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# Editorial

## Social Employment Scheme Workers

This is the last issue to be produced by our team of social employment scheme workers. The committee takes this opportunity to thank Bob Hope, Adrian Kearney, Tom McGarry, Michael Begley, Jimmy McLoughlin and Brendan Cryan for their hard work and dedication to the community of Maynooth. May we wish them the best of success in the future. They leave a hard act to follow.

## Careful with the Christmas Capers

Over the next few weeks we will all be celebrating the season of goodwill. We'll probably drink much more and eat much more than we normally do. But may we ask our readers to remember that drivers can be murderers when drink affects their capacity to drive. Please make arrangements for alternative transport home if you want to drink. Can you live the rest of your life with the blood of others on your conscience — because of your selfishness in drinking and driving?

Pedestrians too have a responsibility to protect themselves on the roads. Every year drunken pedestrians are killed or injured through wandering on the road. Also, remember that you cannot be seen in the dark unless you wear light clothing or reflective armbands.

As for cyclists — is there a shortage of lamps in Maynooth? The number of cyclists who travel without lights is terrifying. So everyone, please be safe, be seen, be sober!

## Graduation Day

Wednesday 12th of November, was Graduation Day at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and over 500 students from all over Ireland were conferred with B.A. and B.Sc. Degrees. We take this opportunity to wish our young graduates every success in the future.

## Tidy Towns Response

It was heartening to note such a good response to our tidy towns article. A meeting was held to discuss the report and a respectable crowd attended. Perhaps with an election looming the time is ripe for lobbying our local representatives to improve our environment. Go to it — conservationists!

## Happy Christmas

The committee and staff of the Newsletter would like to wish all our readers, advertisers and contributors a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## Continued

### Future Issues

Maynooth Community Council have re-applied to the National Manpower Service for an extension of the Social Employment Scheme for another year. It is hoped that this application will be sanctioned and that the S.E.S. workers will continue to produce future editions of the Newsletter. At the time of going to press, we are not sure if we will be able to produce a January edition.

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### RECENT DEATHS

Sympathy to Mr. Willie Coughlan, The Square, Maynooth, on the death of his uncle Mr. Bernard Coughlan.

Sympathy to the sons, daughters, relatives, of the late Mrs. Mary Dempsey, Newtown, Maynooth.

Sympathy to relatives of Patrick Conlon of Athy, aged 96, father of Frank Conlon, Greenfield.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**O'Reilly.** The wife, sons and daughters of the late Joseph (Dec.) O'Reilly, 4 Leinster Cottages, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. Those who sent Mass Cards, Seraphic Mass Cards, Wreaths, and Floral Tributes. All who attended the Removal, Mass, and Funeral. A special word of thanks to Rev. Fr. Supple P.P., Rev. Fr. Cogan, C.C., Rev. Fr. Mick Melvin and Rev. Fr. Frank Power S.V.D., Dr. William Cowhey, Dr. Maurice Cowhey. The Professors and staff of St. Patrick's College Presentation Sisters. To all the kind neighbours and friends who helped us in every way. We trust that this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a sincere token of our appreciation, and gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

**Horan.** The wife, father, mother, brothers, sisters and niece of the late Joseph Horan Jnr., Riverforest, Leixlip, formerly of Greenfield, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their sad loss. Those who sent Mass Cards, Seraphic Mass Cards and Floral Tributes. Those who attended removal of remains and funeral. A special word of thanks to Dr. Maurice Cowhey, Fr. Supple P.P., Maynooth, Fr. Begley C.C., Confey, doctors and staff of the Mater Hospital, kind neighbours and friends both in Maynooth and Leixlip, Mr. and Mrs. Hannigan and staff of Springfield Hotel. Trusting this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our appreciation individually. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.







## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES The Harbour Field.

The meeting which we requested with the trustees of the field last August has still not taken place.

The importance of this meeting has taken on a new urgency in view of the various problems that the boys soccer club encounter each weekend. This manifests itself in the form of vandalism to the goal posts and usually takes place the night before the match so that maximum disruption is created. Twenty years ago when the soccer club were also using the pitch they were driven out by people using similar methods.

However, this time round both the Community Council and the Boys' Soccer Club are determined that these bullyboy tactics will not cause history to be repeated.

## Tidy Towns

There was an excellent response to the recent public meeting on this issue. Anyone who could not attend the meeting but would like to become involved in the committee's efforts should give their name in to the Community Council's offices in the Town Centre Mall.

## Professor Seamus Smyth

The Council would like to congratulate Seamus on becoming the first lay Vice-President of the College in 200 years. Seamus was the College's representative on the Council until very recently.

## Link Road to Motorway

The Council is asking each Residents' Association to send 2 representatives to a meeting with the executive committee of the Council in order to get the views from all the different parts of the town. It is hoped to have a meeting with the relevant County Council officials early in the new year to discuss these views.

## Social Employment Scheme

The 6 workers employed by the Council have completed their year's work. The Council would like to thank them for their hard work.

## Congratulations

We would like to congratulate the Boys' National School on their win in the County Final.

Patrick Moynan,  
P.R.O.

## HALTING SITE FOR MAYNOOTH TRAVELLERS

Kildare County Council's plan to build a halting site at Blacklion to accommodate Maynooth's indigenous travelling people has been further advanced by the selection of a tender by Kildare County Council, which was submitted to the Department of the Environment in August 1986. We are now in a position to publish a copy of the site plan, courtesy of Councillor Emmet Stagg, who supplied us with site plans, specifications and other information.

Contrary to what we published in our September issue, the site will consist of six family bays and not ten.

The tendered cost is £137,500. Each family will have its own bathroom, comprising shower, toilet and wash-hand basin, as well as a washroom with sink and hot water cylinder. The development will have a caretaker's office, surface dressed play area and a livestock compound; waste skips will be provided.

Kildare County Council will also be developing fully serviced halting sites in Athy, Monasterevin, Kildare and Newbridge. The Council will not allow transient travellers or traders into these sites and they will be used solely to accommodate the families permanently residing in these towns. In 1982 a survey conducted by Kildare County Council showed that there were thirty-four families which were indigenous to Kildare and would be the responsibility of Kildare County Council.

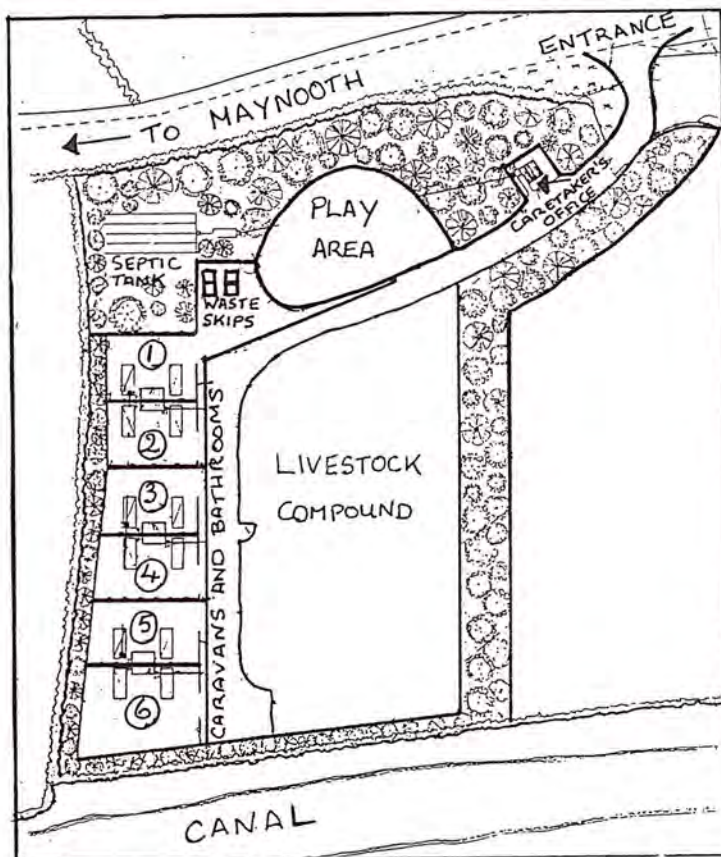
Sites away from towns and villages on the national primary routes will be purchased for the use of transient traders and travellers as follows:

- (a) N4 — Dublin-Leixlip-Maynooth-Kilcock-Moyvalley.
- (b) N7 — Dublin-Naas-Newbridge-Kildare-Monasterevin.

Effectively, this would mean that travellers native to an area would go to the fully serviced site and all others would be directed to the nearest transient site; thus in theory eliminating indiscriminate camping in towns, villages and along roadsides.

Further progress on the Blacklion development, which is located behind the lay-by on the Dublin Road, must await the approval of the Department of the Environment. However, Kildare County Council still hopes to have it completed and ready for use in Spring 1987.

*Drawing of Site Plan for Halting Site for Travellers at Blacklion, Dublin Road.*





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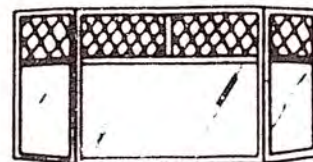
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*The men behind the wire — Nicko Farrell and Phil Brady enjoying the Senior County Football Final in September, when Sarsfields beat Leixlip.*



# MAYNOOTH BYPASS

## ACCESS ROAD PROBLEMS

The proposed up-grading of the Straffan Road as the sole access road from the Maynooth area to the Maynooth By-Pass road has given rise to much concern among residents living in the vicinity of the Straffan Road. This concern is focused on two main aspects:

(1) The generation of extra traffic on the road.

(2) The realignment of the road.

(1) The use of the Straffan Road as the sole access road to the by-pass is certain to lead to a very considerable increase in the level of traffic on the road. This will include not only locally-generated traffic but also much traffic coming from the Navan Road direction north of Maynooth. A lot of the latter traffic will consist of heavy vehicles. The proposals to upgrade and widen the Straffan Road to accommodate this extra traffic will, in the view of local residents, lead to a significant increase in the speed of traffic using the road. This combination of extra traffic and extra speed constitutes a major danger to the local resident population, especially to young children. The Straffan Road, it should be noted, passes through the main residential area of the town, with a very large and growing population, and with a high level of pedestrian flow — especially when the large student population is also taken into account.

A particular point of concern for residents in the Greenfield Lane area is the prospect that this Lane will be used by motorists from the housing estates to the west of the town in order to gain access to the by-pass. This is a narrow but very straight roadway, with obvious potential for dangerous speeding traffic. As the main Council housing estates in Maynooth are located just off this road, local residents are quite concerned for their future safety.

Maynooth Community Council believes that Kildare County Council has long-term plans for building a relief road to the east of Maynooth skirting existing and future housing estates in this area. This road offers the potential for solving many of the problems which will arise from the use of the Straffan Road as the access road to the by-pass. By linking the relief road to the Dunboyne Road at Blacklion, on the Dublin Road leading out of Maynooth, traffic coming

from the north would be diverted away from the town centre, with consequential benefits not only for the Straffan Road area, but also for the environmental amenity of the historic town centre. This proposal would also solve the long-standing problem of congestion along Convent Lane, at the entrance to Maynooth from the Dunboyne Road. In addition, the relief road would serve to divert the large volume of heavy traffic generated by Maynooth Livestock Mart away from the town centre.

The long-term County Council plans also provide for an extension of the relief road to the southwest of the town to serve the housing estates in that area. This offers the solution to the problem of traffic from this area using Greenfield Lane in order to get to the by-pass.

Accordingly, Maynooth Community Council calls on Kildare County Council to bring forward, as a matter of urgency, their plans to build the above relief road, in order to alleviate the public safety and environmental hazards which will arise from the proposal to use the Straffan Road as the access road to the Maynooth By-Pass.

(2) Regardless of the construction of the Maynooth By-Pass, the Straffan Road requires improvement. However, the plans for upgrading and realigning the road drawn up by the County Council are unsatisfactory for a number of reasons, as follows:

(i) The section between the Town Square and the Canal/Railway bridge is to be widened on the west side. This will involve impinging on the Harbour Field, a valuable community facility. It will also inevitably involve the destruction of the ball alley adjacent to the bridge. Maynooth Community Council submits that the widening should be done on the east side of this stretch.

(ii) The town bridge is also to be widened. Maynooth Community Council is concerned that this will not involve the bridge losing its essential character. The bridge has recently been repointed by the AnCO workers involved in the canal restoration scheme, work which

may have been a waste of time if major alterations are to be carried out on the bridge. Apart from the bridge itself, there are cut-stone walls and other similar constructions in the vicinity which will be affected by road widening, and Maynooth Community Council is anxious that these should be restored to the fullest extent possible.

(iii) It is proposed to realign the road immediately south of the bridge. This will involve abandoning a short section of the existing road at the entrance to the cul-de-sac leading into Railpark townland. There is concern that this could become a handy backwater for dumping refuse and also for accommodating travelling families. There is no need to emphasise the problem being experienced in Maynooth by indiscriminate parking by travellers. Maynooth Community Council suggests that the County Council consider not realigning the road at this point, which would be less necessary if the stretch from the Square to the bridge was widened on the east side.

(iv) On the stretch between Greenfield Lane and The Crescent, there are a number of houses on the west side which will lose some of their front gardens due to road widening. The occupants of these houses feel that the road widening should be confined to the other side of the road, where no houses would be directly affected. This would be more feasible if there was no realignment on the preceding stretch.

All told, therefore, there seems to be a strong argument for reappraising the plans for improving the Straffan Road along the lines indicated above, and Maynooth Community Council calls on Kildare County Council to reconsider its proposals in close consultation with the Community Council.

In conclusion, Maynooth Community Council is of the opinion that the implications of the construction of the Maynooth By-Pass have not been sufficiently considered, and wishes to be fully involved in the further discussions on the matter which are clearly necessary.

Proinnias Breathnach  
(Cathaoirleach)

(Text of submission made by Community Council deputation to Celbridge area committee of the County Council).





Community  
Information  
Centre

## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

First of all I would like to apologise for an error in the November article on Hospital Services Card. The income limit since June 1 1986 is £14,500, for Category II.

### Social Welfare Equality Legislation

In mid-May 1986 the special low rates of payment for Unemployment Benefit, Disability Benefit, Injury Benefit and Invalidity Pension, were abolished. They had applied to married women and young people under the age of 18 years without dependants.

People under 18 without dependants now receive the normal personal rates payable but their Unemployment Benefit still lasts for only 156 days.

Married Women now receive the normal personal rates payable with other changes as follows:

**Duration of Unemployment Benefit.** (U.B.). In the past married women only received this payment for 312 days. They now receive it for the normal 390 days. As this is an increase of 78 days there is special provision for married women whose U.B. ran out before May 15th 1986, but after February 14th 1986, i.e. within 78 days (at 6 days a week) before the changeover. Starting on 15th May, 1986, they get Unemployment Benefit until 390 days singing on are up. (For example, if a married woman's U.B. ran out after 312 days on 12th May she would have got nothing for 3 days until 15th May but she would then have qualified for a further 75 days).

**Unemployment Assistance.** (U.A.) From mid-November 1986 married women can claim Unemployment Assistance. However, where both husband and wife are claiming U.A. the total payable will only be equal to the previous total payable to a married man and his wife as an adult dependant.

**Dependency.** The new rules on dependency come into effect in mid-November. From that date (17th for Disability Benefit, 19th for U.A., 20th for U.B.), a husband is no longer automatically assumed to be the breadwinner,

and a wife is no longer automatically assumed to be a dependant and children are no longer automatically assumed to be dependants of the father only.

From mid-November 1986 if the spouse of the claimant has a gross income of £50 per week or more, then he or she is not regarded as a dependant and no adult dependant's allowance is paid; further, only half of the normal child dependant's allowance is paid. If the spouse of the claimant is also receiving a social welfare payment no adult dependant's allowance is payable after mid-November 1986, but, as a transitional measure, where a man was receiving the adult dependant allowance before that date and now loses it because his wife is also a claimant he will continue to receive £10 extra a week for a maximum of one year. Where both spouses are claimants each will only receive half of the relevant child dependant's payments.

Please call to the Community Information Centre if you have any queries on the above.

The Centre is located in the Public Library, Main Street, Maynooth, (upstairs) and the Centre's hours of opening are: Monday 2.00-4.00; Wednesday 10.00-12.00 and 2.00-4.00; Thursday 7.00-8.00; Friday 10.00-12.00 and 2.00-4.00.



## STREET TALKING

Commercial activity on the Main Street is extending steadily up from the Square towards the Avenue. On Friday, 7th November, without much fuss, *Maynooth Jewellers* opened for business in premises a few doors along from the library. The shop is run by Geraldine Cash, with some assistance from her husband Hugh, whose principal interest is in antiques. The shop has the usual stock of watches, jewellery in 9 carat gold, rolled gold and silver, costume jewellery, and Donegal and Belleek china. There are also electric calculators and games, Geraldine, who comes from Mayo where she has run a shop at Knock during the summer season, qualified at the Institute of Horology in Blanchardstown, and services and repairs watches on the premises. She has considerable acquaintance with north Kildare area, having worked several years ago in a jewellers at Leixlip, and Hugh Cashman is originally from Prosperous.

Geraldine reports considerable interest, with a steady stream of people coming into the shop with its pleasant Georgian style display window, even though the various shopfittings are still being completed, and the shop sign to follow. One thing, though — it has been nearly all

women customers so far! So come along, lads — even if you are not after a gold earring for yourself, why aren't you getting the Christmas presents for loved ones?



A planning application notice in the *Irish Times* (18th November) stated that J. McElhinney is "applying to Kildare County Council for retention of video library and signs at Main Street, Maynooth". Provided that this permission is granted Maynooth will have two video libraries back-to-back — one in the Town Centre Shopping Mall and one in the Leinster Arms car park. This latter is the subject of the planning application. Its owner is to be congratulated for his discretion in informing the clientele that 'adult videos' are to be had only on application at the counter. At least it's better than leaving them on open display.



The street was literally brought to a standstill at lunchtime on Thursday, 6th November, while a giant water-wheel was hoisted by crane out of Kavanagh's Mills. The huge 120 ton crane was brought in to remove the wheel as part of the reorganisation of the yard. and for several minutes the 13 ton wheel, which is twenty-feet in diameter, hung high in the blue sky like some object from outer space. It had been manufactured early in the nineteenth century by a local firm, Walsh's of Celbridge (has anyone got further information on this enterprise?) and stood in the Lyreen mill-race generating power until the mill switched to electricity in 1960. It can now be seen standing in its new resting place around the corner by the Galway Road, an impressive relic of an out-dated (but pollution-free) technology.



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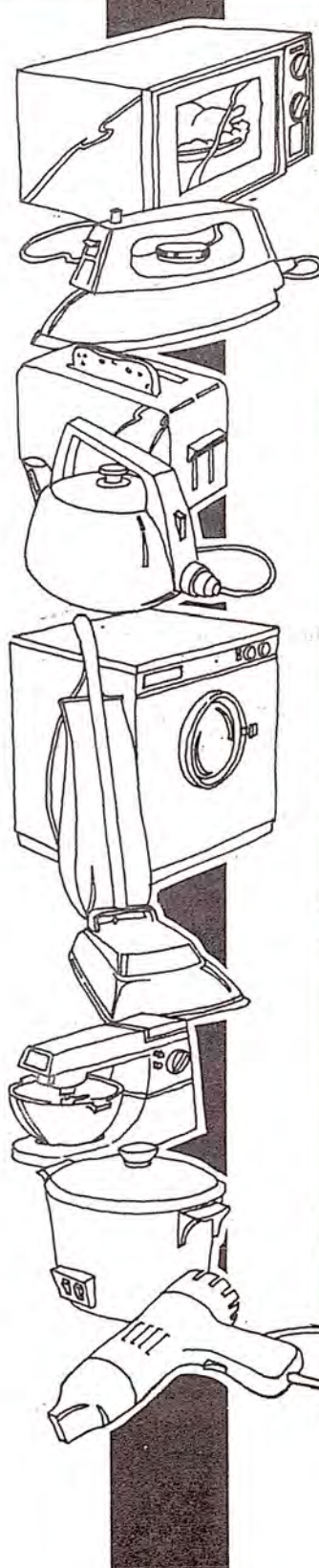
A lot of money is going to be spent over the next few weeks on presents and food and general celebrations. While you reach into the purse or the wallet, think about what your purchases will mean. Buy Irish, and you will be contributing to the economy, perhaps keeping someone in a job. Then, think about your local shops first. By shopping locally, you can save on bus fare, or petrol and parking charges, shoe leather, temper and frustration. Maynooth has a wide range of shops now and almost everything can be purchased at your doorstep. Prices are comparable with Dublin prices — and if anything goes wrong, you don't have far to go to return it. The slogan for this Christmas is 'Think Irish, Think Maynooth!'



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# POLITICAL PARTY NOTES . . . .

## PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS NOTES

At its meeting on the 7th of October, the branch expressed its sympathy to Elizabeth Bracken, of Celbridge, whose husband was tragically killed in an accident recently.

At a Press Conference in Dublin recently, the Progressive Democrats launched its document entitled "A Nation that Works". In Maynooth the document was discussed at our branch meeting on Tuesday 4th November. A guest speaker will be there to give a short talk on the document, after which there will be a question and answer session. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting which will take place in the ICA Hall at 8.30 pm sharp.

On the weekend of the 18th and 19th October the Progressive Democrats held its Church Gate Collection in Maynooth. The response of the local community to the collection was very generous, and we would like to thank all those who make contributions.

Membership of the Progressive Democrats supporters and members club is now open. Club membership is confined to 700 members who take part in four quarterly draws for £2,500 in prizes per quarter. For further details contact Mr. Richard O'Sullivan at 286393, or any of the members.

On our canvas nights we are coming across the various problems of the residents. We take a note of your problem and pass it up to our Public Representative who takes up the matter. If you have an urgent problem please give the details to our secretary, Mrs. Marie Brady at 286808, or to any of our members.

*M. Kellegher*

## FIANNA FAIL NEWS

At our November meeting the following items were raised:

### Bond Bridge

Cllr. Gerry Brady has made representations to Kildare County Council to have above bridge redesigned. Cllr. Brady has been informed by the County Engineer that he has recommended the appointment of a consultant to prepare a design for this bridge. He considers this work urgent and has sought funds from the Dept. of the Environment. The proposal for lights will be deferred for the present so as to concentrate on the new bridge.

### Traffic outside Presentation Convent National School

Cllr. Brady has made representations the Road Safety Officer to have the above matter investigated. The proposals to solve this problem are as follows:

1) A large sign on the Dublin Road to be erected.

2) A diamond shaped standard school sign to be erected on Dunboyne Road.

3) After road surface area has been renewed suitable road markings will be made.

All of the above should help ease traffic congestion at peak school times.

### Faulty Drainage at The Square

Further to representations made by Cllr. Brady relief work at the Square has been completed to correct faulty drainage. The efficiency of the drainage system has already shown evidence of major improvements.

### Re-Alignment of the Straffan Road, Maynooth.

Cllr. Brady has submitted the following motion and it is now on the agenda for the next meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council:

"That the Council review the proposed re-alignment of the Straffan Road, Maynooth".

### Kingsbry Estate, Maynooth

Cllr. Brady has been advised by Kildare County Council that the approved plans for Kingsbry include the retention of the existing hedge between Kingsbry Estate and Greenfields Estate.

Cllr. Brady has made further representations to Kildare County Council on behalf of Kingsbry Residents Assoc. requesting that a wall be erected around the entrance to the estate due to the proposed re-alignment of Straffan Road, which will increase traffic in the area. The possibility of sound barriers being erected along the by-pass near the estate has also been requested.

### Representations to C.I.E.

Cllr. Brady has made further representations to C.I.E. in connection with the possibility of providing a turning point for buses at Straffan Road. This matter has been an ongoing problem and Fianna Fail in Maynooth hopes it will be resolved soon.

Cllr. Brady has written to C.I.E. requesting an improvement in their services in the North Kildare area. He has particularly suggested that a cross radial

bus service is required to connect the important towns of Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip. The service would allow more people to use the commuter train system and also a greater flexibility for commuting to everyone.

### Computerised Housing List

Cllr. Brady advises that all those who have applied for housing to Kildare Co. Council should apply again before 31st December, 1986, in order to be included on the new computer system.

### Newsletter

Watch out for the Fianna Fail Newsletter which will be coming your way with lots of interesting topics during the first week in December.

*Patricia Roche  
P.R.O.*

## LABOUR PARTY NOTES

### Tony Smith Memorial Walk

Our annual walk in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens was held on Sunday, 5th October. We would like to thank all who participated and their sponsors. The amount collected is expected to be in excess of last year's total of £1,123, and will be handed over to the Senior Citizens Committee at a function in December. We would also like to thank Maynooth Brass and Reed Band who led off the walk and the owners of Carton Estate, through which the walk was held.

### Charges Abolished

The branch has learned with delight of the success of the campaign against 'Local Charges'. This was brought to fruition with the acceptance by Kildare Co. Council of a motion by Cllr. Emmet Stagg which instructed the Co. Manager not to include the charges in the estimates for 1987. We congratulate Cllr. Stagg on his dogged persistence on this issue which marks a major step towards tax equity. All others who were involved in the campaign, including ACRA, NATO, KRALC are also to be congratulated.

It is notable that the closeness of a general election had a marked effect on the voting pattern of Cllrs. on this issue. Fine Gael councillors who only 6 months ago were most zealous in their support of these inequitable charges were noticable only by their silence on this occasion. The fear of the retribution of the electorate at the ballot box resulted in the quick abandoning of their 'fiscal rectitude'!

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## POLITICAL PARTY NOTES CONTINUED

### Bond Bridge Improvements

The branch has been informed by Cllr. Stagg that Kildare Co. Council have decided not to implement the short term plan to make the bridge safe but instead will seek to have the bridge replaced with a totally new bridge.

This very expensive alternative to the proposal supported locally is dependent on EEC grants that have not been applied for, on loans that have not been sanctioned and on development levies most of which have not been collected. It is unlikely to see the light of day until the early 1990's, if at all.

Those supporting this 'alternative scheme' must bear full responsibility for the continued danger to pedestrians and motorists in the interim.

Our branch still believe that the short term proposal for traffic light control and raised footpath should be implemented pending the arrival of the grandiose scheme now envisaged. We will continue to work towards achieving this solution.

### Kingsbry

Following representations by Cllr. Stagg, the developers of Kingsbry were requested to carry out repairs to the Main Road, through Kingsbry. We are pleased to note that this work has been undertaken.

### Light Railpark Lane

Cllr. Stagg has been informed by the Co. Manager, that a public light will be provided at Railpark Lane in the near future. The cost of the light has been funded, from a special allocation, adopted at this year's estimates meeting of Kildare Co. Council on the proposal of Cllr. Stagg, for the provision of public lights in areas where senior citizens live.



## WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

### Council Housing Rents

Since 1973, rents for local authority housing throughout the county have been set by the Department of the Environment in consultation with the National Association of Tenants Organisations (NATO). The government has recently decided to devolve the setting of rents to the local authorities. The

Workers' Party is opposed to this on the grounds that some councils, under severe financial pressure, may be inclined to raise rents to unacceptable levels, leading to great discrepancies between local authorities. At the October meeting of Kildare County Council, Councillor Colm Purcell moved a motion that the

Council reject the devolution of this function. However, the motion was defeated. The Workers Party will closely monitor the situation to ensure that unwarranted rent increases are not implemented in Kildare.

### University Grants

Due to problems experienced with the payment of Third Level Education Grants, Kildare County Council at its October meeting agreed to a suggestion made by Councillor Colm Purcell to discuss the matter with a deputation from Maynooth College Students Union.

### Improvement of Dunboyne Road

Councillor Colm Purcell has been informed by Kildare County Council that £3,000 from a special Dept. of Environment grant has been allocated for the strengthening of the Dunboyne Road at Maynooth.

### Abolition of Local Charges

At its October meeting, Kildare County Council passed a motion, seconded by Councillor Colm Purcell, to exclude local charges from the Council's estimates for 1987. This indicates the Workers Party's outright opposition to this unfair form of double taxation since it was first introduced. Ultimately, the credit for the removal of the charges must go to the householders of Kildare, whose refusal to pay the charges rendered their implementation unfeasible. It is still the County Council's intention to collect the arrears from the charges, which will be opposed energetically by the Workers Party.

### Irish Neutrality Under Threat

A proposal to fundamentally alter the Treaty of Rome — in effect, the constitution of the EEC — is to be put before the Dail in the current session. If accepted, this proposal could undermine Ireland's longstanding neutrality in foreign affairs by committing us to adhering to foreign policy as framed by the EEC at large.

The proposal — called the Single European Act — could also seriously weaken Ireland's economic bargaining position by removing our power of veto over key communition decisions. The Workers Party urges all readers to oppose this measure and make their opposition known to TDs, fellow-workers, and other acquaintances.

### Social Welfare Equalisation

The local branch posted leaflets in the Maynooth area which highlighted the problems arising from the way in which equality in social welfare has been used to the detriment of low income families. Anyone with queries or problems on this issue can contact Colm Purcell.

## TIDY TOWNS PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting organised by the Environmental Committee of Maynooth Community Council to discuss the Tidy Towns issue attracted an attendance of about twenty-five, including Bernard Durkan T.D., Chairman of Kildare County Council.

The meeting began with the showing of a Bord Fáilte video on the Tidy Towns Competition, after which Community Council Chairman, Proinsias Breathnach went over the judges' report on Maynooth, which emphasised litter and poorly-presented approach roads as the main drawbacks detracting from the appearance of the town. In the lively discussion which followed, a number of other problem areas were identified, with "The Thing" in the Square drawing particular criticism. Several good ideas for improving matters were put forward, such as producing a video on Maynooth to be shown in the schools, involving the schools in tackling the litter problem, getting different clubs and groups to "adopt" different areas of the town for maintenance, and even hiring the IRA to blow up "The Thing"!

All those who attended are to be invited to future meetings of the Environmental Committee to draw up and implement a plan of action. Membership of the Committee is open to all who wish to get involved in improving the appearance of Maynooth, so if you think you might like to become involved, contact the Community Council Office (285922), Richard Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive (286044), or Fionan Hardiman, Dublin Road (286021), or come along to the next meeting.



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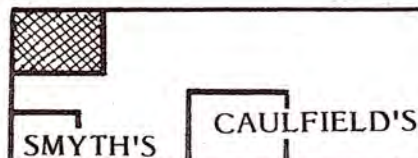
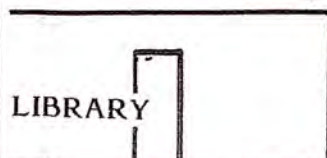
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The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 6th November. Mrs. Stynes presided and welcomed everyone.

The Committee for the new term is as follows: *President* Mrs. Bridie Brady, *Vice President, Produce Promoter and An Tine*, Mrs. M. McMyler, *Secretary* Mrs. B. Farrell, *Assistant Secretary and Public Relations Officer* Mrs. M. O'Gorman, *Treasurer* Mrs. M. Gee, *Asst. Treasurer* Mrs. M. McInerney, *Int. Officer and Sports Officer* Mrs. M. Souhan, *Grianan Leachta* Mrs. H. Doyle, *Contest Secretary* Mrs. T. Mooney, *Crafts Promoter* Mrs. B. Moore, *Arts Promoter* Mrs. P. LaVin, *Hostesses* Mrs. V. Kearns and Mrs. M. Scanlon.

Mrs. Bridie Brady won the overall competition for the year. The competition for the month was entitled "Your Favourite Postcard" and was won by Mrs. Betty Farrell, 2nd Mrs Mary Bradley and 3rd Mrs Phil Lee.

Mrs. McMyler paid a special tribute to the outgoing President's (Mrs. M. Stynes) hard work throughout her term of office. She was always ready to help with any project and encouraged members to take a greater interest in the various activities of the Guild. She had, of course, working with her a very capable committee. Mrs. Stynes in her address thanked her committee and the members of the Guild for their cooperation during her term of office.

We look forward to another good year and wish our President and incoming committee every success and welcome any new members.

Crafts continue on a Monday night, Badminton for members on a Tuesday and Thursday morning 11.00 am - 12.30 pm. Choir practice on a Tuesday night. Our next Guild meeting is on December 4th. The competition for members is for a Christmas table decoration.

The patchwork quilt is on display in the library from Thursday 20th Nov.

Mary O'Gorman  
P.R.O.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Events and Exhibitions:

Exhibition of paintings by Gabriel Mercier, who lives in School House, Maynooth.

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Halloween passed off without much controversy this year (remember the lively editorials and letters on the subject in last year's *Newsletter*?), possibly because of the heavy rain that night which, however, didn't deter many brave little souls from venturing on their long-anticipated witches' outing. The idea suggested by the Community Council of having a central and supervised bonfire is one, I think, deserving of support, though I can see that the whole fun of the thing for children is to have a local-area bonfire. The trouble begins when this bonfire assumes really witch-burning-like, small mountainous proportions.

Tree-planting time is coming round again and the Committee would appeal to all residents to take an interest in the many young trees near them doubtlessly in need of a watchful eye. Please don't leave it to the Committee to look after all the trees on the greens. There's too much, you will no doubt have heard before, of this leaving it the next person. The Committee has been thinking of ways of planting along the wall facing onto Maynooth Park Green (Greenfield Drive end); anything planted there up to now has unfortunately not survived very long.

A representative from the Committee attended the special meeting held recently to discuss Maynooth's poor performance in the Tidy Towns competition. I'm afraid it takes some of us most of our spare time to try to keep this estate looking all right without taking on — too much anyway — to tidy up the town. However, we will be glad to help as much as we can.

Straffan Way residents are probably only too well aware of the plan to make a link road to the Maynooth by-pass of the Straffan Road, something which would mean taking a large slice off their Green.

If the Council built a Hermitage-style wall along the road (as the Carton Court writer mentioned in a previous issue), perhaps we wouldn't mind so much.

By the time this reaches you we will be looking back on, we hope, a very successful night out in the Hitchin' Post, 27th November. Many thanks to all who supported this venture.

Allow me finally to wish you a happy Christmas and a continuation of your happy living in Maynooth (well, happy as can be!) in 1987.

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# CARTON COURT MAYNOOTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Our objections are as follows:

(1) The increased volume of traffic which will be attracted to the link road from Leixlip, Dunboyne and points North, will cause considerable danger and annoyance to the residents of all estates adjoining Straffan Road.

(2) Traffic on the Straffan Road travels at a very high speed at present and the widening of the road will invite motorists to further increase speed through this residential district along which there is a high level of pedestrian

flow including Primary School children, Secondary and Third Level students etc.

(3) The loss of a substantial portion of green area, which can never be compensated for and which will bring traffic dangerously close to the front row of houses on the Straffan Road. This will also result in a massive increase in noise levels and pollution.

Little progress has been made regarding the taking-in-charge of the estate by Kildare Co. Council. All Councillors (in the Celbridge Electoral Area) and all our Dail Representatives have been circulated requesting their support. However, it appears that Kildare Co. Council will move only when it suits them.

At a meeting with Kildare County Council in July, a special request was made to provide public lighting on the "Back Road" (Sites 54-74). However, four months and much correspondence later, no progress at all has been made. Perhaps Kildare Co. Council will act as Santa Claus this year and provide the lighting.

Many people have expressed their dissatisfaction to a proposal to site a CIE bus turn-around at the entrance to the estate. All Councillors, Kildare Co. Council and CIE have been informed that this proposal is unacceptable.

We hope to run a function sometime after Christmas which will help to cement new friendships made during the football tournament and the clean-up of the estate. A Happy and Peaceful Christmas to all our Residents and we look forward to a prosperous New Year for all.

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## COLLEGE NOTES

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*Monday 1st December:* 1.15–2.00 pm – Education Hall – Wind Trio, Doreen Grocock, Flute; Sile Daly, Oboe; Celia Donoghoe, Clarinet.

*Friday 5th December:* 1.15–2.00 pm – Education Hall – Andrew Murphy sings Schumann's *Dichterliebe* with Mairead Hurley, Piano.

*Tuesday 9th December:* 1.15–2.00 pm – Education Hall – John Field, a talk by Master Terry De Valera.

*Friday 12th December:* 1.15–2.00 pm – College Chapel – The Ampleforth Singers

*Monday 15th December:* 1.15–2.00 pm – College Chapel – The Boys of the Schola Cantorum, Mullingar.

*Wednesday 17th December:* 6.00 pm – College Chapel – Carol Service with College Choirs, Brass, Timpani and Organ.

### MAYNOOTH GRADUATE PUBLISHES FIRST BOOK

Michael P. Harding, a graduate of the College, who was ordained in 1981, had his first book published in November, by the Blackstaff Press. The book, entitled *Priest*, is somewhere between a novel and a collection of short stories, interspersed with long poems. Anyone who has had any connections with the College, and particularly those who know the author will find much of interest in *Priest*. Most of these will go straight to the part called "Seminary", which is a not very thinly disguised portrayal of student days in Maynooth. There will be much entertainment in figuring out who exactly is who among those portrayed in the book.

However, the overall theme of the book is not the lighthearted romps of student life, but the problems facing priests at odds with their spiritual and temporal worlds. The majority of priestly characters portrayed are suffering mental torture – one commits suicide, others end up with mental breakdowns, one tears his eyes out.

Overall, a thought provoking book, and a promising debut for Michael Harding, who is now being compared with James Joyce and Samuel Beckett. The book costs £4.50, and is on sale in local book shops.

### MAYNOOTH MAN APPOINTED COLLEGE VICE PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Seamus Smyth, Professor of Geography in the College, who lives in Lock House, Laraghbryan, on his recent appointment as Vice President of the College. This is an historic appointment as Seamus is the first lay person to be appointed to this post. Seamus represented the College on the Community Council until he went on sabbatical to Canada.

### CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP

The Catholic Charismatic group have a meeting every Tuesday at 8.15 pm in the S.V.D. Hostel.

There is a Mass the third Tuesday of each month.

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For further information contact: John Dempsey, C/O P.O., or Marion Buckley, 125 Rail Park. (Darby Mac Donnell, 15 Cluain Aoibhinn 285674).

### NO MARKS TO CIE

No marks to CIE for taking off the entire train service on the afternoon before the October bank holiday, to facilitate mainline travellers. Those who suffered a two-hour crawl home to Maynooth that evening were seriously inconvenienced by this example of robbing regular Maynooth commuters to whisk the once-in-a-bank-holiday travellers to their destinations outside the Metropolis. The alternative buses provided by CIE were not much help, as they had to travel the roads at the same snail's pace as everyone else on the roads that evening.



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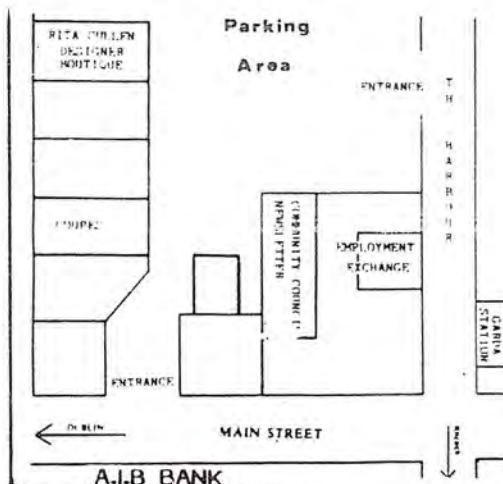
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Padraig Hogan

Kevin Reed was a young reporter for the "Daily Bugle". As a publicity stunt he asked readers to send him in dares for Halloween. The dare he chose couldn't have been more appropriate — Halloween night in the haunted rooms of Cunningham Castle.

"Good evening! Can we help you?", were the first words spoken to Kevin by the owners of Cunningham Castle, Count Alucard (Dracula spelt backwards) and his wife Vamparina. Kevin introduced himself and after a meal of roast werewolf and bat soup was shown to his room, the haunted room!

Kevin was far too scared to sleep that night. Instead he sat up with his camera by his side should the ghost appear.

At about three in the morning, Kevin he heard a moaning sound behind him. His heart nearly missed a beat. Nevertheless he jumped up with his camera, ready for action. It was then he saw ... the ghost! Kevin almost fainted but instead he took a photograph.

The ghost retreated but in doing so fell over Kevin's luggage and let out a shout. Kevin then knew that this ghost was a fake. He chased it through a panel in the wall, down a tunnel, and finally into a narrow room. The "ghost" whipped off his costume. Kevin was just about to explode when a voice shouted "Cut" and big arc lights were switched on.

For the second time that night Kevin nearly fainted. It turned out that an American film company were making a horror film at the castle. They experimented with it to see if things looked realistic enough.

Alucard, Vamparina and the ghost were all part of the cast. Kevin had never been a fool in all his life. But all in all Kevin was happy he accepted the dare. A fat cheque for his troubles, a ticket for the film when it comes out and best of all a great story. This was one Halloween he would remember.

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And then the doorbell rang and Mammy opened the door, and a little girl all dressed up, or who she thought was all dressed up, in witch's clothes (but really was a witch!) stood there. So she called Tommy and Tommy came. Tommy thought that she was one of his friends and brought her out to the back garden. Now this witch had a cauldron under her cloak and she took it out and put a spell on everything to eat so they would turn into stones. Then Tommy knew that she was not a little girl and he quietly went up to his mother and whispered "she is not a little girl, Mammy, she is a real witch". Then Mammy said "Don't worry, I'll get rid of her". So Tommy and Mammy went out into the garden and Mammy said to the witch "Sorry, little girl you were not invited so you'll have to go home". And the witch said "no" and then Mammy said "go on now, or I'll have to slap you". Now the witch didn't like to be slapped because she was often slapped at home for mixing spells so she said "OK, I'll go home", and Mammy said "Good girl". So the witch went home feeling very cross that her plan hadn't worked. "All because of that horrid old boy!", she said to herself. But all the same she felt happy that nobody could have anything to eat. But at home Mammy had put out more food and they all went trick and treating to get even more food, and when they came back they had the nicest Halloween feast ever and they were not troubled by any more witches. Then Mammy had an idea. She rang up all the children's parents and asked them if their children could stay the night and she told the parents the story of the witch and they all agreed that their children could stay in Tommy's house for the night, and when Tommy was big and had children he told them all about the witch in his house when he was a little boy.

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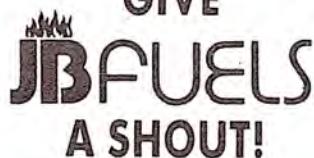
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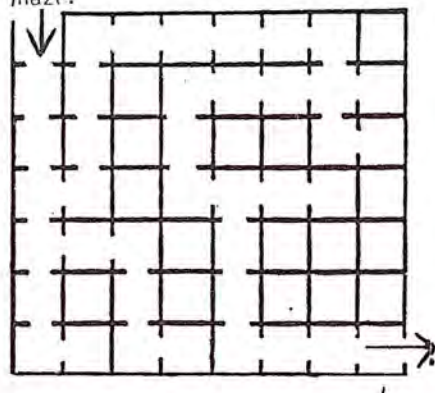


## KIDDIES CORNER

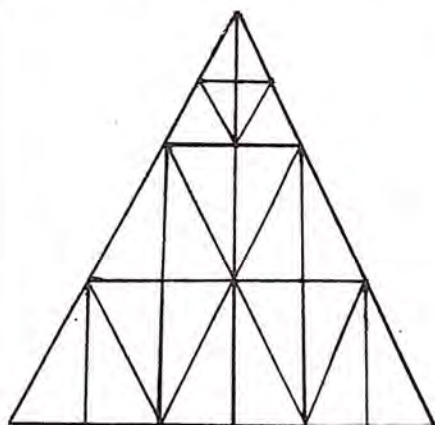
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2. June Mon Fri Thurs
3. Kettle Fridge Chair T.V.
4. Dublin Paris Rome Athy



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### Gentle Jesus, Meek and Mild

GENTLE Jesus, meek and mild,  
Look upon a little child;  
Pity my simplicity,  
Suffer me to come to thee.

Fain I would to thee be brought,  
Dearest God, forbid it not;  
Give me, dearest God, a place  
In the kingdom of thy grace.

Put thy hands upon my head,  
Let me in thine arms be stayed,  
Let me lean upon thy breast,  
Lull me, lull me, Lord, to rest.

Hold me fast in thine embrace  
Let me see thy smiling face,  
Give me, Lord, thy blessing give,  
Pray for me, and I shall live.

Lamb of God, I look to thee,  
Thou shalt my example be;  
Thou art gentle, meek, and mild,  
Thou wast once a little child.

Fain I would be as thou art,  
Give me thy obedient heart;  
Thou art pitiful and kind,  
Let me have thy loving mind.

Let me, above all, fulfil  
God my heavenly Father's will,  
Never his good Spirit grieve,  
Only to his glory live.



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## The Christmas Tree

Put out the lights now!  
Look at the Tree, the rough tree dazzled  
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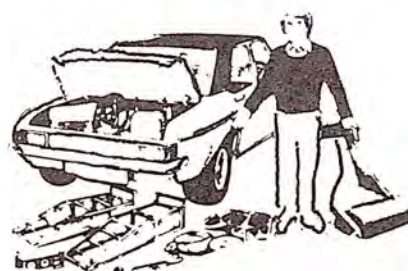
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## MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Maynooth Post-Primary School has again enjoyed an amazing variety of activities, in the academic, sporting and social arenas.

A major milestone for some of our past pupils was the conferring in St. Patrick's College. Declan Murphy graduated with a B.A. Theol., on October 29th. Celine McLaughlin, B.A., Tony Kearins B.A., Jim Boyd B.A., and Marguerite Gillespie B.Sc., were conferred on November 12th. Rumour has it that both occasions were celebrated with the enthusiasm they deserved! Celine, Marguerite, Declan and Tony are at present doing their Higher Diploma in "the College" and in the school, while Jim is working in the College Library.

The annual Tour took place in October over the mid-term break. A total of seventy students and nine teachers toured London, Paris and places between from October 22nd to 28th. If exhaustion is a suitable measuring stick, they all had a wonderful time!! The wonders of Versailles seemed to be the highlight for both teachers and students, but alas it's back to the cold realities of study, homework and exams for all now, with the beauty of the Continent only a beautiful memory.

Bishop Dermot Mahony again visited our school on Tuesday, November 11th, having expressed a wish to meet our Leaving Certificate students. He spoke to them all, encouraging them in their work and hopes for the future, and later met the staff over a cup of tea in the staff room.

Maynooth's senior students acquitted themselves admirably in the V.E.C. senior football final in Caragh recently. In a game reported to be full of thrills, spills and excitement Maynooth drew with Newbridge.

In the Kildare Inter-Schools Pioneer Quiz, held in the Post-Primary School

on Sunday, November 16th our junior representatives again took the top prize, retaining the title for the third year in succession. Teams from Clane, Prosperous, Celbridge and Kilcock participated in what was a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Commiserations to our under 14 Badminton team, who were defeated in the Leinster Union Competitions. We wish them well in their next outing against St. Fintan's in Sutton.

Another Parent/Teacher meeting took place on Monday, November 10th at 7.30 pm., for those involved with third year students. The meeting was extremely well attended and was deemed as a very satisfactory exercise for all concerned.

A word to all of you good people out there: the students of the Post-Primary school are "taking to the streets" in their annual carol-singing evening, on December 12th. The money is for a local charity, and we will be grateful for your assistance in bringing a little of the Spirit of Christmas to those less well off than ourselves.

And finally, may we draw attention to the fact that in our list of students in third-level education, the name of Sinead Murphy was inadvertently omitted. Sinead of course is studying for a B.A. degree in St. Patrick's College, and we know she will achieve the successes she deserves.



## NATIONAL LETTER WRITING COMPETITION

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## PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the above association was held on 30th October, 1986. While it was well attended it would have been nice to see more parents present.

Mr. Colm O'Maolain, Inspector with the Department of Education, was introduced by the Chairperson, as guest speaker for the night. He gave a most interesting talk on the Primary School curriculum. This was followed by a question and answer session which everyone present found very interesting.

The election of the new committee then took place, with Bernadette O'Connor as Chairperson and Mary Farrell as Vice-Chairperson. While a number of people were prepared to serve on the committee, no one was willing to take on the positions of Secretary or Treasurer. It was then decided that the following new committee members would elect the officers at a later date — Mr. & Mrs. Gaffney, Patricia Roche, Micheal Mac an Airchinnigh, Lise O'Farrell, Patrick Devaney and Breda Gormally.

The new committee held their first meeting on 5th November. Patricia Roche agreed to be Secretary. We, unfortunately, have no Treasurer. It was decided that either the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or Secretary would act as Treasurer.

We would like to thank the outgoing Committee — Mary Farrell, Tom Gaffney, Patricia Rice, Annette Killaran, Eddie Tobin and Bernadette O'Connor, for their dedication and outstanding work during 1985/86.

We will be holding a Christmas Raffle in aid of the school library. Tickets will be on sale during December and raffle will take place on December 19th, 1986. Please support generously.

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## IT'S PANTO TIME AGAIN

Kilcock Dramatic and Variety Group are just starting rehearsal for their fifth pantomime, **OLDE KING COLE**. Our cast for this year's show includes some new faces as well as many veterans of panto in Kilcock. **OLDE KING COLE** is Peter Brady making his first appearance in Kilcock, he previously appeared many times in shows in Maynooth.

**BEANO** and **DANDY** the two court jesters are played by David McHugh and Doloures Reilly, both making their fourth panto appearance. **THE DAME** is played by Pat Scully who is also in his fourth show. **THE BAD FAIRY** is Liz Sullivan in her fifth panto, **THE KING'S JEALOUS SISTER** is Kathy O'Connor in her third panto. **THE GRAND INQUISITOR** is Brendan Macken in his third panto. **IGOR** the Russian peasant is Ronan Canning in his first panto. **THE TROUBADOUR** is Patricia Bourke in her fourth panto. **THE CLERKE OF THE COURT** is John Fields in his first show. **ALEXIS** is Jacinta King in her first panto. **NERO** is David Reilly in his third show. **GEMMA** is Deirdre Summers in her second panto. **THE GOOD FAIRY** is Alice Kennedy in her first panto.

For this year's pantomime we have well known Naas producer Ona Conroy who has just finished producing the **MERRY WIDOW** in Clane. Mona worked with us before in 1984 when we did **GOODY TWO SHOES**. We are all looking forward to working with her again, our choreographer is Rose Fitzpatrick who has had a long career in dancing she comes from Dublin, and is married to well known personality Val Fitzpatrick. Our musical director is John Frode who comes from Naas and is well known for his organ playing; he also teaches the organ and runs the Top Twenty shop in Naas. We are looking forward to seeing all our old friends and meeting many new ones, at our pantomime on the last weekend of January and the first weekend in February.



### DRAMA AT MAYNOOTH

The recently formed Larine Players are putting on an evening of guaranteed entertainment in mid-Dec. The group are presenting a one act play by Sue Thomas, author of the *Diaries of Adrian Mole*. The play "Womberang" is reputed to be very funny. Keep an eye out for posters. Further information from Clare O'Connor of Railpark.

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With the winter upon us why not build yourself a small bird tray in the back garden, one post with a tray on top, and you can put out bread in the cold mornings. When you have that done why not observe the different species that may frequent your garden for feeding, keep a note of them in an old copy and compare them with your school friends, any bird that you can not recognise, take down its colour, size, its behaviour and then call into your local library to consult some of their fine books on Nature, it can be very interesting.

*Peadar*

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I would like to take the opportunity to thank Owen Byrne and the very willing bingo committee who organized and ran our very profitable bingo session in Sept. We hope to have some more social gatherings throughout the year so watch out for notices.

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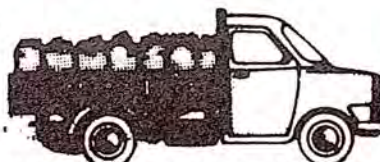
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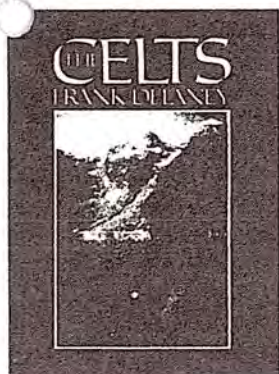


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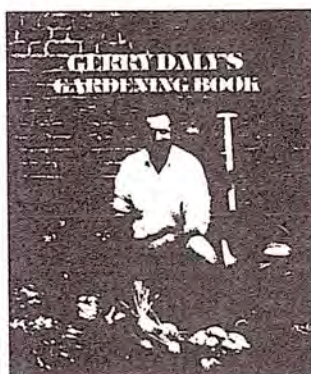


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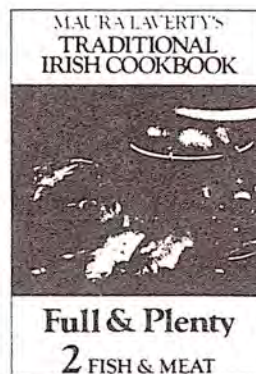


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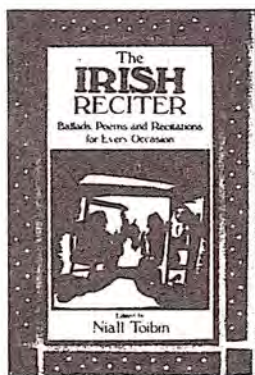


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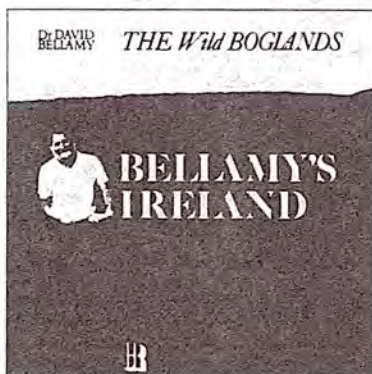


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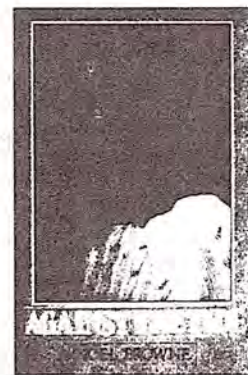


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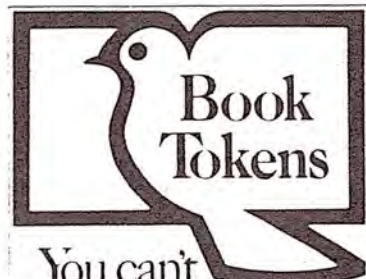


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*Bishop Dermot Mahony with Fr. Supple (P.P.) and Fr. Cogan during his visit to Maynooth in December 1986.*



*24-hour Snooker Marathon played in Geraldine Hall, which started at 12 noon, 1st November and continued throughout the night until 12 noon the next day.*

*Left to right: Mark O'Brien; Derek Horan; Patrick Farrell; Barry Desmond; Michael Smith; Frank Desmond. Missing from this photo are Paul Rafferty and Robert McNamee who also took part.*



## MAYNOOTH G.A.A.



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### Under 11 School's League Final — Division I

*Maynooth 5-5 Leixlip 3-5*

Maynooth upset all the odds to take this Under 11 Division I title for the first time in the school's history. Leixlip started favourites but they did not bargain for commitment, determination and no little skill of the Maynooth team.

*Deirdre Hetherington  
P.R.O.*

A goal by J. Lynch gave Maynooth a dream start. Leixlip hit back with a similar score within minutes. Some great defensive play saw Maynooth turn over at half-time with a one point advantage — Maynooth 2-2, Leixlip 2-1. On the resumption Maynooth took control with a point from J. Lynch. Then Maynooth's own "Bomber" struck in the form of P. Garvey with 3 well taken goals. Leixlip tried hard to get back into game but Maynooth's defence stood firm. Maynooth supporters outnumber Leixlip supporters and at the final whistle this historic win was great with great jubilation.

Maynooth had a sound goalie in F. Ward. Team captain K. Killoran had a great game at full-back. He was ably assisted by D. Mahony and E. Mitchell. The Leixlip threat was expected to come from their mid-field's and half-forwards. G. Kelly, D. Fleming, P. Burke and P. Hawkins, in the second-half, snuffed out the threat from the Leixlip half-forwards. At mid-field A. Noonan and J. Nevin had the better of exchanges. Up front, A. O'Shea, C. Brown, P. Flood, E. Lyons and B. Collins gave great support to P. Garvey and J. Lynch. Substitutes were M. Meally, P. Hogan, C. Hanley, H. Nevin, P. Flood, E. Hassett, B. Robinson, J. Flynn, S. Noonan and M. Donnelly.

Credit for this title must go to teachers Donal Downes and George Clerksin who coached and managed the team.

### Under 17 Football League

*2/11/1986 at home. Maynooth 3-10 Caragh 2-3*

Maynooth were trailing by 1 point with only 8 minutes remaining in this game. Then a great goal from P. Ennis put paid to Caragh's hope. Maynooth added a further 2-2 without reply.

Maynooth had good defenders in P. Stynes, M. Nevin, J. Nevin, R. Barry and D. Faherty.

Scores: P. Ennis 1-4; K. Fagan 0-3; J. Ashe 1-0; D. Gaffney 1-0; D. Burke 0-1; D. Molloy 0-1; D. Moran 0-1.

*9/11/1986 at home. Maynooth 2-10 Rathcoffey 0-3*

Maynooth recorded an impressive victory over Rathcoffey who are newcomers to this league. This local derby served up plenty of good open football despite the adverse weather conditions. Maynooth had it all to do in the second half when they turned over with just a 3 point lead. However, for the second week running P. Ennis clinched the issue for Maynooth with a fine goal. Rathcoffey ably lead by S. Moriarty never gave up and it took a fine save by G. Whelan in goal to keep them at bay. At the

back Maynooth were best served by R. Richardson, M. Nevin, P. Curtis, D. Faherty and R. Barry. Scores came from P. Ennis 1-3, D. Mee 1-0, J. Riordan 0-4, K. Fagan 0-2, D. Burke 0-1.

*16/11/1986 away. Maynooth 1-4 Kilcock 0-7*

## MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Our second session continues on 29th Nov. and will end on 14th Feb. 1987. There will be no swimming on 27th Dec. as the Pool is closed for the holiday. Swimming will resume on 3rd Jan. '87. The fee remains the same and must be paid in full by 13th Dec. 1986. We hope to be able to include some beginners from the waiting list for this session. We wish all our members a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

## LADIES SOCCER

On Saturday, 1st November, a team of seven players travelled to Coolock to compete in the Leinster Ladies League 5-a-side tournament. This was our first match in the League. Unfortunately we were beaten in the quarter finals by 1 — 0 in the last minute against Lands/Forestry. The girls gave a fine performance for their first game so well done!

The team was: Mary O'Riordan, Tina Fitzpatrick, Patricia Dempsey, Alison Conlon, Shelly Breslin, Sandra Moran and Geraldine Fitzpatrick.

The new season begins in April and we would like to see more ladies and girls who are interested in playing seriously to come down to the gym on Wed. at 8.00 pm. We have got a good response from the under 17 year olds but we would like to hear from a few older people. If you would like to know more you can contact Shelly at 285922 (till 5.00 pm) or 286254 after 5.00 pm. We are not looking for top class footballers so come down and give it a try.

## EOIN POL HURLING CLUB

Our report last month omitted the names of Hugh Boland and Mark Kirkpatrick who were very prominent in the U/12 teams progress to the final. Sorry about the omission lads.

## VANDALISM AT THE HARBOUR FIELD

It is good to note that the boys' soccer teams are doing very well this year. Involvement in team sports is an excellent source of character building, allowing young people to learn about co-operation and leadership. It is a healthy occupation and much praise is due to the dedicated committee for giving up their time to the boys involved.

It is a pity that all of this goodwill is being threatened by recent episodes of vandalism in the Harbour Field where the teams play. The goal posts have been removed and damaged on a number of occasions. The identity of the culprit is suspected, and the gardai have been informed.



Having turned around at half-time with a 5 point deficit Maynooth failed to take full advantage of a strong wind and in the end were lucky to get a draw. Nevertheless, this draw leaves them well placed in the league table.

### Under 14 Football

Maynooth were beaten in the Kilcock Tournament by the host team 2-10 to 2-5. Had Maynooth taken the chances which came their way early in the game the result might have been different.

Scores: S. Horan 1-2; D. Ryan 1-0; A. Burke 0-1; M. Kelly 0-1; M. Downey 0-1.

*Maynooth 1-8 Simonstown 2-9*

Maynooth travelled to Navan on 9th November and were narrowly defeated by a strong Simonstown side. A goal minutes from the end insured victory for the local side.



MAYNOOTH A.C.

Dublin City Marathon

Congratulations again to all club members and all those from around Maynooth who completed what has probably been the toughest marathon to date. Even the top runners felt the going difficult so well done Peter Keegan, Paddy Maher, David Jolley, Noel Farrelly, Pearse Breslin and Mick Gillick.

### Kildare Cross Country Championships

In the first session at Carbury we got off to a great start with Ciarra Power 2nd and Emer O'Sullivan 3rd in the girls U/10, with Josephine Gallagher well up in 7th. In a large girls U/12 field Emma McCluskey was 7th; Niamh O'Melia 17th and Gillian Power 21st. The girls U/14 turned into an all Maynooth battle with Michelle Ennis pipping Carmel Noonan for victory and Lisa McCluskey close by in 3rd. With Catherine Gleeson 7th they were easy team winners. Gavin Callaghan is one of the few boys who keep the flag flying and he finished a good 7th in the boys U/14. The U/16 girls was the smallest field of the day but good running from Emer Farrelly, Sharon Ennis and Fiona Lawlor to take 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Enda Breslin continues in good form and had a comprehensive win in boys U/16. The novice ladies saw a runaway victory for Mary Farrelly with Marie Gleeson 3rd and Barbara Treacy 5th, and this trio were team winners. Our novice men took 3rd team with Brendan Moran having a fine fun for 7th place. Other scorers were Noel Farrelly (18), Mick Gleeson (19), Tony Callaghan (20), Pearse Breslin (27), Paddy Power (29).

The second session at Maynooth saw our juveniles perform in great style taking three individual and three team awards. It also saw the first competitive action for the Gartland Brothers — our newest recruits — who gave fine performances to be 11th in boys U/9 and 18th in boys U/11. Ciara Power and Josephine Gallagher took 1st and 2nd in U/9 and Michelle Gillick (9) and Audrey Travers (16) made them winning team. Emma McCluskey and Emer O'Sullivan took 1st and 3rd in girls U/11 and Aisling Redmond (7) and Gillian Power (9) completed the winning team. The girls U/13 were in the most competitive race of the day and good performances by Niamh O'Melia, Jennifer Quigley, Caoimhe O'Sullivan and Fiona Redmond could not make the medals. It was all Maynooth in girls U/15 with Michelle Ennis again pipping Carmel Noonan; Lisa McCluskey was 4th and Emer Farrelly 4th completed the winning team. Sandra Stewart was 5th and Catherine Gleeson 7th. Grainne Farrelly won the girls U/21 from Mairead Noonan. The veteran ladies developed into a tremendous battle between Mary Farrelly and Patsy McCluskey as they sprinted the last 250 m. neck and neck. Patsy made the tunnel first and with Margaret Noonan 11th they took 2nd team. Marie Gleeson was 14th, Barbara Treacy 17th and Brighioin Breslin 18th. Our veteran men were out of luck also except for Peter Keegan who took 2nd O/45 in 16th position. Others in action were Pat Maher (9), Noel Farrelly (17), Tony Callaghan (18), Brian Stewart (20), Mick Gleeson (22), David Jolly (25), Paddy Power (26), Pearse Breslin (27).

*Bohermeen Promotion* Peter Keegan took 2nd O/40 with the team completed by Mick Gleeson and David Jolley also 2nd.

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Congratulations to Rev. Peter Dowling, Blessed Sacrament Community, All Hallows College, Drumcondra, who received his diploma in Theology on the 29th October in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Peter is son of Mrs. Madge Dowling, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth.

Congratulations to Ria and Joe Walsh of Straffan Way, on the recent birth of their baby.

Congratulations to Declan Murphy of Leinster Park, Maynooth, who was conferred with a B.A. Theology (Hon.) Degree at St. Patrick's College on Oct. 29th.

Declan is a past pupil of Maynooth Post Primary School.

Congratulations to Barry Farrell of O'Neill Park, Maynooth, who received his Diploma Senior in brick-laying at the College of Technology, Bolton St., Dublin. Wishing him all the best in the future. Barry is son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Farrell, O'Neill Park.

Also congratulations to Gerard Farrelly of O'Neill Park, Maynooth, who graduated in the Junior Course at the College of Technology, Bolton St., Dublin. Wishing him all the best in his future studies. Gerard is son of Mrs. Imelda Farrelly and the late Sean Farrelly, O'Neill Park.

Both students are AnCO trainees.

Congratulations to Tommy and Anne McGarry, Greenfield, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on November 25th. Greetings from all the family.



## BIRTHDAYS

Noelle Barry, Main Street — 21 on December 23rd.

Clare McTernan, Greenfield — 13 on December 12th.

Mrs. R. McTernan, Greenfield — 10th December.

Mrs. J. Waldron, Palmerstown, 17th December. (formerly Greenfield). and her daughter Ami age 3 on Dec. 15th.

## AOS OG NA hEIREANN

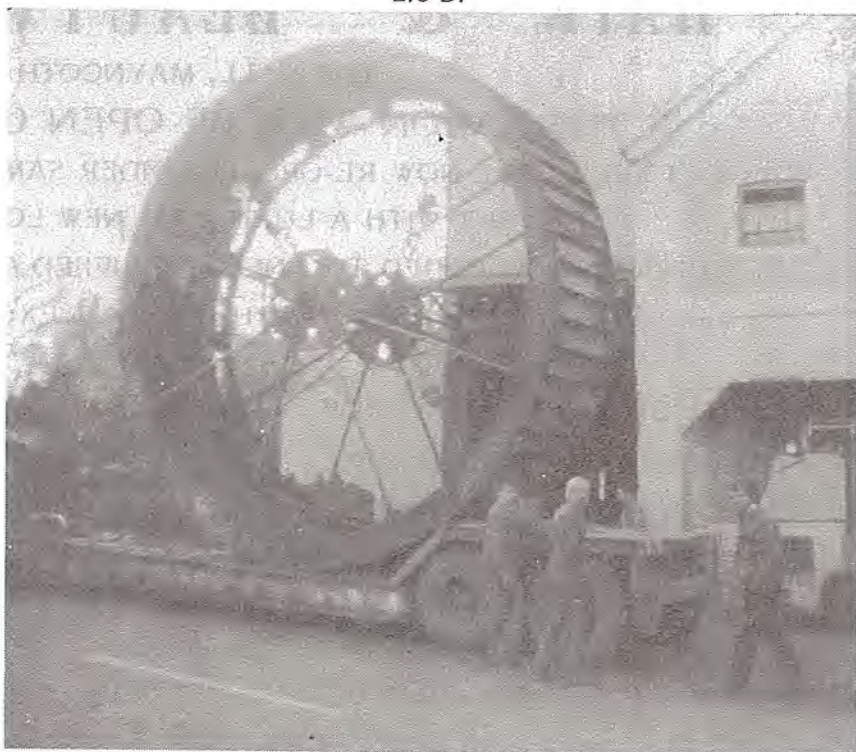
### Beag beann ar chursai an domhain

Bhí go leor de dhream liobrálach na tíre seo a raibh ionadh agus díomá orthu nuair a vótáil thar seasca fán gcéad den lucht vótála in aghaidh an cholscartha i mí Mheitheamh na bliana seo; bhí siad den bharúil go bhféadfaí a bheith ag braith ar an aos óg chun vótáil i leith leasú an bhunreacht. Bheifeá ag súil gur mar sin a bheadh an sceál; ní daoine óga an lae inniú oiread faoi smacht (ag an Eaglais, mar shampla) is a bhí na glúnta a tháinig rompu. Tá tréan oideachais orthu agus mar sin ba chóir go mbeadh a dtuairimí féin acu i dtaobh ceisteanna tabhachtacha morálta, súisialta agus polaitiúla. Cheapfaí gur mhian leo iarracht a dhéanamh an tionchar docharach atá ag an Eaglais Chaitliceach ar pholaitíocht in Éirinn a laghdú agus go bhfeicfeadh siad an gá atá le ilfheidhmeannas (pluralism) sa stát seicteach seo. Is cosúil go raibh siad dall ar thábhacht an reifrinn; staon uimhir mhóden aos og ó vótáil agus iadsan a d'éirigh amach, vótáil a morchuid in aghaidh an cholscartha. De réir cosúlachta, ta daoine óga na tíre (na cuid mhaith acu cibé) ar nós cuma liom faoi cheisteanna ar cheart dóibh a bheith tógtha go mór leo.

Tá tromlach mhac leinn na n-ollscoileanna, fiú, beag beann ar a bhfuil ag tarlú ina tír féin no thar lear. Nuair a théann siad chun na hollscoile, ní bhíonn uathu ach réim mhaith a bhaint amach a chuirfeas ar a gcumas post árd a fháil nuair ata siad críoch aithe. Is cinnte go gcaithfidh siad a bheith praiticiúil ach sílim go bhfuil claonadh ag cuid acu a dhul tha fóir beagáinín. Cloínn siad go hiomlán le cursaí acadúla agus bíonn dianchoimhlint idir iad agus micléinn eile. Ta athrú mór tagtha ar atmaisféar na hollscoile le blianta beaga, anuas; sam ama chuaigh thart (go háirithe sna seascaid) bhí postanna níos líonmhaire agus ní raibh oiread brú ar mhicléinn mrcanna árd a fháil. De réir mar a tháinig méadú ar an ráta dífhostaíochta thosaigh daoine ag éirí níos díograisí agus níos iomaíochí. Chonacthas dóibh go raibh sé riachtanach glacadh le prionsabail áirithe, conbhinsiúnacha agus nar cheart don é ar mhian leis dul chun cinn a dheanamh aon rud a cheistiú.

I roinnt colaistí, tá coinníoll i mhunreacht aontas na mac léinn a chuireann cosc ar na baill aon ní a phlé nach mbaineann go díreach le saol an cholaiste. Tá seo ina chomhartha ar leithleas agus neamhshuim na mac léinn; ba cheart dóibh a bheith ag féachaint le sochaí níos córa a chruthú sa tír seo trí áird an phobail a dhí, ar aon ní éagárach atá ag tarlú. Ba cheart dóibh freisin spéis a chur i gceisteanna tábhachtacha mar neodracht na hÉireann, fuinneamh núicléach, polasaí eachtrach na Stáit Aontaithe agus ar uile. Ar an drochuair, ní bhacann ach dornán mac léinn lena leitheid i ngach olaiste. Tá dearcadh cúng ag formhór na mac léinn i dtaobh fheidhm na hollscoile agus an dearcadh sin a chothú ag an gcóras.

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The mill of Maynooth brings traffic grinding to a halt. Photo shows mill wheel in Kavanagh's being loaded up in November.



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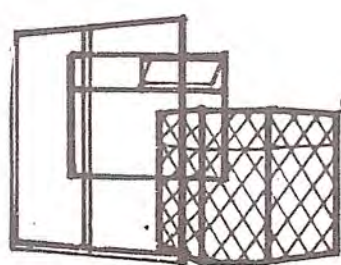
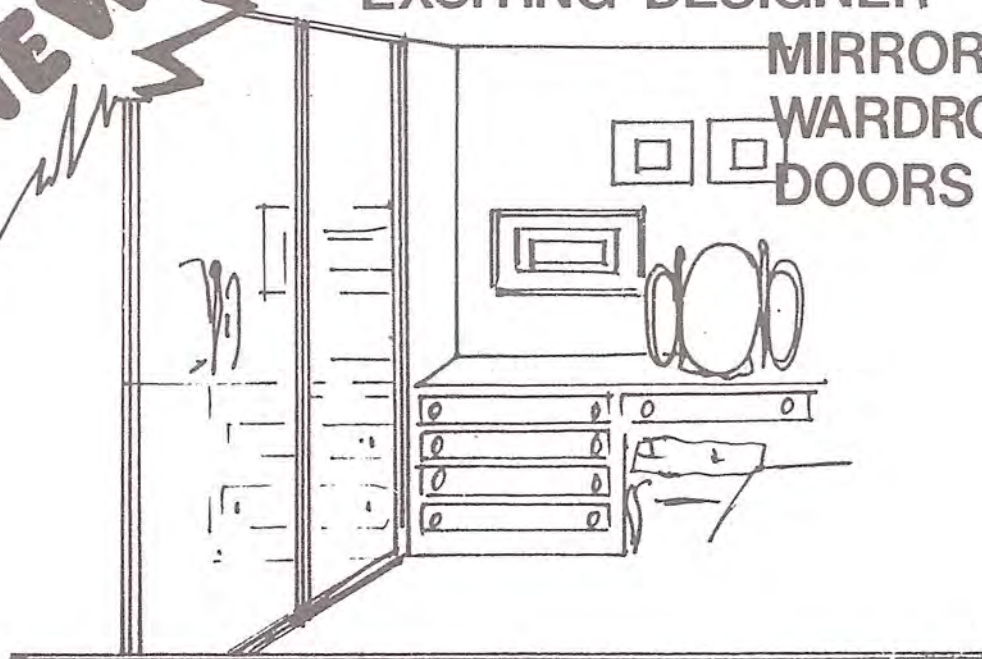


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