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WHY HAVE ALL THE PEOPLE GONE —

"The heaven around, the earth below
Was peopled with thick shapes of human death.
All horrible and wrought by human hands...."

SHELLY.

Major-General Philip Effiong's weary voice stated, "We are firm, we are loyal Nigerian citizens, and we accept the authority of the Federal Military Government of Nigeria. The Republic of Biafra ceases to exist." So ended a devastating 31 months struggle between Nigeria and the breakaway state of Biafra.

Of course we know the facts about the Nigerian war, after all it's over, finished, complete, and it happened a long, long way away. The fact that over 2 million people died in agony and another 1½ million are on the verge of death by starvation this very day is common knowledge. We also knew that while children collapsed in the streets from malnutrition, massive cargoes of the latest weapons and military equipment were shipped in to both Nigeria and Biafra by the courtesy of certain 'civilized' Big Powers. Guns and ammunition are most important! Over and over again we heard the monotonous accusations that both warring factions were using starvation as a method of warfare. By this time however, matters were assuming serious proportions, so good-intentioned souls raised significant sums of money for food supplies, most of which was halted a little way from the war-zone. Yes, I know this is nothing new so I will refrain from boring you with details.

However, if I might impress upon you a little longer, I would like to bring this 'piece of history' closer to home. No, I don't mean in the living-room while we watch the hideous scenes on T.V. But let's replace the name 'Australia' with 'Biafra', (Impossible! Perhaps. But please let me continue.) Now the words 'war' and 'Starvation' would take on more expressive implications to each one of us. If 3½ million of our fellow countrymen and friends were either dead or reduced to pitiful skeletons, it would not be hard to imagine how our lives would be affected. I will spare you of the gruesome particulars and resume my comparison. Now, what makes the Biafrans any different from us? There is only one difference, they are the ones who are suffering. They are the ones with shattered families, they are the ones degraded to live like animals, they are the ones who miserably plod over the battle-scarred land. To many, destiny is a mass grave, while for the rest the future remains insecure and devoid of hope. All this goes on as political issues hold up food and medical supplies for a majority of innocent people.

Surely it is time that pride, greed and all political trappings were cast aside to allow a little humanity to creep back into our 'civilized world'.

C. McDONALD

PEGASUS

PEGASUS: Winged horse, the offspring of the dying Gorgon, Medusa, killed by Perseus. Pegasus carried the thunderbolt of Zeus. He was the mount of Pegasus.

EDITORIAL

Today is an historical day in the tradition of S.P.C. Early this morning the first appearance of the 1970 "pegasus" culminated four weeks work for a group of senior students. When the next issue goes to press it is hoped that it will contain more material from students in lower classes as this is the only way we will be able to increase the appeal of the paper and improve the standard.

It is perhaps significant that it has been the determination and dedication of a group of senior students that has realised this one time dream. For in recent years there has been a marked decline in school spirit. Could this spirit which was once so strong be on the return? Is it possible for the whole student body to be stirred out of its lethargy and unite with the common desire to put St. Pat's. back on top in the position it so rightfully deserves?

Many people will deny that such a decline could be possible, much less occur, for, over the years S.P.C. has attained an Australian wide reputation for being best in everything it participates.

A sense of loyalty and spirit to ones school is not innate, but, must be instilled by those at the top. Loyalty is distinct from duty and is not compulsory. However those who are new to the school must play their part as well. They must be made to believe that it is worthwhile doing something for someone else. The St. Vincent De Paul society is an excellent example of this, and, although not open to everyone those who are in it realise the satisfaction that can be obtained helping other people.

Although the situations are definitely different the principles are the same. It is time St. Pat's students woke up and realised that to get anywhere it is necessary to co-operate with each other.

For three or four years now, the catchery in most schools has been "prefects are old fashioned, we need an S.R.C." This has been the excuse for the general unruliness and lack of unison in school projects and thus has been to the detriment of the pupils as well as school.

This year we have an S.R.C. It is the first time St. Pat's has been without the traditional prefects, and the first time a system of direct student representation has been experimented with.

Along with the introduction of the activities period the S.R.C. has left no excuse for each student not to participate in extra-curricular activities. These two modifications have been aimed at establishing a better relationship between ourselves, and our teachers.

Each class in the school has its own S.R.C. representative, while Form 6 has fifteen members of the council, one of these members will be known as President of the council.

EDITOR.

GYMNASIUM

Since the commencement of the first term the old Form two dormitory has been converted into a spacious gymnasium.

The work already completed has included the installation of two basketball rings, fittings for a volley-ball net and wire grilles to protect the windows. Other equipment includes, parallel bars, vaulting horse, mats and spring board.

These facilities are in addition to the small gymnasium which still houses the weights. It is hoped that all students will make use of these new facilities.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A SCHOOL PAPER

There is ample evidence these days of the effectiveness of the mass media; an effectiveness which, at times, one wonders is beneficial. It is within the power of those managing a newspaper to use its effectiveness for the betterment of those among whom the paper circulates.

The senior students who have undertaken the publication of 'PEGASUS' likewise have within their power the possibility of doing much good. The 'family' of the college— students, staff, parents and past pupils— can be better informed of what has happened. They can also be made aware of what is projected for the improvement of St Patrick's College as an educational establishment in a period when the genuine education of each boy is of prime importance. It can be a powerful means of forging closer 'family ties' within the college.

Hence I congratulate those who have undertaken this project. I remind them of the responsibility that is theirs and I hope that as issues of 'Pegasus' succeed one another, we will be aware of its effectiveness for good among all who read it.

—Br R S Stewart.

Recently historians uncovered some rather startling coincidences concerning the deaths of assassinated US Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy.

LINCOLN was elected to Presidency in 1860.

KENNEDY was elected to Presidency in 1960.

BOTH were concerned with Civil Rights.

BOTH their wives lost children whilst at the White House.

BOTH were succeeded by men named JOHNSON, BOTH Southerners.

ANDREW JOHNSON was born in 1808.

LYNDON B JOHNSON was born in 1908.

BOTH were shot in the head from behind.

BOTH were shot in the presence of their wives.

BOTH were assassinated by Southerners favouring unpopular ideas.

BOTH assassins were shot before their trials.

JOHN WILKES BOOTH was born in 1839.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD was born in 1939.

BOTH Presidents had been warned of danger before their deaths.

LINCOLN'S Secretary, whose name was KENNEDY, warned him not to go to the theatre.

KENNEDY'S Secretary, whose name was LINCOLN, warned him not to go to Dallas.

BOOTH ran from the theatre and was captured in a warehouse.

OSWALD ran from the warehouse and was captured in a theatre.

Among the many heads that pass you in the busy streets of Ballarat there may be the odd one wearing a distinctive 'patch of blue'— the mark of the St Pat's man.

The cap is usually worn in one of three different ways— pulled tightly over the skull; balancing precariously on top of the head, (or hair, depending on whichever you have the more of); or resting snugly in the inside pocket of the school coat.

If the wearer has his cap pulled tightly over his skull, then, either he is a new boy, or he has very little hair and wants whatever little he has hidden. The student who places the cap on his head merely becoz that is where it must be, is a mute conformist who is willing to remain just within the 'law' to escape any punishment that might be forthcoming if he were to not do so. On the other hand, the student who just doesn't wear his cap at all, is a noisy non-conformist who either is a supreme optimist or who must carry, in the same pocket with his cap, a dozen lucky-rabbit's-foot tokens.

He is one of a growing number of students-in-dissent. A cap is against his principles, he asserts vociferously, as a cap makes him look more stupid than he really is (and no-one could be that stupid).

Finally, inevitably, the culprit is caught without his head gear. Of course he always has a good, if not original, excuse for his imprudent act:

"....a tram ran over it..."

"....it shrank..er..yesterday, ya know, the rain?"

"....it's at the drycleaners"

"....somebody flogged it...would you believe?"

Whatever the excuse, it is in vain that the student even tries. The poor, unsuspecting rotter, that 'walking bad-public-image', is at once accused, tried, judged guilty and duly punished, I quote:

"Rule 2007, article 94, sub-section M, line 23,; CAP, not wearing thereof;whosoever is in breach of this, the afore-stated misdemeanor, is liable for a penalty of detention (the duration of which is left to the teacher's discretion) at the above-mentioned school, on the Saturday morning after date of crime for the purposes of study."

After sentence is thus mercilessly passed and/or carried out, injury upon injury is heaped upon the offender as he is "sternly but kindly" ordered to attend this (or a subsequent) detention in full uniform, which includes, specifically, the school cap.

So, for those cap-wearers (or otherwise) wanting more information concerning the great spatz head gear, we are offering, entirely FREE, and without obligation, for this week only, the controversial and comprehensive (not to say useful!) book entitled:

"HOW TO WEAR IT AND BEAR IT OR HOW TO DIP-OUT WHEN CAUGHT CAPLES.."

(for the special order coupon, see page 39)

— M Whitehead.

CONFUCIUS SAY:

Man who makes apple turnover has

ACTIVITIES...

CHOIR Mr Clohesy has undertaken the exacting and arduous task of training the newly-formed Senior Choir. At each weekly session the tunes of a number of songs are briefly outlined. Selecting a particular verse, Mr Clohesy asks each singer in turn to sing his version of the chosen verse. Since each boy's voice varies in pitch and presentation, he indicates how he interprets the particular verse.

Stress seems to be placed on (i) Unison and, (ii) Harmony (but Unison is Harmony, isn't it?) well, anyway, there was stress. Most of the choir members appeared to be trying their hardest, although there did seem to be a touch of cynicism.

The choir's repertoire varied from folk songs to angelic hymns.

All taken into account the choir seems, even at this early stage, to be well on the road to success.

— P Hingston.

CHESS It is becoming increasingly evident that the far-reaching hand of culture is reaching far into the life of the odd (one-in-ten) St P's student. The most recent evidence of this subversion (Struth! It might replace the ruddy footy, mate) is the institution of Chess on a large, organised scale.

Br Fogarty can be blamed for the first foothold that this intellectual game has now obtained. Brother is now the king, and under his rule is a force of sixty pawns.

The weeks to follow will demand much concentration and the near future might see St Patrick's College venture further into the field of challenge as the (our) chess team matches wits with other school teams. But, until this time comes the class is silent but for that word of victory-and-defeat: **CHECKMATE!**

+++++ A. Merzvinskis.

FARMERS' CLUB Mr Murphy has divided the farmers' club into several sections: dairy, beef and poultry; thus he is able to deal with each separate section more fully and easily than would otherwise be possible. The members of each section express their own views and are also provided with the pamphlets necessary for more authoritative viewpoints. During much of the period Mr Murphy moves from group to group in the hope of stimulating discussion and questions; the emphasis, at the moment, anyway, seems to be on the economic aspect of farming.

— P Hingston.

This space will be reserved in future editions for your letters, complaints or plaudits. Please co-operate and help to fill it.

THE LIFE OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

William Shakespeare was born (as some people are) at an early age. He lived in Stratford-on-Avon, where his father was the local big-wheel and his mother was also big. The date of Shakespeare's birth is unknown — unless you look it up.

Not much is remembered of Bill's early life, but he did have some education from which he profited greatly. He went to the Monastery (high-school) where he learnt Greek, Latin, French, Pomeranian, Mathematics + other interesting subjects. He never learnt English because it had not been invented and little did little Willie know that little by little, people would regard him as the founder of the English language.

When he left school at sixteen, with the spirit of adventure high in his heels he went to London to play in a group — a drama group that is — and, although Mr Shakespeare Snr did not approve, Billy became a pretty hot actor.

However, a young man of Shakespeare's talents soon got sick of acting.

"I am soon getting sick of acting" he said.

And with this he started writing. His plays soon sold like hot-dogs and hot-dogs were sold at his plays. So he became wealthy and famous.

He was wealthy because he had much money and therefore many friends. He became famous for his great contribution to drama, and he was mainly responsible for Elizabethan Tragedy; named after Queen Elizabeth, who was king at the time, and Tragedy, his girl-friend.

Parts from the plays of William Shakespeare (or Billy Rattlebanger as he is sometimes called) are often quoted. One famous quote which comes from the play KING RICHARD THE LEAR, is:

"Alas, alas, my kingdom for alass."

Most of Shakespeare's historical plays are logical and realistic. For example, MACBETH is the story of Macbeth; JULIUS CAESAR deals with Julius Caesar; and HAMLET is a story about Hamlet.

At last Shakespeare laid down his pen and died. His plays live on — but he can't collect any royalties now.

— G Morrison.

Recently two lasses journeyed to S.P.C. with the Pakenham cricket team. Michael Grigg seized the chance to conduct an informal interview with them. Prior to their interview they had been shown over St. Pat's and met many students, the most noticeable being Daryl Harrison. It became obvious that Anne-Maree and Barbara were most impressed with the grounds and pupils. Paul Woodruff amazed them with his capacity for food, — he still holds all the food-eating records.

The girls registered only one complaint, — the seats in the grandstand were too hard. We have promised to —

SPORT

FIRST XI With each match that they have played, the firstXI have improved immensely. Vice-captain Peter Mackey has been a sensation. He is a first-rate opening bowler, having twenty-one wickets already this season. In two weeks he has moved from number ten batsman to an opener. In the field he rates with Brian Hemley as one of the two really top fielders.

Wicketkeeper John Szewezuk has been the surprise packet; his wicket-keeping has been near-perfect, and he is a definite chance for a BPS cap.

After two matches our batsmen started to show true form; the most impressive being Bernie Clarke, Damian Ryan, Brian Hemley, Dennis O'Connor and John Szewezuk.

The continual changing of personnel has caused all players to show their best and this was born out in the recent game against East High, when the St Pat's team won an outright victory for the first time this season, under the inspiring leadership of Bernie Clarke.

One notable incident occurred when one bowler received a reprimand for polishing the ball with a wet rag.

Although there are, occasionally, certain incidents which do not convey the right attitude, there are also some incidents which do. We feel it necessary to draw attention to the exemplary conduct of John Szewezuk when a shocking decision went against him. Memo, Peter Mackey: your most vehement words carry to the boundary; another Bill Lawry, perhaps!

BASKETBALL Unfortunately, basketball must take the back seat again this year, even though it was stated as one of the sports on the prospectus. Although basketball is one of the world's most popular sports, it has never had much support around St Patrick's. Except for Mr Farley's unflagging interest in the sport, the basketball scene would be very dim indeed.

Last year was very successful, but this year, except for a handful of players, we seem to have become more complacent about the whole affair. One would hope that in the third term, if not sooner, the people who play this game will receive a lot more support from the various people around the College.

We have the nucleus of a good team — if the returned 'Firsts' of the previous year's team is any indication — Gerard Tartiretta, Peter Mackey, Bernie Frith and many promising young players — Mark Braddley, Dennis O'Connor and Greg Butler, to mention only a few — all share the view that, even though Basketball is not a bps sport, very little is being done to assist those who wish to take part in all the same.

SECOND

XI In the three matches this season — although the stars have generally been ex-First XI players — the Seconds have shown great potential. Bowlers, Greg Cunningham, Gerard Cannon, Dennis O'Connor and Robert Turner have all captured at least five wickets in an innings, while with the bat, Chris Minchington, Robert Turner, Trevor Rickard and Michael Fay have all turned in fine performances.

Although lacking the 'professional touch' of the Firsts, the fielders have been above par, both on the ground and in the air; Chris Minchington Michael Fay and Chris Wallis have held some remarkable close-to-the-wicket catches. The two wicketkeepers, Dan Cunningham and Michael Healy have kept well on the days.

UNDER**15**

Our team for 1970 has shown that it has the batting and fielding qualities capable of winning matches. So far the bowling has not yet reached an equivalent standard.

The sight of our batsmen ably defending their wickets has been encouraging. It would be more satisfactory if such capable players as Rodney Vallance, Patrick Tracey, Michael White and Dennis Moneghetti could more forcefully take control of the game.

In fielding the team has shown a keenness far above the standard of their previous season in the Under Fourteens. The efforts of such players as Phillip O'Connor and Phillip Morris make our batting and bowling tasks easier.

With more thought being given to each ball of the over, our bowlers could become the stars of the 1970 season. The most notable effort to date was made by Phillip O'Connor who took two wickets in one over — with Michael White's hat trick in the next — not tailenders, either.

Best wishes for the future, Under Fifteens.

———— Br Hamilton.

UNDER**14**

In the under Fourteen House Comp. played each night after school,

we have three teams — Blue, captained by Adrian Fitzgerald; White, captained by Pat Carson; and Green, at present the top team, captained by Peter Ryan.

From the house teams, an under Fourteen SPC team was selected and has, to date, played one inter-school game (against Ballarat College). College was all out for forty, while SPC was successful with 7 for 77. Star of day was Michael Cleary who scored forty runs before retiring, and, in the bowling, captured two wickets. Although the results show an easy win, it was a thrilling game. At one stage early in our innings we were 4 for 3.

Our next game is against Ballarat Grammar.

———— Br King.

UNDER**13**

The under Thirteen cricket began very well this year. Because of an excellent attendance of boys to play in the House Comp. we have four teams playing on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

As the better cricketers came to the notice of the UI3 coach, a team was soon selected to play Ballarat College in the first inter-school match of the season.

This team, captained by P. Armstrong — vice-captain M. Reidy — managed to beat the Ballarat College side. Our bowlers proved to be of a high standard; with Colin Rickard, Paul Armstrong and Paul Sargent shinning.

Our batsmen were not as steady, however; although Peter O'Donnell, Michael Reidy and Peter Huntly did show some steadiness and good style. This team should develop into a good side, once the players begin to learn from their mistakes and practise the correct techniques. Practice on Thurs.

———— Br Edmonds.

ATHLETIC'S

Considering the weather and the condition of the track, there were some outstanding performances at the Ballarat Schoolboy Championships at Ilanberris Reserve on Tuesday, 3rd march.

Results:

Mark O'Toole (UI2) won the 100 yd. (14.0 sec.) and 440 yd. (68.4) events quite easily.

Michael Frawley (UI3) won the 100 yd (13.4) and the 440 yd (64.5)

John Cooke (UI5) won the 100 yd (11.3 secs.)

Chris Quinn (UI6) won the 100 yd (11.3 secs)

Pat Dwyer (Open) won the 100 yd (10.9) and the 440 yd (52.5 secs)

(cont. from previous page).

Phillip McIntyre, Gavan Burns, Mark Banwell, Marcus Coppok, Michael O'Loughlin and John Geary also ran well, showing varying degrees of form.

This early season form is a definite indication that SPC will be as strong, if not stronger than in previous years, in the third term athletics season.

(Congratulations to all who competed).

—Br O'Halloran.

WANTED:

SPC CROSS COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES.

This is an excellent opening for those who have not yet represented SPC, but would like to do so, in the Cross Country.

QUALIFICATIONS: Open to all full time students of SPC.

CONDITIONS: (i) Training to be done in one's own time — three days per week.
(ii) Hot showers are provided at school for day students.
(iii) This is a healthy, outdoor, sociable sport.

DUTIES: (i) To attain to a high level of fitness through strenuous but rewarding training.
(ii) To compete in the following events:
a) Ballarat Schoolboys' Lap of Lake
b) BPS Cross Country
c) Events ranging from 3 to 10 miles to be held in conjunction with local athletics clubs.

ENQUIRIES: See Michael Grigg.

VOLLEY-BALL

Volley-ball made its initial appearance at S.P.C. last Tuesday. A group of fourteen students, — mainly cricketers — substituted a hard game of volley-ball for their normal training routine. The game took place in the gymnasium, the super modified ex-form Two dormitory. Despite a few near misses and many atrocious foul decisions those playing enjoyed an excellent game.

ROWING

The forthcoming year promises to be the year of S.P.C. in the rowing. With our new shed, excellent boats and enthusiastic rowers a successful year is anticipated. The formidable task of dichetomizing over 100 boys into crews was undertaken by Br. O'Halloran who has worked with great perseverance at his job. The huge amount of printed matter is an indication of how much time he puts into rowing.

Rowing requires undivided concentrations that when a rower gets out of a boat he is physically and mentally exhausted. It is a pity that so much time is devoted for only the one race on boat-race day, but then this encourages the crews to strive for perfection as they have only one chance to display their ability. So we await boat-race day with great wxpectations.

- Shane Collins.

Public Notices

AAA. Annual meeting of the RSPCT (Royal Society for the promotion of Cruelty to Teachers) will be held in the Assembly area at 11 a.m. tomorrow morning. All interested students to attend.

AA. Annual meeting of the RSPCT (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Teachers) will be held in the staff room at 11 a.m. tomorrow morning. All interested teachers to attend.

Lost and Found

Lost: 3 night's sleep. Finder please return them to me as I am in dire of them. Reward... genuine offers only need apply See- Matric Pure Maths. student Locker 249.

Tenders

For tender by removal; the O'Malley Wing. Lowest quote not necessarily accepted... apply within.

Tenders are now open for the replacement of the old Hill. Closing date: June 31st.

NOTICE.....

HEINZ COMPETITION

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PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

This year the public speaking and debating group has undergone great changes. Through the activity periods all can now participate. Many have taken this opportunity and will soon begin to learn for themselves, from their mistakes and from Mrs. V. Ryan.

Mrs. Ryan, already known in the school, now instructs all forms in the rudiments of debating and public speaking. Although perhaps a little early, in anticipation I think that the benefits of her presence and advice will mean a great difference in the standard of speaking; public and otherwise.

Also closely involved in the debating and public speaking are Bro. O'Sullivan, Messrs. Farley and Benson.

Even this early in the year we have had one success. On Wednesday March 4th John Martin of Matriculation was placed second in the Rostrum Club's Begonia Festival Speech Competitions. Congratulations to John.

He competed against one student from each secondary school in Ballarat. Mary Tehan (sister of last year's Michael Tehan) won narrowly; thus winning it for a second time.

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STUDENT COUNCIL

As this issue is released, the representatives of the student council would have already been chosen. Because you have voted for them, they are at your service always - for your benefit and for the general benefit of the school. It is through these representatives that closer relationship between staff and student can be suitably carried out.

In previous years, the representatives were from Matriculation only; but this year, there will be representatives from forms one to six. Thus when they meet, the views of students of all forms can be expressed adequately.

If you have: sensible ideas that would be helpful for the rest of the school body; complaints that are justified; compliments for school policy or other material relevant to the students; then express your ideas through your representative. If you have something on your mind, then speak out - these people will listen.

The staff of "Pegasus" congratulate those elected, and our next issue will inform you about your representatives, with an article by the president of the council.

- "Feature Writer"

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TENNIS

Congratulations to the First Tennis team. Captain Paul Woodruff, Adrian McKee, Bernard Frith and Terry Gustin. The team sustained only one defeat for the season; in the first match they were beaten by High School, by one set, the rubbers were 4 all.

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Please turn over to Page 39. - The only page that does not contain a mistake.