

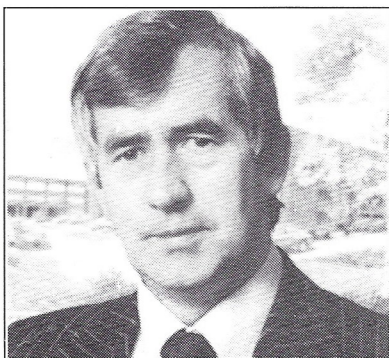
# ROSCREA REVIEW

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## THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNION



Gerald McCarthy the new president of the Union attended CCR from 1951-56. Gerald was one of three brothers who went to Roscrea, Noel (1948-53) and Brian (1949-55) having preceded him. This was carrying on a family tradition as his father and two uncles also went to Roscrea.

Gerald is the first President of the Union whose father previously held the post. The late Dr. Gerald McCarthy was President of the Union from 1947-49.

On leaving Roscrea Gerald studied architecture at the Crawford College of Art in

Cork and graduated from the Oxford School of Architecture. He went to the U.S. on a travelling scholarship where he spent three years including time as a G.I. in the Army Reserve, before returning to Ireland in 1964. He married Neans nee O'Driscoll in 1966 and has four daughters so there is no fear of the Union Presidency becoming dynastic!

He took time out of his practice to qualify as a town planner from Edinburgh University in 1972 and currently runs an architectural and planning practice in Cork. He has served as Chairman of the South West Branch.

## *A Message from the President of the Union*

I know that when he was made President of the Union in 1947 my late father regarded it as a singular privilege. Assuming the same office almost half a century later I feel that same sense of honour. I hope I can uphold the high standing of the office, a legacy of the commitment of my predecessors. Michael Keohane whom I succeeded was one of these and I would like to thank him for the splendid job he did as President of the Union over the last two years. Michael did not allow a Sligo location to deter him in any way from travelling to functions throughout the length and breadth of the country even to the rocky fastness of South Kerry for the Kenmare weekend each year! I would also like to thank his charming wife Rosaleen who assisted him in so ably fulfilling his office.

I take over as President of a Union that I believe is in a healthy state. It is true that some branches and some activities are better supported than others but such variations are typical of any voluntary organisation. Even in the most active of branches it is a small nucleus of people who provide the drive. One of my objectives would be to try to identify such a

core group in areas where the Union is weak and to ensure that each branch has at least one function during the year. It was heartening to see the revival of the London branch this year and it is hoped that a regular function can be established on the weekend of the Ireland England Rugby match. The annual retreat has not been well supported in the recent past. The Central Committee is looking at establishing it on a fixed date around Easter when it is hoped it would enjoy better support.

One of the primary purposes of the Union is to enable pastmen to meet on social occasions and to maintain the links between them and the College. Many Pastmen stay away from events on the basis that there may be none of their immediate contemporaries present. I would like to urge them to rethink as I have found one of the greatest benefits of regularly attending Union activities is the friendships formed with pastmen of other generations. The basis of this is I believe that we have had the common experience of C.C.R. and this acts as an unflinching social catalyst.

The Review is the Union's newsletter and over 2,000 copies are distributed literally to the four corners of the earth keeping pastmen in touch with one another and their Alma Mater. In this issue you will find a banker's order form and I would urge you to fill one out and return it. While the funds from the Draw underpin the Review, rising production and postage costs mean we need additional resources to ensure the continuation of this vital link.

You will see in the Union Diary that there are quite a number of events scheduled over the next two months. These include the **Union Day of 2nd October preceded by the Abbots Cup at Roscrea Golf Club on the Saturday**, the Mayo Galway function at Donnelly's of Barna on the 29th October, the Kenmare weekend at the Park Hotel from the 4th to the 6th November and the Dublin annual dinner on the 12th November. I have a busy time ahead! I look forward to the next two years and hopefully meeting many of you at Union functions.

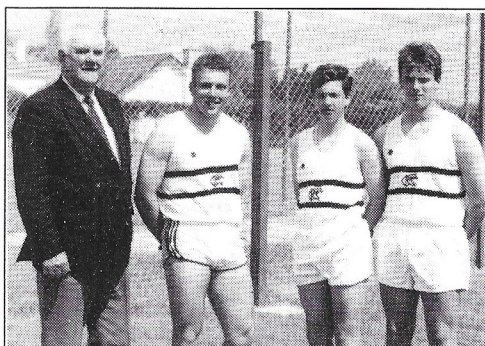
*Gerald F. McCarthy*

## Hammer Throwing in the School '93 - '94

- PADDY CREAGH -

Before I became involved in coaching the hammer in the College it was a well established event here. It was the early seventies when I really got interested (after seeing the boys of that era out training under the careful eye of Fr. Kevin). They were all big strong lads who appeared to lack that little extra in technique and finish which matters so much in making progress in this great event. Since I took over the school has enjoyed many successes in events both at home and overseas.

I suppose the most noteworthy of all was Eamon McCullough who went on to represent Ireland in two "Olympic Games". Eamon is a past student of the college



THOMPSON'S BROTHERS :- (l/r) Pat Creagh (Coach), John Thompson, David Thompson, Stephen Thompson.

who went to university in America shortly after leaving us. He did all his training there to qualify for the Games

and was coached by former Olympic champion Harold Connally. Before and after Eamons departure success in the hammer was more or less confined to the Leinster and All-Ireland championships. Our success in these championships was quite remarkable. We are the only school in Ireland to have won the All-Ireland titles on three different occasions, in all grades, over the past 20 years.

This applies to Leinster championships which we won in all grades on three different occasions. I would mention that our Junior throwers have now won the Leinster Junior champions for a record 10th year in a row. Boys mostly responsible for this must surely be the Thompson brothers from Tullamore. It was won by John in 1992, Stephen in 1993 and David in 1994. John is the present holder of the All-Ireland schools Junior record which he set in Tullamore in 1992.

## Senior Tennis '93-'94

- ROSS KELLY -

The many hard days of training through the winter months paid off as the Roscrea senior tennis team for the first time ever got to the coveted tennis finals in Cork.

The team consisted of Alex Lynch (captain) without whose leadership, dedication and toilet training we could never have done it, the ever bobulous Ross Kelly who proved to be a valuable asset to the team through many close matches, no doubt his experience on the Irish u-14 Tennis Team gave him a considerable advantage. Sean Littleton and Tommy Phelan who were playing the doubles together were the anchor men of the team. Probably the most valiant of attempts came from Alex Lynch as he put up a superb display of tennis, but alas he was narrowly beaten 7-5 7-5. Ross, Sean and Tommy were beaten decisively but none the less we represented the school well and next year C.C.R. and Ross Kelly will awake from his slumber and bring the cup back to the halls of Roscrea.



## SHOWJUMPING IN NEWCASTLE 1994

- PAUL MERNAGH -

On the 24th of April the equestrian teams of the college went to Newcastle Co. Dublin. They were showjumping for the school. The day was cold and the showjumping was indoor. The first of the teams to go consisted of David Maher, Diarmuid Crowley and Kenneth Purcell. The three had clear rounds. The second team to go was Shay Quinn, William Delaney and Brian Dineen. They also had clear rounds. The third team was John McCoppin, Paul Mernagh and Gary Mernagh. Unfortunately John had a knock in that round. The others went clear.

In the second round the first team had three clear rounds. The second team had an unfortunate knock and refusal. The third team also had a clear round. Diarmuid went first for the first team as they had double clear rounds. He was clear but had not a fast enough time.

The final result was :

- 1st Newbridge
- 2nd Cistercian College Roscrea.

The third team came fifth.

The speed championships was another competition. This was won by Diarmuid Crowley and John McCoppin came second, both from Cistercian College.

## Golf Season '93-'94

- ADRIAN LYNCH -

This year the golf panel consisted of :-

Name	Club	H/Cap
Gary Morrison (cap.)	Cahir	5
John Bresnihan	Oughterard	8
Adrian Lynch	Moate	9
Peter Loughnane	Birr	10
Jamie Gibson	Waterville	15
Justin Kehoe	Birr	12
Michael Coogan	Castlecomer	14
Michael Curley	Ballyhaunis	18

In general, it was a successful year for our golf team, and perhaps with a stroke of luck, our title bid may have gone a little further. We were grouped alongside four other teams, Moate, Tullamore, Birr Haywood. We knew from the start that we had no easy task at hand to qualify, when only one out of the five teams qualified. However, we gave it our best shot, and in the end were rather unlucky not to qualify.

## Swimming Gala '93-'94

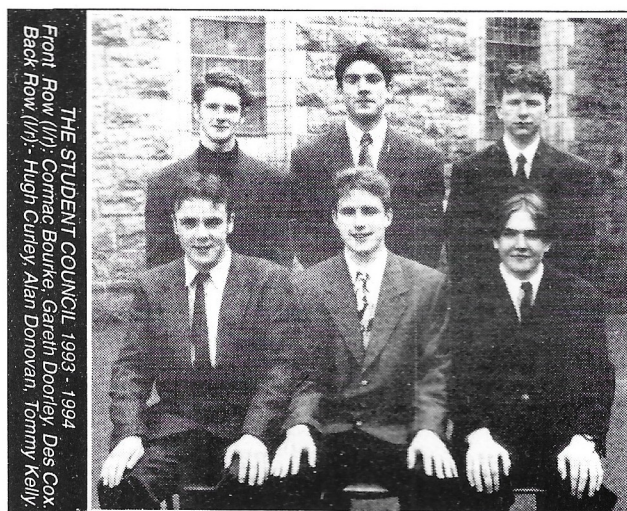
History was certainly made on the 28th April when a team left to represent us in the County Tipperary Swimming Championships to be held in Rockwell College.

Trials were held in the days leading up to the day to find those elite swimmers within the school and believe me, not a single stone was left unturned. Finally a team of five Juniors, six Intermediates and five seniors was chosen.

There were six other schools participating, ranging from Clonmel with two schools to Tipperary town to Thurles, Carrick, and of course the host school, Rockwell.

The six fastest from the heats went through to the final. The heats were run off prior to dinner time with the finals taking place post dinner.

Our successes came through Justine Kelly who won the Intermediate Backstroke and Cormac Cavanagh winning the Senior Breaststroke. We had a second with Kevin Murphy (W/x) in the Senior Butterfly and what a race that proved to be!



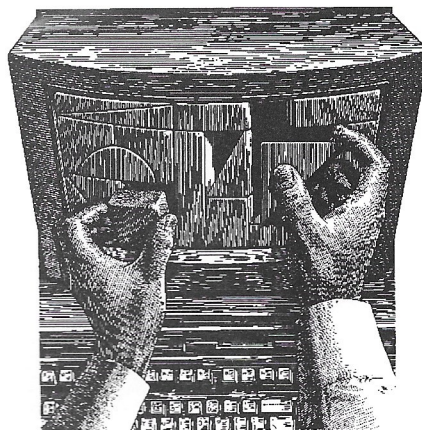
THE STUDENT COUNCIL 1993 - 1994  
Front Row (l/r): Cormac Bourke, Gareth Doorley, Des Cox  
Back Row (l/r): Hugh Curley, Alan Dorovian, Tommy Kelly.

## COMPUTER CLUB 1994

— VINCENT COYNE —

1994 saw the arrival of the console to computer room 2. This was inevitable as consoles have been growing in popularity world wide. For the first year ever Commodore Amigas took a back stage. But the six new console owners paid their annual £3 which, when you look at it, has always been good value. There were now only three computers left, an A600 and two A500's.

The high point of the Computer year in C.C.R. will come on the Sports Day exhibition which I feel may differ greatly from last year. But anyhow, we look forward to another computer year in 1995 with or without the A500. Many thanks to Mr. Guiry and Mr. Kenna who patiently provided us with the computer room key on many days.



Games for the Amigas which proved popular varied in style from "Syndicate" a "mouse" game to "Cannon Fodder" a "shoot 'em up".

## THE STAMP CLUB '93-'94

— RONAN GLYN —

The stamp club this year has been a roaring success. At the beginning of the year many new 2nd years joined and have enjoyed the club as a whole. Unfortunately, we did not get to travel to Dublin to the annual Philatelic exhibition, because of a school break, but I'm sure we'll be heading there next year to view some fine collections and also to avail of new ideas and purchases.

Now a little about actually collecting stamps. It does not have to be an expensive hobby. You can start off by asking other people to save their stamps for you, and the small amount of equipment that you need is fairly cheap. What is more, if you build up a good collection there is always the chance that it will be valuable one day. There are many different ways of collecting stamps. For example; country-by-country, theme or topic (i.e. sports, political), first day covers or even collecting them by postmarks which is a specialised branch of philately.

I wrote earlier of stamp collections becoming valuable. One example of an extremely rare and precious stamp is one

which was issued by British Guiana in 1856. It was sold for US\$ 850,000 in 1980, originally bought for 30p in 1873.

Now a little on the history of stamps. From the turbulent years of the 1920's when Ireland gained its independence to the present day, Irish postage stamps have reflected the unique history and culture of the nation. When the Provisional Government of Ireland took over on February 17th 1922, the running of the post office in the 26 counties that were granted independence under the 1921 treaty, it had no special designs ready for issue so overprints in the Irish language (Gaeilge) were made on the British stamps then in stock. The five line overprint "Rialtas Sealadac na hÉireann 1922" is now a much sought after item of Irish stamps. Since then Irish stamps have usually been commemorating events in the nations past (i.e. the Great Famine). Today Irish stamps are famous worldwide for their originality, colour, beauty and scarcity.

Finally I would like to thank Fr. Eanna who gave much of his time this year to aid us in building up our collections.

## HALLEL

— AN tATH. CIARÁN —

Harvey O'Brien has written an excellent article on his five years in CCR but in all that time he does not seem to have encountered Christ. I am not blaming Harvey but examining my own conscience and I'll make my confession as well. I have lived for 45 years with Fr. Emmanuel, ten of them in close co-operation with him, and it was not until I recently read a letter he wrote to Liam Maher that I realised what kind of a monk he was. That letter is in the cur-

rent issue of *Hallel* a Cistercian monastic review now being published from Roscrea. One of the aims of *Hallel* is to make known what Harvey missed, *le monde du monastere, saol an mhanaigh*.

Harvey was not a typical Roscrea student but it is likely that there are many like him even though one first year once said: 'Mammy, there is something special about this place.' So if you have missed the all-important *invisivilia* of Roscrea you might discover some of them in *Hallel* as I did in Fr. Emmanuel's letter.

*Hallel* is exclusive, even though it uses

## Fr. Ambrose Farrington

On the 20th of May 1994 the Cistercian Community at Bolton Abbey, Moone, Co. Kildare elected their new abbot and successor to the late Dom Benedict Kearns. Fr. Ambrose Farrington was the choice of the community and Dom Colmcille installed Fr. Ambrose as superior on Friday evening.

Fr. Ambrose, as Dick Farrington, was a student at this college from 1944-1947. When he came he began in 3rd year, then 4th and 5th year (which was then also referred to as "Matric" year). In August 1947 Dick entered the monastery and became Brother Ambrose. It was no surprise at all to the student body. He was considered a "sound man" by all of us: serious in a light-hearted fashion. He was a very committed member of the Legion of Mary and was President of the Praesidium in 1946-1947. Naturally too he was a prefect in the dormitory and a head-of-table. He enjoyed school life and made some very close friends at school, notably Joe O'Hara from Belfast who has become a priest in the Arch Diocese of Perth, Australia and who was tragically drowned in a boating accident, as a young priest.

Bro. Ambrose was a good religious companion in the monastery who lived a solid monastic life and retained his sense of humour which means he was always well balanced. With five others (among them Dom Benedict his predecessor) he was ordained a priest here on 25th January 1955. He was back in C.C.R. in 1955 - as a dean of discipline! He was good at this work and enjoyed it. But in 1957 he was recalled to work in the Abbey, becoming master of Scholastics (this means, in modern parlance that he was in charge of trainee priests-monks). In 1958 he was appointed to the onerous position of novice master and he continued in this post until 1962 when he was the first monk sent to the recently acquired property at Moone, Co. Kildare. Later in 1965 the community arrived in Moone and Fr. Ambrose was superior there until 1974.

Ever since then he has been a pillar of the courageous community of which he is the founding father "on the ground". He knows all kinds of monastic work at first hand - from choir stalls to cow stalls, from mental prayers to menial tasks. He is a good monk and a product of C.C.R. and Mount St. Joseph, of whom we can be rightfully proud.

inclusive language (and had women contributors too), but we have special rates for pastmen. We will send you the two issues per annum for £7.

*Hallel* is the Hebrew for 'Praise', is *binne béal molta!*

An tAth. Ciarán

To order *Hallel*, write to the "Editor, *Hallel*," Mount St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. (Enclose Cheque).

# CLASS OF '63 REUNION

## THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 1963

### — SOME PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS —

— GERARD LYNE —

Relativities are turning upside down. Last time round the lapse of twenty-one years seemed like the lapse of ten – this time the lapse of nine years seems more like that of three. Anthony Bardon assures me that it really is nine full years since we marked the twenty-first anniversary of our passing out from Mount St. Joseph's. I have mentally to double-check the record before I can bring myself to believe him.

And so we find ourselves once more in conclave – Anthony Bardon (the moving spirit, this time as last), brother James, Paddy Cunneen and your humble scribe – reconstituted once more as the ad hoc representative committee of the Class of '63. (Suggested analogies with the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are firmly ruled out). This time our proceedings are much more leisurely. We have, after all, a ready-made and still a largely up-to-date file of contacts at our fingertips.

The fruit of our labour is a gathering of twenty stalwart survivors in the entrance hall of the College on the dark, damp evening of Saturday 9th October. The autumnal gloom is tinged with real sadness. Fr. Patrick (affectionately known as 'Paddy' to generations of pastmen) one-time President, classics teacher extraordinary and Kerryman *par excellence*, had been laid to rest within the monastic precincts that very morning. I hear of his passing on coming through the doors, and momentarily find myself again among the struggling classicists of the sixth-year C' stream, with 'Paddy' beaming kindly on us all – displaying endless patience in the face of bog Latinisms of the most monstrous and barbarous variety – the stuff of which truly great teachers are made. Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam dílis!

We gather at the head of the great staircase. It comes as a relief that, just as last time, I can readily attach names to faces. Leo Mattimoe (Sligo schoolmaster) is a case in point. Although well and truly thirty years removed (having been unable to join us on the last occasion) he is still instantly recognisable.

As each new arrival shows, an impromptu chorus of names is sounded sotto voce – Mick O'Neill (Cork City banker, who has driven up from a golf-

ing weekend in Killarney); Joe Doyle (our man in Montrose); Tommy Grennan (esteemed house captain); James T. Quain (rumbustious Leesider); Tom Mulherrin (mover and shaker of state bureaucracies); Willie Conway (impressively silverhaired and senatorial); Noel O'Connor (known to his friends as 'The Light of Abbeyfeale'); Packie Ryan (the Tipperary farmer's best friend); and Phil McGovern (of the storied Ballinamore brigade). I am particularly glad to see Willie Staunton and Ted Forde arrive – a postprandial tickling of the ivories seems assured.

We mingle, wander the corridors, and seek out familiar faces among the rows of photographs in the display cases – making unerringly, I note, for the sepia stretches. Fr. Eanna, shepherd of all lost pastmen, joins us briefly – all to briefly, as it happens. When I turn hoping to catch him momentarily disengaged he has already vanished.

We share a sherry reception with children many years our junior. Ruefully, I note among them An Tánaiste, Dick Spring. Any thought of striking an appropriately patronising air of seniority is promptly abandoned.



We take the opportunity to wish Mr. John Shanahan a happy retirement. I find myself reminiscing on sixth-year French and the magic he so skilfully wrought round texts such as Loti's *Pecheur d'Islande*. He tells us that he looks forward in retirement to reading Maupassant – for pleasure.

Along with four members of the College community – Fr. Andrew, Fr. Bonaventure, Fr. Ciarán and Fr. Dermot – we take our stand in the Assembly Hall for the obligatory group photograph. A mood of self-congratulation pervades us as we make visual comparisons with our

juniors who are similarly engaged across the way. Undoubtedly, our group possesses a monopoly of youthful good looks and joie de vivre!

Before we quit the College I put my face round the door of the darkened refectory. Aromas of tea, sausage and fresh brown bread overwhelm me, and transport me back three decades in time. An uproarious sea of vanished forms and faces comes surging out of the shadows . . . I beat a hasty retreat.

To Portlaoise, then, and the Killeshin Hotel. Awaiting us is John Mulligan, looking singularly spruce and trim, come specially from England to join us. With him, from somewhat nearer home is successful Cork Builder, Philip Hourican. It is good to see them.

At dinner the Lord Abbot graciously presides. In his after-dinner observations he dwells on the current decline in religious vocations in the affluent West – a decline more than offset, he tells us, by the rise in Third-World vocations. Anyone looking for a job, he points out (with only the vaguest hint of a smile) will find one readily in the Church. In conclusion, he stresses how much reunions such as our mean to the community of Mount St. Joseph's.

Tommy Grennan welcomes the Lord Abbot. In typically quiet and thoughtful vein he refers to the collapse of communism as mirroring the collapse in religious vocations – in each instance it reflects the rejection of the principle of self-sacrifice. He concludes with praise for the enduring and perfect communism of the Cistercians.

Anthony Bardon's remarks are pitched, appropriately, both at the company and the nation at large. He voices concerns both as parent and citizen. Ours, he tells us, was the lucky generation, born to an era of relatively full employment. He exhorts any among us in a position to do so to provide jobs – unemployment is the bane alike of the family and the State. In conclusion he outlines the process involved in organising the present gathering. Already he is looking to another one, five years down the line.

The circle is warm and convivial, but

# CLASS OF '63 REUNION



*Back to Front and Left to Right :- Fr. Bonaventure, James Quain, Gerard Lyne, Teddie Ford, Fr. Dermot, Joe Doyle, Willie Conway, Philip McGovern, Fr. Kevin, Tom Grennan, James Bardon, Mick O'Neill, Pat Ryan, Tom Mulherrin, Leo Mattimoe, Fr. Peter, Fr. Andrew, Willie Staunton, Noel O'Connor, Pat Cunneen, Abbot Colmcille, Anthony Bardon, Frank Smyth (Dean of Studies), John Shanahan (Retired), Fr. Ciaran.*

among the vacant spaces in the shadows at the far end absent faces float. James Bardon gives them form and substance with news of expatriates: John Monks, a busy dentist in Surrey; Finian Lennon, New York-based spotter of international financial talent; Freddie Kirk, recently back at sea after shore leave; Odran Gilheaney, in distant Alaska; Tony O'Rahilly, in Canada (or is it Nigeria?). James recalls others nearer home: Anselm Enright, detained by picket duty in the current Dublin ambulance strike; Fr. Peter Ahearne, officiating at the wedding of a parishioner in Dungarvan, and Harry Hunt, who got the date wrong.

James circulates a letter from Stan Farrell in Rio de Janeiro. Stan writes that for him life has always been a search. It has taken him to Europe, the Middle East, the United States and now Brazil, where he and his wife are engaged in combating drug addiction among the poor and deprived. Anthony and James organise a small collection in support of this good

work.

We recall deceased classmates Paul Lawless and Ben Shorten, and in particular Noel McCormac, with whose recent untimely death we are still coming to terms. His bustling figure impinges distinctly on my mind's eye – he loomed so large among us last time round.

To the bar, then, for some light after-dinner refreshments. At this stage reminiscence takes a distinctly zany turn. Paddy Cunneen regales us with descriptions of that much-loved College delicacy 'slumgullion'. The etymology of this richly-evocative dish intrigues but eludes us. (Has anyone ever thought of compiling a glossary of College slang? The English language would be the richer for it). Paddy has visions of chic Irish restaurants in foreign parts proclaiming to their clientele 'Traditional slumgullion served here!' (A lucrative diversification for Irish financiers? Probably more appropriate, we regretfully conclude, to a Kremlin menu of the Yeltsin era.)

Willie Staunton and Teddy Forde take tuneful turns at the piano. The Bardon brothers being regrettably out of commission (Anthony has laryngitis) less talented and more raucous renditions become the order of the evening. The Sabbath is already some hours old when we adjourn.

Breakfast over, and our gathering already scattered, I linger a little longer in the congenial company of Tommy Grennan, James Quain and Noel O'Connor. We find ourselves recalling an era in our lives earlier even than Mount St. Joseph's. We are old enough to remember the 1950's and the ragged, barefoot squalor of much of the schoolgoing population of that era. There has, in spite of everything, been much progress, and our generation has made and is still making a worthwhile contribution. On that optimistic note we make our farewells, before striking out, once more, into the deep, dark woods, towards the promises we each have to keep.

## NEWS OF PAST STUDENTS

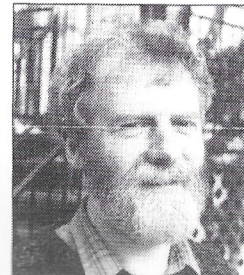
**EAMONN WALL**, 1969-'72, with an M.A. and a Ph.D. to his name, is now a Professor of English at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, U.S.A.

In late spring this year he brought thirty members of the Enniscorthy Drama Group to Omaha to stage Irish plays during a seminar at the University. The project was a great success.

Eamonn took his B.A. and H.Dip. in U.C.D., he obtained his M.A. at Wisconsin University in Milwaukee, and was awarded his Doctorate in English in New York University. He is a frequent contributor to U.S. journals and is at present working on a novel with an Irish and American background. During a recent visit to Ireland he read a paper on James Joyce to a literary session in Trinity College, Dublin.

Dr. Wall retains close links with his native Enniscorthy. He and his wife Dru and their children spent a holiday at home this summer with his parents Mike and Nancy Wall at Murphy - Floods Hotel, Enniscorthy.

**DENIS SAMPSON**, 1960 - '65, was from Whitegate, Co. Clare, and has spent over twenty years in Montreal. He is Professor of English in Vanier College in that city. Denis is much involved in Irish Studies in Canada, and has been Book Review Editor of the Canadian Journal of Irish Studies since 1968. He has recently published a book of the fiction writer John McGahern. It is called "Outstaring Nature's Eye". Denis is married to Gay Kelly of Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny. They have three children. Speaking of Montreal he said, "It is a lovely city, especially from a multicultural aspect. Since moving here it has become increasingly international. In my class, for example, only 10% are English-speaking students, the remainder are Asian, French-Canadian, Italian etc., and the city reflects that kind of excitement that this multiculturalism brings".



**JOHN WOODS**, 1966, originally from Swinford, Co. Mayo is an accountant with Stokes Kennedy Crowley. He is now married and living in Dublin.

**TIERNAN DOLAN**, 1971, normally teaches in St. Mel's when he is not on voluntary work in Rwanda or Somalia with Goal. Some of his photographs are published in Missionary Magazines.

**Dr. PETER QUIGLEY**, 1970, formerly of Rathdowney has a Consultant Cardiology practice at St. Vincent's Hospital and the Blackrock Clinic, Dublin.

**JACK HOULIHAN**, 1944, a retired engineer from the ESB, now lives in Mount Merrion; and his brother Peter, 1940, has retired from Banking and settled down in Schull. They originally came from Dingle.

**JAMES DILLON**, 1941, from Tullaroan, a retired engineer with the EBS, now lives in Clonmel.

**MARTIN KELLY**, 1978, one of the "Twenties" Drogheda family is an engineer and has spent some time in Scotland and on the oil rigs. He now has a senior position with Barlo.

**JOHN McHUGH**, 1978, from Mullingar, is a producer with RTE and is likely to be producer of next year's Eurovision Song Contest.

**Fr. ROBERT STACK, S.J.**, 1973, had the doubtful honour of being referred to by Ian Paisley, as a Jesuit in Portadown finding the going very hard . . . one wonders where does the shoe pinch?

**JOHN McGRANE**, 1978, is with Kindle Group Computer Software. He is one of four brothers from Marley Grange.

**MICHAEL GRACE**, 1978, returned from a practice in London and is now an architect in Dublin.

**DONAL KENNEDY**, 1978, formerly from Granard is a Solicitor in the Donal Spring office, and lives in Dublin.

**COLM O'CONNOR**, 1978, formerly from Galway, now in business in Dublin, recently married a girl from Scariff.

**RICHARD CAHILL**, 1978, has taken over the family business in Rathdowney.

**PADRAIG GRENNAN**, 1978, is farming near Kinnitty, and also farming is **TOM PHELAN** of the Pike of Rushall, another 1978 man, and **CIARAN CARTHRY**, the same years, is not so down to earth, he is an Aer Lingus pilot.

*All these snippets came from the 15th year reunion of the '73/'78 class . . . many thanks.*

**Dr. VINCENT SHERRY**, 1935, so thoroughly enjoyed the Union function in the Savoy that he is eagerly looking forward to the next reunion there. He is retired in London. Seamus '33 and Kevin '41, brothers of the above, in their retirement from Foxford Woollen Mills, enjoy the pleasant calm of the Moy and Lough Con.

Of the second generation, Brendan, 1975, is an accountant in New York and his brother Paul, 1986, is flourishing in the grocery/gardening/hardware business in Wexford. From another family came John, 1965, now a well known business man in Galway. He is also Chairman of the Western Branch of the Union. Peter, 1975, is an accountant with Irish Life; his brother James, 1972, is a structural engineer at present working in Nigeria.

Dr. Barney Sherry's son Eoin, 1976, has recently been appointed a consultant anaesthetist at Guy's Hospital, London, and his brother Brian, 1978, started his Law practice in their old home in Palmerstown. He is kept very busy. Barney himself has retired to live in Nutley. Fr. Michael Sherry hopes to visit CCR in September or October and he would like to meet some Pastmen of his own vintage (1921-'26), possibly at the Past v Pastmen Match on Sunday October 2nd at 3 p.m. Fr. Michael is a member of the Community at Nunraw Abbey, Scotland. He was the first Superior of the foundation - Roscrea's first daughter house. He and his brothers originally came to CCR from Bolton, Lancs.

## The Wedding Day

— B. SHERRY —

It was a poor month of May weather-wise, but it was right and proper that there should be lovely blue skies and brilliant sunshine on the 14th. And so there was, and that surely signalled many years of munificence from the Good Lord for Noel Windle and Christina Kinirons who were married on that day.

The wedding took place at St. Gabriel's Church, Sallins. Naturally there had to be a Roscrea presence. Fr. Denis Ryan officiated and Barney Sherry was groomsman. In support were Conor Massey and Michael Hayden. Pride of place went to the charming and glamorous Mrs. Beatrice Windle, Noel's mother, a very youthful four score and ten. Christina, widow of the very popular and loyal C.C.R. man, Noel Kinirons, was escorted by her eldest son Mark and in attendance were her other four sons Brian, John, Paul, who had come from Australia for the happy day and Noel Jnr.

The late Noel's family was represented by Una Kinirons. The bridesmaid, Una Conroy, a cousin of the bride, came all the way from the U.S.A. to grace the occasion. The reception was held in

Noel Windle and Christina Kinirons on their Wedding day.



Kingswood Country House, Clondalkin, and in keeping with the generous hospitality of Christina and Noel the word banquet would just about describe it. Many guests spoke and every word spoken was sincere and from the heart in praise of and wishing well to the happy couple.

*May God grant them many years of happiness, health, peace and contentment.*

## OTHER NEWS

**PAUL McGARRY**, (1980) from Belmullet is now working with the E.U. in Brussels — Consumers Affairs.

**BRIAN GALLAGHER**, (1987) from Kilmallock, taught for a year in London. He has returned to UCC, where he already got his B.A. and H.Dip., to do an M.A. in Archeology which he will have completed this year.

**JAMES HORGAN**, (1991), from Douglas in Cork is a manager with Ladbrooks in London. Robert, '93, is doing Agricultural Science in England.

**VIVIAN** and **DECLAN BRENNAN**, '88 and '89, from Athenry, Co. Galway are both in Australia. The latter is an Engineer.

**MICHAEL HAYDEN**, (1951), Dublin, is Managing Director, Commercial Enterprises, E.S.B.

**PETER McNAMARA**, 1950-'56, recently called to see C.C.R. his first since he left school. Originally from Newcastle West, he now lives in Castleredmond, Middleton, Co. Cork.

**JACK GUINEY**, 1961-'65, was another visitor in July, he called with his Australian wife and two children. They live at Monogony Drive, New Lambton, New South Wales. His brother, Philip, 1959-'64, has also settled in Australia at 10. Dundacree Close, Foster, N.S.W.

## ROSCREA REVIEW

### NEWS OF PASTMEN FROM THE SOUTH-WEST

**EAMONN McCOY**, 1979, is an Anaesthetist in Belfast. Eamonn is married with one child. He went to Bosnia recently with a team of doctors from Belfast.

**DIARMUID McCOY**, 1983 is an Anaesthetist in the Cork Regional Hospital. Diarmuid also spent sometime helping out in Bosnia this summer.

**BRYAN McCOY**, 1984, works with Rowa Pharmaceuticals in Bantry. Bryan is married with one child.

**BRIAN O'REGAN**, 1984, is an Engineer with General Instruments in Macroom. He and his wife Marie had a baby daughter in early August.

**JOHN O'REGAN**, 1983, works with Grenada Television in Manchester.

**JOHN** and **BRIAN** are sons of **PETER O'REGAN**, 1949, who lives in Crookstown, Co. Cork. Peter was a noted CCR sprinter in his day.

**MORGAN KEANE**, 1983, is a Paediatrician in Luton, England. He married Friederike Heimann in Cologne Germany on 27th August. Fergal Doyle, 1980,

was on hand to assist with the nuptials.

**MICHAEL McCARTHY**, 1982, is married with two children. Michael is Sales Director with McCarthy Commercials Ltd., Watergrasshill, Co. Cork.

**COLEMAN McCARTHY**, 1982, is Services Director with McCarthy Commercials Ltd. and is married with one child.

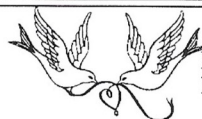
**MICHAEL** and **COLEMAN** are sons of **DONAL McCARTHY**, 1952, who is "The Boss" in Watergrasshill.

**GERARD McCARTHY**, 1955, retired Bank of Ireland, is Area Sales Manager with McCarthy Commercials Ltd.

*Some CCR Paststudents who were successful in recent summer exams in UCC.*

Jonathan Costello, Fourth Medical; Anthony Maher, Third Dental; Murrrough McMahon, Third Arts; Jeremy Greene, Third Arts (European Studies); Robert Bridgeman, Third Commerce; John McCarthy, Second Commerce; Thomas Coughlan, First Law; and Tom Harty, First Food and Dairy Science.

## Married



**Dr. Martin Daly** (1980) of Ballygar, Co. Galway, to **Dr. Miriam Mangan** in May 1994.

**Paddy O'Brien**, B.Eng. (1981) of

Kenagh, Co. Longford, to **Dr. Jacinta Higgins**, in June 1994.

**Dr. John Fahy** (1975) of Tullamore got married in April 1994.

**Allan McCarthy** (1985) of Quinn, Co. Clare got married in April 1994.

# UNION FUNCTIONS

## PAST PUPILS' WEEKEND

Saturday 1st October, 1994

**GOLF** – Abbot's Cup, Roscrea Golf Club, contact Liam Spooner, Glebe View, Roscrea, 0505/22074. Gerard Maher, Clyduff, Roscrea, 0505/47245.

Dinner in Golf Club – tickets limited, ladies included.

Sunday 2nd October.  
Union Mass, 11a.m.  
Abbey Church.  
Lunch, 12 to 2p.m.  
Past v Present, 3p.m.



### KENMARE WEEKEND

November 4, 5, and 6th.  
Rates 2 Nts. D/B/B £143.00 per person (incl. D. Friday night)  
2 Nts. B/B plus Gala Dinner £123.00 per person  
1Nt. B/B plus Gala Dinner £98.00 per person.

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Saturday 29th October, 1994.

at Donnelly's of Barna, Co. Galway.  
Contact:- Dr. Sean Murphy,  
Portumna, Co. Galway at 0509/41196  
or Michael Keohane, Easky, Sligo  
at 096/49083

**DUBLIN BRANCH DINNER**  
Saturday 12th Nov., 1994.

**SOUTH WEST BRANCH DINNER**  
Arbutus Lodge, Cork.  
Friday 31st March 1995



## OBITUARIES 1993/'94

Fr. Patrick Maloney, O.C.S.O. 1923

Br. Camillus O'Connor, O.C.S.O.

Killian Boland, 1945

Vincent Maguire, 1938 (Louisburg Co. Mayo)

Col. Patrick Collins, 1930

Patrick Connellan, 1956

Daniel Smyth, 1951

Paul Walsh, 1924

Fr. Stephen O'Hara, O.C.S.O., 1951

Abbot Benedict Kearns, O.C.S.O.

Paul Cleary, 1924

Martin Egan, 1922

John M. Houlihan, 1930

Thomas G. Burke, 1930

Brendan Murphy, 1965 (Cork)

Peter O'Toole, 1987

William O'Connor, 1958

Fr. Denis Curtin, P.P. 1951

Roscrea.

Roscrea.

Cork.

Chelmsford.

Dublin.

Longford.

Dublin.

Templemore.

Roscrea.

Moone.

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