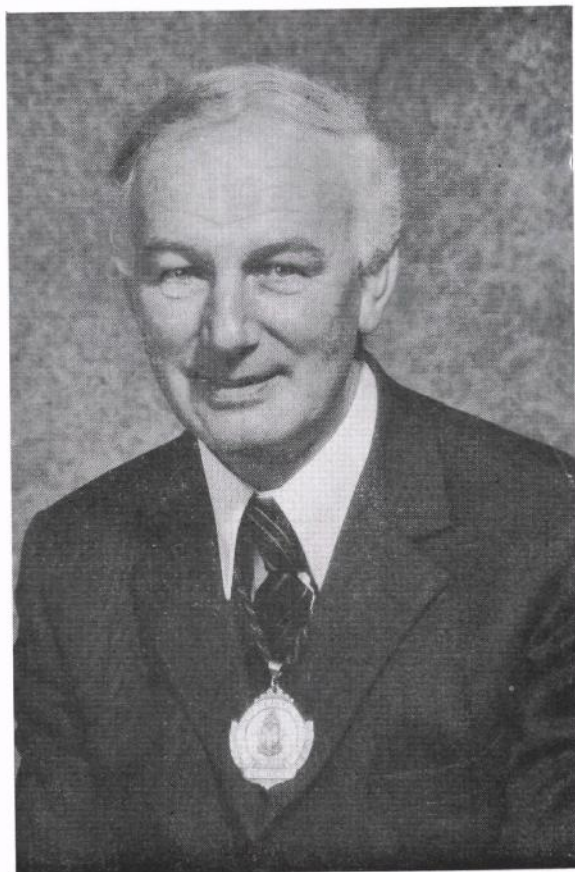
Dear Members,

To be elected President of the Old Boys' Union is indeed an honour, and one which I greatly appreciate. I shall do my best to maintain the standards set by my predecessors and to further the interests of the Union in every way possible.

A strong Union can be an asset to its members and to the School, but only if the strength is more than merely numerical. Real strength comes from the willingness of members to participate in Union affairs, to devote time and energy to organising its functions, and to make financial contributions when the Union is seeking to reach some worthwhile objective.

One source of such strength lies in the energy and enthusiasm of its younger members. They must be encouraged to take a larger part in the running of the Union. They have already demonstrated their capabilities in the splendid Annual Dance which they organised and ran in the School in November last. It was a most enjoyable evening and we congratulate Richard McConnell, David Hilliard and the Dance Committee on its success.

Another successful event was the Annual Question Time, held in the School on Nov-



MR. G. W. KEEGAN

ember 22nd. The Question Master, Bryan Wilkinson, put an enormous amount of work, ingenuity and imagination into his preparations and was rewarded by an enthusiastic response from the teams and from an audience that filled the hall and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Congratulations, Bryan! Behind the scenes on both occasions our hard-working Secretary, Ian Hunter, played, as he always does, a vital part.

Everyone must have heard by now of the historic winning of the Leinster Schools' Senior Rugby Cup by last year's S.C.T. In the name of the O.B.U. I congratulate Donald Lewis and his team and their coaches, Mr. Cornish and Mr. Cole.

In recent years the sporting side of the School has developed in new ways with the introduction of Adventure Sports. These include caving, rock climbing, orienteering and other activities. Mr. Hickmott would welcome assistance in training boys in these sports from Old Boys who have special skills in any of them. If you think you can help, please get in touch with him at the School.

In conclusion, may I wish you all happiness at Christmas and throughout the coming year.

Yours sincerely,
George Keegan.

News of Old Boys

KINGSLEY T. AIKINS (1963-69) has been awarded his rugby colours in T.C.D.

PETER H. BEAMISH (1962-68) is now Personnel Officer of the Industrial Bankers—Lombard and Ulster Banking Ireland Ltd.

F. JACKIE BLOOMFIELD (1956-65) has obtained his Ph.D. from T.C.D. for his thesis "Studies on the Vitamin B₁₂—Binding Proteins in Human Plasma and Serum", on returning from Columbia University, New York, where he was attached to the College of Physicians and Surgeons interested in Leukemia Research. He now has a Fellowship to Hammersmith Hospital in London.

DAVID P. BURDETT (1964-69) won the Castrol Student of the Year Award Institute of Motor Industry and has now joined the Crawford Group as Manager of their Datsun Wholesale Department at Naas Rd. Motors Limited.

ROBERT A. BUTTIMORE (1953-59) obtained his Ph.D. degree at Churchill College, Cambridge, in 1972 and is at present Classics master at Merchant Taylors School, Rickhamsworth, Middlesex.

JOHN W. K. CARSON (1960-69) has been awarded his athletic colours for the year 1973.

BRYAN D. CARSON (1959-67), who was with Shell Chemicals (U.K.) Ltd., has moved to Turner & Newall as an Industrial Engineer.

RONALD A. J. CARSON (1957-64) has received his doctorate for his thesis "Dielectric Loss at Low Temperature", which was the result of his work at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge.

ROBIN J. CHILLINGWORTH (1928-35) was President of the Athletic Club, T.C.D., for the 1972/'73 season.

ERIC R. CRAMPTON (1951-54) has left Córas Tráchtála and is now Marketing Manager of Arklow Pottery.

JOSEPH I. G. CSIZMARIK (1965-70) published an article entitled "Radio Astronomy in the Netherlands" in the "Irish Times".

P. J. CUSTIS (1930-37), S.C.A., S.C.M.A., J.Dip., M.A., M.B.I.M., previously Director-Controller of G.K.N. Burfield Transmissions Ltd., has been appointed Group-Controller of Guest, Heen & Nettlefolds Ltd., Birmingham.

ADRIAN J. DAVIS (1956-68) graduated from the Shannon School of Hotel Management in October 1973, taking first place with first class honours. He also received a scholarship presented by Trust Houses Forte to study Business Administration methods in a university in America.

JONATHAN C. FISHER (1959-61) has obtained his Ph.D. for his thesis "Studies of the Dielectric Properties of some Alkali Halides" from T.C.D.

DR. W. GODFREY G. FISHER (1946-57) has obtained the degree of F.R.C.S.C. and is attached to Ottawa Civic Hospital.

WINSTON A. FISHER (1948-59) is a Computer Operator in Westminster Bank, London.

DAVID F. FORD (1955-66), who was awarded the Henry Fellowship to Yale University for 1972/73, obtained an S.T.M. (Master of Sacred Theology) Degree there. He is now on the Nader Scholarship for three years at St. John's College, Cambridge, studying for a Doctorate in Theology.

DR. RONALD M. GALLOWAY (1948-54) is Consultant Psychiatrist at Craigavon Area Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital, Armagh.

ALAN G. GRAHAM (1963-69) is the Secretary of the International Committee of the National Youth Council. He represented Ireland on the Financial and Administrative Control Commission of the European Youth Body, which has a yearly budget of £30,000. He was at the East-West European Security Conference in Budapest last June.

D. B. W. GOOD (1915-25), Judge of the Federal Court of Appeal, Malaya (Retired), is now Commissioner for Law Revision, Malaysia.

JOSEPH T. HAMILTON (1924-32) is President of the Dublin Rotary Club.

REV. CECIL G. HYLAND (1946-55), formerly Church of Ireland's Youth Officer in Belfast, appeared in the R.T.E. television series "Outlook" and is currently Dean of Residence for Church of Ireland students in T.C.D. and Reader in the College Chapel.

W. A. (BILL) INGRAM (1924-30) has been appointed General Manager of The Irish Civil Service Building Society.

ARTHUR R. JOLLEY (1936-42) has been elected President of the Insurance Institute of Dublin for the 1973/'74 session.

WILLIAM G. KIRKPATRICK (1923-30) has been appointed Principal of Wesley College, Dublin.

NIGEL D. KNOWLES (1948-56) is now with Concrete Industria (Monier) Ltd. as Pre-Stress Development and Production Manager. He covers the territory of Australia and Indonesia.

TREVOR H. LLOYD (1955-61) was Site Agent for 2½ years for Delkins Ltd. in Ndola, Zambia, and has now joined the staff of Roberts Construction Ltd., Kitwe. This is the largest Civil Engineering Construction Co. in Zambia.

GEORGE D. LYONS (1933-40) has been appointed Financial Controller and Company Secretary of Pure Air International Ltd.

WILLIAM B. LYSTER (1948-58) is Chairman of the Dublin Society of Chartered Accountants.

MAURICE F. McDONOUGH (1952-55) has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Jackson-Stops and McCabe.

ERNEST J. MARGETSON (1939-46) has just concluded his captaincy of Foxrock Golf Club.

GEORGE E. MIDDLETON (1937-39) was in Dublin this term to make a film of the Paul Henry paintings which were on exhibition in the New Library of T.C.D. The film was transmitted by the B.B.C. of N. Ireland.

PROFESSOR G. F. MITCHELL (1922-30) has been granted leave of absence for Michaelmas Term 1973. He will attend the International Congress of the International Union for Quaternary Research in New Zealand in

December, and will also act as Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University in Canberra.

JONATHAN W. MOSSOP (1960-71) has been awarded the Owen Sheehy Skeffington Memorial Prize in T.C.D.

NIGEL W. de L. MURTAGH (1957-67) is teaching in Arklow Vocational School.

PETER W. NEWELL (1956-62) is Accountant with Gill & Macmillan, having left Ever Ready (Ireland) Ltd.

FRANCIS B. M. I. NOLAN (1971-72) is apprenticed to Garrett T. Gill of Matheson, Ormsby & Prentice.

BRIAN C. O'NEILL (1957-64) has obtained his Ph.D. from Liverpool University for research on Gas Discharge.

DAVID A. ORR (1931-40), Vice-Chairman of Unilever since 1970, and a member of the three-man Special Committee which steers the Company, is to take over the Chairmanship next May. He is still a Vice-President of London-Irish Rugby Club, which he captained for four years.

PHILIP A. ORR (1961-69) has been awarded his athletic colours for the year 1973. He is now playing for Old Wesley. He has joined the firm "Eukon Associates", Management Consultants, Bridge House, Baggot St.

JOHN H. REID (1964-73) has had a very successful season's athletics. In the Leinster Athletics Championships he was second in the West Leinster Zone of the 200 metres (in 23.3 seconds), and was again second in the All-Leinster finals with a time of 23.1 seconds. In the All-Ireland finals he took third place with 23.00 seconds. In the Inter-Provincial match he was second in the time of 23.4 seconds. At the Students' Games Trials he returned the time of 11.4 seconds for the 100 metres (second place), and 23 seconds for the 200 metres, taking first place. In the International Quadrangular Match he obtained fourth place in both these races with times of 11.3 and 22.9 seconds.

JOHN C. ROBBIE (1963-73) has been awarded his colours for rugby in T.C.D.

ROBERT S. SAVAGE (1923-30) is the Secretary of the Bank of Ireland.

DR. J. WILLIAM SHAW (1958-64), who was Radiology Registrar in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, has become Registrar in Radiology in Dundee Teaching Hospitals.

DESMOND F. SPEIDEL (1932-33, 1937) is President of the N. Dublin Rotary Club.

IAN C. TRAVERS (1962-72) has been awarded his athletic colours for the year 1973.

GEORGE W. TAYLOR (1921-28) is a Director of Ever Ready (Ireland).

KENNETH E. J. TYRRELL (1931-38) is President of the Institution of Advertisers in Ireland.

DAVID VIPOND (1955-66), who is a member of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist), stood as an Independent candidate in the recent Monaghan bye-election.

JOHN P. WILLIAMS (1944-55), who was with Control Systems, Sydney, is now with Diethelm & Co. Ltd., Aluminium Division.

ROBERT P. WILLIS (1935-41) has relinquished his Chairmanship of Cement Roadstone Holdings. Mr. Willis is Managing Director of Irish Life and also a large shareholder in C.R.H., and he was appointed Chairman on the death of Mr. Lemass. On taking the post he had stated that he would hold it only temporarily. Mr. Willis will remain on the C.R.H. Board.

G. DAVID WOODS (1966-72), who obtained a Rotary Scholarship to the Gulf High School, U.S.A., has moved from there on a further scholarship to read history in Harvard University.

ROBIN H. D. WORMELL (1956-67) has been awarded his athletic colours for the year 1973.

Marriages

TREVOR G. W. BOWEN (1959-67) to ALISON M. McKEE on 17th November, 1973, at Broadway Reformed Church, Walsall, Staffordshire.

DR. RICHARD C. BURROWS (1958-66) to ANN BYRNE on 14th July in University Church, Dublin.

TERENCE R. M. COBBE (1952-63) to JULIET DARLING on 28th July, 1973, at St. Brigid's Church, Stillorgan.

KENNETH W. DAVEY (1966-69) to V. ELIZABETH McCOLLUM on 8th September, 1973, at Hill St. Presbyterian Church, Lurgan.

GRAEME I. DUFF (1960-67) to DEIRDRE KEANE on 5th October, 1973, at the Queen of Heaven Church, Dublin Airport.

ROBERT J. DURIE (1957-65) to FRANCES M. SWITZER on 1st September, 1973, at Killaloe Cathedral.

PETER R. HALL (1962-65) to MARY F. CURTIN on 22nd June in Dublin, at the University Church.

RICHARD G. HASKINS (1962-69) to SHEILA A. O'CALLAGHAN on 1st September, 1973, at Harold's Cross Parish Church.

ROBERT B. HASKINS (1959-65) to R. SUSAN BRAY on 7th July, 1973, in Dun Laoghaire Methodist Church.

GEORGE S. KEOGH (1961-67) to AILSA M. SWAIL on 8th September, 1973, at Kill-o'-the Grange Church.

KENNETH P. McCORMICK (1957-64) to HELEN WHITNEY, on 27th July, at the Presbyterian Church, Greystones.

RODNEY B. MOLINS (1956-67) to SHARON HAMILTON, on 3rd June, 1973, at Cardiff.

NORMAN H. PRIESTMAN (1961-67) to AVERIL J. GARGAN, on 14th September, in St. Thomas's Church, Foster Ave., Mount Merrion.

R. ANTHONY REYNOLDS (1955-66) to SHIRLEY M. ROUNTREE, on 25th July, 1973, at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

DEREK A. SINGLETON (1964-66) to EVA B. NELSON, on 23rd June, 1973, at St. Paul's, Glengary.

NORMAN B. STOREY (1958-66) to ELIZABETH M. WOODS, on 1st September, in Wicklow Parish Church.

C. RICHARD TINSLEY (1958-64) to DANA P. HIKEN, on 27th October, 1973, in New York.

DEREK J. TYRRELL (1958-66) to HILARY A. FERGUSON, on 8th September, 1973 at Rathfarnham Parish Church.

NIGEL D. A. WALSHE (1957-68) to JACQUELINE M. MAGUIRE, on 19th June, 1973, in Dublin.

REV. CHRISTOPHER WARREN (1946-54) to ELSA POYRY, on 21st June, 1973, in Karuna Church, Helsinki.

WILLIAM R. WISDOM (1957-63) to MARY McDONNELL, on 21st September, 1973.

DENIS A. WOODS (1958-65) to MARGARET G. WOODS, on 8th September, 1973, in Christ's Church, Rathgar.

JOHN H. WYNNE (1958-65) to E. HAZEL ROTHWELL, on 14th September, 1973, at Kilcommon Church, Tinahely, Co. Wicklow.

ROBERT A. WYNNE (1961-67) to SANDRA PARKINSON, on 20th July, 1973, in St. Thomas's Church, Foster Ave., Dublin.

Deaths

TERENCE E. P. DARLING (1930-35) of 26 Grange Park, Rathfarnham, on 29th September, 1973.

PLEVNA T. ELLIS (1921-22) of 91 Marlborough Rd., Donnybrook, on 23rd September, 1973.

CECIL H. H. FENNELL (1909) of Bank of Ireland, on 15th June, 1973.

ERIC G. HUGHES (1937-40) of 34 Ballytore Rd., Rathfarnham, in June, 1973.

ARCHIBALD H. O'NEILL (1931-36) of 9 Ashdale Rd., Terenure, on 10th June, 1973.

DAVID I. OAK (1946-47) of 20 St. Aidan's Park Avenue, on 13th August, 1973.

FREDERICK ST. G. SLEITH (1908-11) of Westbury, Silkmere Lane, West Horsley, Surrey, on 10th October, 1973.

CHARLES R. H. STEWART (1906-11) of Can-nock, Staffordshire, late of 14 Harlech Crescent, on 18th November, 1973.

FREDERICK W. J. WATKINS (1915-16) of 43 Waterloo Rd., on 2nd November, 1973.

Obituaries

CAPTAIN IVAN HAMMOND (1925-29)

Captain Ivan Hammond of Howth, Co. Dublin, who has died, was, at the time of his retirement four years ago, the longest-serving pilot with Aer Lingus. He was also the first pilot in Irish aviation to have flown a million miles.

Born in Dublin and educated at the High School, Captain Hammond began flying at Kildonan Flying School in 1934 and obtained his first licence in November of that year. He joined Aer Lingus in August, 1937, when the airline was one year old. He flew as second officer until 1938, when he was appointed captain, flying DH.89 on the Dublin/Isle of Man route. He was appointed senior captain in 1946 and senior captain first class in 1949. He had flown most of the aircraft types operated by Aer Lingus. He piloted inaugural flights to Rome, Dusseldorf, Birmingham and Lisbon. Captain Hammond also flew the first Aer Lingus flight to London after the second World War. For 28 years he piloted the first plane to leave Dublin Airport every New Year's Day. He retired in September, 1968.

—(Courtesy of "The Irish Times")

P. T. ELLIS (1921-22)

Christened Plevna Turner Ellis, he was universally known as "Plev".

While he had been very seriously ill earlier this year he had made a remarkable recovery, so that his sudden death last weekend came as a shock to his family and to a wide circle of friends. Someone remarked at his funeral that he will be remembered best for his sportsmanship; this was saying rather more than that he was a good sportsman.

In fact he was a great all-rounder, playing rugby for High School, and, as a member of Clonliffe Harriers, he was an outstanding athlete. In the 'thirties he played soccer as an amateur for Ireland—he was "capped" seven times in full internationals. Playing for Bohemians he gained Championship and Cup Winners' Medals, and later became a hard-working official on his club's management committee and also served as a selector.

He was an active member of the scout movement for over 25 years, with the 33rd Dublin, of which, for 14 years, he was Leader, running it with a remarkably successful blend of humour and discipline to make it one of the most outstanding Scout Troops in Ireland for more than a decade.

It was appropriate that the funeral service was conducted by one of Plev's Assistant Scout Leaders—and that Plev was laid to rest under the tall spruce trees in Enniskerry churchyard, close to the Powerscourt demesne which he knew and loved so well.

—(Courtesy of "The Irish Times")

Societies and Clubs

University Philosophy Society:

Treasurer—J. R. McCall.

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Auditor—T. Hamilton.

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Classical Society:

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Treasurer—A. Sherling.

Engineering Society:

Sports Secretary—A. R. Towell.

Geographical Society:

Publicity Officer—K. Trower.

Laurentian Society:

Treasurer—G. Newman.

Trinity News:

Editor—P. Murtagh.

Werner Chemical Society:

Chairman—D. Vipond.

Motor Cycle and Light Car Club:

Secretary—M. Bryan.

Social Secretary—S. Richards.

Athletic Club:

President—R. J. Chillingworth.

Track Secretary—I. Travers.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held in the School on Friday, 19th October, with our President, Mr. C. A. Boyle, in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer presented their reports, which were unanimously adopted, as were the reports of the Hon. Sports and Social Secretaries.

Our new President, Mr. G. W. Keegan, took over the chair during the evening and we wish him every success during his term of office.

The meeting concluded with a showing of the film, made by the staff and the boys, depicting a day in the life of the school at Harcourt Street and including scenes from the opening ceremony at Danum. This film was much appreciated by all present and the effort put into this production by the staff and the boys has proved very well worth while.

Annual Dance

The Annual Dance was held by the kind permission of the Headmaster and the Board of Governors in the School on Friday, 2nd November.

The tremendous effort put into the organisation of the Dance by Richard McConnell and the Dance Committee was well rewarded as the function was without doubt an unqualified success.

Our thanks are due to the Headmaster and his staff for their kind co-operation with the arrangements, and in particular to Mrs. Bell as the organisation and presentation of the supper was of a very high standard indeed and very much appreciated by all present.

Apart from being a most enjoyable social occasion, the Dance was also financially successful and a most satisfactory surplus was realized.

Annual Dinner 1974

The Annual Dinner will be held in the School on Saturday, 19th January, and members who intend being present should return the enclosed Application Form as soon as possible.

London Dinner 1974

This function will be held on Friday, 15th February, 1974 (venue to be arranged). Application Forms are enclosed herewith and should be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Over recent years this function has received growing support and it is to be hoped that the members of the Old Boys' Union residing in the U.K. will avail of this opportunity to renew old friendships.

Register of Members

The attention of members is drawn to the enclosed form which should be used to notify all permanent changes in address.

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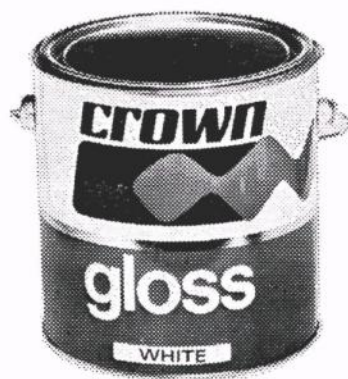
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