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## KEVIN DWAN - An Appreciation

Under the leadership of Kevin Dwan one of the most successful and fruitful periods in the history of the Union is drawing to an end. Kevin was one of the youngest - if not the youngest President the Central Committee ever elected to this difficult office. His family had long associations with Roscrea, and for part of his term of Office he had a son in the College; but his duty as President of the Union transcended all these considerations and he was his own man in all his administrations and decisions.

At his inauguration he set himself three objectives, one was to strengthen the bonds between the Union, the College and the students; the others were to rejuvenate the Branches in Limerick and Galway, and finally to revive the London (Overseas) Branch.

He set about this work in a careful, methodical and very sympathetic way, giving full consideration to the Union members and local conditions which prevailed in different places. Some of his long journeys in these causes have been in vain, but others have borne fruit. He passes on to his successor a thriving Branch in Galway, a well set up Committee in Cork, and the makings of a most interesting experiment in the "National Week-end Away". He has also put the London (Overseas) Branch on its feet under the Chairmanship of Paddy Moriarty.

Being a golf enthusiast himself it is not surprising that the Championship for the "Abbot's Cup" has become one of the big annual events of the Union. He helped to establish a financial policy for the Union which gives it some security for the future. In the opinion of the General Secretary he has been one of the easiest men to work with, and one of the best Presidents the Union has yet produced.

## UPHOLDING THE TRADITION



Caoilte O'Connor winning the Senior Schoolboys hurdles 1986.

## GOLF: Lord Abbot's Cup October 4, 1986

For the past few years Roscrea Golf Club has had the pleasure of hosting the annual Lord Abbot's Cup competition. In that time the number of past men playing has increased dramatically and in 1985 forty six competitors took part. The standard of scoring has also undergone a dramatic change and the intimidating total of 45 Stableford points was required last year to lift the cup. The present holder in none other than the Union's own President, Kevin Dwan, who certainly managed to tame the Roscrea course last October. He was closely followed by local man Ted Stapleton, and it will be interesting to see how a year's interval has altered their respective handicaps. Last year seven prizes were available for the men and it should be possible to match that this year.

At the instigation of Kevin Dwan a special competition was run in conjunction with the Abbot's Cup for the wives and/or girlfriends of past men. Not many competed last year, so I appeal to the ladies to get themselves organised. Roscrea have very generously reserved the first tee for us from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It

will greatly facilitate the running of the competition if as many as possible play early in the day. Because Roscrea is only on a 9-hole course there can be lengthy delays if everyone arrives to play in or around the same time. We did consider having a timesheet but we decided it would be too restrictive. So if you want a speedy and relaxed round of golf, why not tee off before mid-day?

But the day isn't merely concerned with golf, there will be dinner that evening in the Clubhouse for all who wish to attend. The College President, Fr. Kevin Daly, will be among the guests at the evening function. I must stress however, that all who will be having dinner must pre-book. We are somewhat restricted by space and since the meal is being provided by a voluntary Ladies' Committee they need to know pretty accurately how many will be sitting for dinner. The following are the three people to contact re. booking dinner: Noel Windle, c/o E.B.S.; Brendan Galvin 1/2 Kenyon St., Nenagh (067) 31682; Gerard P. Maher (0505) 47245 (Home),

(0505) 21072/21061 (School).

Since the following day is Union Day there may be past men who will be anxious to stay the night. The Leix County Hotel will provide a special overnight rate and the North Tipperary Branch will provide transport there is there are enough people requiring it. We would envisage bringing people back to the college the following morning to allow the time to partake in all the activities of Union Day.

We are all ready for the day and if anyone else wants to get involved we will put it to good use. So, if you're a golfer, if your partner golfs and if you want a good evening's entertainment, why not mark Saturday, October 4 into your diary? Not all the costings on the day have been finalised but, going on last year's figures they should resemble the following:

Golf (Entry fee plus green fees) .....£8.00  
Dinner .....£8.00

Hope to see you early on October 4.

Gerard P. Maher

# Pastmen

by CONOR BRADY

The first thing I like to read in the *Roscrea Review* is the "News of Pastmen" column. I find it extraordinary to hear of contemporaries - young boys in my mind's eye - who have gone to distant lands or advanced in their chosen walks of life. I like to read of their personal lives, the marriages, the children, the perpetuation of a family name or a local business.

It's often baffling when one tries to equate the awkward, shy lad of two decades ago with the photograph of the now *sauve*, accomplished man; or to identify the timorous, inadequate slowcoach with the success that is detailed in the two or three lines, carefully edited and presented by Father Dermot.

So many of today's high-fliers seemed such unpromising material - or so I thought. And so many of those now settled, raising families seemed to embody such rascality and wildness. I remember one especially unruly contemporary of mine who broke every rule, transgressed - insofar as was physically possible at CCR - most of the Ten Commandments and whose academic record was beyond description. I saw him earlier this summer, trailing a string of the loveliest little children through a city street, the very picture of contented parenthood.

But I often wonder about the other side of the CCR story. The Review chronicles the successes and the triumphs and the progress through life of those who, by and large, are happy or successful. What about the others? What about the boys, now men, whose careers have plunged, whose businesses have failed, whose lives are chronicles of disaster? What about the alcoholics, the bankrupts, the failure in marriage, the defrauders, the suicides, the jailbirds (yes, there isn't a school in Ireland that doesn't have its representatives on the inside from time to time).

Wouldn't it be a fascinating exercise to put together a *Roscrea Review* of them all? What

a catalogue of woe and tragedy would be there. It is, of course, a fantastic notion which could not, would not and should not become reality. The laws of libel, apart altogether from considerations of Christian charity see to that.

The profile of Roscrea's pastmen, if it could be set out in full detail, would be the mixture of good and bad, triumph and tragedy, sadness and joy that is the human condition. It would probably be much the same as any of our own families (I recently discovered that I had a great-uncle convicted of murder in Idaho in 1864). It would be like any school, any family, any village or town; it would simply reflect the infinite variety of human experience and behaviour.

A few years ago I was in a city hotel at a function. I noticed that a man whom I did not know was wearing, of all things, a Roscrea Union tie. Yet he was about the same age as myself so if he was not an exact contemporary I reckoned I should be able to place him in a year around my own. I introduced myself and gestured to the black and gold tie. "You're a Roscrea man I see". He blushed and became embarrassed. He moved away a little. Undaunted, I persisted. "I'm afraid I don't remember you at all. What years were you there?"

"Look," he replied *Sotto voce*, "I don't know what the damned tie is about. I just came across it and put it on. I don't know you and you don't know me".

Now my reporter's instincts were really moving. The frontal approach was going to get me no distance. I apologised, offered the fellow a drink and we went to the bar for a chat. It turned out he was a young engineer in the employ of Dublin Corporation who went to school somewhere in the west. He had never set foot in Roscrea. Later, I steered the conversation back to the tie. "I'll tell you the truth about the tie", he laughed, "I've just moved into a flat in Rathmines and the

fellow before me left it behind along with the rest of his clothes." "Oh, I see", I replied, "did you know his name?" "No I didn't. He left behind about a hundred empty vodka bottles and a string of bills. There's fellows from half the banks and finance companies in Dublin come knocking on the door in the evenings looking for him."

I never learned any more. I have often wondered who it was in that flat that bequeathed the tie to the young engineer. Perhaps it was a classmate of mine. Did he solve his drink problem? Did he escape the clutches of his creditors? Did he put his life into order or is he still on the run? Is he even alive?

Or have I seen his picture in the *Roscrea Review* with a three line summary of a job, a marriage and a quota of children? The truth, of course, is that the line dividing "success" from "failure" can be an illusory one. Material wealth may be accompanied by spiritual poverty. Career achievement may be accompanied by personal failure. The surface of calm confidence may mask a state of personal turbulence and agony. Who can tell what lies behind an outward show?

I suppose the college's motto is as good a target as any to aim for. "*Insidiat coelis animo sed corpore terris*"; purists would quarrel with my translation but for me it says simply "keep your perspective, do the best you can with this world but remember it isn't everything". Roscrea's real successes are the men who can do that. They have managed to work out life's fundamental equation.

For me, in my time, a Roscrea education was as good a point of departure as any from whence to aim at that objective. It worked for a great many before me and after me and from what one can judge it's working still. But it can't work for everybody. Spare a thought occasionally, maybe a prayer, for those for whom it all goes wrong.

## Past Pupils Notes

**Richard Vaughan** - 1971 - has recently been appointed Assistant Director of the Ulster Investment Bank. Richard is married to Sheila Somers and they have one child.

**Peter Vaughan** - 1973 - recently qualified as an anaesthetist in the R.C.S.I. Married to Maura Connolly, they have one child.

**Simon Coyle** - 1971 - has been seen in the papers recently in his role as President of Dublin Junior Chamber.

**Tony Bennett** - 1965 - married Aileen Curran of Limerick during the Summer. Barry Bennett (1969) was best man.

**Paul Enright** - 1973 - native of Enniscorthy, works as Cabin crew Steward with Aer Lingus. One of the first men to break into that female preserve! He also holds a Commercial Pilots licence. A bit of an explorer, he has taken two field trips completely alone through the Amazon Valley and reached previously unexplored territory. He broadcast reports on RTE 1 on both trips after returning home.

**William Enright** - 1974 - brother of the above, is studying for his Ph.D. in Agricultural Science at Lancing University,

Michigan, U.S.A. His thesis and specialist area is in dairy breeding and the prospects are for a dramatic breakthrough in the area of genetics and cattle breeding.

**Kieran Fitzgerald** - 1979 - of Glin, Co. Limerick, is producing and presenting Radio programmes for RTE. Especially about the Limerick area.

**Billy O'Neill** - 1966 - formerly from Roscrea where the family were then living, but he originally came from Cork, to where he has now returned where he is currently Regional Manager in the P.M.P.A. He is married and has one son.

**Larry Ruane** - You remember Larry? He spent a brief period with us in 1971. His father was a pastman and so was his brother. He has abandoned his home town, Ballina, and moved to Kilkenny where he is employed by the Norwich Union.

**Bernard Molloy** - 1970 - is an ardent follower of the Union and an avid reader of the *Review*. He would like to see it issued four times a year. He now lives in Dublin and is employed by the P.M.P.A.

**Denis Molloy** - 1971 - a brother of Ber-

nard's, studied Law when he left Roscrea and qualified as a Solicitor. He is at present in practice in Castlebar, and he is married.

**Enda Cunningham** - 1976 - a native of Dublin was ordained to the Priesthood last July. He was ordained for the Dublin diocese.

**Pascual Riesco Chueca** - 1977 - came all the way from Av. Eduardo Dato, 24 6a Saville 5, Spain. He mastered English in no time, beginning in 2A and finishing in 6A in less than half a year. He took the rest of the subjects in his "spare time" and finished up with an Honours Leaving Cert. getting mostly "A's", except in Spanish, where he got a "B"! He got an "A" in art which included writing a paper in English on Art history and appreciation. He also took the Cambridge Entrance while he was with us. Returning home he studied Pure Maths. in Saville University and got a Masters Degree and an Entrance Scholarship to Harvard in the U.S.A. he would like to meet any other Roscrea man there or in the vicinity.

**The Hasset Brothers** - from Durrrow, Co. Laois, Fergal, 1975, Pat, 1976, and Dan,

1977, all attended U.C.G. Fergal became a Micro Biologist, Pat qualified as a doctor, and Dan became a Zoologist.

**Michael J. O'Connor** - 1962 - he came from Killorglin, Co. Kerry. He left in 5B, and now lives in 73 Lexington Avenue, New York, 10010. His brother James Gerard came after him and left in 1963. Their father was also a past student - James O'Connor, 1923, and came from Castlegregory, Co. Kerry.

**Seamus Diamond** - 1941 - one of the few men from Donegal who have come all the way to C.C.R. He called recently to tell us he had moved to the other end of the country, and is now living in Glenveagh, Philip Street, Waterford. His brother Joe, 1936, is still living in the old home in Milford, Co. Donegal.

**Michael Nolan** - 1969 - one of the Muinebeag, Co. Carlow family is now flying for Gulf Air.

**Thomas M. Kelly** - 1970 - came from Portlaoise while he was in C.C.R. He now lives in Drumree, Co. Meath, and commutes into Dublin each day to teach in the College of Marketing and Design. He also teaches Photography, and his work has appeared on several of the bank and oil company calendars. This summer he has achieved the distinction of having his pictures included in the book, "Ireland, A Week in the Life of a Nation".

**Andrew Folan** - 1974 - is another Art Teacher and a native of Donegal. He is a print maker and was recently presented with the Douglas Hyde Gold Medal for his works "An Tobar" and "Caision" which were included in the Oireachtas exhibition.

**Dr. Liam Dalton** - 1976 - formerly of

Banagher, Co. Offaly, was recently married. Dr. Mark Grealy was his best man, ably assisted by Kieran Burns who made sure the job was done properly.

**Patrick Dean** - 1981 - of Tomnalassett, Enniscorthy, recently graduated from Trinity College with a Bachelor of Business Studies Degree. He was immediately able to take up an appointment with Touche-Ross Accountancy firm in Leeds, England.

**Eamonn O'Modhrain** - 1977 - a native of Ballysax, Co. Kildare, qualified in Agriculture Engineering. He has made quite a name for himself in his own field with some system he invented. He is at present with Varian Instruments in Limerick. They badly need good men in the Limerick Branch. Officers note, his present address is 17 Hiltop, St. Patrick's Road, Limerick.

**Joe Daly** - 1928 - a native of Dingle spent a brief period in C.C.R. Most of his life has been spent in collecting folklore in the Dún Chaoin area. It was announced in the Irish paper *Anois*, March 9th that the University body was conferring on Joe an LL.D. in recognition of his work for the Irish Language and Folklore.

**Brendan J. Daly** - 1942 - formerly from Ballinahown, Athlone. Now carried the title of M.D., Inc. He called recently and now lives in 4855 Vita Road, La Mesa, California, 92041, U.S.A.

**Seamus Deering** - 1925 - called recently with his wife to see how their grandsons, Dermot and Carol are getting on, and to see if they were keeping up the family traditions. Seamus was one of the finest Rugby players C.C.R. ever produced. He was capped for Ireland nine times, and the newspapers of the time described him as "a man who has

the heart and strength of a lion and must be about the best forward in the four Triple Crown countries. No matter how fierce the play he always comes up smiling, looking for more."

The following are some University Examination results that have come to our notice.

**John Kennedy** - 1979 - got his Finals in Chartered Accountancy.

**Noel Flood** - 1975 - has also got his Finals in Chartered Accountancy.

**William Kennedy** - 1981 - got first in the 3rd Agriculture Science.

**Matt Kennedy** - 1982 - got third in the same exam. the following year.

**Bernard O'Boyle** - took his B.A. with honours in U.C.D.

**Michael O'Leary** - 1982 - got 1st class honours in his 2nd Vet.

**Patrick O'Boyle** 1981 - has qualified in Mechanical Engineering in Trinity.

**Brian McClean** - 1983 - got 1st place in his 2nd Physics in U.C.D.

**Paul Wrafter** - 1971 - of Tullamore, got married in July to Anne Jones. Paul is one of the pillars of the Midland Branch.

**Jim Loughane** - 1970 - formerly of Nenagh, married in June of this year and has gone to live in Dublin - 38 The Elms, Merrion Road, Dublin 4. This is becoming a popular area for pastmen!

**Michael Keating** - 1961 - of Clogheen, Cahir, Co. Tipperary was married last Christmas and his brother James (1963), came home from Canada for the wedding.

**Gerry Ryan** - 1958 - of Birdhill, Co. Tipperary (I hope I am reporting the right Gerry now) is married to the sister of Dr. Diarmuid Kerins who is back in Ireland from Vancouver with his wife and two children. Diarmuid was another 1958 man.

**Dr. Damien Kerins** - 1963 - also from Banagher is now in practice in Clarenville, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.

**Aiden Sheeran** - 1956 - formerly of Mountrath, now married, is in the Bank of Ireland, Ballinrobe.

**John Kavanagh** - 1973 - of the Thomastown clan, is working as an electrical engineer in Clonmel, Kent & Co. Ltd. Michael F. Kent was in C.C.R. in 1950.

**Walter J. Keady** - 1950 - from the Neale, Claremorris, now lives in Wooderest Drive, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533. He is married and has a family.

**Bonnie Crosbie** - who was House Captain in 1965, was from Ballinasloe. He qualified as an engineer, and married a Belgian girl. They now live in Chamebel S.A., P.B. 16-1830 Machelen, Brussels.

**Eamonn Meade** - 1972 - from Slane was married recently. We wish him and his wife many happy years.

**Derek O'Regan** - 1982 - from Cootehill, Co. Roscommon recently obtained his B.A.

**Hugh Maguire** - 1979 - now living in 547, Waterloo Street, Winnipeg, Canada, won the Irish Triple Jump Championship in July 1986.

**Hugh O'Donnell** - 1981 - from Westport got his B.A., H.Dip. recently.

#### They claim to be "Veteran Hurlers"



Left to right: Rev. P. Garvey, O.Cist., Eamonn Purcell, Gerry Culliton, Cyril Hackett, Liam Byrne, Rom Massey, Sean Hynes, Pat O'Shea, Eddie Grace. Taken on Sports Day 1986.

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*President-Elect Dr. Thomas Ambrose who takes over from Kevin Dwan on 5th October at the A.G.M. chatting with Garard Maher, Hon. Gen. Treasurer of the Union.*

## Union Branches and Officers

There are eight branches in Ireland and one Overseas in England.

The Dublin Branch covers the counties of Louth, Meath, Kildare, Dublin and Wicklow. The Chairman is Matthew L. Hyland, 6 Ardlui Park, Blackrock, Co. Dublin (01) 887575.

The South Eastern Branch takes in counties Kilkenny, Carlow and Wexford. The Chairman is John Comerford, Burrells Park, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny (056) 24289.

South Tipperary covers East Waterford and that part of Co. Tipperary south of a line from Killaloe, through Templemore to the Laois border. The Chairman is Michael Roche, V.S., Togher Road, Urlingford (via Thurles) (056) 31266.

South Western Branch includes South Kerry, all Co. Cork and West Waterford. The Chairman is John Kenny, Rathcoursey East, Middleton, Co. Cork (021) 54816.

North Tipperary Branch includes south Offaly, all Co. Laois and north Co. Tipperary. The Chairman is Brendan Galvin, 1 Kenyon St., Nenagh (067) 31682.

The Midland Branch covers Roscommon, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Longford, Westmeath and Co. Offaly north of a line from Banagher along the banks of the old Grand Canal. The Chairman of this vast area is John Dolan, Brosna Lodge, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath (0506) 32108.

The Galway/Mayo/Sligo Branch is another vast area over which Dr. Sean Murphy, Portumna, Co. Galway is Chairman (0509) 32108.

The Overseas Branch (London) takes in the whole of Great Britain. The Chairman is Paddy Moriarty, Tre Newyd, Shirenewton, Chepstow, Gwent, NP6 6RN, Wales. For administrative purposes John Yurky can be more easily contacted at his offices in London 01-267-0481. John is Secretary of the Overseas Branch.

## MONEY – MONEY – MONEY

Have a look at a pound note if you have one. It is not much to look at and its purchasing power today is very little. The old currency was prettier, at least the lady on the front was worth looking at. She was the wife of the artist who designed our first paper money, Sir John Lavery, R.H.A. Lady Lavery's portrait appeared on all our currency notes in various attitudes – sometimes with a harp and sometimes without, against a background of mountain and lough, her head half turned to the front. If you raise one of the new currency notes to the light you will still find her face in the "watermark".

But what of Queen Medb and her followers? We owe most of the following information to Mr. McArdle, General Manager of the Central Bank. The series of notes from £1 to £20, represent in chronological order four epochs in Irish History from prehistoric times (£1) to the literary revival in the 20th century (£20).

It was thought that Queen Medb would best represent prehistory and she is depicted on the £1 note – Bean Breágh Gaelach – as Claud Chevas described the women of the west, little did he know the true meaning of the phrase in the Connemara man's mind! As a background to this portrait there are script extracts from *Lebor na hUidre*, also called the *Book of the Dun Cow*. The latter title came from a 6th century relic of Clonmacnoise, the hide of the dun cow that belonged to St. Ciarán. The manuscript was written in Irish at Clonmacnoise. It is the earliest surviving manuscript with literature written in Irish, and contains the oldest version of the *Táin Bó Cuailgne*, which as you know Medb was mixed up in, and in case you might mistake her identity her name is worked into the design on the front of the note. The extract on the back of the note was selected because of its irregular form. The introduction of a Capital letter and another colour met with the design requirements and

security. The geometric design which appears on the front of the note, is taken from an early Iron Age bone slip found in the passage graves of Loughcrew, Co. Meath. The curves and bands remind one of the designs on the Turoe Stone and the rock lintels of Newgrange.

The early Christian period was chosen for the £5 note and the philosopher and theologian John Scotus Eriugene was selected to depict the epoch. His portrait is accompanied by the initial letter A of psalm 17 in the *Psalter of Ricemarcus*, together with a background script taken from the *Book of Durrow*. A zoomorphic script from the *Book of Kells* is used on the back of the note. These three manuscripts are in the library of Trinity College.

The £10 note depicts Dean Swift in all his hirsute glory. His coat of arms, signature and some script from his more edifying letters form the design on the front, while the back carries a map of old Dublin where the Halfpenny Bridge now spans the Liffey, and where the great Cistercian Abbey of Saint Mary's stood. All that is left of the latter is part of the Chapter House where Silken Thomas threw down sword of state – even then the monks were mixed up in politics!

Like the other notes the £20 follows the same set pattern. This time a portrait of W. B. Yeats with his signature and the script of some of his writings in the background. The symbol used by the Abbey Theatre is also incorporated in the design. On the back of this note there is an unusual map of the Blasket Islands. It overlays a passage in Gaelic script which is difficult to read in places. But the final sentence is easier to decipher (in the *cló Romanách*) it reads: "mar ná beidh ár leitheidí arís ann". Anyone who has read *An tOileánach* by Tomás Ó Criomhthain will remember that phrase. The map does not include Inishvickillane which is off the point of the Great Blasket.

## ACADEMICS

The Union Gold Medal for 1985/86 was won by Michael O'Grady from Killenale.

\*The Gold Medal for Public Speaking was won by James O'Kelly from Limerick.

\*The Silver Medal went to Richard Collins also from Limerick.

The "Tom Haugh Cup", which goes to the 5th year student who makes the most progress in Mathematics and Science during the year, was tied for by Geoffrey Keating from Templemore and Declan Walsh, Kilrush. Corn an Tírna Abb, for the best Irish scholar, went to Shane McGuckin from Banagher.

The President's Medal for Debating went to Douglas Greally from Galway.

Fearghus O'Connor, who won the Union Gold Medal in 1984, was awarded one of the United World Congress scholarships for two years. He will attend Pearson College, Vancouver, Canada. He was one of three Irish students to get the award out of 200 applications.

\*These medals are presented annually by Ignatius Houlihan of Ennis.

## “The Year of the Hurler”

1986 will long be remembered as a golden year in the Annals of Cistercian College Hurling. For the first time since 1947, they wrote their names in the record books, by winning the Leinster Senior Hurling B title. They were grossly unfortunate to lose the All-Ireland Final to Nenagh when, having led for the entire match, and looking the far superior side, victory was snatched from them, by a solitary point, with the scoring of a fortuitous win in the last minutes.

It was a sad blow to the morale of all there, but both Nenagh and the media were gracious to accept that the better team lost on the day. It would have been a just reward for this team to claim the ultimate prize, after a year's dedicated training, and seven championship wins.

En route to the Leinster Final, C.C.R. defeated Borris, Knockbeg, Bunclody, Portlaoise and Trim. I joined the “Past Students Supporters Club” in Athy for the Final against Artane. Roscrea played against the wind in the first half and seemed to be

struggling at half-time when they were losing 0-9 to 1-2. The players escaped the lashing hailstones at the interval, but I suspect they got a “tongue-lashing” instead, from trainer Hugh McDonnell, for in the second half we saw thirty minutes of the most skillful and comprehensive hurling by any time ever. Suffice to say that Artane got no further score and Roscrea won by 2-12 to 0-9. The Cup was won – jubilation and congratulations all round – a long-awaited tear of joy in the eye of Fr. Eanna – a smile of satisfaction by Fr. Andrew (of the 1947 team) – Brendan Galvin organising the Past Students to the nearest Inn.

On to Portumna to play Loughrea in the All-Ireland semi-final. Here we saw a tremendous match, of hard top class hurling, of inter-county standard, with Roscrea eventually winning by 2-12 to 1-10. A special word of thanks to Gerry Culliton who left at half-time for Tullamore hospital with the injured Laois minor, John Bates.

Last journey to Cloughjordan for the

postponed final. Bad timing as Leaving Cert a few weeks away. The result you know. Again it was great match, with a very high standard of hurling and we felt we had done enough to win, but alas the fates were against us.

Make no mistake about it, this was a great team and panel. Captained by Clare minor, Nial Haran, with other county minors in Matt O'Brien (Clare), Shane McGuckin (Offaly), John Bates (Laois), Brian Duggan and Jack Griffin (Tipperary), and the rest of the team panel, some of equal strength, are eligible again next year, and we trust that they and their dedicated trainer, Hugh McDonnell, will give us as much satisfaction and pleasure in 1987, now that they have restored the prestige of C.C.R. in Leinster Hurling. Leinster Hurling.

Credits to Fr. Kevin and the teaching staff who turned up so faithfully at the matches, and to the student body, who supported and conducted themselves so well.

Sean Murphy

## Galway-Mayo-Sligo Branch

Following its highly successful, Phoenix-like resurrection last year, this branch returned to The Westwood, Galway for its Annual Dinner, on March 22nd, 1986. Attendance was down on last year for a number of reasons, including 'flu victims, and the fact that the University had closed for Easter. There were a lot of late apologies tendered, but still a considerable number of members unexpectedly failed to turn up. Again, with regrets, despite numerous requests by the Committee, Michael Keohane was the sole representative from Sligo.

Despite these setbacks however, over fifty past students were eventually guided away from the convivial atmosphere of the bar to where a fine meal awaited them in the dining room. Guests of honour were: Mr. Kevin Dwan (President of the Union). In the attendance was Seamus Sherry, who was the first President in the early sixties, of the reorganised Past Students Union, as we know it today. Also present was Dr. Bernard Sherry, former Dublin Chairman. Representatives from other branches included Brendan Galvin (North Tipp.), Noel Windle (former President, Dublin), Liam Hanley (Limerick-Clare), John Keoghane (South East), Michael Roche (South Tipp.), and Gay Murphy (Midland). We were joined again this year by our only Non-pastman, Mr. Frank Coen (Castleknock) and we trust he enjoyed the night as much as we enjoyed the presence of his genial company.

In his after-Dinner address, Sean Murphy thanked the guests and Pastmen for their attendance. He raised the issue of whether the Branch should continue with an Annual Dinner or should embark on a Dinner-Dance instead. On a show of hands the vast majority were in favour of continuing with the present format. Fr. Kevin then spoke and gave an update on current affairs in the College, and announced the welcome arrival of five new



Hugh Bredin of Oranmore, Vice-Chairman of the Galway Branch, Seamus Sherry of Foxford in the middle; he was President of the Union during the “Reformation” in the 1958/'60 period. On the right is Michael Keohane from Easky, Co. Sligo.

Novices in the Monastery. He expressed concern at the Government's withdrawal of certain subsidies from Private Secondary Schools, and feared this could have disastrous effects, which parents concerned did not yet realise.

Kevin Dwan spoke about his two-year term of Office as President of the Union, now coming to an end. He mentioned various aspects of the years and trusted that his contribution had been worthwhile.

The Committee, Sean Murphy, Páirc Ó Máille, Gerry Meehan, Hugh Bredin, Neil Johnston and Michael Keohane, extend their thanks to all present, and hope that all who were unable to attend this year, will turn out in strength next year, and ensure that this Branch maintains the high standard it has set.

### OBITUARIES for:

Fr. Canice, O.Cist., Roscrea  
Fr. Stanislaus, O.Cist., Roscrea  
Fr. Malachy, O.Cist, Tarrawarra  
Michael F. O'Meara  
Breffni McGovern  
Michael B. Kelly  
Tim Quinlan  
Fr. Vincent Dooley  
T. A. Weldon  
Paddy O'Connor, Roscrea  
Charlie McCarthy, and Fr. D. O'Connell will be in next issue



Front row (left to right): Pat Murphy, Stephen Crehan, Matthew O'Brien, Mr. Hugh McDonnell, trainer, Nial Haran, captain, Jim McCormack, Liam Slevin.  
 Second row: Michael O'Grady, Michael Kennedy, Thomas Duggan, Jack Griffin, Brian Duggan, Ollie Byrne, M. J. Berry, David Kruse.  
 Back row: Shane McGuckin, Pat Murrehy, Alan Johnson, Adrian Kelly, Anthony Delahunty, Pat Gleeson, John Bates, Brian Cahill, Garret Culliton.

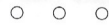
## Sport in the College

The year 1985/86 proved a good sporting year for C.C.R., with a fair amount of success on all fronts. Our Senior hurling team, as reported elsewhere, had a very successful year reaching the All Ireland "B" hurling final and being very unlucky to lose by a last minute goal to Nenagh C.B.S. 2-6 to 1-8.



Our Senior and Junior Rugby teams had successful teams but finished disappointedly in the quarter finals of both cups. The seniors lost 3-0 to Kings Hospital in a replay that ran into extra time. A drop goal by Kings at the final whistle won the game for them. The juniors also went out to a replay and lost 16-13 to Gonzaga and again conceded a late score.

There is a "jinks" on Roscrea when it comes to replays at any level!



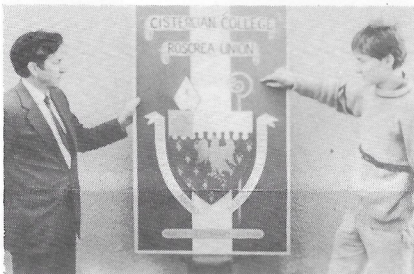
Our Athletic team had a good year, winning the Triangular Shield by the largest margin of points for a number of years. We won the Senior, Inter. and Junior All/round Shields in the south Leinster sports. The juniors won the Leinster All/round Shield also. In the All Ireland sports the seniors brought home the All/round trophy for field events.



Our golf team won their first trophies by finishing third in the Tipperary schools cup. Two of our tennis teams reached the semi-finals of the Munster cups without further success.

Gerry Hayes

### EVERY BRANCH SHOULD HAVE ONE



Brendan Galvin of Nenagh, Chairman of the North Tipperary Branch and his son Kevin, with the banner they provided for the Branch Function in Borris-in-Ossory.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1965 Class Reunion: 13th Sept. Contact A. McNulty, 19 Duke St., Dublin 2.  
 Central Committee Meeting: Sunday, 14th Sept. 1986, 2.30 p.m.  
 Union Day & A.G.M. 1986: Union Mass, Sunday 5th October, 11 a.m.  
 South Tipperary Dinner Dance: 24th October. Contact Ml. Roche, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny. (056) 31266.  
 Dublin Stag Dinner: Jurys Hotel, Friday 7th November. Contact Matt Hyland, 6 Ardlui Park, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. (01) 887575.

### UNION PRESENTATION OF 1968 HURLERS



Left to right: David Kruse, Brian Duggan, Dr. Sean Murphy, Jack Griffin, Kevin Dwan, President of the Past Pupils Union, Hugh O'Donnell, trainer, Gerry Hayes, Sports Master, Nial Haran, captain of the senior hurling team, Fr. Kevin Daly, President of the College.

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