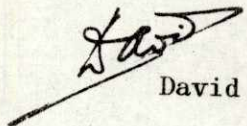


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This edition comes to you by dint of two 6volt torches one candle and about 27 matches. If there are any mistakes please address your complaints to Ray Buckton and Joe Gormley. Mind you we daren't blame it all on them - with the exception of the first article below all others were submitted in manuscript in handwritingbut to say handwriting is to use a compliment totally undeservedly. A greater display of spiders crawling out of inkwells, finer blots, scraps of paper etc you have never seen. Goodness only knows where they all went to School.....! Seriously though thanks to all the contributors - its so nice not to have to write it all oneself ! Mind you there are plenty more members who never bother to drop us a line and we would like to hear from them as well. So why not put pen to paper once the telly's gone off and tell us where you are, what you're doing and how you're getting on. The resident Editor Frank Murphy who is temporarily on a two week scive sorry course, would like to hear from you - what greater invitation could you want. We cant promise your name in lights but you should see it in print!


David Martin

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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TOM ENNIS SPEAKS

I returned from a week end in Ireland to find I had been elected your Chairman in my absence. Let that be a lesson to you all - attend the next Annual General Meeting or else !

I went along to my first Committee Meeting expecting to find a handful of members struggling to keep the Association alive. It was very gratifying to find that I had in fact inherited an extremely able and active Committee who were prepared to spend a great deal of their spare time on the Associations affairs.

Such dedication on the part of the Committee deserves your support, and I therefor ask you to make every effort to attend several, in fact all, of the functions arranged throughout the year. Two events which should have a wide appeal are the STAG NITE (MARCH 15th) and the ANNUAL DINNER (MAY 11th) and I do hope that you will generously support both functions.

I look forward in my new role to meeting as many of you as possible during the course of 1974. Mine's a light and bitter!

T. M. Ennis
CHAIRMAN

For several years there has been a Staff v. College football match but this year has seen an escalation of the conflict with some quite surprising results. This not entirely unconnected with the result of the Football Match when the normally successful Staff XI lost 6 - 1. The only staff goal came from Graham Hudson (cannoning in off his back in general and from between his shoulder blades in particular actually). The Staff faced severe problems it must be said however - not least in persuading their players to stay in position. It even reached such a pitch (sorry about that pun) that at halftime when someone remarked that the mid-field was not doing its job, Mick Casserly (Chemistry) caustically rejoined "Yeah thats because he's tired".

As a result of this debacle when the 3rd year issued a challenge to the staff to play them at TableTennis it was accepted with enthusiasm. Ten staff members entered and many actually went into training, starting by learning which end of the bat to hold. Ante-post favourites were Hank Hanecek (Science) on the Staff side and Derek Fernandes on the Distaff or College Side. Fernandes beat Hanecek and Reda in successive rounds and also put the Bookies out of business. Hank remarked "There's no way that guy can lose this" - a remark which proved less than prophetic. Meanwhile a new Staff favourite had emerged Sushil Solomon (Maths.) was winning his matches easily - the bookies came back into gear then he lost narrowly to Fernandes in the semi-final (Bookies out of business again), whilst Fr. Hung (French) beat Graham Hudson (Economics) in the other semi-final. To many people's surprise the final resulted in a narrow victory for Fr. Hung - a triumph for oriental inscrutability since no-one knew he could even play the game.

A seven-a-side rugby game with nine-a-side (are you still with us -read it again slowly) followed. The Staff seemed to know more about the game but were not quick enough to catch the School wing - James McGowan. Eric Tope distinguished himself with some purposeful running then his captain pointed out the game was rugby and Eric retorted by scoring two tries (who says the College were scared to tackle him?). The final score was 12-12 and whilst neither side contrived at a draw the Referee (Bro, Christopher) looked very smug as he left the field.

The last confrontation was in the rarified atmosphere of the School Library across a bridge table. Bridge has enjoyed tremendous popularity recently at the College as a result of the work of Sushil Solomon who started out Bridge Club. Three pairs from the Staff and three from the Sixth Form played. On the first table Casserly and Solomon drew; on the second John Gibb and Graham Hudson won; but the third table was a shambles. Kevin McGlynn (Religion) and Col Garvey (who as every old boy knows is a sort of general lay-about) were meant to be playing but substitutes were continually introduced. There was even an allegation of fixing the cards after Kevin had picked up the top seven spades - fortunately a Maverick type showdown was avoided. A Member of the Lower V1th was later ostracised by his classmates when he was found to be responsible - all this was unknown to the beneficiaries of course.

In the remainder of the year the Staff have to face the replay of the Football Match - and they do some with some trepidation - indeed there is even talk of playing ringers - e.g. Old Boys and those with a connection with the College. "Didn't Bonetti go the the Xaverian College Manchester. Whats he do on Wednesday afternoons?" "Then how about McGovern of Derby County, he went here...."

Roll on the tiddelywinks competition.

NEWS FROM NORBURY

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THE CLASSIFIED RESULT

FIRST ELEVEN

After a fine start to the season the first eleven's initial burst dropped away and from their previous strong position they gradually weakened dropping valuable points against poor opposition. One thing in their favour - at least they beat Vaughanians who are the current league leaders.

The main problem for the team has been the lack of a regular goalscorer. The future of the team and indeed the Club appears secure with several of the younger members playing regularly for the reserves and metaphorically knocking on the door of the 1st Eleven.

SECOND ELEVEN

Following a shaky start to the Season the Second Eleven have settled down with a relatively stable side and have been playing some fine football. At the start of January they had in fact reached the top of their Division.

An interesting fact concerned with the teams effort this season is their goals scored v goals conceded. They've scored 45 (top in the league) and conceded 43 (also top in the league)!

This is surely a good advert for Old Boys Football (well it must be a good advert for something) but will it bring the crowds flocking to Norbury. Perhaps we'd better change to Sunday matches.

THIRD ELEVEN

The form of the 3rd Eleven this season has been something of a mystery. Unfortunately during the earlier part of the season the team suffered through players dropping out of the higher teams and it being left to the better of the 3rd Eleven players to fill the gaps. Despite these earlier setbacks when faces changed from week to week the middle of the season and 1974 has brought the promise of greater things.

Mind you the team has set something of a record - so far they're undefeated and with the nucleus of the team remaining intact a feeling of confidence is creeping back. Due to the poor start promotion looks out of our grasp but who knows next season could prove to be the Third Eleven's year.

FOURTH ELEVEN

The 4th Eleven has had what might best be described as a mixed season. They have lost to some lowly placed opposition quite spectacularly but they are the only team to take a point off the league leaders - Pelhamians Reserves and they beat THEM 5 - 2. The problem revolves round the unsettled nature of the team which tends to be a little inevitable at this end of the spectrum. But looking on the bright side we have seen a large number of new players playing for the Team and that's always a welcome sight.

Many thanks to the four correspondents who condensed so much into so little - who knows next time they might like to spread themselves a little more and give us some more details.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

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SUMMARY

Whilst not reaching last years epic proportions the proceeds from this years Christmas Draw have again provided a much needed shot in the arm for the finances of the Association. We again thank all those who contributed in any way, by buying and/or selling tickets, making donations etc etc.

Result sheets are available and may be obtained on request from the Promoter, Tony Morrish (c/o London Transport, Any Tube Station) or from Brian Sanders at the College.

(P.S. The Committee would like to add their thanks, for running the event both this year and indeed in all the recent years, to Brian Sanders).

CAREERS EVENING

Despite strikes, freezes, go slows, restrictions and what have you (well some don't) this years Careers Evening is to go ahead as planned. It will take place on the evening of Thursday, March 7th in the College Gym (its too draughty round the old Dining Centre these days!) and threatens to overspill into the adjacent classrooms. It will operate for the benefit of those in the Fifth Forms, who are as yet undecided regarding their future, between the hours of 7.45p.m. and 10.00p.m. Most of the regulars have already been contacted but anybody who is willing to come along and feels like acting like a catalyst (its the talking itself which is the most important event of the evening) to help the present pupils should contact Brian Sanders at the College or at his home (Phone 639 4430). Its an evening very well spent and very worthwhile so if you can come along then please do - there's usually time for a jar in the George afterwards anyway. What more could you want?

SUBSCRIPTIONS

DARE WE SAY THE WORD AGAIN

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This year could show a substantial increase on last as far as Membership (of the paid up type that is) is concerned. We are having a concentrated effort to get those subs in and to date 99 have been collected. If you haven't as yet paid then do so now. Subs were due on 1st September-so you've had half a year free let us at least have the benefit of your cash for the second half. Prices to COXA rise just as much as prices to everyone else - but we've observed the freeze - we haven't increased the subs for five years. Rates are now (as in 1968) £1 for those over 21 and 63p for Students and those fortunate to be under

Subs continued

Finally I would like to say and thereby give a warning, that I have spies and collectors infiltrating the Football teams so those with guilty consciences had better beware!

Ted Hayter

(We would point out that those from whom a sub has not been received for some time stand in imminent danger of being deleted from the mailing list for Coxan and will therefore soon lose touch with the Association so there is quite a message in Ted's "Beware".)

Subscriptions should be sent (post haste) to Ted Hayter at 3, Downs Ave,
Chislehurst,
Kent.

SUBS RECEIVED FROM		SUB LIST UPDATED		RECEIPT ACK'L'D	
P. Batty	D. J. Brennan	B. Baker	K. Carroll	A. Corish	K. Coughlin
J. Dobing	M. Dyer	J. Egan	T. Ennis	V. Ennis	J. Frost
C. Garvey	R. Gately	C. Garvey	D. Hook	T. D. Jones	M. Magee
W. L. Macer	M. O'Shea	N. Paine	C. C. Prince	J. Prince	R. Prince
C. Pearson	D. Quin	F. Ransom	G. C. Rowe	G. Wloch	J. Ware
A. Fulker					

ADVANCE NOTICE BOOK THE DATE NOW STAG NITE MARCH 15th COLLEGE MARCH 15th

Those connoisseurs of the male function (crumbs the imagination runs riot) Mick Grice and Ernie Larkin (straight from that award winning series "Til (fumed) breath us do part") are at it again. This time of course its the highlight of the strictly stag functions - the irregular but popularly annual STAG NITE. Mick and Ernie are keeping very quiet about exact details - they won't even let the Committee know whats going on but all they do want to tell you is that it will take place on MARCH 15th in the College. There'll be food and beer and a raffle and beer and a surprise and beer and if that isn't enough to whet your appetite Mick and Ernie have something else up their collective sleeves. Just keep a watch out for the postman and in a plain unmarked envelope soon full details will be slipping through your letterbox; to sum up all will be revealed within the next few weeks.

But pending this daring exposé of their plans on a full frontal poster may we just request you to put a red ring round March 15th in your Diary and toddle along to the College with your drinking irons. See you there.

SPRING BALL

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MAY 10th

MAY 11th

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£3 £3 £3

If the details of the StageNite (March 15th) havent put you off Ernie and Mick are also actively concerned with the planning of this years Dinner Dance/Spring Ball /Annual Knees Up/ Call it what you will (and some do beleive me). We beleivedthat when Coxam came out it would carry and advertize full details of the event but instead of the usual recital of dates, costs, venue etc all we got was the following from Ernie (when the postman said it was a letter from Ernie I thought my luck had changed!)

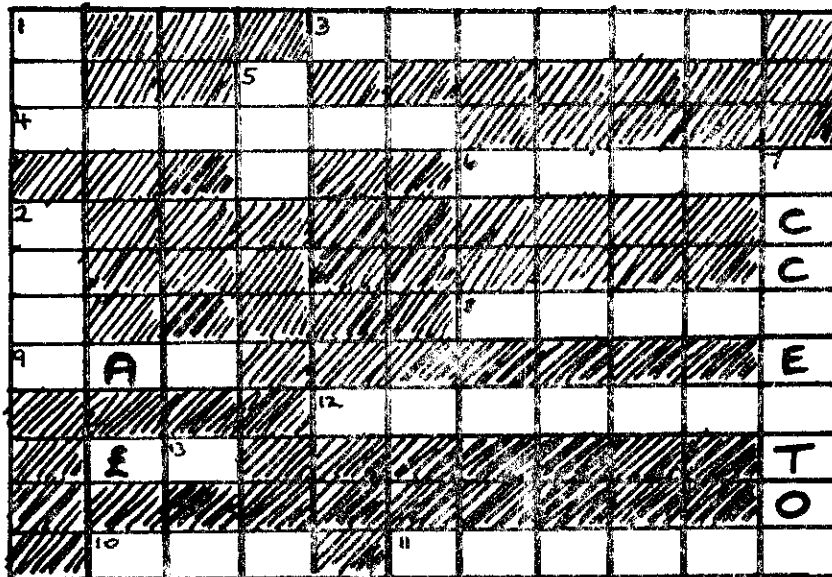
Ernie wrote (oh yes you desecrating disbeleivers he can write)

"The senders of the first hundred correct entries accompanied by a cheque for ThreePounds for each attempt will received

- ** 1) A FABULOUS NIGHT OUT
- ** 2) A DANCE WITH MISS WORLD
- ** 3) A CHANCE TO WIN SOME EXOTIC PRIZES
- ** 4) A CHANCE TO SEE THE GREAT ELVIS
- ** 5) A CHANCE TO EAT DRINK AND BE MERRY

so please complete and return this to L.Larkin, 129, Penrose House, Penrose St.,
Walworth, London, S.E.17

*See foot of page 8 which must be returned with the Crossword duly completed."



CLUES (No Across or Down nonsense - work them out for yourself!)

- 1. Ancient
- 2. Lads at sea
- 3. Once a year
- 4. Meal
- 5. Rhymes with Band but without the B
- 6. Rhumba, Twist, Waltz ?
- 7. No Clue (thanks Ernie!)
- 8. Lehot (Anag.)
- 9. What the Cat did on the Mat (Charming!)
- 10. A Month perhaps
- 11. The Number of this Clue (BLOCK CAPITALS)
- 12. You need these to get in
- 13. A Number between 2 and 4

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- +++ We send our congratulations to NICHOLAS SCOTT, M.P., who was recently appointed Under-Secretary of State for the Dept. of Employment.
- +++ Sublime to thewell not ridiculous but Joe GMAJ (1962) now has a Steak House in Chiswick
- +++ Recently on vacation in the UK - PHIL GRAY for three months from Paris. Phil maintains its a working transfer.
- +++ Also moving around...PETER KEENAN (1961) who is now with the Dept. of Trade and Industry having previously been with the Coal Board.
- +++ We've just learned that someone has had the temerity to appoint a patron saint to the College. Apparently the Patron is now Blessed Oliver Plunkett which has caused some (we think) justified raised eyebrows on the Committee. Why not a Patron related to the Xaverian Brothers? Why not Theodore James Ryken if a Patron need be found (with all due respect to Blessed Oliver Plunkett) what do you think?
- +++ Shed a tear for the newest College Building - mourn the passing of the Dining Centre. Erected for over £20,000 but a short time ago it fell sick of a nasty attack of demolition hammer and passed away on 8th January 1974. Working for a local authority must be a wonderfully fulfilling job. The merry band of builders at the College put up a temporary dining centre - so temporary was it that they took it down three days later because they had "forgotton" to lay some foundations. Then they laid 14" of concrete (which one fine day will all have to be broken up and removed) and found the Dining Centre they had was too small for the base so another Dining Centre was ordered and that came along and was erected a few days later. No wonder there's a materials shortage.
- +++ Congratulations are sent (somewhat belatedly) to JOHN GIBB (as a College Teacher John is an Honorary Member of Coxa) on completion of 25 years teaching at the College.
- +++ Congratulations (its obviously the issue for them) to MICHAEL WARE who we earlier reported was to play in the Junior Wimbledon Championship. Mick has since won the Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles at the Sheen Under 18 Tournament and the Singles and Doubles at the Esher Junior Tournament. Being so handy with a tennis racquet perhaps it is no surprise to learn that Mick is also doing well in his own profession - butchery - or to put it more accurately Advanced Meat Technology.
- +++ We hear the Table Tennis Section has been globe-trotting again (about the only thing they don't do is play Table Tennis!). After weekends in Paris, Devon and Tipperary it recently descended en masse on Majorca and is threatening to devote some attention to the EEC in Brussels
- +++ A few short news items -
 - NOEL CURRAN (1973) is working for Nat. West. in the City.
 - MICK FERRANTE (1973) is working for "a canadian bank" also in the City.
 - STUART WILKS is at Putney Tech.
- +++ In a bid to solve the Petrol Situation STANLEY MILLER (42 - is that waist - it can't be a year) has bought a new Car.
- +++ Whilst MICK POWER (1963) was watching the Circus on Clapham Common who should nap heavily into the seat next to him but KEVIN WILLIAMSON (1961) who muttered "Its the fortieth time I've seen this b.....g show." Kev who is now on the Clapham Common Ground Staff then proceeded to go to sleep. Mick proceeded to watch the show.
- +++ We've heard from BILL MACER (1925) (who has now retired from Chubb & Son (he says he joined them because he wanted a job with security) having reached the grand old age of 65 years young. Bill tells us he still sees BASIL ALDRIDGE (1925) from time to time.

+++ We've also heard from MICK MAGEE (1964) whose been wandering around Bedfordshire, Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire and even wandered into TED HAYTER's house in Kent recently for a minireunion with BRIAN PRYKE (down on a lightning visit from Bradford) BRIAN SANDERS, DAVID MARTIN and TONY MORRISH. In fact David and Brian (P) had met only a few weeks earlier when the Secretary paid an official visit to the Yorkshire branch of the Association. "Red carpet nothing" he is reported to have said "it was wet most of the time, but the Pie and Peas were good!"

+++ TONY POPLETT (1967) has returned from "down under" with his Australian wife, Carol and a new addition to the family, Carl.

+++ AIDAN COLETTA (1963) is leaving for France in early 1974 (he's probably left by now) for three months hoping to provoke Anglo-French relations in the Meat Trade.

+++ ANDREW POZNIAK (1954) recently visit ed the College. Andrew is now a Director of Engineering Services with GSI stationed in Sydney. He's become and American Citizen has married and now has a daughter.



+++ R. I.P. It is with deep regret that we have to report two deaths

Mr.P.CORRY,who for many years attended the Annual Mass of the Association died in May 1973. P.CORRY was the father of DANNY CORRY a former pupil of the College who was killed in action during the Second World War. R.I.P.

Bro. ALPHONSUS,C.F.X. died on 20th November 1973. R.I.P.

Sorry that Personalia isn't longer this time but we don't seem to have heard from many people since the last issue. Mind you YOU could rectify this by dropping the Editor a line just telling him where you are and what you're doing. Its nice for you to hear from us but its equally nice for us to hear from you.

Editor : Frank Murphy, 92,Chichele Rd.,N.W.2



DINNER DANCE RESERVATION FORM
(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

TO BE DETACHED AND SENT OFF TO
Ernie Larkin,
129, Penrose House,
Penrose St.,
S.E.17

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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I enclose a cheque/order for £ (.....ticket(s) @ £3 per ticket) made payable to C.O.X.A. Please reserve seats for me at the Dinner Dance on May 11th 1974. If possible I would like to sit with,..... My guests are