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A Thank You from the President, Pat O'Shea

Union Day — October 4th, 1981

Our last Union Day held on October 4th, 1981 can only be considered to have been a wonderful success and I wish to thank most sincerely the large numbers of pastmen who turned out on that day to show their support not just for their Union but also their Alma Mater. A particular thank you is due to all those who have travelled such long distances around the country from Kerry, Clare, Donegal, Dublin, Wexford, Waterford and Cork. A special thank you is also due to those who played in our past v. present rugby and hurling matches and also to the 150 or so who stayed on for dinner that night. I fully understand and excuse the numbers who could not stay on for the dinner for special reasons. How Sister Anthony and Sister Rita together with their staff coped with the numbers can only be described as a "miracle".

The spirit of the welcome received from the President of the College Father Peter and his staff and together with his close attention to the details of the day was in a large measure attributable to the tremendous success of the very happy occasion. The spirit of the College and the Union as displayed on that day has never been as vibrant or as radiant for some time and indeed was an experience for me, never to be forgotten.

On behalf of our Central Committee and on your behalf I have passed on our sincere thanks to Father Peter and his staff for giving us such a wonderful day. We realise they have had to cope under such strenuous conditions; cater for the needs of the full body of present students and we do hope we did not inconvenience the College routine too much.

Introduction of President Elect:

As stated in our A.G.M. in my opening address, I am delighted to introduce to everybody our new President Elect Mr. Noel Windle. He has served and supported our Union at branch and Central Committee level for many years and is now Chairman of the Dublin branch for his second term. I have every confidence in Noel's ability to keep our flag flying for the future and I would like to see another large turnout at our next Union Day to honour Noel's installation as our new President in October 1982. Thank you Noel, for accepting the honour and the responsibility.

Thank You ... to our General Secretary Father Dermot:

No words can express our debt of gratitude

to Father Dermot for his role as General Secretary and anchor man of our Union. With minimum resources he is able to churn out our Roscrea Review and keep in communication with our branches. His dedication in his role as serving all past students is very much appreciated by all; so Father Dermot thank you very much and please keep it up. His only request for us all is that we keep him supplied with articles and information for The Review. Support in this area will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You ... to Gerard Bates:

It was announced at our Annual General Meeting that it was decided to honour Gerard Bates by appointing him as one of our select honorary Vice-Presidents for life as a token of our recognition for his tremendous support of the Union since he joined it in the mid-1970s. In particular his role as Chief "Architect" and Motivator of building and financing the swimming pool for the College. It is recognised that there were many involved in this project and in making it a success but everyone will agree that Gerard was the leader. A formal installation of Gerard will be made at the Dublin Branch's stag function to be held at Jury's Hotel, Dublin on November 20th, 1981. Your support at this function will be greatly appreciated.

But a thank you too, to Gerard Houlihan of Galway, whose brain child the Swimming Pool really was. During his office as President of the Union he proposed the idea to the Central Committee in March 1970, and later got permission from the Lord Abbot for the go ahead. We are also indebted to him for the building of the new Classroom Block.

Thank you all for your financial support:

Those who attended our A.G.M. will have noted the state of our Balance Sheet and Income/Expenditure account. Having purchased a Xerox photocopying machine for over £2,000 last year we still have a small favourable balance in the bank. Our Review costs £500 per publication. We thank sincerely all those who are making this possible and in particular we thank those who have made most generous contributions on an anonymous bases including those who have come forward since Union Day. We shall, indeed continue to need this support and I know I can rely upon it. The publication of our Review is vital to the overall success of our Union and is being circulated to approximately 1500 pastmen.

Don't kick the teacher

If a man designs a church, he can admire the physical expression of his vision for the rest of his life. If a woman papers a room, she can enjoy her handiwork for years. The builder, the gardener, the plumber, the farmer, the father and the mother can see and enjoy the results of their labours. The doctor and the nurse see their patients restored to health — or dead! Even the writer can re-read his outpourings at a later stage in his career and enjoy them.

No such consolations are the lot of the teacher. He/she is dealing with that nebulous area called 'youth-development'. He passes on knowledge; she floats ideas; he encourages his emotional and physical energy in his attempts to motivate a group we call a 'class'. He drains himself so that his students may fill their minds with wisdom and truth. She wilts while they flourish.

He may even influence character-formation though here the nebulous becomes aerified. For even a teacher with special gifts for communicating is only one element in the many forces that shape the emerging character — the home, religion, the school authorities, the other teachers, the community and the peer-group. So the amount that any one teacher can claim as his contribution to the 'finished product' which leaves his school is so vague as to be invisible. No consolation there.

Thus a teacher labours in the darkness of uncertainty, ever unsure of how good or bad or indifferent she is as a teacher. This leads to the sort of frustration and cynicism that sometimes surprises students — and occasionally parents — when it erupts.

Students forget that teachers are human, that their sensitivities can be hurt, that their patience can break when unfairly tested. Teachers have emotional problems more than most because of the nature of their work. Many teachers have domestic problems arising from illness or debts or problem-children. They bring their problems with them into the classroom. They find it hard to endure the *same* comments, the *same* criticisms, the *same* 'insights' year after year after year. Whether they are monks or nuns or brothers, whether married or unmarried, the ennui is much the same.

So don't be too quick to kick the teacher when she annoys you with the way she treats your son. She may kick back; she may even bite ... You can't say afterwards I didn't warn you.

Liam S. Maher.

UNION DAY 1981

It was through advertisements in the newspapers that we notified past pupils of Union Day this year. It seems to have been very effective to judge by results. Over 150 turned up and there were many among them who had not been back for years. "Seeing it in the paper", seems to make a difference. With the cost of postage as it is a circular to our members would have cost twice as much as the advertisements.

On Sunday, 4th October, we began with High Mass in the Abbey Church. It was offered for the repose of the souls of all past pupils who died during the year — the obituary list is printed elsewhere — and for the intentions of the members of the Union. The President of the College, Fr. Pater Garvey, was the chief celebrant. The lessons were read by the President of the Union, Pat O'Shea, and the House Captain, Michael O'Leary. The choirs of the monks and the students sang the Mass.

Lunch was served in the College for those who had already arrived. Even at that early hour many had come who had not been back for a long long time, and they were making a tour of the College to see what changes had been made since. One thing they all recognized — the weekly marks were up.

The ticket desk in the front hall was manned by members of the North Tipperary branch — Phil Sheedy and Tim Maher doing a particularly fine job. Apart from Dinner tickets they supplied Union Ties and Membership Bankers Orders to those who wanted them.

The A.G.M. was held at 1.15 p.m. in the staff Common Room in the classroom block. This is a very convenient and commodious apartment. The attendance represented a good cross-section of generations.

The President's opening address is contained in an article elsewhere in this issue. He welcomed those present, and was particularly pleased to introduce the new President-Elect, Mr. Noel Windle, to his first public appearance.

The minutes of 50th A.G.M., 1980, were then read, commented upon by some members, approved, and signed by the President. The Report of the General Secretary followed, it contained very little that was new. It still contained complaints about "dormant branches" — fairly far apart this time, London and Galway. But a small group in the North West requested recognition. John McGowan from Sligo had recently made representation to the General Secretary on behalf of a number of colleagues in that area for a formal recognition of a Union Group. The request was willingly granted by the A.G.M. Dudley O'Gara and Leo Mattimo from this area, were present at the meeting, and unaware of the activity behind the scenes. They were very pleased and look forward to a flourishing group around Sligo. Michael Connellan warned that there should be no poaching in the Roscommon area — this was sacred Midland territory. Dudley himself was formerly President of the Union and his inside experience of Union affairs should be useful to the new group.

The Union Gold Medal is presented annually to the boy who gets first place in the College in the Intermediate. This long-established custom is to be continued in spite of the

rising cost of gold. The Review was another serious topic of discussion. As a vital link in our Union organization it must be maintained. It now costs about 40p to print, package and post one copy to you. Our mailing list is on the increase T.G. and thanks to our subscribers and supporters the Review finances are fairly sound. But we do need a regular supply of information to furnish the pages.

The financial report was very satisfactory. It showed a new Xerox copying machine among the fixed assets and a healthy balance in the bank — enough to produce a Review. So we can look to the future with confidence. The Annual Retreat was revived last May and proved very acceptable. It was discussed thoroughly and it will be held again next May. Notice of the exact date will be given in a future issue of the Review.

Whether the mailing list of the Review should be pruned, was closely examined. Several suggestions for making the distribution of the paper more economical were made but none was acceptable for various reasons. The General Secretary said the Review was financed by about 500 members regularly — they subsidised the publication for the other 1000 who received it. Frank Lynch said we should send the Review to each registered member despite the cost. This was seconded by Gerard Bates, who added that if you include the 250 new members who joined from the College in the last five years, you had a 50% response which was very good indeed.

Some members from the Galway Branch present offered a list of names that could be helpful to the Central Committee. The emergence of the Sligo Group would cut across some outlying areas of the Galway Branch — North Mayo for instance. This might stimulate the Branch to some activity! The London Branch was not discussed. It was decided to do nothing about members who had become involved with the "Moonies" and other non-christian sects, beyond recommending them to the love and mercy of God.

For his long years of service to the Union and the College, Gerard Bates was made an Honorary Vice-President of the Union for life.

The meeting ended in good time to attend the Past v. Present matches.

Later young and old gathered for a Sherry Reception in the "Billiard Room" — now called the Senior Ref.!

Union Dinner followed at 6.00 p.m. The time-table this year went very smoothly and on schedule.

The Union Dinner

Over one hundred and forty sat down to dinner in the main refectory. The top table was laid under John Currie's great oil painting. One very senior man looked up at it, and in a nostalgic mood remarked: "Those long dead monks looked down on me at this same spot on my first day here as a kid." And an equally senior rag answering, sang the refrain: "I remember it well". The tables at least were new, and there was good wainscoting around the walls. There were also drawn curtains on the windows . . . they were not there before!

Srs. Anthony and Riat and their staff

provided an excellent meal. The menu started with Pate de Foie Garne, followed by a rich vegetable soup. The main course was Roast Sirloin with all the trimmings, beautifully served and piping hot. There was a good wine or orange drink to wash it down. We noted that it was an Augustinian wine. Why not a Cistercian wine for a Cistercian College Union? The Central Committee should look into that.

We finished off the meal with a sherry trifle, cheese and biscuits and coffee. It was very good.

The speeches were short and to the point — two in all. We drank the health of the College and Fr. Peter spoke. Then we toasted the Union and Pat O'Shea gave a good sincere speech — the substance is in the President's Letter.

This was even better.

Union Retreat

The Retreat was held on Sunday, 17th May, 1981. It coincided with the funeral of Fr. Benignus Whelan, O.Cist., a former teacher in the College. The time-table was rearranged to fit in with the funeral. There were three lectures given by Fr. Nivard Kinsella and they were followed by brief discussions. A few thought there could have been more discussion. The retreatants took part in the High Mass and funeral. Lunch and Tea was served in the Guest House, and the day was concluded by Vespers and Benediction in the Abbey Church. Twenty-five past pupils took part in the Retreat, and both young and old agreed that it was a very well worthwhile exercise. The fee for the day was £6.00.

The Central Committee has been asked to provide a similar Retreat in May 1982, this will be arranged on either the 16th or 23rd May, if about thirty Members request it. Consult your Branch Chairman or the General Secretary if you wish to take part — do it soon.

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We wish to acknowledge the receipt of subscriptions and new Bankers' Orders for the maintenance of the "Review" and our services, which we have received since the last issue:

Dr. Vincent Sherry, London.
Mr. Charles Scroupe, Ontario, Canada.
Mr. Peter O'Gorman, Carlow.
Dr. Bernard Sherry, Dublin.
Dr. John Carey, London.
Mr. Gerard Sherry, Dublin.
Mr. Gerry Slattery, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
Mr. Joseph Kelly, Glanmire, Cork.
Mr. Liam Byrne, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.
Mr. John Littleton, Tulla, Co. Clare.
Mr. Leo Mattimo, Riverstown, Co. Sligo.
Mr. Dermot Daly, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.
Mr. Francis Cullen, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow.
Mr. Ernie McElroy, Dublin.
Mr. Kevin Dwan, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.
Mr. Michael Sherry, Limerick.
Mr. Barry O'Shea, Kenmare, Co. Kerry.

Dr. Laurence Forristal, Bishop of Ossory

Bishop Forristal was born fifty years ago in Jerpoint near Thomastown, the fifth of nine children of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Forristal, one sister is Dr. Ailish Forristal, a well-known Kilkenny practitioner and wife of the state pathologist, Dr. Kieran Cuddihy.

Bishop Forristal was educated at Cistercian College, Roscrea, and at University College, Dublin, where he took a BA degree in philosophy. He studied for the priesthood at Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, and at Propoganda Fide College, in Rome. He was ordained in 1955.

He filled the dual role of priest-teacher at Killester Vocational School, and Chaplain at Sion Hill Convent, before taking a licentiate in Canon Law at the Gregorian College in Rome, and doing special studies at the Roman Rota.

He was appointed curate at Raheny parish in 1967. When Rivermount, south Finglas was established as a parish in 1974, Dr. Forristal became administrator and later

(1977) parish priest. He was appointed vicar-general of the diocese in the same year and was made a prelate of honour (monsignor) by Pope Paul VI.

He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin at the same time as Bishop Brendan Comiskey, and their episcopal consecration was at a joint ceremony in St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row, on 20 January last year. Mons. Forristal became titular Bishop of Rotdon, and chose the words "In Faith and Love" as his episcopal motto.

After their appointment, the five auxiliary bishops of Dublin diocese were each given pastoral responsibility for an area covering 35-40 parishes grouped into deaneries, with an average population of 200,000.

Bishop Forristal's area covered 22 parishes south-west of the city, and 17 in West Co. Dublin, North-West Wicklow and the whole of that part of Co. Kildare which is in Dublin diocese. At national level, he is a member of

the Bishops' Commissions for Catechetics and for Liturgy.

A man of wide pastoral experience, he has served Dublin diocese at administrative level, as a curate in the suburbs and by establishing a thriving new parish in an expanding area of the city.

He will be only the fourth Bishop of Ossory in almost 100 years. He takes over responsibility for a diocese with a rising population of 69,501. New industry has brought considerable growth to parishes in Kilkenny city and to those close to Waterford and New Ross.

His predecessor during those 100 years were Abraham Brownrigg (1884-1928), Patrick Collier (1928-64), Peter Birch (1964-81).

Ossory covers most of Co. Kilkenny and has a portion of Laois and one parish near Birr in Co. Offaly. It has 42 parishes served by 113 priests and 114 schools with about 17,000 pupils.

Dates for Your Diary

The Branch Functions

South Tipperary: Dinner Dance at the Anner Hotel, Thurles, on Friday, 30th October. Golf Championship for the "Abbot's Cup" at the Thurles Golf Club on Saturday, 31st October. Drive-off, 12.15 p.m. Stableford 18-hole singles competition. There will be a 9-hole Stableford for ladies. The committee of the South Tipperary Branch have arranged special terms with the Anner Hotel for those who attend the Dinner Dance and wish to stay overnight and play in the Golf Championship.

Contacts: Kevin Dwan, "Riversdale", The Mall, Thurles, phone (0504) 21804 (home); Pat Lanigan Ryan, Derrymore House, Ballycahill, Drombane, Thurles (0504) 42146; Pat Rafferty, Nelson Place, St. Michael St., Tipperary, phone (062) 51555.

Dublin Branch: Annual Dinner (Stag), the most prestigious occasion on the Union Calander. At Jury's Hotel, Dublin, on Saturday, 14th November.

Contacts: Noel Windle, 63 Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4. Phone: Office hours 01/775599, home 01/685256; Conor Massey, Weybridge House, Stradbroke Road, Blackrock. Phone: Office hours 01/753321.

South East: Dinner Dance at the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny. This is a black tie affair, with Bishop Laurence Forristal as guest of honour. Time: 8.00 sharp. Date: Saturday, 28th November.

An invitation is extended to all past-students and their parents together with parents of present students and friends of the College. The subscription is £14.00.

Contact: John Comerford, Chairman S.E. Branch, Burrell's Park, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny. Phone: Home (056) 24289; Office (056) 24220.

South West Branch (Cork): Dinner Dance at the Isle of Skye Hotel, Kanturk, Co. Cork, on Saturday, 5th December.

Contacts: Donal McCarthy, Chairman, Hadwell Heights, Lr. Ahada, Midleton, Co. Cork. Phone (021) 66283; Dr. Duinin Doyle,

Glencorrig, Glounthaune, Cork. Phone (021) 821288.

Midland Branch: Dinner Dance at the Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule. You will find it on the borders of Longford and Westmeath on the banks of the Royal Canal — the committee expect to excel their triumph of last year. At 8 p.m. Saturday, 30th January 1982.

Contacts: Eugene Garvey and Anthony

Bennett, Harbour St., Tullamore, Co. Offaly. Phone: Office (0506) 41469; John Dolan, Brosna Lodge, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath. Phone: (0506) 32108.

Other Branch functions which will take place early in 1982 are the North Tipp. Dinner Dance; Limerick/Clare Dinner Dance; Dublin Dinner Dance — Dates and Venues in next issue.



The Staff soccer team and their opponents, 6th year. Mr. Burke was the referee.



Pat Kilbane gets a head to it.



HOUSE CAPTAINS 1980/81:
Neil O'Mahony with Enda Carthy
and Maurice Fitzgerald.

Why such a large turnout at our Union Day?

— A Philosophical Reflection:

Is it because we came back just for the dinner or for the wine that was served in ebullient fashion by Brother Nivard or was it to meet specifically the teaching staff or to watch the past v. present matches. We know that there is something in common which enwraps us in a bond and to identify that bond is not as easy as one thinks. Perhaps by trying to identify what we all have in common may help to clarify and answer the question.

The first thing we all have in common is that our parents respectively decided to send us to Roscrea. Perhaps most of us may have forgotten this. We should therefore acknowledge and appreciate the fact that our parents were directly responsible for us presently being in the Union. So, therefore, we should spare a thought for them in our prayers. Maybe they sent us to Roscrea because perhaps in Father Ailbey's time the food was good or during Father Thomas's time athletics were at their prime or perhaps because of its academic achievements or that the College presently enjoys the role of a mixed teaching staff! Who knows?

It is recognised that our Roscrea Union is the strongest in the country and many other Colleges have contacted our General Secretary from time to time seeking to know the "why". In paraphrasing a quotation from "The Book of Wisdom" and perhaps out of context but in an effort to try and offer an answer, the answer to the question is simple "To those who understand no explanation is necessary; to those who do not understand no explanation is possible!"

The strength of the Union is shown in the numbers that have turned out not only for the Union Day which included the past v. present matches and the Annual Dinner at the College but also the numbers that have turned out at all our branch functions throughout the country together with the numbers that have

turned out at the Careers Guidance Workshop at the College. Thus to express the source of inspiration as to why we all revert back to the College in particular can only be defined as been due to "The spirit of the College" which is made up of all the factors involved in a successful communal life which includes honour to each other, team work spirit, comradeship and loyalty to each other together with all the other facets already mentioned. It is thus this vibrant spirit of the College which reflects itself in the spirit of the Union. Long may it live.

It is for this reason that I am delighted to say that the spirit of the Union is very strong, healthy and very soundly based and its future is guaranteed. We have recently seen our College celebrate its Diamond Jubilee; the

Abbey its Centenary and our Union itself two years ago its Golden Jubilee. It is the aim of our Central Committee and myself as your President for a second term that the Union which is the only vibrant Union in the country will go from strength to strength. We have a long tradition and heritage behind us. It is on this note therefore that I am confident for the future of our Alma Mater and our Union and this confidence should be shown by pastmen in supporting all their branch functions, their Union Day and their Alma Mater at all times. I am looking forward to meeting you all once again at the various forthcoming functions during the coming year.

Pat O'Shea,
President P.P.U.



Waiting for Godot.

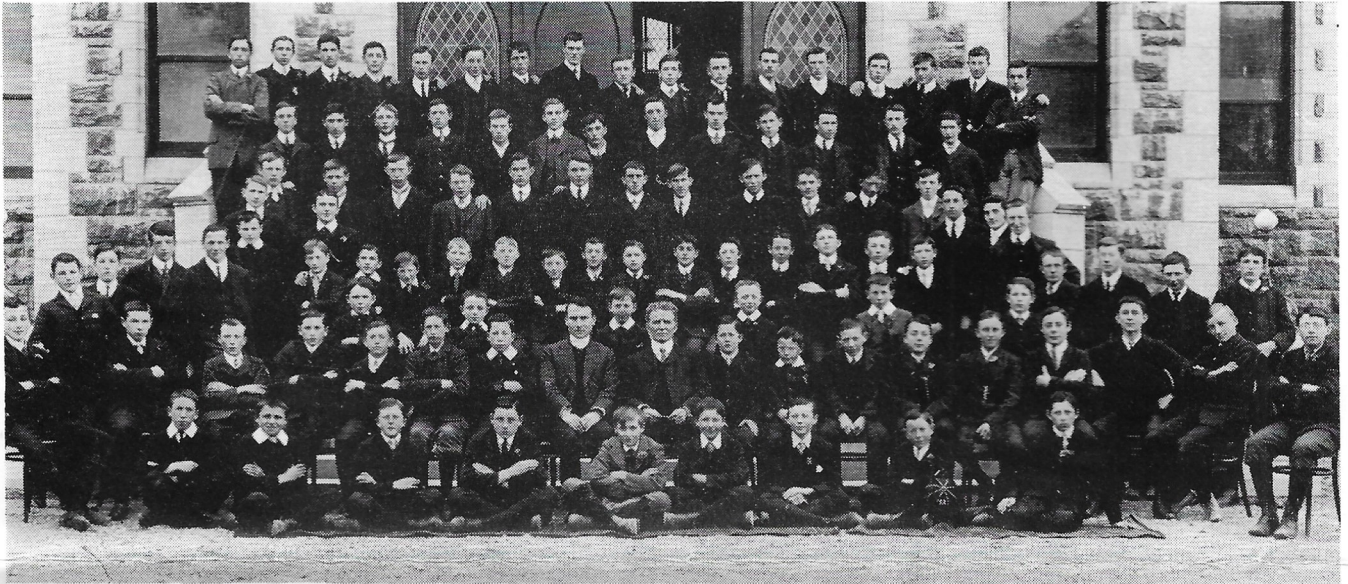
Obituary List 1981

CISTERCIAN COLLEGE UNION,
ROSCREA

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| 1917 V. Rev. Canon James Riordan, Ballyroan, Dublin. | 1950 Seam McCormack, Mullingar. |
| 1916 Thomas Gilmartin, Birr. | 1925 Frank Moynihan (Cahir) — England. |
| 1932 Rev. Dr. John Hassett, Thurles. | 1926 Nathew Weldon, Cloghran, Co. Dublin. |
| 1938 Eamonn O'Boyle, Cork. | 1940 Michael Fenton, Limerick. |
| 1931 Jack Cassidy (Killesandra) — London. | 1935 Hugh Garahy, Cloghan, Co. Offaly. |
| 1918 Francis O'Reilly (Athboy) — England. | 1919 Fr. John Shanahan, O.Cist., Nunraw, Scotland. |
| 1930 Patsy Dunne, Kinnity. | 1908 Thomas J. Veale, Tramore. |
| 1941 Edward McCabe, Monasterevin. | 1948 John P. Dagg (Rosenallis) — California. |
| 1918 Tom Kevin, Templemore. | 1933 James Hussey, Dublin. |
| 1917 Martin Delaney, Borris-in-Ossory. | 1919 Michael F. English, Angleboro, Co. Limerick. |
| 1934 Dr. Billy O'Driscoll, Dublin. | Fr. Benignus Whelan, O.Cist., Roscrea. |
| 1930 Dr. Bart Cullen, Coole, Co. Westmeath. | |
| 1930 Tommie Grennan, Dublin (Teaching staff). | |

* The date given is when the person left C.C.R.

The Student Body 75 Years Ago



Front row: 1. Jack Johnson, 2. Jack Bergin, 3. Paddy Collison, 4. John J. Cronin, 5. Frank Doorly, 6. Tom O'Connell, 7. John Berkley, 8. Michael Kelly, 9. Ned O'Donnell.

Seated: 1. Charlie O'Donoghue, 2. John Ambrose, 3. Paddy Walsh, 4. John Ryan, 5. Paddy Donnelly, 6. John O'Meara ("Skinny"), 7. Tommy O'Dwyer, 8. Mr. Cronin, 9. Mr. Beggan, 10. Mal. Collison, 11. Joe D. Fitzpatrick, 12. Jack Steacy, 13. Davie O'Donoghue, 14. Jack Madigan, 15. Joe Veale, 16. J. Kewis, 17. Billie Dundon, 18. Willie Maher.

Third row (centre group): 1. Willie Delahunty, 2. Jack Hutchinson, 3. Charlie Spain, 4. Jim Berkery, 5. Joe Duval, 6. Mick Carroll.

Fourth row (centre group): 1. P. J. Kennedy, 2. Denis Hayes, 3. P. Kennedy, 4. Joseph Joyce, 5. Richard Joyce, 6. Michael O'Meara, 7. Tim Ryan, 8. Paddy O'Connor, 9. Paddy McNamara, 10. John Hogan, 11. Willie Aird, 12. Willie Keegan, 13. Jim Lanigan, 14. Tim Martin.

Fifth row (extreme left to extreme right, including wings): 1. Eddie Kinnane, 3. George Lee, 4. Mick Mullally, 5. Tommie Hobbins, 6. Willie Lalor, 7. James Moore, 8. Jim Joyce, 9. Joseph Laffan, 10. Frank Lonergan, 12. Paddy Finn, 14. Harry Shanahan, 15. Willie Bonner, 16. Michael Donnelly, 17. Donal Carroll, 18. Joe Taylor, 20. John Power, 21. Denis O'Sullivan, 22. Tom Quinlivan, 24. James Martin, 25. Jerome Gleeson, 26. Denis Doorly.

Sixth row: 1. Bobbie Redmond, 3. Connie Sweeney, 4. Willie Murray, 5. Joe Browne, 6. Terry Doorly, 7. Ned Doherty, 8. Eddie Guilmartin, 9. Berchmans Cusack, 10. Willie Cremin, 11. Martin Mullally, 12. Paddy Mullally, 13. Michael Shiel.

Back row: 1. Michael McCormack, 2. Willie McGrath, 3. Dick Hennessy, 4. James J. O'Donovan, 5. Jim Dunne, 6. Michael Lalor, 7. Bill Sampson, 8. Brian Scott, 9. Vincent Corcoran, 10. Paddy O'Connell, 11. Paddy O'Callaghan, 12. Barth Bannon, 13. Joe Martin, 14. Matt Fletcher, 15. Albert Cloherty, 16. Tom Tuohy, 17. Michael J. De Rosse.

Seventy five years ago

The above photograph shows the group of students who were enrolled in the second year of the College history, 1906. The first summer holidays there were fifty-three student. In September of the same year the school opened with one hundred on the rolls. Among them were Connie Sweeney and Joseph Laffan, better known to many of you as Frs. Austin and Placid. In this photo also is Thomas Joseph Veale, whose obituary is recorded in this issue.

The buildings of the College at this time consisted of the front facade as it is now, the wing containing the Recreation Hall and rooms above, and a corresponding wing on the monastery side, which in the beginning went as far as the present refectory. The Senior Diningroom was the first refectory and the teaching staff had their meals with the students. This room was later divided and served as a number of classrooms.

We wonder are there any or many in this photograph who are still with us? Some would still be on the right side of ninety. It was from this group of students that the first House Captain was elected by the boys themselves — a custom that has persisted and been honoured to the present day. The first to hold the office was Richard Hennessy from Templemore. He is third from the left in the back row of the photograph. He later became a doctor.

News about Pastmen

Paul Quain — formerly from Ardmore, Co. Waterford, is now teaching High School Chemistry and lives in Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.

Tom O'Connell — 1972 — from Cullohill has travelled far and wide in his training for hotel management. He is at present Manager in the Hilton in Brussels.

Dermot Mellotte — 1975 — one of several generations from The Neel. He married early this year and is living in Galway. He is Manager in the Great Southern in Galway.

Martin Lavan — 1948 — of Kiltimagh, who "went down to the sea in ships" as a Radio Officer in the merchant navy, has retired and settled down on land.

V. Rev. Donal O'Carroll — 1948 — formerly of Dunkerrin, recently celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his Priesthood. He is a Parish Priest in Stubenville, Ohio, U.S.A.

David Wrafter — 1967 — who came from Tullamore, is now in the Bank in Wicklow. He is married to Margaret Drum, from Birr. Her brother **Peter** — 1967 — is in the U.S.A.

Donal Hogan — 1967 — an engineer with the E.S.B. is stationed at Ferbane. He is married and lives in Tullamore.

John Littleton — 1960 — is in business in his home town of Tulla, Co. Clare. He is married and has a family.

Pat Lanigan-Ryan — 1979 — has recently been appointed Secretary to the South Tipp. Branch. He is with D.I.D. Electrical Home Appliances and now covers the South West of the country after a spell in Dublin. Others of the same year are **Mark Morris**, doing Quantity Surveying; **Cormack O'Modhrain**, Hotel Management; **Joseph Williams**, Civil Service; **Mick Dolan** and **Chris Kavanagh** are in the home business — victualler and vintner; **Paul McGrane** is in the Bank; **Martin Fitzgerald**, **Brendan Phelan** and **Jack Kennedy** have taken their 2nd Commerce in U.C.D. and **Henry Windle** got Honours in 2nd Science.

Michael Sherry — 1969 — is now living in Limerick. He is married and they have one son. On Union Day Michael played for the Past.

Gerry Culliton — 1954 — also played for the Past on Union Day. One of his great ambitions was realized in that match, for his son, Brian, played opposite to him as prop for the Present.

Rory O'Connell — 1977 — another of the Cullahill clan, is second chef in the superb restaurant La Ferme Irlandaise. The brain child of Farmers' Business Developments, specialising in Irish food and maintaining the highest standards of haute cuisine. The latest in Paris.



ATHLETIC TEAM 1980/81

Left to right, seated: Eoin Heslin, Neil O'Mahony, Pat Crehan, Mark Gillen, Noel Lynch, Robert McCarthy, John Cody, Peter Geraghty.
First row: Conor Moloney, Shaun Crehan, John O. Flynn, Juan Corripio, Jim O'Toole, Brian O'Shea, Manus Agnew, Colm Roche, Pdraig Grealy, Donagh Cronin, Robert Hernan, Brian O'Loughlin, Shane Monaghan.
Second Row: Brian Meehan, Fergus O'Regan, Michael Keane, James Gavigan, John Nolan, Muiris Murphy, Peter Dunne.
Back row: Peter Daly, Raymond Hernan, John O'Callaghan, Andrew Cody, Brian McClean, Des O'Connor, Michael McCarthy. †

THE TROPHIES THIS TEAM WON

Leinster Senior Shield;
 Olympic Trophy;
 All-Ireland Shield;
 All-Ireland Intermediate Relay Cup;
 Triangular Shield;
 South Leinster Senior, Intermediate
 and Junior All-Round Cups.

C.C.R. has won the Leinster Senior Shield fourteen times. Blackrock are next with eleven wins.

"Olympic Trophy": C.C.R. have fifteen wins; Castleknock have twelve wins.

Congratulations to the Intermediate Relay Team: John Cody, Raymond Hernan, Peter Daly, Fergus O'Regan, they are the Leinster and All-Ireland champions.

And please note: it was thanks to the dedication and example of a few Senior Boys that C.C.R. after a lapse of six years regained some of the Leinster and All-Ireland trophies. Most of these boys trained all the year and so set the foundation of the 1980/81 athletic team.



RUGBY CHAMPIONS 1980/81.

Neil O'Mahony, Leinster winger; John Cody, Irish Schoolboys Seven-a-Side; John O'Callaghan, Leinster second row.

John Cody was on the Irish Schoolboy Athletic team and the Irish B.L.O.E. for the European Championships held in Germany last September. He won a gold and bronze medal.