

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, IN APPRECIATION

I am grateful for this opportunity to express my deep feeling of gratitude to my colleagues on Central Committee of the Roscrea Union, for their dedication in attending regularly, quarterly Central Committee Meetings in the College, and for their positive contribution and commitment to the affairs of the Union.

The Roscrea Union has always been endowed with a sincere sense of mission, mindful of this, however inadequately I have performed, it has been a great honour for me to serve as President for the past two years.

I want to express my sincere thanks and indebtedness to our General Secretary, Father Dermot, for his quite extraordinary qualities of commitment, for his enormous contribution to the Union, for his personal assistance to me, and for his friendship.

During my two years as President, it has been a deep felt happiness for me to experience the warm welcome accorded to me at all Union functions. I will remember with considerable pride, the hospitality and friendship offered to me at all times.

I would like to thank the teaching staff, for their expression of good wishes for a successful term of office, for their kindness and hospitality on all occasions.

My special thanks to Father Peter, for arranging the preparation of excellent lunches for Central Committee, and thanks to Bridie for preparing afternoon tea for all of us. To Sister Anthony, and all concerned with preparing Union Dinner, sincere thanks for your efforts in providing magnificent cuisine, and for the high standard of presentation.

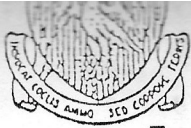
To Abbot Colmcille and Father Nivard, thank you for your hospitality in the Guesthouse, and for your kindness to me, which I will always remember.

In the next issue of the Roscrea Review, I will record my appreciation for the meaningful support our members have generously given to the Union, both by their financial contributions, and their attendance at the various Branch Functions, during my term of office, which is very much appreciated by Central Committee.

Kevin Dwan, our President Elect, will take over the Chain of Office on the 7th October next. Kevin's positive approach, drive and enthusiasm for Union affairs manifested itself during his many years serving on Central Committee. In congratulating him on taking over the Presidency, I would like to assure Kevin of my wholehearted support over the next two years.

N.W.

September, 1984



From the General Secretary.

Autumn, 1984.

Dear Sir.

As there are several important Union events in the near future, and the next issue of the "Roscrea Review" is a few months off, we thought it better to send you this letter and bring you up to date on current events, and give you some dates for your diary. It will also save us the expense of notices in the newspapers for Union Day. We will clear that first.

On Sunday 7th October 1984 the Union Mass will be celebrated in the Abbey Church at 11.00 a.m. The Annual General Meeting of the Union, the Past v Present Matches and the Union Dinner will be held later in the day at the College.

What is new? Fr. Kevin Daly has been appointed President of the College. Frs. Eanna Henderson and Gabriel McCarthy have been recalled to fulfill ancillary duties in the College. Fr. Peter Garvey has been appointed Novice Master in anticipation of some new postulants entering the monastery shortly. Fr. Sean Cuffe has taken over the Guest House.

You are probably aware that the Chairman and Officers of each Branch are mounting a Fund Raising campaign to maintain the Review. The Dublin Branch has organized a Disco and a Draw, but the Provincial Branches are doing it the hard way - by personal contact. Make their task easy and help them as far as you can. That last Review you received about May, cost over £740.00 to print and post. That was edited by the South Eastern Branch and it was a great credit to them and their guiding light and Chairman Pat O'Shea. Frank Cullen and the Dublin Branch are working on the next issue which should be out around Christmas. At the present rate, if we get out two issues in the year we won't be doing too badly! Did you read Conor Brady's "Reflections - Home or Away"? It is one of the best articles we have printed in a long time. Read it again if you can get hold of it.

Thank you Conor.

There have been a number of deaths among past students this summer : JIM GLYNN, 1929, from Kilconnell, Co. Galway and DR. TOM DALY, 1929, formerly from Athenry lived in Dublin, both died last June. DR. JACK McCANN, 1932, of Daingan, Co. Offaly died in July. He received an Honorary Doctorate for his work in Vocational Education and he was one of four brothers in C.C.R. in the late twenties. PAUL LAWLESS, 1963, died in Nenagh in July. Paul had been in the Bank of Ireland in Tullamore and Nenagh. PHILIP SWEENEY, 1933, of the Orwell Stud, Thurles died in July. Philip bred many famous racehorses in his time. May these men rest in peace.



Tom Kavanagh of Thomastown Co. Kilkenny, Bill Shaw of Dublin, John O'Gara of Ballisodare Co. Sligo and Donal Spring of Tralee Co. Kerry were all married this Summer.

The engagements were announced of John Dolan, Kilbeggan, to Ann Coughlan of Naas and Frank Greene of Kilkenny to Carol Duffy of Salthill Galway. We wish them all many happy years.

Some University news:

Mark Kinirons got his Final Medicine in College of Surgeons; Adrian Brady and David Logan got theirs in U.C.D.

Brian Kinirons got his third Medicine in College of Surgeons, and Diarmuid Mulherin got first in his third Medicine at U.C.D.

Martin Daly and Frank Fahy got their second Medicine, while Paddy O'Boyle took third Engineering in Trinity and his brother Bernard got Honours in second Arts in U.C.D.

The Central Committee of the Union meets at the College on the 9th Sept. at 2.30 p.m. Notice will be sent to those concerned.

Union Day as we stated above is on Sunday 7th October and it would be a great help to our catering staff if you let us know in good time that you are coming to the Union Dinner which will be at 6.30 p.m.

The South Tipp. Branch will hold their annual Dinner Dance at the Thurles Golf Club on Friday 26th October. Contact Kevin Dwan (0504/21804). The Dublin Dinner is on the 9th November, at Jury's Hotel. Contact Frank Cullen, 01/819416 home or Michael Coyle, 01/692311 home.

The South Western (i.e., Cork) Branch is having its annual function at the Park Hotel, Kenmare this year on Saturday 17th November. There are special rates on offer for the weekend which include golf. Book soon, it will be worth your while. Contact, Chairman Seamus J. Gallagher, 021/882731 (at home), 021/45599 (at work); or John Kenny 021/631130; or Function Secretary, Jim Murphy, 064/41200. It is especially to facilitate the Kerry and west Cork members that this function is planned.

The Kilkenny Dinner - one of the High Lights of the Union year - will be at the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny on Saturday, 24th November, organized by the South Eastern Branch. Contact Chairman Pat O'Shea, 056/22390; or John Comerford, 056/24289.

Yet to be arranged are the functions for the Midland Branch and the Limerick/Clare Branch. The next issue of the Review will probably carry a notice of these.

At present there is no organized Committee in either Galway or London so there is no Union activity in these areas. Nevertheless we have received considerable help from Members in the West and Overseas, for which we are very grateful. We hope to redress the situation in these Branches in the near future.

On behalf of the President of the Union, Mr. Noel Windle, and the Central

# ROSCREA UNION DAY

Sunday 7th October, 1984

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Union Mass	11.00a.m.
Lunch	12.30p.m.
A.G.M.	1.30p.m.
Past v Present - Hurling	2.30p.m.
Past v Present - Rugby	3.00p.m.
Sherry Reception	5.30p.m.
Union Dinner	6.30p.m.

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ALL PAST STUDENTS WELCOME

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SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER, 1984

GOLF COMPETITION

LORD ABBOT TROPHY

VENUE

ROSCREA GOLF CLUB

ENTRIES

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