

# ROSCREA

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## We Are Still in Business—

This is edition No. 43 of the ROSCREA REVIEW and I am very pleased to say that despite our foreboding which was given expression in our last edition we are still in business. The fact that we are able to continue is in no small way due to the prompt and generous support following our recent appeal and we would like to express on behalf of all our membership our very sincere thanks to all of those who subscribed so promptly to our urgent appeal for funds.

All subscriptions were acknowledged personally by the General Secretary, Father Dermot.

The Central Committee are still anxious to secure the long term future of the ROSCREA REVIEW and despite the very generous response to our appeal we are still very badly in need of financial support. We are hoping in the near future to organise through the various branches more direct appeal for help and this will have the personal support of the

President of the Union, Mr. Noel Windle, who has made it one of the major objectives during the term of his Presidency to place the ROSCREA REVIEW on a firm financial basis. We are confident that with your support he will achieve this objective.

If you wish to post a contribution or better still fill in the enclosed Banker's Order in favour of the Union please do so and post it to the Rev. Father Dermot, General Secretary of the Union.

Hon. Gen. Treasurer

## Letter from the President

I am joined by Central Committee of your Union in thanking most sincerely the members who responded so generously by their contributions to the ROSCREA REVIEW fund as a result of my appeal in the Spring issue of the Review.

Central Committee consisting of members from branches throughout the country reported favourably at our September meeting on the initial response to the appeal for funds to support the ROSCREA REVIEW.

I am at the moment arranging to meet the Chairman and Committee of each branch at local level to discuss the financial problems of your Union, and to ensure that the reasons for the appeal are clearly understood by the

members, so that the mandate given to your President by Central Committee will be achieved.

The success of the fund raising campaign with contributions coming in from senior members of the Union down to the recent past, illustrates the Unions' strength, and the Past Pupils loyalty and commitment to their Alma Mater.

A reassuring example of this commitment is highlighted by a recent letter received by your President from Desmond O'Brien of the '77 class, who is now resident in New York, requesting information about the Union, and offering to establishing a New York branch!

N.W.

## Tribute

**Anne Burke** died last July. Her death was a source of deep sorrow to her husband Seán and her children David, Maria and Brian. It made a deep impact also on our Community, on our teaching staff and on our pupils, past and present.

The teaching staff showed their support for Seán by their presence at the removal of Anne from Dublin, and at the Requiem Mass at Roscrea Parish Church and at the interment in the Monastery Cemetery. The Community were represented in Dublin by Frs. Peter and Kevin, and Frs. Emmanuel and Ciarán were waiting at Roscrea Church for the arrival of the cortege. Frs. Peter and Kevin officiated at the Requiem Mass, and the Lord Abbot and almost the entire monastic Community were waiting in the cemetery for the final rites of burial.

The turn out of past and present pupils on both days was a fitting tribute to Anne's memory and a token of their respect and sympathy for Seán. The Past Pupils' Union was represented by the President, Mr. Noel Windle and Past Presidents Mr. Pat O'Shea and Mr. Frank Lynch.

Last year's captains Morgan Keane, John Connolly, and John Walsh represented the recent past and present students.

Anne's courage and patience during the past year of illness and Seán's resilience and faith during the crisis are examples for us monks of how lay people can live out the Christian message of love and resignation. We shall long remember them and their family in our daily liturgy.



Past-President, Pat O'Shea offers the President Noel Windle — on right — tips on After Dinner speeches.

# A Time to Choose

As I write, Autumn has savaged my little garden. The flowers are battered, the leaves are dropping, the grass is yellowing. Like Kinsella in *Mirror in February*, '... I look at my reflection but the image is not of the prematurely-aging young Kinsella, but of Yeats' 'sixty-year-old smiling, public man.'

Maybe I don't normally smile that much and have long since withdrawn from public life. But I am in the autumn of my career; the shoulders are annually drooping a little lower; I tend to repeat myself.

But in recent months I have found myself smiling a little oftener as I made an unexpected foray (my last hurrah!) into public life in Roscrea town.

I have been involved since last February in the campaign to amend the constitution in the hope that this would slow down the legalising of abortion in our little country. I was asked to lead the local committee as I am not a member of any political party or of any religious organisation (e.g. 'Legion of Mary' or 'Vincent de Paul') or attached to any 'right-wing Catholic' group (like 'Opus Dei' or 'Knights of Columbanus'). The reason for asking me was not flattering; but I agreed in my humility!

It was an interesting experience but I do not write about that here. My aim is elsewhere. I noted the prominence of some of our legal, medical and political pastmen in the 'NO' drive. Less noticeable but maybe more effective were some of our religious, medical and legal past students on the 'YES' side.

The issue was complex. It divided our medical and legal opinion and caused rifts in moral views also. It highlighted for me one of my fundamental educational tenets — that we must train our students to formulate a basic set of principles, to apply these principles to the situations and issues of modern life and to vocalise their views when and where the 'community's welfare' so demands.

The amendment was an extreme example perhaps but it tests my tenet. Never have I witnessed such a flood of literature on any topic. Never have I seen the 'lunatic fringe' of left- and right-wing extremism so nakedly extremist. Yet as a people we were being asked to say 'Yes' or 'No' to this confusing question. In the event 67% of those who voted said 'Yes', 33% said 'No' and the abstaining 47% were either unable to vote or vacillated. That certainly was a probing check on how well we educators and parents have taught generations of students how to think their way through a welter of opinions and a sea of emotionalism.

Another factor of primary educational importance also emerged — the role of the media and the need to get training in how to look for truth in the media. *The Irish Times* was consistently biased in its reporting and commenting. *The Irish Press* and *Irish Independent* were not far behind. Radio Éireann and Televis Éireann attempted balance in some programmes but leaned heavily towards the anti-side.

Lastly the Churches. The bishops said 'Inform your conscience and vote "yes".' The Protestant churches said 'Vote "no".'

September 7 has come and gone. Autumn is turning into winter. But winter will turn to spring for many of us and the work of renewing will continue as we try once again our annual educational assaults on the citadels of bigotry, prejudice, fanaticism and plain

cussedness. But not to worry. We are still full of hope. As Shelley declared (in *Ode to the West Wind*): 'If Winter comes can Spring be far behind?' (No reference here to the leader of the Labour Party.)

So I make my attempt to straighten my shoulders and ...

Liam S. Maher.

# DISCO

There was a special "Save the REVIEW Disco" held in the Lansdowne R.F.C. on Saturday November 12th, 1983. It was organised by Billy Murphy, Terry Gleeson, Michael Coyle and Fintan Murphy. It was an outstanding success, packed to capacity and very many had to be turned away. We would like to express our sincere thanks to these brave men who faced such an undertaking.

## Past v. Present Rugby Match

This was played on Union Day, October 2nd 1983.

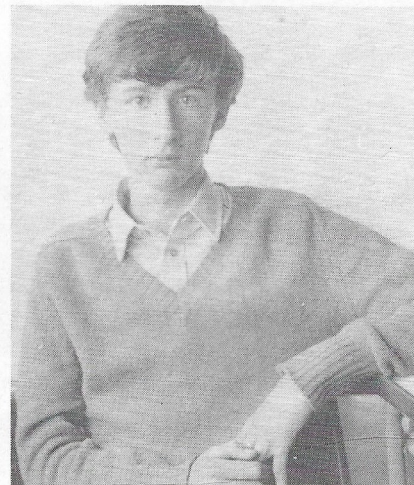
One of the strongest Past teams in recent years took the field this year for the annual match against the Present senior team. It included two former Internationals in Ned Byrne and Gerry Culliton. The latter Captained the team but unfortunately had to retire early in the match. (He has since made a full recovery and all pastmen send him their best wishes). Incidentally three Cullitons started the match. Gerry and his son Brian playing for the Past and son Ronnie representing the Present. That record should stand for a long time!

Despite the wet and windy weather, the match was played in an open and free-flowing style. The Past enjoyed considerable forward dominance but the backs failed to use the plentiful possession to full effect. In addition the tackling and general covering of the Present team was at times exemplary and bodes well for their Cup campaign this season. Mick O'Leary, Ned Byrne and Peter Daly were involved in most of the best moves by the Past pack and used their size and weight to full advantage. In the backs Pat Crotty performed well, as did Dathi O'Connor and David Daly.

The commitment to open play was reflected in the fact that the game produced five tries, three for the Past and two for the Present. Paul Wrafter, David Daly and Peter

Daly scored for the Past and B. McHale and P. Shanahan replied for the Present. With out-half Dathi O'Connor adding two conversions and a penalty the Past managed a narrow victory: 19 points to 15.

Past Fifteen: B. Finlay, David Daly, M. Keane, E. Maher, N. O'Mahony, D. O'Connor, P. Crotty, B. O'Callaghan, M. Murphy, N. Byrne, G. Culliton, B. Culliton, Peter Daly, M. O'Leary, P. Wrafter. Subs.: D. O'Connor for G. Culliton; M. Kinirons for N. O'Mahony.



Union Gold Medal winner, Anthony Whelan, Scarrif, Inter. — 8 As and 2 bs.



Past v. Present line out: October '83

# Annual General Meeting and Union Day

The date was the 2nd October, 1983, the day was the first Sunday of the month and the occasion was the Annual General Meeting of the Cistercian College Roscrea Union, the venue as always was the college.

The first Sunday of October has been established as Union Day over many years and is fixed at this date to give all past students the opportunity to anticipate our A.G.M. and to mark in their diaries this special day in the affairs of the Union.

The day commenced with the traditional Mass for the deceased members of the Roscrea Past Pupils Union concelebrated by the Lord Abbot and the members of the community, many of whom are past students of the college including the Lord Abbot. The community choir was supported by the boys of the college choir under the guidance of Miss Frankie Bergin and were supported on this occasion by the visiting choir of the Parish of Foxrock, Dublin, which added to the sense of occasion.

The President of the Union, Mr. Noel Windle, and the House Captain of the College, Mark Redmond, read the lessons.

Following the Mass there was a very lively and cheerful gathering in the College for a snack lunch which gave many the opportunity to mix and meet with old friends, some of whom had not met for many years and were obviously happy reminiscing and exchanging notes on the changes that they had noticed in the College since their last visit.

These were some of the Members who attended the A.G.M. Pat O'Shea, Past President; Kevin Dwan, President Elect; Frank Lynch, Honorary Treasurer; John Kenny, Cork; David Garahy, Enniscorthy; Colm Irwin, Navan; Prof. Michael Geoghegan, Newcastle; Gerry Slattery, Gorey; Pat Rafferty, Tipperary; John Cahill, Roscrea; Michael O'Brien, Stradbally; Tom Hastings, Enniscorthy; Noel Hayes, Dublin; Tony Slattery, Fethard; Dr. Ailbe O'Meara, San Jose, California; Raymond Hoare, Cyprus; Denis Crowley, Dublin; Gerard Bates, Dublin; Frank Cullen, Greystones; Finton McMahan, Dublin; Ciarán McMahan, Greystones; Billy Murphy, Dublin; Dr. Colm O'Colmain, Ballinaclough; Eamonn Ryan, Lanesborough; Dan O'Meara, Roscrea; Michael Connellan, Longford; Eamonn McGowan, Sligo; Eugene Garvey, Tullamore (Birr); Jim Loughnane, Nenagh; John Lennon, Dublin; Dr. Seán Murphy, Portumna; Dr. Barney Sherry, Dublin; John Cahalan, Ballingarry; Kevin Liffey, Shinrone; Fr. Peter, O.Cist. and Fr. Dermot O.Cist., Roscrea.

Unfortunately, Sister Rita, who is usually very prominent in the arrangements of the lunch and dinner was not present and we were all very surprised and sorry to hear that she had been involved in an unfortunate accident the previous day and the Union through the President expressed regret and hoped that she would make an early and complete recovery. We have learned since that Sister Rita has made a full recovery and is back on duty.

It did not go un-noticed that two past Presidents, Frank Lynch and Pat O'Shea, were delegated to man the cash desk at the front hall and it is worthwhile noting that even

past Presidents still have a useful function to perform in the affairs of the Union.

An enjoyable snack lunch was followed by the A.G.M. which was held in the college and presided over by the President of the Union and as usual ably supported by our General Secretary, Father Dermot, the business of the meeting was conducted in an efficient manner and a full and lively discussion focused mainly on the future of the ROSCREA REVIEW and the strong feeling of the meeting was that the REVIEW was an essential part of the Union's means of communicating with the membership and as such every effort should be made to place it on a sound financial basis. The President and the committee undertook to raise the necessary funds to do so and confidence was expressed in the future of the REVIEW.

The President then undertook the very pleasant task of introducing our new President Elect, Mr. Kevin Dwan, who has been acknowledged as a very popular choice and the meeting joined with the President of the Union in congratulating Kevin and wishing him well during his period of presidency which will commence at the next A.G.M. in October, 1984.

With the conclusion of the meeting the assembled members beat a hasty path to lend vocal support to the Union and College teams and both games of rugby and hurling although played in less than ideal conditions were most enjoyable. Unfortunately, however, the day was marred when Gerry Culliton was taken ill during the rugby match. We were however very pleased to learn that Gerry has since made an excellent recovery.

It was generally agreed that the senior rugby team will give an excellent account of itself in the Leinster Rugby Competition and take with them our best wishes for success.

The President of the College, Father Peter,

## About That Post Card

The last issue of the REVIEW carried over 1,500 Post reply Cards — maybe you did not get one, for we discovered we were a hundred or more short and we tried to omit sending them to the more recent pastmen. We depend on 'voluntary labour' for the job of inserting and enveloping the REVIEW. Sometimes the work is hurried along a bit by putting a few of these inserts into a single issue. So if you got more than one or none in your last copy this may be the reason. Anyway; on this card we asked for a confirmation or correction of your address, and also asked whether the recipient wished to continue to receive the REVIEW when it was issued.

This last point was mentioned in the hope that we might have legitimate reasons for cutting down on postage costs — they are now over £370.00. There were over three hundred cards returned. There were a great number of corrections to be made — these have been passed on to the computer which I am assured can't go wrong and has a memory superior to the elephant. These returns were discussed at Central Committee

entertained us to a sherry reception before the annual dinner.

The dinner was up to its usual excellent standard and an attendance of one hundred plus were wined and dined before being called to order by the M.C., Mr. Pat O'Shea, who did an excellent job in keeping order and guiding the affairs of the evening.

In his presidential speech Mr. Noel Windle gave us a very informative report on the many social functions which he has attended in the various branches during the first year of his presidency. He was generous in his tribute to the Branch Committees who under their various Chairmen had organised these functions and he emphasised the essential role that they play in keeping the various branches of the Union alive and relevant to the branch membership and for this reason he said that they should be supported.

The President also thanked the Central Committee for their support during the year and in particular thanked our General Secretary, Father Dermot, for his excellent work on behalf of the Union.

The Lord Abbot, Dom Colmcille, responded and during the course of his speech underlined the high regard he and the members of the community have for the Union and its work.

Father Peter, President of the College, brought us up to date on the affairs of the college, placing emphasis on the problems, social, economic and moral, facing young students today and paid tribute to the Union for its support, particularly in the area of career guidance. He also thanked the President, Mr. Noel Windle, for his unique record of loyalty to the college and the students.

Finally, our M.C. noted with pleasure the attendance of the members of the teaching staff of the college and paid a special tribute to them. As another very enjoyable Union Day drew to a close many of those present were even at this early stage looking forward to gathering again next year on the first Sunday in October.

and A.G.M. level. The consensus of opinion from the Officers and members was that the percentage of returns for such an exercise was very good, and that a non-return should not be construed as a negative answer! So, we just continue as before.

What would you do? Replies and opinions would be appreciated by the Editor. By the way, at the time of going to press there are replies still trickling in — a few from very far away places, but others nearly local! So much for the prompt reply requested on the post card.

Which reminds me; can anyone give the General Secretary a line on Ernie McElroy, who formerly had an address in Cork, but is now 'lost'. And a friend of George Franklin wishes to contact him — maybe he or someone who knows him would tell him, as he is not on our Membership List.

## DINNER

The 1983 Dinner was another undertaking of Billy Murphy's which will be written up more fully in the next issue of the REVIEW, which is to be edited by the South Eastern Branch sometime in the New Year.

## 'Tabhair dom do lámh'

In the school-year '78/'79 we held a Careers Workshop in C.C.R. It was run on conventional lines and was a success. 'Conventional' means that there were institutions represented and industries. The emphasis was then on information-giving.

A slight change was made the following year with less emphasis on institutions and information-giving and more emphasis on person to person chats. Hence almost all adults present were past-students.

Last year all the emphasis was on person to person counselling and the event was described as a 'Careers Counselling Evening'. It was most successful. Over 70 invited past-students spent several hours meeting with and chatting the fourth, fifth, and sixth year pupils. The evening was fruitful for the grateful student body and very rewarding and interesting for the pastmen.

So this is a very worthwhile exercise for past-students and will become an annual event affording them an opportunity to give much needed practical assistance to the present C.C.R. pupils in 'finding themselves' and their vocation.

Fifth and sixth year pupils are at a difficult age in life and C.C.R. does its best for them in many other ways besides academically. Through these Career Counselling Evenings pastmen can help prepare them for a very important transition — that from Secondary to Third-level and / or the world of work.

Invitations will soon be sent out, some weeks before a Saturday in November ... Any Volunteers?

An tAth. Aindriú Múinteoir Treoir.

## The Lord Abbot's Cup

Roscrea Golf Club was the venue this year for the Lord Abbot's Cup. The competition was organised by John Cahill, Chairman of the North Tipperary Branch of the Past Pupil's Union. A separate competition was also run for local members and in all fifty golfers took part.

The Cup was won by Vincent Leahy, a member of the teaching staff, who returned an excellent score of 45 stableford points. Second place went to Johnnie Dolan (CCR 1967-72), who returned 41 points, while Gerard P. Maher (CCR 1967-72) took third prize, also with 42 points.

The Ladies' Committee of the Golf Club provided dinner for the players, and among those who attended were Fr. Peter, College President and Kevin Dwan, who deputised for the Union President, Noel Windle.

In presenting the prizes, Kevin thanked the host club, paying special tribute to the Ladies' Committee for the meal provided. Because of the success of the occasion, it was decided that Roscrea will be the venue next year again and details will be published in the Review nearer to the event.

## Obituaries

The death occurred in New York last July of **Thomas A. Keady** following a heart attack. He was Aer Lingus Manager at John F. Kennedy International Airport. One of the pioneer members of Aer Lingus in North America, Tom joined the airline's traffic department at Kennedy Airport early in 1975. He was appointed manager of the airport in 1981. Although Tom was born in New York in 1931 he was reared in the Neal, Co. Mayo and came to C.C.R. in 1944 and finished in 1949.

**Fr. Christopher McCarthy** came to C.C.R. in 1921 from Limerick City and began in Prep. 1. He spent seven years in the College and then joined the Redemptorists. After Ordination most of his life was devoted to giving Retreats. From 1935-'45 he was confined to the Belfast and Dundalk area. Then he faced the Far East where for nearly twenty years he gave Missions and Retreats in nearly all the countries of South East Asia. Then he spent some years in Australia and U.S.A. While in the latter country he taught theology in Villanova University, where he took a Masters Degree in Theology. Returning to Ireland in 1973 he became involved in Adult Education and the Ecumenical Movement and strove to build bridges between the Catholic and Protestant Communities. With this in view he brought many Protestant groups to visit the South, bringing them to stay in the Guest House in Roscrea from time to time. He returned for a time to the great Limerick Confraternity. Then back to the North.

In his time he gave Retreats to the members of the Union, the Monks of Moone, and the Community in Roscrea. He died doing the Lord's work this summer — may he rest in peace.

**Seamus Murray** died this year at the early age of 43. He had been Professor of Mathematics at the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia since 1977. Seamus was in C.C.R. from 1954-'57 he got first place in Ireland in the Leaving Cert. and won a University Scholarship to U.C.D. In 1960 he graduated with 1st class Honours in both Maths. and Physics. He spent the next two years as a lecturer in U.C.D. and studying for his Masters Degree in Mathematical Sciences. Later in America he took an M.Sc. degree in Aeronautics. He

worked for some time in the Institute of technology in Pasadena, California, and the Research Division of United Aircraft. There are thirty-five publications to his name in international scientific journals, and there are more to be published posthumously. He is survived by his wife Eileen and three children. May he rest in peace.

**Jackie Croke** met a tragic death in October. While hunting, his horse plunged into the swollen Clare river; he was swept away and drowned in spite of the efforts of his fellow huntsmen to save him. Jackie's father was a pastman of the College and so was his brother. His sons Denis and Tom were in the College in the early '70s. We offer his wife and family our sincere sympathies.

Others who's death notices we received were: **William Purcell**, 1913, of Emly; **Francis Dooley**, 1919, formerly of Birr, died in Dublin; **Michael O'Meara**, 1939, from Greystones; **Thomas Dooley**, 1917, from Roscrea; **Patrick I. Houlihan**, 1932 of Maple Lodge, Westport.



Paul W. Rafter, Midlands Treasurer



L. to R.: Brendan Galvin; Roy Breen; John Cahill, Chairman Nth.; Rory Flannery.

# NEWS ABOUT PAST STUDENTS

**Michael Sheehan**, 1977, formerly of Loughmore, Templemore, Co. Tipperary; was married in July of this year. Michael is a prison officer in Portlaoise.

**Tony Kavanagh's** engagement was announced in June '83. Tony left C.C.R. in 1975 and lives in Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

**Eamonn Drea** 1973, who came from Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow, took an honours degree in Agriculture. He was for a time technical sales manager in the agrochemical department of IAWS. He has recently joined Hoechst Ireland Ltd. as marketing executive in the agriculture department.

**Frank Heslin**, 1974, of Newpark Portlaoise, is giving his services to 'concern' in Njambe, Tanzania, East Africa.

**Dr. Paul Heslin**, 1977, brother of the above took his Final Medicine in U.C.G. in 1983.

**Martin Reidy**, 1978, is in the Army, and took his final Commerce with Honours in U.C.G. He is now posted in Donegal.

**Dr. Richard Dwyer**, 1934, is Medical Practitioner in Toomevara. He was for a time Chairman of the North Tipperary Branch of the Union. His three sons were in C.C.R.

**Dr. Rory Dwyer**, 1973, qualified in U.C.D. and is now working in Derry.

**Dr. Colm Dwyer**, 1975, also qualified in U.C.D. and still works there.

**Kieran Dwyer**, 1976, took his B.Com. in U.C.D. He works in Dublin.

**George Mellotte**, 1978, of the Neale, has finished his 5th Medical.

**Paul J. Murphy**, 1980, has completed his Final Commerce. Paul is from Roscrea.

**Tom Wall**, 1948, formerly of Drumcollegher, Co. Limerick, visited C.C.R. during the summer. Tom is an Insurance and Stock Broker, Living in 8 Taft Avenue, Lexington, Mass. 02173, U.S.A.

Four of our pastmen who left in 1981 joined the Army Cadets. They were:

**Neil O'Mahony** of Navan, **John Corcoran** of Tipperary Town, **John O'Callaghan** of Cashel, and **Tim J. O'Donoghue** of Kenmare. They were commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants recently.

**Coilin Don Owens**, 1961, was married on the 23rd June 1983 to Julianne Genevieve Mahler. They picked the 'next parish' for their wedding — the Church of the Incarnation, Ros Muc, Co. Galway. They have now returned home to 33 North Donelson Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22304 U.S.A.

**Eddie Byrne**, 1978, from Callan, Co. Kilkenny, received his B.A. in History and Politics recently.

**Paul Wrafter**, 1971, runs his own Accountancy firm in Tullamore. He is an Officer of the Midland Branch of the Union, of which he is the Treasurer. He also acts in the same capacity for the local Rugby club.

**Johnny Dolan**, 1972 — Brosna Lodge, Kibeggan — is Captain of the Athlone R.F.C. for this season; we wish them every success. Johnny is also Hon. Secretary of the Midland Branch.

**Tony Bennett**, 1966, former Secretary of the Midland Branch of the Union, who is an Architect by profession, is now working in Qatar. News has it that he has been elected Club captain and coach of the local (national) rugby club. But there is no truth in the rumour that he has been offered a seikdom if his team win the national league.

**Finbar Bennett**, 1969, brother of the above, has also moved east with his wife Wally. They are up the road from Tony at Bahrain. Finbar has been appointed financial controller to McNerney Properties Ltd., for the Middle East.

**Eugene Garvey**, 1969, is Chairman of the Midland Branch of the Union. His Architectural firm, with offices in Nenagh and Tullamore, are at present completing the major extension to the Roscrea Vocational School.

**Michael Garvey**, 1970, was appointed Assistant Director Far East Division of the I.D.A. He will serve five years there, based in Tokyo. He was involved in the recent state visit of President Hilary to Japan.

**Shay Garvey**, 1972, at present completing his final year for his MBA in Harvard Business School, U.S.A.

**Shaun Wrafter**, 1963, is an Auctioneer in Tullamore and agent for the Irish Civil Service Building Society.

**Niall Wrafter**, 1965, is an Assistant Bank Manager in Clones, Co. Monaghan.

**Dathi Wrafter**, 1967, also in the Bank; he is Assistant Manager in Wicklow Town, and he is coach to the local rugby club.

**Barry Finlay**, 1980, is doing his final Law in U.C.C. while **Barry Deveraux** is doing the same in U.C.D.; **David Powderly** got his B.C.L. (Hons.) U.C.D.; **Shane Powderly**, 1st Comm. in U.C.D.; **Ray Hernan**, 1st Comm (Hons.) U.C.D.; **Martin Daly**, 1st Medical, College Surgeons; **Patrick O'Boyle** got 2nd Engineering in Trinity and Bernard his 1st Arts (Hons.) in U.C.D.; **Billy** and **Mat. Kennedy** got their 1st Ag. in U.C.G.; **Pat Haran** qualified in St. Patrick's, Drumcondra, and received his B.Ed. degree; **Brefni Martin** took his B.Sc. in U.C.D.

We apologise for missing out others who's results we have not to hand.

**Dermot de Loughry**, 1979 of Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, recently graduated from the Shannon College of Hotel Management. Dermot's father and brother are also past students.

**Pat Johnson**, 1949, who farms 135 acres of land at Court Lodge, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick, has recently been appointed Chairman of the Golden Vale Co-operative Creameries Ltd.

**Morgan Keane**, who finished last June was awarded an Entrance Scholarship to University College Cork.



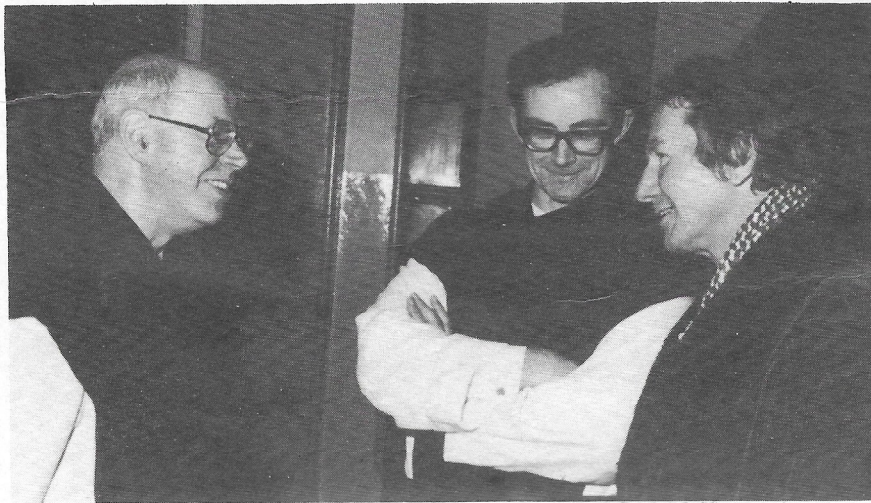
*Dr. Mark Grealy, Birr; Dr. Paul Heslin, Portlaoise; Dr. Michael Fallon, Ballinasloe, all qualified in U.C.G. 1983.*

# Hurlers Make History

Expertly coached by Mr. Pat Sheedy the Juvenile Hurling team won their way to the Final of the Championship for the first time ever. They beat Árd Scoil Rís, Dublin in the Final 3-6 to 3-3.



Front Row: B. Cahill (Laois), D. Kruse (Tipperary), A. Delahunty (Laois), Mr. Pat Sheedy (Coach), O. Byrne (Capt. Kilkenny), L. Slevin (Kilkenny), S. Crehan (Laois).  
Back Row: D. Poole (Laois), C. Coughlan (Tipperary), C. Dunne (Kildare), A. Murphy (Clare), M. O'Grady (Tipperary), J. McCormack (Limerick), J. Bates (Laois), A. Kelly (Galway).



Des O'Grady with Fr. Peter and Fr. Emmanuel during a recent visit.



Visit of the Abbot General, Don Ambrose with Students' Council and House Captain.

# Des O'Grady (1954)

Is living presently on a Greek Island, where, he says, he 'maintains a Cistercian routine in his own personal hermitage, which consists of a two room cell on the side of a rocky mountain overlooking the sea'.

He is working on a number of books — one of prose memoirs, one of Arabic translation and one of personal poems. As he doesn't have a word processor (and doesn't have electricity either!) he is probably one of the last writers to write in longhand and who will leave MSS after him.

He thinks that the young people he meets nowadays have no direction, ambition or aspiration to a higher mode of life and are motivated in the main to compete viciously for social success in the professions or in business. He feels there is very little giving or spiritual charity to be seen; it's all take, take, take! And because this leaves such a vacuum in the human spirit, there is a need for, a hunger for honest, uncompromising human love, understanding and forgiveness.

He is sure that any human, Christian good he may have done in his years of teaching has its origin in what he learned by example (rather than from instruction) while he was at C.C.R. And he adds: 'I certainly could not live as integrated and centred as I do had I not had the C.C.R. experience. Stupidity is natural but ignorance is inexcusable and unforgiveable and the young must learn never to allow their studies to get in the way of their education.'

He hopes, finally, that all the students he met during his recent visit to the College have done well in their exams, and that they will go out into the world bearing the good word of C. C. R. to a world that sorely needs it in its confusion.

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