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ADVERTISING SENSATION!

by Portfolio Staff Reporter

Excitement is raging high, as God's work in Great Britain prepares to leap into a new phase. Recently Mr. Herbert Armstrong made some of the most joyous announcements ever to be heard in Ephraim.

1. Beginning with the July issue, we will have a double page, full-colour advert in the quarterly A.A. magazine, *Drive*. This quality magazine has a circulation of well over three million.

2. Again, beginning with July, Ambassador College will sponsor a half-page advert once a month in the *London Sunday Times*. This could be enlarged to a full page.

3. Once a month, commencing with July, the *Plain Truth* and other booklets will be advertised in the *Sunday Times* colour magazine.

4. In August a double page full-colour ad will be printed in *Reader's Digest*. After a lapse of five years, God has again given us favour with this magazine - British circulation 1,350,000!

After hearing these astounding announcements, the Mailing Department is feverishly preparing for an expected flood of mail! Four massive doors are opening to Ephraim!



Presenting - Graduates of 1968

by Steve Botha

Thirty-seven young men and women successfully completed their Ambassador education! On June 14th Bachelors Degrees from Ambassador College were conferred on them.

The setting was the beautiful south lawn of Memorial Hall. Our band played the processional march as the candidates, led by Monitor Connie Coates took their seats.

After the invocation and welcome by Chancellor Armstrong, Francis Bergin presented a discourse entitled, "Prepared for a Changing World".

The Ambassador Chorale then gave a fine rendition of Handel's "Zadok the Priest."

Mr. Armstrong then took the stand and spoke on "Education in Chaos". With a plethora of facts Mr. Armstrong amply showed that education around the world was in absolute confusion. Students are rebelling, and faculties are exasperated - no one has the answer. Ambassador alone knows the solutions!

Mr. Armstrong then conferred the degrees on the graduates. But this was not all. Mr. Kyriacos Stavrinides, having successfully completed all requirements for his Doctorate in Philosophy, was presented with this degree.

Congratulations, Dr. Stavrinides and all Graduates!



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by Lorna Murley

Recently the Music Hall opened its doors to a strange visitor. The newcomer was big and hefty in stature, had a "walnut" tanned appearance, and even had a pipe! In fact, the visitor had many pipes because this was the Music Hall's new pipe organ!

Until now we have had a small portable Hammond organ. This has served a very useful purpose throughout the years as an accompaniment to the Chorale and for teaching purposes. But now, the Hammond tremulo which often used to vibrate the offices above is to be replaced by the rich, resounding swell of the Ardeton pipe organ. We hope that it won't be too long before the Ardeton finds its way into the new auditorium!!

A CHANGING WORLD

by Francis Bergin

In the four short years that this graduating class has been at College there have been tremendous changes in this world affecting the lives of literally millions of people.

These are changes just chosen at random; there were many more, some more important, others less.

In 1964 President Nkrumah was still in office – now no one hears of him – he is in exile.

In September 1966 Dr. Hendrik Verwoerd was assassinated. Since then, Dr. Martin Luther King (who in 1964 won the Nobel Prize for Peace) has been murdered. Recently Senator Robert Kennedy was brutally shot. Just a few months before our coming to College, President John Kennedy was assassinated.

Two assassinations in Nigeria – the "model" African country: now in bloodshed and civil war.

The Rhodesian problem has come up since 1964. The week I came to College, King Constantine of Greece married Princess Anne-Marie. Now he is no longer king in his own country.

There is a new governmental system in West Germany and a new party – the N.P.D.

The week after I came to College, Malta became independent. President Sukarno then ruled Indonesia where he had 100 million subjects – he counts for little there now.

Sir Winston Churchill died since we came to College in our Freshman year. His passing well and truly signified the end of an age, an age of leadership and greatness for this country and for our Western civilization.

Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri also died – and afterwards India had a new government with a great deal of rioting, hunger and bloodshed.

On October 15th, 1964, Mr. Nikita Krushchev was deposed as leader in Russia and replaced by two men, each acting as a check and balance on the other.

Four years seems long compared with the six-day war last June when hundreds of thousands were left homeless and destitute.

The growth of the College.

We were the first group of men to live in "Lakeside" – when there were no beautiful lakes. No gymnasium then, with all of its excellent facilities. Memorial Hall extension has been completed since then and we are now just finishing the new women's hall of residence. Looking around, we have seen nearly half the College built since coming here.

The growth of the Class.

It is impossible to live with men and women from so many different backgrounds and countries without giving and receiving something in personality. Each student is given every encouragement to make his or her particular contribution to the Class. In the Graduating Class of 1968 we have people from Australia, Greece, New Zealand, the United States, Great Britain, Ireland, Rhodesia, Canada, and South Africa. Many joined our class from other universities, from business and from the professions.

Students are encouraged to travel widely to get a broad-based view of life and the world. I asked one man and one girl in our class, "Which

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BALL EXTRAVAGANZA

by Cliff Ackerson

Whirling and waltzing, elegantly dressed Ambassadors gaily danced – enthusiastically enjoying every moment of the 1968 Graduation Ball held at the *Top Rank* in Watford.

While students danced on the spacious floor, the overhead ceiling lights changed from glaring reds to cool restful blues, bathing the entire hall in a formal, pleasant, night club atmosphere.

Third Year Class President John White welcomed all the Faculty, students, and guests – wishing everyone a very enjoyable evening. But no one could *really* relax. There was an air of expectancy. Bob Mitchell, Student Body President, took the stage and after a few brief comments, called on Mr. Armstrong for anything he might have to say.

This was it!

With pounding hearts and total concentration we all gathered around the stage for those wonderful surprises Mr. Armstrong often has –

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1700 HEAR MASSED CHOIRS

by Chris Carpenter

Sunday, June 9th, was the occasion of the annual Ambassador College concert in Watford Town Hall. As usual it proved a most enjoyable evening. This time, however, the programme was more varied than previous years.

To begin, the 175-strong choir, combining the Amersham and Chessham Bois, Luton, Chipperfield and Ambassador Chorales, accompanied by the New Cantata Orchestra, sang the very inspiring and moving Elgar version of the National Anthem. The soloist was our own Aimee Stewart – her last public performance before leaving for Pasadena.

Then Mr. Donald Ecker gave a sparkling rendition of the difficult Schumann *Piano Concerto in A Minor*. The first half of the concert concluded with a fine rendition of *Sursum Corda* by George Thalben-Ball – an unusual sacred work for choir and orchestra. We were privileged to have the composer with us in the audience.

The second half was in a lighter vein. It consisted of Stanford's *Songs of the Sea* sung by baritone

John Barrow with the chorale; the delightful Litolff *Scherzo* played by Mr. Ecker; and the Choral Dances from Borodin's *Prince Igor* by the choir and orchestra. Truly an uplifting evening!

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SENIORS DINE SOUTH SEAS STYLE

by David Price

Into the land of Kon Tiki and coconut palms ventured the Senior Class. As we sat down to eat we were served iced fruit cocktail spiced with mint leaves in coconut cups by smiling Polynesian waiters.

A trip to the South Pacific? A dream of a fantastic holiday in the South seas? Not at all!

The scene was the luxurious and exquisitely decorated restaurant of Trader Vic's at the plush London Hilton Hotel.

This was a Senior Banquet *par excellence*. Beneath a wicker-work roof, like a South Sea island hut, we fared sumptuously on exotic

foods.

Our menu had been specially chosen by Dr. Martin – in collaboration with the Trader Vic staff.

For hor d'oeuvres we had delicious chicken livers – needed to be tasted to be believed! The main course was, as they say, another story! Indonesian roast lamb – consisted of ribs, matured in wine, roasted slowly for 24 hours. The resulting gastronomic delicacy was well worth all the effort of preparing!

In between courses we freshened our hands with steaming hot scented towels.

We finished up with ice cream laced with coconut shreds, followed by coffee, mints and the Trader Vic's renowned fortune cookies.

Many thanks for such an enjoyable climax to four years at Ambassador!

"WE LEAVE YOU..."

George Jacobs leaves his athlete's feet in the trophy window – for a fine display of footwork.

Katy Drown returns her four years' supply of BUNAC journals to the Stan Potratz "Boost America" programme.

David Ord leaves his girdle and cake tins to Paul Linehan – who, like June, is bustin' out all over.

Bruce Vance leaves his Robert Mitchum walk to Owen Willis.

Jess Ernest leaves his golden vocal cords to Dr. Stewart's Anatomy class – maybe they'll know what's wrong with them.

Jeff Savidge leaves his dancing shoes to Nick Ursem – the Flying Dutchman.

Steve Botha leaves his springbok run to Victor Kubik.

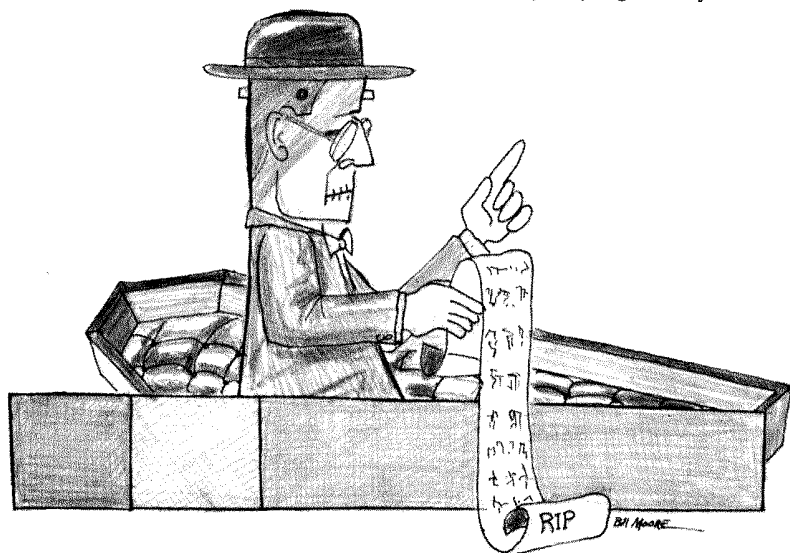
Bob Mitchell leaves a tape recording to Greg Albrecht. It features "Will the Assembly come to order please?" The flip side, another old favourite, "Any more Faculty announcements at all? . . . at all? . . . at all?"

Francis Bergin leaves his collection of ties to the Salvation Army.

Lyle Welty leaves his collection of ties to Francis Bergin.

David Price leaves his laugh to the Radio Studio – to add to their "Sounds of Africa" tape.

Lester Grabbe leaves the book, *How to Succeed in Songleading without Really Trying* – to Jim McNeese.



Lawson Price fulfills his calling.

Changing World

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countries have you visited since coming to College?" The man said Scotland, all over England, France two or three times, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. The woman recounted France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Switzerland, and Italy. Both have had the opportunity of visiting the United States! I have visited twelve countries since coming to College and have been behind the "Iron Curtain" on two occasions.

A class is bound to grow in maturity by using all the facilities available. We have been given certain responsibilities here both inside and outside the College to mature us, emotionally and psychologically, for our responsibilities in the future. Ambassador College was founded on unchanging principles and will remain on that foundation.

You will see no chaos or confusion here. We have respect and admiration for authority – we are very glad to be under wise and strong leadership.

We face the future as Graduates of this College in confidence and assurance that no stone has been left unturned in preparing us for life in a changed and a changing world. And we have been trained to help others lead the full and abundant life we have had here in the years that lie ahead.

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special announcements!! And they surely were special!

"The new Senior Class President is *Bill Moore!*"

Deafening cries of jubilation rocked the rafters.

"The Student Body Vice President is *Kerry McGuinness!*"

Cheers and shouts shook the floor again!

"And your Student Body Presi-

dent . . . is . . . *Greg Albrecht!*"

The crowd went wild! Hands were shook, backs were slapped, friends were embraced in the thrill of these three new appointments.

But Mr. Armstrong wasn't finished by a long shot. He had some new assignments to announce. *Bob Mitchell* will be serving in the Warrington-Liverpool area. *Steve Botha*, Student Vice-President for '67-'68, is going to assist in the Leeds-Sheffield area. *Lester Grabbe* is going to Pasadena to assist Dr.

Hoeh in his work at Headquarters. *Jess Ernest* is returning to the U.S. as a ministerial assistant. *Bill Hutchison*, *Dave Magowan*, and *Dave Ord* will be going to New Zealand to help fill the crying need for manpower there. And graduates *Fred Lawson* and *Arthur Suckling* will be serving in Sydney, Australia.

After the shock had worn off, after the cheers died down, we "rejoiced in the dance" till midnight.