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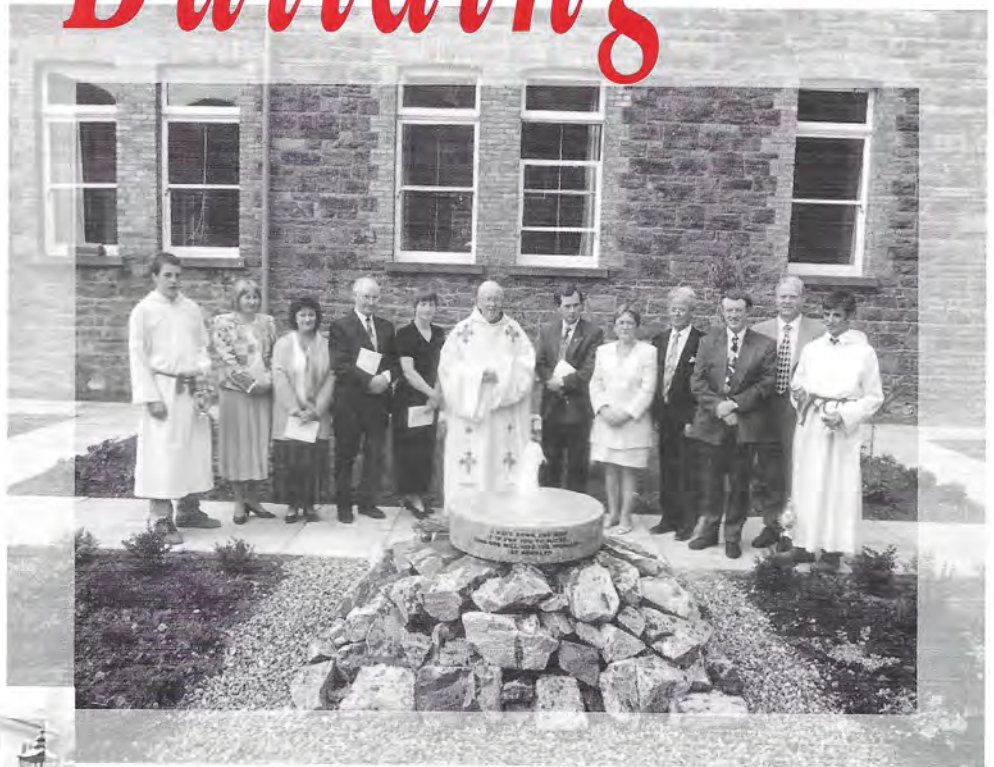
Newsletter for the Cistercian College, Roscrea, Union.

Spring 1997

new link Building



The opening of this new building and the courtyard that it has yielded bring to fruition a personal goal and dream that I have had for many, many years. The boys, here at their home away from home, have long deserved a new facility like this. Yet even beyond its practical functions, it is the symbolism of this development and its placement in a larger context that is most compelling to me, not only as a monk or as College President, but as a past student as well.



ABBOT COLMCILLE AND STAFF MEMBERS



FR. KEVIN AND THE HUGHES FAMILY

The entire Community believes this building and courtyard are celebrations of our larger community, what we have always called our extended monastic family, of students, pastmen, parents, staff, our neighbours and since 1990, our Board.

By this project Mount Saint Joseph has reached out, in a meaningful and substantive way, and has welcomed and harnessed the input and support that you have all been ready to give us down the years.

FATHER KEVIN DALY



At 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 21st 1996, Roscrea Golf Club was a pleasant sight. A fine rain-free day beckoned and the Club's course committee reckoned that the 18 holes were in excellent condition. Already the cars were arriving, keen golfers intent on mastering the challenge. By the end of the day 130 had teed off, but not all achieved the level of success that they anticipated.

Two year re-unions were down for the weekend. The 1956 group had a function on the Friday night and had another one scheduled for the Saturday night. Pat O'Shea was one of the first to arrive, looking hale and hearty, despite the pressures of the previous evening. Michael McLoughlin had the '71 year organised and they golfed as a group from 10.30 a.m. onwards. The time-sheet ran until 3.30 p.m. and Gerry Hayes is to be complimented for the smooth running of the golf. As darkness descended, the bar filled up, with the non-golfers intermingling with their sporting counterparts. Fr. Kevin dropped out during the afternoon and despite an exceptionally heavy schedule for the weekend, made himself available for the golf dinner. For a long time, it looked as if 40 points would be sufficient to win the Cup but one John Cahill, representing the 1956 class, proved that age is no impediment to good golf and posted 41 points. That gave him his first victory in the competition. Helen Comerford took second place, with a great score of 42 points. Retired staff member Vincent Leahy - winner of the Cup in 1995 - demonstrated that he had lost none of his golfing skills and took third place with 40 points.

The clubhouse dinner was, as usual, booked out and Liam Spooner deserves full credit for the efficiency with which he ran the function. Union President, Michael Houlihan, made a brief appearance, having already committed himself to attending both the 1956 and 1971 dinners - a feat he managed to achieve! The golf club extended its nor-

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ABBOT'S CUP

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ABBOT'S CUP, 1996
 BACK ROW (L-R) CONY CUNNINGHAM, (PRESIDENT, ROSCREA G.C.), PHILP KENNEDY (MEN'S CAPTAIN, ROSCREA GOLF CLUB), VINCENT LEAHY, GERARD MAHER, GERRY HAYES, SEAN SPAIN, PAT SHEEDY, FRANK O'MEARA, LIAM SPOONER.
 FRONT ROW (L-R) MICHAEL KENNEDY, TOM HASTINGS, OLIVE BURKE (LADIES CAPTAIN, ROSCREA G.C.), FR. KEVIN DALY, (COLLEGE PRESIDENT), HELEN COMERFORD, NOEL WHOLE, M. S. MADDEN.



TOM HASTINGS AND FR. KEVIN

The Abbot's Cup is an important and well-supported event in the Union calendar. Pastmen continue to be generous in terms of sponsorship and we are all indebted to them for that. Roscrea Club have again made the course available for 1997 and the date will be: Saturday, September 20th. Further details will be published in the Autumn "Review". Those of you who have enjoyed the day over the years are all welcome back but do BOOK EARLY.



CONOR MASSEY AND FR. KEVIN

RESULTS OF THE ABBOT'S CUP, 1996

1st	John Cahill	41 Points (Handicap 13)
2nd	Helen Comerford	42 Points (Handicap 25)
3rd	Vincent Leahy	40 Points (Handicap 11)
4th	Michael Madden	39 Points (Handicap 23 - on last 6)
5th	Pat Sheedy	39 Points (Handicap 14 - Back 9)
6th	Frank O'Meara	39 Points (Handicap 10)
7th	Michael Meagher	38 Points (Handicap 10)
8th	Michael Ryan	38 Points (Handicap 10)
9th	Tom Hastings	37 Points (Handicap 19)
10th	Frank Thompson	37 Points (Handicap 10)
11th	Eamon Maher	37 Points (Handicap 8)
12th	John Comerford	37 Points (Handicap 10)
13th	Kevin Dwan	37 Points (Handicap 14)
14th	Gerry Culliton	36 Points (Handicap 12)
15th	Gerry Hayes	36 Points (Handicap 9)

VISITORS' COMPETITION

1st	Sean Spain	42 Points (Handicap 19)
2nd	Michael Kennedy	42 Points (Handicap 12 - on last 3)



Editorial



Welcome to the first of two "Roscrea Reviews", which you will receive in 1997. Our justifiable pride in the completion of the Link Building is reflected in the prominence accorded to its opening in this issue. It is not an understatement to view it as a defining moment in the history of the college, an event that physically demonstrates the willingness of the school to cater for pupils for many years to come. It has, as a building, met with the approval of the student body, a not inconsiderable feat in itself! And yet this building is but part of a process that will, in time, see a major upgrading of dormitories, new computer facilities, and an indoor sports complex. The overall impact of all these developments will be an educational and residential centre of the highest standard, comfortable, ready to face the challenges of the new millennium.

Enclosed in the current issue is a request for further information on pastmen. This is connected with the new computer system which is servicing the "Roscrea Review". It can store far more information than the "Review" address list that it currently carries. Thanks to the work of Katherine Donovan, many of the anomalies that previously existed have been eliminated. But to be fully accurate with our current database, we need a full response to the enclosed questionnaire. I thank you in advance for your co-operation.

The success of Union functions continues unabated. This current issue provides you with the flavour of gatherings of pastmen from New York to Roscrea; Cork to Dublin. All these functions rely on the commitment of a small group of individuals and it is important in terms of the future, that new faces emerge. The Dublin Branch has shown what can be done when younger pastmen are actively encouraged to play a leadership role in Union affairs. The distinguishing characteristic of our Union is the Branch structure and the future of that structure depends on each Branch having people prepared to work hard for at least one P.P.U. activity per annum.

Finally, my thanks to all who contributed to the current issue. A special thank you to the various photographers, especially Pat O'Shea, of the 56 class. "Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose!"



Address from the Union President

I have very happy memories of my years in CCR from 1953 to 1959, and I was therefore more than delighted to respond to Tom Maher's summons in 1989 to the first gathering after 30 years of my classmates. It was an absolute delight to meet again and to reminisce and update ourselves on all the happenings in the intervening years. On the following year my only son Brian started his five year stint in the College, which he finished in 1995, and little did I realise that my renewed friendships were going to draw me back again and again to involvement with CCR.

I became involved with the Central Committee and in the affairs of the Union, and at the request of the Abbot I also became a member of the Board of Governors of the College. I deem it a great honour to have been elected to the Presidency of the Union in succession to my old friend Gerald McCarthy, and I will do my very best to uphold the standards of the Union and its Presidency throughout my two year term of office.

It is a very exciting time in Roscrea. As you will have read, the new Link building, involving an investment of in excess of £1 1/2m. was opened on the 22nd September, 1996. I urge you to visit the College and to view the improved facilities. The erection of the Link building has allowed the creation of a new Courtyard which is dedicated to parents, past, present and future. It has allowed new light into the front hall by the side of the main staircase and gives a totally new and improved appearance to the College internally.

On Union weekend, 21st/22nd September, 1996, as well as the many past students who came for the opening of the Link building, we had a special welcome for those who celebrated their 40th year and their 25th year, from their date of departure from the College.

I had a special empathy with those celebrating their 40th year since their Leaving Certificate because they were my prefects and I remembered all of them. It was a delight to reminisce together and it was great that both years and all other pastmen were present for the many functions surrounding the opening of the Link building.

My congratulations to Dublin Branch on an excellent dinner and a full house in the United Services Club under the leadership of Chairman, Donal Taaffe.

We also had an excellent Annual Kenmare weekend which this year had more people attending than ever and we are trying to explore a weekend in the West of Ireland, perhaps in Ashford Castle, if the necessary numbers can be mustered.

I also had the honour of attending a function in London organised by Dr. Manus Moran when I met many old friends.

This time last year the Board of Governors recognising the impetus that had been created in the Link building, appointed CCS Limited as professional consultants and initially organised a survey among past pupils and parents and the wider Roscrea community and it emerged that there was very considerable support for improving facilities at Roscrea. I was asked to Chair the fund raising/development committee and so far we have commitments of £1.5m. and I am very proud of the support given by past pupils to date to their Alma Mater.

In January of this year Fr. Kevin went to the United States, and although he is reticent to report on all his activities, it would appear under the auspices of Dr. Noel McCarthy, he was truly feted and shown the sights of New York and indeed Boston. I gather he was most impressed with the first gathering of past pupils in New York and the reminiscences and impressions they related from their days in CCR.

The Board of Governors recognise, as never before, the importance of the Past Pupils Union and their support in every possible way for the College and its activities and have now decided to establish a position of Development Officer. Apart from fund raising, the role will also involve public relations, liaison and marketing of the College and all its activities.

You will also be aware that the position of Head/President has been advertised and the Board of Governors have held interviews, and we are shortly expecting the announcement of the identity of our first lay President, who will take up duty in time for the next College year.

The work undertaken to date in the fund raising campaign has allowed us to computerise all the past pupils' records and you will have enclosed with this Review a special questionnaire that I am asking you, if possible, to fill out and return, to update our computer records. The Editor, Gerry Maher, is anxious also to get interesting stories and events that may be of interest to your fellow past pupils in your life and your family's life so do not hesitate to send these in to Gerry, who is doing an excellent job on the Editorship of The Review.

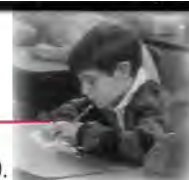
For my part I would like to encourage a greater involvement from all of you in the Past Pupils Union. We need new faces on the Central Committee. If you are available to play any role, please get in touch with me. I conclude by extending in this "Review", as I have already done personally, my very sincere thanks to Gerald McCarthy and his wife Nance for their trojan efforts in their two year Presidency on behalf of the Union which was greatly appreciated by all.

MICHAEL HOULIHAN

"The Happy Hour"

DUBLIN DINNER, 1996





KENMARE WEEKEND

FR. PETER GARVEY O.CIST.



It is now 90 years since the first student left the College and by now the pastmen are a vast web of men of all ages and stages spread throughout the world. Consequently it is no wonder that a wide variety of functions and reunions reflect this multifaceted phenomenon which is the Roscrea P.P.U. One of this wide variety of functions is the Kenmare weekend which began in 1984 as the annual Dinner/Dance function of the Cork Branch of the Union. Its origin owes much to the fact that Jimmy Murphy (1985) from Enniscorthy was at that time Assistant Manager of the Park Hotel in Kenmare and facilitated arrangements for the function at that magnificent hotel.



The function gradually developed first into an overnight stay, then into a weekend and now carries the option of a Thursday to Sunday stay. It includes a Golf Competition for the Fr. Dermot O'Colmain Cup on the Saturday - also a Tennis competition - and a dinner and party on Saturday night. While the Cork Branch remain the official hosts the function has developed a national character.



This year the function was hosted by Gerald McCarthy and his gracious wife, Nance, on the weekend of November 1-3. The setting between Kenmare Bay and the Kerry mountains with their autumnal colours, was dazzling in its beauty. Those who played in the Golf Competition on Kenmare Golf Course on Saturday, or played the tennis competition on the Hotel courts, or went on long local walks, were rewarded with breathtaking views and invigorating hill climbs, as well as scintillating company and golf/tennis. Then the old world comfort and style of the Park Hotel - both in its furnishing and in its care for the guests - were both a pleasure to see in this clinically efficient streamlined age, and of course, a luxury to savour and enjoy.



The comradeship built up over the years among those who go to Kenmare was very evident, and the atmosphere at each stage of the weekend was warm and inclusive. The high point of the weekend was the Dinner on Saturday night which saw food and wine served as only the Park can serve it. This was followed by speeches from Michael Houlihan, the President of the Union, who spoke on present developments in the College and in the Union and from Fr. Peter Garvey, who spoke on his new role in the College as Pastor. Then Gerald McCarthy presented the Golf Prizes in his own inimitably witty and entertaining way with the Cup going to the team led by Mai McGrane.



The whole group - by then numbering about 100 - returned to the lounges and sang the night away - led in this glorious frolic by the Neidin Music Group. The songs sung and stories told ranged far and wide, but none matched the audacity of Gerald McCarthy in substituting Wexford for Tipperary in his exuberant rendering of "The Bould Thady Quill".



And yet, wonder of wonders, not a frolicker seemed to be missing next morning when Fr. Peter and Fr. Dermot led the Sunday Eucharist in the lounge with the bay window looking out gloriously on Kenmare Bay. What's more, the group sang the Mass songs with gusto and relish and joined in an exuberant exchange of the kiss of peace that made the ordinary Church Sunday sign of peace seem very dull indeed.



And so the weekend came to an end and tired pastmen and their wives faced the long journey home drained but rejuvenated.

September 2nd, 1930.

At the tender age of 10 years and 2 months my parents deposited me into the hallway of Mount Saint Joseph College into the care and protection of Fr. Ailbe (R.I.P.) I think I hold the dubious record of being the youngest student ever to enter Roscrea. I can still see Fr. Ailbe looking down at me, one eye closed, his watch in his hand, the face of which he kept rubbing with his left thumb. He wore a kindly old smile and I felt reassured for the time being.

I was to spend six years in the college and came to love Fr. Ailbe and everything about the place before I left. But the first year was a traumatic experience.

My School Days at Mount Saint Joseph

BY LIAM BYRNE, TULLAMAINE, CALLAN, CO. KILKENNY. (R.I.P.) 14/01/97

We had to rise at the early hour, to me, of 6.30, wash, attend Mass and do a half hour of study before breakfast. We had only one half day, Wednesday, and no mid-term break. Visits from home were few as not many people had cars in those days. The students of today don't realise how well off they are.

The monks themselves had a much stricter code in those days too and on some sleepless nights during my first couple of weeks when I lay sobbing for home in bed at night, I could hear the monastery bell tolling at 2.00 a.m., calling the monks to rise and pray. Sometimes on "free days" Fr. Ailbe would take some of us on walks around the monastery farm and explain about all the different enterprises that were going on. There were more vocations to the Cistercian Order in those days and they had experts and professional men from all walks of life in charge of the different enterprises. When I first saw a great line of monks returning from work in the fields in single file, I could not help but think of the ducklings returning home in the evening from the pond.

In my last year in Roscrea the new belfry for the monastery was nearing completion. On the ground lay the cross that is now adorning the top of the belfry. Fr. Ailbe got some of us who were waiting to do exams to kiss the cross so that we could brag in after life how we kissed the cross on top of the spire.

After Fr. Ailbe's death, I always felt on returning to Roscrea that there was something missing; even at rugby matches I missed his familiar war cry "Feet, Ros, feet". He was an outstanding character and I know he is now enjoying the rewards of his earthly endeavours. My years in Roscrea were the halcyon days of my youth; they were the formative ones where lasting memories were created and are still maintained.



Letter from KARL

PART II

ently Vasco de Gama and Old Goa (which I intend to visit) formed a conurbation-type city in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries which in fact was bigger than Lisbon itself. Vasco was the centre of the Portuguese colonial empire for two centuries. Each place you see has a different set of influences. Varanasi, the holy city on the Ganges, struck me as a mystical and almost morbid place. I saw the bodies on the funeral pyres - hundreds of them. At first I felt somewhat uncomfortable watching this but thousands of Indians gather to burn their dead by the riverside - for them it is normal. They then sweep the ashes, unceremoniously and without thought for hygiene, into the huge river Ganges. All a bit 'Hinduesque' and primitively ritualistic for me (photos not allowed) but I appreciate that is what they do - every Hindu aspires to be burned openly at the pyres in Varanasi. The city itself is a bustling pilgrimage centre - I enjoyed it a lot as I met some good people: two Australians who have come with me to Hampi, a Swiss chap, a Spanish girl (who is also here) and a Japanese-American. You get all sorts travelling but, as yet, no other Irish people!

I went to Calcutta and discovered for myself what it means to be desperate. My experience there was valuable - I found the Church of the Sisters of Charity, went to Mass (in Spanish) and made my way out again. Calcutta's urban problems are many and varied due to political and geographical factors. The crop failures in the 1970's sent thousands of families from the plains of the Ganges down to Calcutta to find food. The split that established Islamic Bangladesh also sent thousands of refugees (Hindus) in a westerly direction to avoid Pakistani persecution. Calcutta became a humanitarian crisis point when more young people left the lands of West Bengal in the 1980's to try and find work in the shipyards. The shift in importance to Bombay as a major port meant that little work existed. Now, Calcutta (its population soaring above 11 million people) is on its knees. Never before have I seen such squalor, dirt and deprivation. People talk about how unfortunate the children are. They are the most unlucky boys and girls in the world (there are some 125,000 homeless children in Calcutta) but they have a certain demeanour which sets them apart from other beggars. Apart from a few, the younger beggars have a sparkle of hope in their eyes, I think. At least, this is what I hope. I was close to tears one evening after a rendezvous with a little boy. His huge black eyes glared up at me from his perch on a step - mop of jet-black hair, brown shaggy clothes and flip-flops on. 'Bachshish?' he enquired ('Donation?'). I gave him a rupee but wondered how far it would go to relieve the sadness from his life. The only thing that will save these children is their own innocence. I really do believe that those who die here go straight to their maker, whoever he is. If only the cycle could be halted - as the younger ones grow older they become nasty, desperate and violent. The city is plagued by poverty. It is not a social problem here as much as an infection that cannot be treated - it is chronic and heart-breaking. The only thing this place has going for it is these street children, whose innocence can be seen in the way they act with you. They are young but content because they know no other life. I often feel that these children have nothing but that they may, in fact, be happier than other children in the world - they refuse to give up on life - all they do is beg and fly kites all day. India is a tragically over-populated country and Calcutta seems to be where the real deprivation is most concentrated. It is a beautiful place - it still contains many remnants of the Raj - public parks, wide streets, public square with government buildings, gari-

sons and large hotels. I was glad I visited.

I arrived here in Colva (a suburb of Goa) some days ago and I was so lucky to find a place. A young local asked me in a tea shop (the tea is amazing) if I was looking for a room when he saw my bag. I had been travelling for 16 hours (two buses, one train) and was exhausted. He brought me to his home in Colva (7 minutes from the beach). I cannot begin to describe how great it is here. Yesterday, I went for a swim in the Arabian Sea and I met the two Canadian lads I was with from Nepal by previous arrangement. We took the sun for a while and resolved to stay here at least a week. The seafront is so beautiful. We strolled along the white strand, splashing in the water for miles - unspoiled and crystal water. The temperature is perfect. It reaches 34° during the day but there is a beautiful ocean breeze coming up from the Indian Ocean along the coast. The coast is just as Hans Christian Anderson would have described it. Palm trees line the back of the beaches and there are mango, banana, coconut and papaya plantations further back from the beach where local restaurants get their fruit. The fruit here is truly delicious. We proceeded along the shore and came on a quaint little wooden restaurant on stilts overlooking the bay. Goa's coastline is popular but well kept. 600 km to the north is the bustling port of Bombay which I will soon visit. The people are wonderful. They are much more refined, kind, civil and generous, though it is a bit more expensive. Christianity has had a great civilizing influence on the Indians here. The Portuguese left an indelible mark in the form of beautiful little villages with white washed churches and red-stone forts overlooking the bays. Every little village has a little church. Colva's is quite big. I have been there both yesterday and today but tomorrow I will go to Margao to collect post. Anyway, the chap who brought me to his home, Elroy, is so nice. He is one of five children - one brother and three sisters. The mother and father (latter doesn't say much) are really nice. She knocks on my door every morning at 7.15 to have me up for 8.00 a.m. Mass!! And the church is only three minutes away! She's gas. I lost my Bible in Nepal so she's going to get me one. I don't dine there - they only take three lodgers in their home. The whole family then live for the peak tourist season in a two/three roomed cottage at the back - but there's plenty of space. My co-tenants: Frazer from Clyde and Johan from Denmark. We get free tea if we like. They have all the paraphernalia (Indians go in for shrines, statues, icons etc. - no matter what religion). They are so funny - they adopt a peculiarly "oriental" approach to Catholicism. I consider myself very lucky to have found this family (the Serrao's) and I shall remain here for Christmas with them. My plan to visit the Franciscans at Old Goa will change thus. I have discovered that there is a 17 century Jesuit seminary and community in Rachol (10 km from here). I have written to ask permission to stay there for the New Year - they have a splendid old library which I would love to see.

It is now 7 p.m. on Christmas Day and I have thanked God for providing me with such a lovely day. I rose at 9.00 and prepared for 10.00 Mass - Sabina was extra fussy today, being the day that's in it. Frazer has little interest though he did say to knock on his door. It is a beautiful morning - trot off to open-air Mass (under a canopy however as it is so hot), 39° today! Four priests for a parish about the size of Dunlavin. Father Francescella said at the end in English that he hoped the blessing of the babe Jesus would descend on us visitors. There were about 10-15 "whites" - paleskins at the Mass and it was embarrassing, almost, how well the local people treated us! They stood out of our way as we queued for the crib. This is where I began to write these last few lines. At 12.30 the unexpected happened: I had given Serrao's a card for Christmas and wanted to leave them in peace for the day. I heard a knock and the 12 year old girl stood there with a plate of rice and chicken drumsticks - as close to turkey as you could get. For them this is the Christmas dinner. I sat on my bed with it on my own and began to think of home. I could see you all at the table with turkey, ham etc.

I missed that and you all so much but then I tasted the rice and began to smile to myself I thought this, to me, is as good as any dinner because it is given from the heart, simple but significant. Peace and joy from Goa.



Senior Rugby League Campaign 1996

ROSCREA - CAMPION CONNECTION

Over the last fourteen years, Cistercian College Roscrea and the Champion School (Hornchurch) Essex have built a strong and hopefully, lasting friendship. Our contact with Champion started in 1983 when by accident, Campion, who were on a Junior Sports Tour, were unable to play Rockwell and we started our association with them. Three years later, they returned yet again on a junior tour and on that occasion issued an open invitation to us to tour to London.

In January 1988, Roscrea Senior Cup Team journeyed to Champion for the first time. It was a trip with a difference as we were being hosted by the Champion parents and staff. Each member of the team would be housed with his opposite number and our staff with theirs. The hosting led to a closer bonding between the two schools as it allowed the boys more time together and us as travelling staff the opportunity to meet the Campion staff and hosting parents.



Campion is a large school of 800 boys (approx) and has a very high standard of rugby playing. They have in recent years reached the semi-final of the All-England (Daily Mail) Cup, so up against that standard we have not been victorious too often - one victory in eight meetings, being a poor return for Roscrea. But the games have always been of a high quality and very entertaining. One area that Campion is very high on is hospitality and, as the connection has grown, so also has the hospitality. To the Campion parents we owe huge gratitude as each year they take our boys into their homes and treat them as their own. We are particularly indebted to Mr. Keith Williams who does all the hard work on the English side and, without his input, tours would not take place.

Campion have visited Roscrea on two occasions in recent years as part of their Irish Tour. As we are unable to host, they have stayed in the "County Arms" hotel in Birr under favourable financial arrangements. While they have been in the area, we have attempted to give them the best possible Irish hospitality available.

There is one other occasion when Roscrea and Campion come together. On the weekend of the Ireland/England Rugby International in Dublin, a large number of Campion staff and parents come to Dublin for the weekend and are met by Roscrea staff for some light banter and socialising. So the contact grows. This January saw us make our 5th trip to Campion. Unfortunately, the weather prevented any games from taking place, so during the day the boys trained twice and competed in a multi-sports competition against Campion on a 5/6 a-side basis. The bringing together of the Senior 1st and 2nds XV's will hopefully be of some benefit for their coming Cup

and League Campaigns. The contact is strong - long may it so remain. Our Senior team ran a clean sheet in their leagues section, winning six out of six matches.

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Roscrea	22	St. Andrews	0
CUS	0	Roscrea	35
Roscrea	14	Gonzaga	12
Wesley	14	Roscrea	19
Templeogue	10	Roscrea	11
Roscrea	36	CBS Monkstown	15

Semi-Final

Roscrea	5	Kings Hospital	22
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In a number of our league games, we did enough to win the tighter ones. One of our best wins was our last league game V CBS Monkstown, where we created chances and took them. Up to Christmas we played fourteen games - won 11 and lost 3.

In a very competitive game against Clongowes, we conceded two late scores to go down 16 - 8. This game was extremely close and if we base our standard on Clongowes we are not too far off the pace.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Brian Dineen, who was selected by Leinster Schools for all three of their matches this season. Brian is over-age for the Irish Schools side but has made the squad for the Irish Under 19's who travel to Argentina at Easter.

C. C. R. Racing Club

The sport of Kings has always been popular with students of the college and recently a group of students asked Mr. O'Rourke if he would be willing to form a club. Well it's up and running with Ronan Burns of "Park appeal" fame as secretary, and Padhraic Doran of "Buck House" fame as treasurer. Mr. O'Rourke is chairman.



Our first outing took place on Wednesday January 29th when we had a most interesting visit to the famous stud of Coolmore. We had a pleasant surprise in store for us when our guide turned out to be a past C.C.R man, William Dwan. He conducted a full tour of the complex showing us the world's leading stallion Sadlers Wells, whose fee last year was £100,000. We were treated to afternoon tea and came away with videos, brochures etc. We signed the visitors' book, the previous signature being Sheik Mohammed.

William had a guide waiting for us as we arrived at Balydoyle, the training establishment of the legendary Vincent O'Brien and the domicile of Irelands' top young trainer now, Aidan O'Brien. We walked the gallops where six Derby winners worked and saw the potential stars of '97. The day exceeded our expectations and we are extremely grateful to Mr. O'Rourke for organising a memorable day. We are looking forward to our next outing to Gowran Park and we have plans to visit other places of equine interest between now and June.

Hon. Secretary
RONAN BURNS



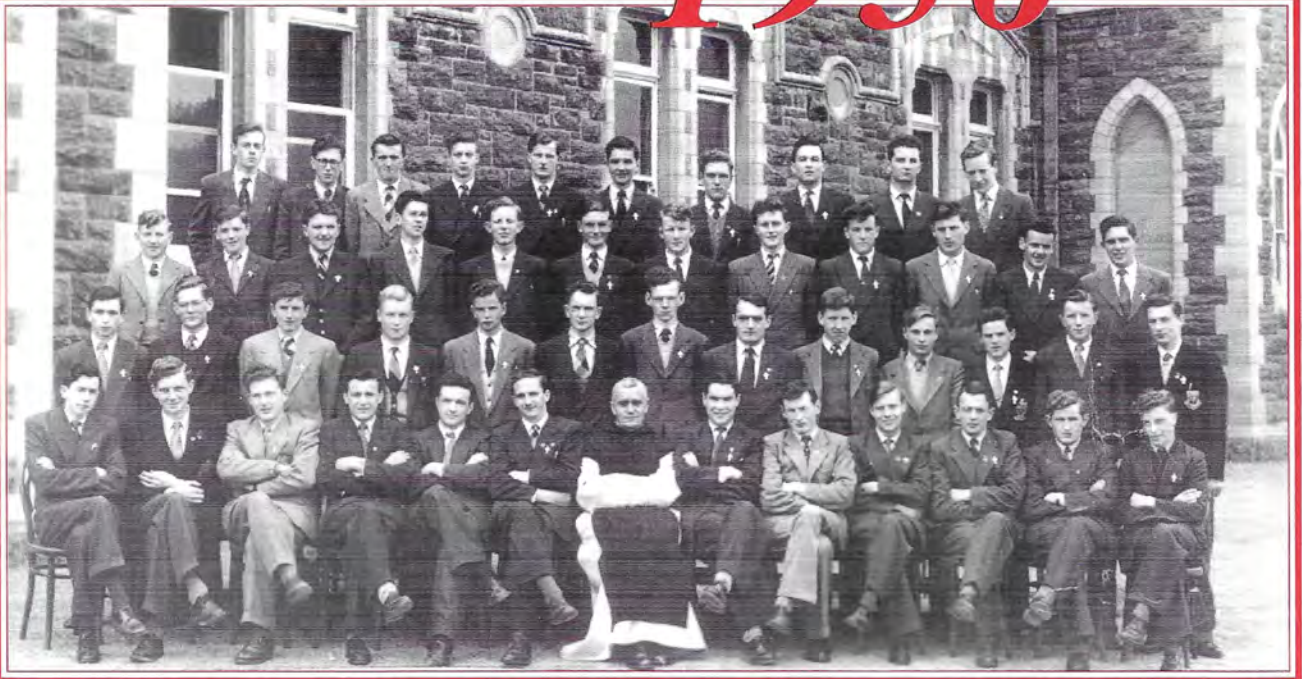
1 "U.S.A. '97" L-R: Fr. Kevin, Dr. Con Foley, Ken Forde. 2 L-R: Barney Sherry and Gerry Maher join some guest dignitaries at the Dublin Dinner
 3 L-R: Dublin P.P.U. Dinner 1996 - Michael Houlihan (President - Cistercian Union), Hugh Flaherty (Guest Speaker), Donal Taaffe, Dublin Branch Chairman.
 4 "U.S.A. '97" L-R: Jim Lyndon, Paul Nolan, Pat Bowland. 5 "U.S.A. '97" L-R: Jim Lyndon, Dr. Noel McCarthy, Des O'Brien, Fr. Kevin.

40th Anniversary Group



L-R:- Ger Mannon, Donal Flynn, Noel Ryan, Pat O'Shea.

Class of 1956



Front Row: (from left) Gerald F. McCarthy, Sean Kavanagh (RIP), Donald Flynn, Andrew Durkin, Donald Monks, Pat O'Shea, Fr. Aidan (President), Michael Meagher, Michael Littleton, Noel Ryan, Michael Cullen, Michael Gohery, Paddy McIntyre.
2nd Row: Michael Fenlon, Aidan Sheeran, Terry Twohig, James McGuinness, Cyril O'Loughlin, Francis X. Toner (RIP), Michael Twohig (RIP), Brendan Cullen, Pat Twohig, Juergen Bielstein, Paddy Connellon (RIP), Tom Kerns, John Harnett.
3rd Row: Michael Dwan, Paddy McMahon, John D'arcy, Michael Pettit, John Beresford, Pat McEvoy, Pat O'Malley, Sean Barry, Tom Armstrong, Brian Nearnay, John Hogan.
4th Row: Declan Cummins, Jim O'Shea, Terry Ashe, John Cahill, Peter McNamara, Mathew Kilcawley, Ger Mannion, Conor O'Hara, Padraig Kilcawley, Donal Cummins.

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Front Row: (from left) Fr. Bonaventure Melvin; Michael Fenlon; Fr. Diarmuid O'Colmán; Michael Houlihan, President of P.P.U.; Donal Monks; Dom Colmcille O'Toole; Pat O'Shea former House Captain & President of Union; Michael Meagher; Fr. Eanna Henderson; Dom Ambrose Farrington, Bolton Abbey.
2nd Row: (from left) Fr. Kevin Daly, President of College; Donal Flynn; Juergen Bielstein; Peter McNamara; Terry Ashe; Jim O'Shea; Gerald McCarthy (former President of Union); Noel Ryan; John Cahill; Paddy (Stan) McMahon; Michael Cullen; Cyril O'Loughlin; Fr. Peter Garvey, College Pastor.
3rd Row: (from left) Frank Smyth, College Principal; Ger Mannion; Fr. Terry Twohig; Pat McGuinness; Paddy McIntyre; Michael Harney; Sean Barry; John Harnett; Aidan Sheeran; Brendan Cullen; Conor O'Hara; Brendan O'Dea; Larry Brannigan - Chairman of Board of Governors.



"Let Women not speak in Church"

That sentence of St. Paul has been causing trouble ever since it was written, sometime about the middle of the first century. And in the western world today and in our own country, many women feel aggrieved over it. Some do not, of course, that is alright too.

Too many men in the church quote it as though it says something eternal, unchanging and unchangeable. It does not. It is a statement of its time and of a particular culture. It comes from the first century and has little relevance today. That is all. It has nothing to do with faith or dogma or an unchanging Church. There is little point in spending time arguing about it. Leave it - move on.

The discussion has been complicated by the argument about ordaining women priests. That is not what I am talking about here at all. I want to ask why do we almost never hear the voices of women in the church?

We all received the faith from our mothers. In the Rite of Baptism the parents of the newly baptised infant are called by the beautiful and correct name - "The first teachers of the faith to this child". But isn't it a fact that in practice, and with the best will in the world on the part of good and devoted fathers, it is the mother who is really the first teacher of the faith to the children?

Don't we all say that we learned our prayers at our Mother's knee? We do not say "At our parents' knees". There is a true christian instinct in us which recognises the place of the mother. Mothers, of course, are women. It is important to remember that!

It is reasonable to assume that women have, since the year 55 AD when that sentence was written by St. Paul, accumulated some considerable amount of wisdom. Not to mention experience and sound judgement.

Women have suffered. "We suffer in their coming and we suffer in their going". We have all heard that, haven't we? But it is true. The mother who has sat by the bedside of a sick child; of a child struggling for it's life; of a child who is dying - that woman has learned what life and the Cross and faith are about. The mother who has seen her child sucked into the drugs culture, or get infected with AIDS, or perhaps imprisoned (rightly or wrongly) has suffered. The same goes for a sister who has watched her brother in the same situation. She has stood on Calvary with Mary, as she watched her only Son die as a criminal. Many a mother has stood on her personal Calvary for years. And out of that has come wisdom. Would it not be a good and helpful thing if the rest of the Church could hear that wisdom? Would it not

ST. PAUL TO CORINTHIANS (1COR 14:37)

help us all if such women could show us how their faith has stood to them in the hard times and in the dark passages of life? There has never been a time when we have had as many theologically well-educated and scripturally literate women in the Church as we have today. They write, they speak on radio and TV, they address seminars and meetings, but they do not speak in Church.

Why not? Is it really impossible to change structures or create new ones which would allow this to happen? We all know that women make up half the population of the world. We have heard it so often that we men have forgotten it. Or maybe it suits us to forget it. If we faced up to it, we might have to take notice and do something about it. Like listening to the women! It really is odd that the voices of women are not heard more often in our Churches. That phrase 'more often' implies that they are heard often. In fact of course they are never heard!

What would be wrong with the People of God hearing from women how the faith has helped them; how it has shown them the path of life; how it has been a light for their way and a lamp for their steps? We could indeed ask why laypeople, both men and women, don't ever get the opportunity of telling us how they experience Christian life today. Life is never like it says in the books. The life of each one is different, unique and new. Each individual is precious (so we say, anyhow!), wonderful and has a story to tell. What does it mean to you to be a child of God? Do you really try to live by the gospel and the teaching of Jesus? How do you do it? What does it cost you? What is it like to be a committed lay person in today's world? What sort of pressures are you under and how do you cope with them?

The pressures, problems and difficulties faced by laypeople are quite different to those faced by clerics. It follows that the layperson's view of the Church is different to ours. And a woman's view may well be different again! I sometimes wonder if we really want to hear it! It is possible that if women were heard more often in Church, there would be less need for them to form associations, which frighten the men, not to mention us clerics!

There is a formidable number of articulate women, aged forty five plus, in the Church today. If they got together they

would be like that "army in battle array" which we read about in Scripture! The age is important. We will listen to the young, but they still have a lot to learn. But the forty five pluses are another matter entirely. They have the children reared and gone. They have seen it all. They have run the most important business in the country - the family. Think of the talents and skill needed for that.

Think of the experience they have gained - the dynamics of groups, psychology, understanding, negotiating skills. They are a huge resource for the Church and for society. Why don't we let them talk in Church, even occasionally?

There are two women Doctors of the Church. That means they are recognised as having taught the Church. Not just taught in the Church - these have taught the Church. There are, of course, dozens of men Doctors of the Church. That is part of our heritage from a long male-dominated history. Don't get into arguments about that - do something about it. Try and change it! The two women are St. Teresa of Avila and St. Catherine of Siena. St. Catherine was illiterate, so she got others to write her letters and she changed the history of the Church. The Pope was living in France and Catherine told him that that was not helping the Church or the faith of the people.

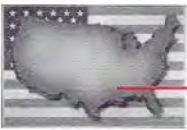
St. Teresa founded convents all over Spain and wrote her own life and then some books about prayer. And these are still in print, four hundred years later. And nothing better than her books have since been written about prayer.

And who is the highest profile Christian in the world today? Another woman - Mother Teresa. Even the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta who have never heard of the Pope and who don't know what the Catholic Church is, know Mother Teresa. And so does everyone else in the world, whatever their religion:

One of the most serious challenges facing us today - all of us, men and women - is to draw on the immense wealth of wisdom, experience and holiness that women represent. More and more women today are giving retreats, leading prayer groups, giving spiritual direction, leading people to God. But all this is happening outside the Church building. It is difficult to see why. If we are truly a faith community, each one having their own gift from God, for the good of the Church, we must create situations and structures whereby women's gifts can be so used.

As I said earlier, this has nothing to do with women being ordained priests, but with their voices being heard in the Church, so that we may all be enriched. It is time to say "Let women speak in Church".

FATHER NIVARD, O. CIST.



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C.C.R. - P.P.U.



Over the recent Christmas holidays, I had the honour of joining pastmen living in the U.S., to bless the formation of the first North American Branch of the P.P.U. Twenty-two pastmen, coming from all parts of the East Coast, and from as far as Tennessee, gathered in New York City at Langan's, a restaurant part-owned by Des O'Brien, (72/77).

It was a typical CCR event, called for half-six and getting going by 10 past seven. Once all were assembled though, an evening of catching up, great craic and serious discussion unfolded until I left at 2am. This evening really had it all.

Once the meal was through, during which nearly every past student switched chairs once (God bless those waiters!), the revelry subsided for a bit, and evening organisers Noel McCarthy ('48 - '53) and Jim Lyndon ('61 - '66) said a few words about the connection each past student shares with one another and directly with Roscrea. Jim then read two faxes sent for the occasion, the first from Union President Michael Houlihan, the second from Dick Spring, who has been a great public supporter of the Abbey and College down the years.

Then it was my turn to share my views on all of this. Central to my tenure as College President has been to not only keep the door open to pastmen, but to do all I can to facilitate the Union mission of fostering ties between all pastmen and between pastmen and the Abbey. In recent years I've tried to participate and build up the various branches in Ireland and England, and I was thrilled to see the initiative of Noel, Jim & Des to get things going in North America. A special thank you to them for all of their efforts.

After my thoughts on the occasion, a roundtable discussion opened up about more College and Abbey issues than I can count. I must say I was so pleased and proud to listen to these men, so far from Ireland and Roscrea, speak so directly and openly and thoughtfully regarding the role Roscrea has played in their lives as well as thoughts for the Abbey and CCR's future. Moreover, these thoughts were coming from the classic cross-section of personalities we know exist at Roscrea, and from

equally diverse ages! It was tremendous and I found it quite poignant, really.

Ninety minutes later, when all but two pastmen had their say, as did a non pastmen with the Irish Trade Board, the wise host Des O'Brien moved all up to the bar for a night-cap and some more relaxed chat. By 2am, I was on my way, exhausted, but exhilarated.

This dinner taught me something, or at least reaffirmed something for me. We (or at least most) leave Roscrea, but no matter how many years go by or where we end up, something about the place goes with us. It truly is a constant in the forward lives of those who go through the place.

Again, sincere thanks to our pastmen in the U.S.A.

KEVIN DALY O.CIST.

ATTENTION PASTMEN

Please detach and return in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

ATTENTION PASTMEN ! NEW DATABASE AT COLLEGE

CCR has established a permanent, computerised pastmen database. Please provide us with the following information AND RETURN TO COLLEGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE :

Name : _____ Year Entered: _____ Year Left: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____ Occupation & Address: _____

Home Tel.: _____ Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Children's Name(s) & Age(s): _____

Activities/ Sports played at Roscrea: _____ Interests/Sports played today: _____

What generation Roscrea are you? 1st 2nd 3rd Other..... _____ Family at CCR: _____

Have you attended or been informed of a PPU Function in the past year? Yes No

Do you know who are your regional PPU representatives? Yes No

Would you like information sent to you regarding the "Abbot's Cup"? Yes No

WRITE FOR THE REVIEW! SEND US A WRITING ON YOUR EXPERIENCES, TRAVEL, ETC. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Reach us on E-mail at mtjoseph@iol.ie Web site coming later this year!

THANK YOU FOR A PROMPT RETURN.

roscrea review - the place we love

Ballyskenagh was the ancient name of the Mount St. Joseph locality, a name our former Abbot Camillus Claffey, campaigned successfully to have restored for everyday use. However, the official townland name remains Mountheaton, a name derived from a Yorkshire man, Richard Heaton, 1601-1666.

Richard was the third of the nine children of Francis and Ursulay Heaton, most of whom died in infancy. Born into a reasonably comfortable farmstead at Moorhouse in the Doncaster region, he was baptised at the nearby church of Hooton Pagnell. The Reformation had taken root in Yorkshire just a generation before Richard, and laws against Catholics were harsh in the extreme, but still the full rigour of the law was not always enforced.

In July 1620, Richard Heaton entered St. John's College, Cambridge. St. John's had been founded in 1511, through the vision of Bishop John Fisher, later martyred and canonised, and through the munificence of his high-minded friend, Lady Margaret Beaufort.

The Reformation began to take root in Cambridge in the 1520's and the religious controversies waxed and waned through the reigns of Queens Mary and Elizabeth. No sooner had the Reformation won through than trouble started again, this time with the Puritan revolt. But by Heaton's coming to St. John's, clashes between Anglicans and Puritans had died out, with both persuasions having their following. A few months after Heaton beginning at St. John's, the *Mayflower* put to sea from Plymouth for New England, under the inspiration of another Cambridge man, John Richardson, Pastor of the Pilgrim Fathers. Oliver Cromwell was a few years before Heaton at Cambridge. Cromwell had left Sidney College without taking a degree. The poet John Milton was a few years junior to Heaton.

At the time Richard Heaton went up to Cambridge it cost a Fellow-Commoner £60 per annum at St. John's. Richard's father could never have afforded that, so it was thanks to a system of sizarship, a sort of scholarship, that he was able to get a university education.

St. John's, like all the colleges of the day, was primarily a school of theology, but it included more liberal studies such as Greek, mathematics, medicine and botany. Scholastic - Aristotelian teaching and methods continued long after the Reformation, to the disgust of John Milton, who described them as *monkish sophistry*. The first year was devoted to rhetoric, which in the main, was designed to give a complete mastery of Latin. It was dialectics for the second and third year, and physics and ethics for the fourth. We have an interesting pen-picture of Andrew Downes, the Greek professor, in Heaton's day:

"Going into his chamber, I found him sifting in a chaire with his leggs upon a table which stode by him; hee was in my minde of an extraordinary tallnes, then his carriage was very homely for hee neither stirred his hatt nor his bodie, only hee tooke mee by the hand, and the first question which hee asked mee was why I had absented myselfe soe long from his lectures, which as well as I could I putt offe"

The students rose around 5.00 a.m. with morning prayer finished before 6.00 a.m., when the juniors gathered in the Hall for two hours of lectures before breakfast. The morning was filled with more instruction, but the early afternoon was free. More lectures at 3.00 p.m. till supper at 5.00 p.m., after which all retired to their rooms for study and devotions.

This was the milieu in which Richard Heaton was educated for eight years at Cambridge. Having been conferred with an M.A.

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BALLYSKENAGH OF RICHARD HEATON

degree he was later ordained, probably at York Minister. He was soon to begin a military career, serving King Charles as Chaplain to the regiment of foot under the command of Colonel James Strangways. The daughter-in-law of the Lord of the Manor of Hooton Pagnell,

Heaton's native village, was a sister of Sir Thomas Wentworth, later to become Earl of Strafford. It comes as no surprise then to find Richard Heaton become Chaplain to Lord Wentworth's Life Guard of Horse. It was in this capacity that Heaton first came to Ireland in 1633, after Wentworth had been appointed

Lord Deputy by King Charles I.

William Laud was at this time Archbishop of Canterbury. He had set about reforming the Established Church in England. Wentworth was Laud's most able ally. James Ussher was Protestant Archbishop of Armagh. He was a formidable opponent of Catholicism and yet kind enough to offer Luke Wadding, the renowned Franciscan historian, the use of his great collection of ancient historical records. Fuller, the historian, complains of the lot of the clergy of the Church of Ireland, though not without exaggeration, "where scandalous means make scandalous ministers. And yet a papist priest could grow fat in that parish where a protestant could be famished."

Laud used Wentworth to extend his reforming zeal to Ireland. It was to be expected then that well-trained clerics with royalist sympathies, like Richard Heaton, would be given benefices under the new dispensation. The distance between the benefices makes it obvious that they were more as a monetary support to the clergy than a field of apostolate. In the autumn of 1633 Heaton was appointed Prebendary of Iniscattery, an island on the mouth of the Shannon which included Kilrush on the mainland, and also Rector of Birr. A year later he was presented to the benefice of Killeel, Co. Down.

It is probable that Heaton lived in Dublin during his first years in Ireland, possibly in the property of the former Cistercian Abbey of St. Maries. By the end of the decade he had moved down the country. All the indications are that he settled in the Birr area where he was Rector since 1633. Laurence Parsons was the well-established Lord of the town and district, which his father had described as "my towne of Birr", and which was by now being called Parsonstowne. The Parsons family survive to the present under the title of Earls of Rosse. They claim to have a fine collection of 17th century manuscripts in the Castle, but I was unable to obtain permission to examine them when researching Richard Heaton. However, on a visit to the Castle Gardens some fifteen years ago, I saw a sign for an exhibition of some of this material and eagerly took the opportunity. There I discovered a letter in his own writing from Heaton to Lady Rosse, dated 24 March 1640(41), offering to go surety with her ladyship for £34 for a William Wharam. Presumably there are other letters of Heaton's in this collection, which would be of great interest.

It was in 1640 that Heaton first became involved in the Mount St. Joseph area, having taken out a mortgage for £200 on the lands of Ballyskenagh, from one of the O'Carrolls. And it was through the Ballyskenagh interest that he was to meet his future wife, Grizell Medhop, daughter of Francis Medhop, one of the '49 Officers', who was rewarded with lands for service to Charles I in Ireland. Incidentally, also on display in the Birr Castle exhibition referred to above was a letter of Medhop dated 23 May 1640.

To be continued.

Pic shows:- From the Register of Saint John's College, Cambridge, showing in square brackets, the Latin entry in Richard Heaton's handwriting - "Ego Richardus Heaton Eboracensis admissus sum discipulus pro domina fundatrice an: Do: 1621 No. 7". "I, Richard Heaton of York, was admitted as a lady-foundress scholar, on the 7 November 1621."



News of PASTMEN

ANDREW CODY (1982)

Congratulations to Andrew Cody and his wife Eva O'Brien on the birth of their daughter Katie in July - a niece for Lorcan O'Brien (1984) and Gerard O'Brien (1985). Andrew and Eva live at Newbridge where Andrew practices law and Eva practices law at Athy.

LORCAN O'BRIEN (1984)

Lorcan, who was recently admitted as a Chartered Accountant is a graduate of DIT, TCD and DUC and received his practical training at the practice of Costelloe and Ryan, Dublin. Previously employed as an Environmental Health Inspector with the EHB at Dublin, he is at present with the WHB at Galway.

GEAROID O'BRIEN (1985)

Gearoid married Cathriona Morgan on the 21st June 1996 and they have set up house at Ballymalone, Waterford. Gearoid teaches mathematics and business at Oaklands College and Cathriona teaches Spanish at New Ross. Gearoid is treasurer of Dublin C.C.R. Branch and a Regional Treasurer of ASTI.

NIALL BOLAND (1983-1988)

Now a certified accountant and working with Fennelly O'Farrell.

CATHAL BOLAND (1986-1991)

A Farm Manager, currently working at home. The class of 1993 continue to show their love of medical matters, with Ronan Ryan, Scott Walkin, Brian Casserly and Frank O'Hara all in 4th Medicine in U.C.D.

DES BURKE

Pastman Des Burke is Managing Director of Ormonde Mining, a Kilkenny-based gulf exploration company which is presently raising one million dollars to finance an extensive drilling programme in Tanzania.

FIACHRA LISTON

Pastman Fiachra Liston, from Ballycullen, Co. Limerick, is presently a student at Harper Adams Agricultural College, Shropshire, England.

CONAL O'NEILL

Conal graduated from Galway R.T.C. with a B.A. in Hotel and Catering Management. After positions in Jury's of Cork, Jury's of Glasgow, he returned to Ireland in 1995 and will be General Manager, Jury's Belfast Inn, when it opens in March 1997.

• • NEWS • •

Congratulations to **Willie Mullins** on being elected Chairman of the Irish Racehorse Trainers Association. Keep an eye out for his horse "Three Scholars". I don't know if the horse got his name from the three Mullins scholars of C.C.R. - Willie, George and Tony.

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Last year in the equivalent issue of the "Review", I mentioned **Nelius Hayes's** horse Risk of Thunder for the La Touche Cup at Punchestown. The same tip applies this year, except that Nelius is no longer the owner. He was unable to resist the offer of Sean Connery (James Bond) so he runs this year in his colours.

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Congratulations to **Edgar Byrne** on being appointed assistant trainer to James Burns and also to **Johnny Berry** who has taken out a trainer's licence and has had two winners already. Congrats to Dr. **Micheal Collins** who recently got married.

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Peter Power paid a flying visit from Brussels to attend the wedding of former housemaster, **Pat Carroll**. Best wishes to Pat and Mary.

• • NEWS • •

Niall Morrison and **Brian Hogan**, both students of Pharmacy at Sunderland University, joined many past men at the first round of the Senior Cup at Tullamore.

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Jim Glennon (1970) has been appointed Manager to the Irish Under 19 side and to the Irish Under 21's. He will manage the Under 19 side when they travel this Easter to Argentina to compete in the F.I.R.A. World Cup.

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Congratulations to brothers **Jonathan** and **Thomas Costello**. Jonathan was conferred with an Honours degree in Medicine in 1996, and Thomas has a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

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Congratulations to **John Cleary** on his recent success with the R.T.E. programme, "Head to Toe". John was back in the college for the 1996 Union Day and despite the high profile he presently enjoys, his primary interest remains in production. John is an Arts graduate of U.C.D.



Notice Board

CORK P.P.U. – FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

Mr. Gerald McCarthy,
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ASSESSMENT TEST FOR INCOMING 1ST YEARS

Friday, February 28th & Saturday, March 1st.

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PADDY O'BRIEN

Paddy O'Brien was a member of the Tipperary Minor All-Ireland winning panel.

Other achievements with Tipperary:-

- All Ireland U-14 winner in '93, also achieved status of player of the tournament" at this grade.
- All Ireland Under-16 winner in '94.
- All Ireland Under-16 winner in '95.
- Munster Minor championship winner in '96
- All Ireland Minor winner in '96.

Member of the school Senior Hurling Team since '93-'94 and captain of this years team.

FATHER CELSUS TIERNEY, o.c.s.o.

1907/'96

(C.C.R. 1923/'28)

A native of Leugh, Thurles. Came to C.C.R. in 1923; Went with a group of students to Lourdes in 1927; Was a member of the Children Of Mary.

In November 1928, he joined the Roscrea community. Pastmen Br. Declan Power (later President of the College), Br. Finian Duggan (later a member of the college staff) were with him at the Noviciate. Fr. Malachy Brasil, later Abbot of Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, was their Novice-master.

From Most Rev. Dr. Shanahan, C.S.S.P. he received the sub-diaconate on June 30th, 1935 and from Most Rev. Dr. Galvin, Vic. Apostolic, Hanyong, China he received his diaconate on June 26th 1936. These were two of Ireland's most famous missionary bishops in the 20th century.

He was ordained priest by Most Rev. Dr. Neville of Barre-Claireville (retired) on 17th July 1936.

He became assistant to the College Bursar, Fr. Francis and taught Irish and Christian Doctrine. He supervised the small study hall and had charge of the bookshop and tuckshop.

He became Assistant Bursar and master of the lay brothers of the monastery. From 1953-1993, he heard confessions at the public church. He was gentle and understanding and a popular confessor.

He went to Saint Francis Medical Centre in Mullingar where his final months were contented and sociable. He loved to sing, especially "Slievenamon", the 'anthem' of Tipperary.

On Sunday morning, 17th November 1996 he contracted pneumonia and he died at 5.15 that evening.

52 Priests concelebrated requiem Mass with Dom Colmcille O'Toole in a full church on Tuesday 19th November. His nephew, Fr. Celsus Tierney, of the staff of St. Patrick's College Thurles, spoke to the huge congregation after Communion. His body is close to those of Fr. Bernard Keily and Fr. Edmund Dobson who also died during 1996.

Fr. Celsus was a man of the people as well as a dedicated monk. His work was appreciated as shown by the attendance at his requiem Mass.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam cineálta.



PAST STUDENTS

Retreat

The Annual Past Students retreat has acquired a consistent home on Good Friday each year in the Guest House. So this year it will be held on that day - March 28, 1997. It will begin at 11 a.m. and finish with Supper at 6 p.m. The highlight of the day will be the celebration of the victory of Jesus on the cross at the 3 p.m. Liturgy - in the company of the Monastic Community and the local people. Please confirm with Fr. Gabriel McCarthy, the Guestmaster, or with myself if you are coming. (Phone: 0505.21711) If any pastman wish to stay overnight, it will be necessary to book well in advance at the Guesthouse as all rooms are usually booked in advance for Holy Week.

prefer some quiet time during the retreat while others would prefer time to exchange views and share our faith and life journeys. Hopefully it will be possible to facilitate both aspirations in the course of the day.

Some past students have expressed a desire to come for a quiet weekend during which an opportunity would be available to have time for reflection, time to meet one of the monks for a talk and time to meet some of the staff and the senior boys in the College. I would be very happy to arrange such a weekend or overnight and suggest the weekends during April as suitable for this exercise. Those weekends are April 11-13, 18-20, and 25-27. The College Telephone number is (0505) 23344.

It was obvious in previous years that some pastmen would

FR. PETER GARVEY, O.CIST.

The reunion for the 1967-72 class will take place on Saturday 20th, September 1997.

There are time slots reserved for the Abbot's Cup (golf) in the morning with the main formal events being Mass in the late afternoon followed by a Sherry Reception at the College.

The main dinner will take place in Grant's Hotel Roscrea that evening. On Sunday, there will be lunch at the College prior to the normal Union Day events.



AUSTIN O'MEARA, TIM O'MEARA (R.I.P.), JOE O'MEARA.

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David Bradford
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Gerard Ryan
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CISTERCIAN COLLEGE ROSCREA

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1 To raise funds and manage College Development Fund
- 2 To assist the College President in maintaining and enhancing public relations with all constituents of the College
- 3 To organise and facilitate special events for College alumni present and former parents as well as other friends.

The position will report directly to the College President, with regular interaction with College Board of Governors and the Monastic Community.

QUALIFICATIONS :

- Assertive Action-Oriented
- Strong management and writing skills.
- Self-starter with good inter-personal and advocacy skills.
- Direct experience preferred, but not required.
- Salary commensurate with experience and background.

Applications in strict confidence, in writing, to College President.

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OBITUARY

Two past students from the 1930's also passed away recently, Kevin Stanley of Cliften, Co. Galway and David (Bunny) Kennedy of Waterford. The latter had a lifetime association with Waterpark R.F.C.

John Taylor (1922-1996), of Portumna was also a past pupil of C.C.R.

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The College records are missing the Silver Medal Debating Winners for the years 1973 - 1981. Please forward any names you are sure of to the Editor.

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The institution by the Abbey of a Board of Governors for the College in October 1990 and the investment made in the Link Building are facts which cogently testify to the commitment of the monks to the education of youth in our country and signal the determination of the monks to secure the future well-being of their college.

The integrity of the Cistercian way of life inevitably means that Cistercian buildings



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express Cistercian simplicity. Looking at our Link Building, of which we are so rightly proud, we note its purity of design, the simple beauty of its proportions, its response to functional purpose, its durability. Is it not a building in the best Cistercian tradition?

On behalf of the Board of Governors, on your behalf and on behalf of future generations of students and staff, I say to everyone concerned - to the builders, to the architects and the monks and the project manager, to the engineers and the quantity surveyor, to the members of the Board of Governors, past and present, who

contributed so much of their time and expertise, to the College management and staff, and not forgetting the students and the residential staff who endured the adverse conditions while the building was taking shape - please accept this expression of our thanks and our congratulations for what you have achieved so gloriously, and for the headline of excellence which you, like the monks before you in the other buildings on this fine campus, have set for future developments.

LAURENCE F. BRANNINGAN
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF GOVERNORS.