ITHACA TO LONDON - 1958

This is the Cornell delegation of the combined Cornell-Pennsylvania Track Team, boarding the New York to London plane on the way to the traditional Oxford-Cambridge vs. Cornell-Penn match. Bottom, left to right: Mike Midler (standing), John King, Murray Moulding, Joel Justin (Mgr.), Dave Heasley, Chuck Hill, and Coach and Mrs. Lou Montgomery. Ramp, left to right: Dave Cadin, Dave Eckel, Earl McHugh, Nat Cravener, Gerry Knapp, Roger Garrett, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wyskiel. Bo Roberson and Director of Athletics Bob Kane came later.

CROSS COUNTRY:

CORNELL FROSH WIN IC4A

The 1958 version of the Cornell Frosh Cross Country Team, armed with four sub-4:30 milers and additional talent, upended all other eastern teams to win the Freshman IC4A Championship (see Pages 4 and 5 for details of the season.) In a Postal 2-mile meet against the Kansas University frosh, Eric Groon set a new Cornell Frosh Record for 2 miles, 9:43.4.

The varsity, having lost three of last year’s top five by graduation, compiled a 1-6 dual meet record, placed sixth in the Heptagonals and fifteenth in the IC4A (details of season on Pages 3 and 4.)

EUROPE:

FINE PERFORMANCES, TWO NEW RECORDS

Although Cornell-Pennsylvania lost to Oxford-Cambridge, 9-6, the meet and the European tour in general were marked by fine individual performances.

Two Cornell records were broken. Mike Midler, with his mile of 4:11.0, erased the 1913 World’s Record of John Paul Jones (4:14.4). In London, half-miler Chuck Hill tied Bob Mealey’s 1:52.4, made in 1950. In Dublin, Chuck set his own standard (1:52.2). Just a couple of the many other outstanding efforts: Bo Robertson’s 25 feet-2 inch broad jump in Dragheda (Ireland), Bo’s terrific consistency in winning...
2, 3, or 4 events in each meet, and John King’s 6 feet-4 inch high jump in the mud at Belfast.

For further details on the European trip, see Joel Justin’s account of the Oxford-Cambridge meet on Page 2, and Mr. Kane’s account of the trip on Pages 6-8.

EXCERPT FROM MANAGER’S REPORT: OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE VERSUS CORNELL-PENN

The appearance of the sun was a welcome relief to most of the members of the Cornell-Penn Track Team. Between a week of rain at Cambridge, and some sightseeing trips by individuals, the University Track Teams had not obtained the most desirable work-out conditions. However, the English were hampered by the same weather plus the fact that exams had just ended, and Cambridge was in the midst of its big social event—May Ball Week.

The first running event to get under way was the 880 yd. run. The Cornell-Penn entries of Hill (C) and Kattermann (P) were not expected to show very well against the half milers from Oxford-Cambridge. D. I. B. Smith of Oxford won, but Hill of Cornell was 2nd in 1:52.4 to tie the Cornell for the distance. Kattermann of Penn also ran a fine race.

The 100yd dash promised to be one of the best races of the day between our own Irv Roberson (9.6) and J. R. G. Young of Oxford (9.8). Roberson took his only 2nd of the day as Young won a fine race, both men timed at 10 sec. flat.

In the High Hurdles the Cornell-Penn contingent took 1st and 2nd with D. Heasley (C) winning in 15.1 sec. followed closely by R. Cuthbert of Penn in 15.2 sec. In the mile run Midler of Cornell was again expected to be outclassed by the opponents, but Mike ran his finest mile to date, 4:11. In doing so he established a new Cornell record, breaking the old one held by John Paul Jones (4:14.4). At the time J. P. Jones turned in this performance it was a world record.

In the 220 yd. dash Earl McHugh of Cornell had an “off-day” and placed 3rd with a time of 22.8 sec. He ran against two of the best in the persons of J. R. C. Young of Oxford and J. R. A. Scott-Olfield of Cambridge.

In the 220 yd. low hurdles Irv Roberson (C) resumed his winning ways and won very handily with a time of 24.5 sec. run around one turn.

Dave Eckel and Nat Cravener both of Cornell were entered in the two mile which was won by R. Dundley of Cambridge, one of the best in the world. Cravener had a bad day and ran 9.49, not up to his good performance in the Heptagonal. However, D. Eckel turned in his best time to date, 9:22.3, and placed 2nd to R. Dunkley.

The Cornell-Penn team needed the 440 yd. dash to win the meet and I. Dardick (P) (50.2) and Dave Cadiz (C) (50.6) gave it their best, but it wasn’t quite good enough to win. With this event Oxford-Cambridge clinched the meet.

The 440-yd. relay was an anti climax but Oxford-Cambridge won it quite easily against a disheartened Penn-Cornell team of McHugh (C), Dardik (P), Gray (P), and Roberson (C). Time for 2nd place, 43.5 sec.

In the field events there were some excellent performances from both teams.

In the high jump King of Cornell took first place although he was tied at 6’4” by J. Kitching (Cambridge). King had fewer misses on his previous effort so he was awarded 1st.

G. Knapp (Cornell) placed 3rd with a jump of 6’2”.

The Shot Put (16#) was dominated by the Cornell-Penn team with C. Shine (P), the IAAPA and Heps Champion winning with a 52’10” effort. The runner up was Roger Garritt (C) with a put of 50’11 1/2”.

The Broad Jump was won by J. Roberson of Cornell as was expected, but he jumped 24’10 1/4”, his best personal effort, and also the 2nd best jump ever accomplished in White City Stadium. J. S. King was 3rd with a leap of 21’7”.

The pole vault was well handled by the two men from Penn. Berlinger was second at 13’ and John Gray had an excellent vault of 14’1”. He missed in his effort to break the all-time Negro record of 14’5”.

The discus and the javelin were won by Oxford-Cambridge, but F. Wyskiel of Cornell had an excellent toss of 193’6” for second place in the javelin, and G. Knapp threw the disc 131’ for 2nd place while Ward of Penn placed third at 127 feet.

Performances of Cornell-Penn Team:

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With this issue we make our only annual appeal for donations to the Spiked Shoe Society. Please give this appeal your earnest consideration.
MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAINS

With the coming of the dark, cold December days, we are reminded that the winter track season is upon us once again. The visions of a floodlit board oval, the clink of weights in Bacon Cage, the sound of the locker room (with the same old records on the jukebox), and the long walk through the darkness to the dorms or fraternities comes floating back from our memories of past years. Before toning up our aching muscles for another rigorous campaign, let us think for a few minutes of what we are trying to accomplish.

Last June we lost ten seniors who had composed the core of one of Cornell's greatest track squads. Loss of their great track abilities is bad enough, but have we also lost something more important—that he had never done so well. As it over his head—that he had never done so well. As it

So let's set our goals high and have the desire and courage to attain them—through rigorous training. If we will all do this, we cannot help but have a successful year.

Sincerely yours,
Chuck Hill, co-captain
Harvey Weissbard, co-captain

1958 VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY


In general, the team was not up to an adequate level of conditioning for this early meet. Marc Ein audi, a Sophomore, showed quite a lot of promise for future meets.

HARVARD—CORNELL

In its first Ivy League competition of the season the Big Red lost to Harvard by a score of 22 to 37 in a race run on the soft terrain of Cornell's golf course. This was the first time these two teams had met in dual cross-country competition.

First across the finish line was Harvard's R. Dyke Benjamin in 27:54. It was claimed that he ran away over his head—that he had never done so well. As it turned out, Benjamin kept on doing well; he never lost a dual race the rest of the season.

Arnie Cummins, the first Cornellian across, finished third in the race with a time of 28:59. He was followed by Chuck Hill and Nat Cravener in 29:32. At this juncture the Crimson put the meet on ice by placing five more men before Glenn Benjamin and Bob Einaudi of Cornell finished.

After an easy victory the preceding week, this meet marked an early turning point in the season for the Big Red squad, which found the going mighty rough the remainder of the season.

PENN STATE

On a cold, rainy afternoon the Cornell Varsity was beaten by a strong Penn State team, 14 to 42. In spite of the inclement conditions, Moran of Penn State was only 10 seconds off Mike Midler's course record of 27:27, set in 1955. Co-captain Chuck Hill stuck stubbornly to the leader and finally finished fourth to prevent a sweep by the visitors, in the good time of 28:27. Co-captain Nat Cravener and Arnie Cummins came in 7th and 8th followed by Glenn Benjamin and Ed Ignall in 11th and 12th. Many of the Cornell Harriers showed personal bests, yet the 2 minutes and 19 seconds which separated the first five men told the story. Penn State spread was only 53 seconds!

YALE

On October 18th, Cornell met defeat at the hands of Yale, 27 to 32. In this race, Cornell placed men in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th positions, but lacked adequate depth

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to round off the scoring. As a consequence Yale captured the next six places and the meet by five points.

Leading the Big Red attack was Chuck Hill in 2nd place (24:27) to Bachraeh of Yale (24:22.2). Hill was followed closely by Nate Cravener and Arnie Cummins. The Cornell scoring faltered. Not until Pete Brandeis crossed the line in 12th place was Cornell able to score. Marc Einaudi finished in 13th place. Glenn Benjamin tumbled while running the course and managed to finish 15th. Perhaps this bad break made the difference, as Benjamin had scored consistently in previous meets.

**SYRACUSE MEET**

In a contest of championship harrier teams at the University golf course on October 22, Cornell placed second with 43 points. Though hampered by soggy ground and rain, the Cornell varsity harriers showed marked improvement over the previous week.

Co-captain Chuck Hill, Cornell half-mile record holder, ran his best time ever and the best for Cornell this year—27:37, only ten seconds off the course record set by Mike Midler of last year’s Heptagonal champs. Co-captain Nat Cravener, last year’s outdoor Hep 2-mile champion, finished second for Cornell, and Arnie Cummins was third man in for the Big Red. Both men were also much improved over the previous week. Marco Einaudi and Dave Maurer finished up the scoring for the Big Red.

Ben Johns of Syracuse (the Orangemen finished second to last) won the race in an unbelievable 26:46, eclipsing Midler’s record of 27:37 by 51 seconds. The score of the meet: Cornell 43, Syracuse 18.

**MANHATTAN**

The Cornell Varsity Cross Country Team traveled to New York City on October 30 for a meet with Manhattan the following Saturday, on the Van Cortlandt Park course. Forming the nucleus of the team were the co-captains Nate Cravener and Chuck Hill with Arnie Cummins. Coming out on the end of a 41 to 20 loss was the direct result of running against the best cross-country team Manhattan has ever had. The Cornell team spread was the worst of the year; two minutes and twenty-seven seconds separated the first from the fifth runner and the five men averaged 27:16 for the five mile course.

Yet, there was a bright spot in this otherwise dark afternoon—Nate Cravener ran his best race of the year, finishing second to Manhattan’s Pete Beyer in 25:44. Manhattan’s win was assured by their placing the next three men in front of Cornell’s second, Arnie Cummins. Hill, not up to par, finished twelfth in 27:32. Other Cornell scorers were Pete Brandeis and Dave Maurer.

**1958 FRESHMAN CROSS COUNTRY**

The 1958 Cornell Freshman Harriers proved themselves the best in the East by coping Cornell’s second IC4A Freshman championship on November 17 (further details below.) The season went as follows:

**COLGATE MEET 23-53-58 At Colgate**


This meet was a triangular meet between Cornell-Colgate and LeMoyne College. Eric Groon placed 2nd to Joe Ryan of LeMoyne, both men broke the course record.

**HEPTAGONALS**

The 1958 Heptagonals Cross country Championship was won by an Army squad reminiscent of the West Point powerhouses that dominated the cross-country scene several years ago. All seven of their starting men finished among the first twenty. The individual winner of the race was R. Dyke Benjamin of Harvard, with a time of 25:11. Finishing sixth behind Yale, Navy, Harvard, and Brown, Cornell made its poorest showing yet in the Heptagonals.

However, the two co-captains, Nat Cravener and Chuck Hill, made excellent showings for Cornell. Cravener placed third in the race with a clocking of 25:27, which was one second faster than last year’s winning time. Hill finished 14th in 26:00; last year the 14th place time was barely under 27:00.

Rounding out the first five for Cornell were Arnie Cummins in 33rd place with 27:05, Marc Einaudi in 43rd with 27:37 and Jim Palmer in 51st. The sixth and seventh men for Cornell were Pete Brandeis and Dave Craver.

This year’s five-mile scampers proved no exception to the rule that cross country races are being run faster every year. It is true that the flu epidemic hampered some of the runners last year; however, the amazing overall improvement in the Heptas and the continuous establishment of new course records in dual meets this year point to the fact that the caliber of distance running is on the upgrade, especially in the Ivy League. No longer is the five-mile race regarded as some unfathomable distance to be plodded out; the accent is on the short, quick stride. It may not be long before a time of 25:00 at Van Cortlandt is strictly “also ran”.

**IC4A CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Cornell placed fifteenth in the IC4A Championships held November 17, out of approximately thirty teams in the race. Michigan State and Notre Dame took first and second in the team championship. Forddy Kennedy of Michigan State won the race for the second straight year. His brother Henry won it the two years before that.

Things weren’t all dark for the East, which was well represented by a superb third-place finish of Army, who had run away with the Heptagonals the week before. They were led by a junior, Dick Healey, a miler and 2-miler in track. Holy Cross’ Dick Donohue and St. John’s Pete Close also helped save face for the East by placing third and fourth, in the individual championships. Nat Cravener led the Cornell team, placing 36th in the field of almost 200 runners.
1958 IC4A FRESHMAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

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1958 FRESHMAN CROSS COUNTRY

Course record. Joel Heine 2nd; Eric Groon 3rd; John Munday 4th; Paul Deignan 6th; Bill Arnst, Jim McSweeney, Paul Raymond: Mike Adams and Pete Slater finished in that order.

Penn State Meet at Ithaca

Cornell won 26-31. Once again the Frosh defeated their opponents. Joel Heine in 2nd place was our 1st man in behind Steve Morehead of Penn State. Both men broke the course record. Paul Deignan was 4th; Ray Westendorp 5th. Bill Arnst 7th; John Munday 8th: McSweeney: Paul Raymond: Robt. Strahoda: Warren Weber finished in that order. Groon and Slater did not run. Mike Adams was also ill for the meet.

At Ithaca Syracuse Meet with Cornell again winning 21 to 40

In a pouring rain, Joel Heine placed 1st and again smashing the course record to 16:34.6 sec.; Eric Groon 3rd; Paul Diegnan 4th; Ray Westendorp 6th; John Munday 7th; Mike Adams; Jim McSweeney; Peter Slater; Warren Weber; Cris Coggeshall: Jim Lonsdowne finished respectively in that order for Cornell.

Cornell vs Kansas University in a Postal 2 mile run

Kansas won by one point. Cornell men placed 3rd; 4th; 6th; 7th; 8th; 11th and 13th. Eric Goon's 3rd place time of 9:43.4 set a new freshman record. The winner from Kansas ran 9:19.

Cornell in practice run vs LeMoyne College Frosh and Varsity

Cornell won 26 to 33. Heine 1st; Groon 4th; Westendorp 6th; Deignan 7th; Mike Adams 8th; John Munday 9th; Peter Slater 10th; Bill Arnst 11th; Jim McSweeney 12th and Warren Weber 16th.

Cornell vs Avon Old Farms Prep School

At Ithaca Cornell won, 18 to 45

Joel Heine 1st; Ray Westendorp 2nd; John Munday 4th; Eric Groon 5th; Paul Deignan 6th; Bill Arnst 7th; Mike Adams 8th; Warren Webber 9th; Jim McSweeney 12th; Pete Slater 13th.

FRESHMAN IC4A MEET

Cornell's next meet was the IC4A Championship for Freshmen in New York at VanCortland Park.

It is easy to see the difficulty of picking 7 men from this group, as the results show that in every meet most of the men moved up or were replaced by some one dropping off regular performance. However it was finally decided to run with the following men: Joel Heine; Eric Groon; John Munday; Ray Westendorp; Paul Deignan; Mike Adams; Bill Arnst. Only 7 men can run. Warren Weber went as alternate.

Cornell finished 1st with 94 points; St. Joseph 99; Dartmouth 133; Penn State 141; Syracuse 163; Manhattan 170; Villanova 198; NYU 215; Fordham 234; Princeton 242; West Chester 262; Rhode Island 297; St. Johns 363; Pennsylvania 375; Rutgers 423; Seton Hall 429; Columbia 454; Lincoln 460; Iona 463; Lehigh 463.

Cornell's first 5 men finished as follows: 4th place by Joel Heine; Eric Groon in 12th; Munday in 21st; Bill Arnst 31st; Paul Deignan 35th.

As can be seen by the absence of Westendorp, who had an off day, Cornell's well balanced team had men move up into important positions. This is the way this team ran all year. Big names or reputations did not faze them. They just kept trying to beat the teammate ahead of them.

With these men back and not in scholastic trouble Cornell's varsity should again be very good.
CORNELL TRACK PROSPECTS FOR 1959

The track team this year will bring many new faces in Cornell uniforms and many of them are inexperienced—it is a building up process after the wholesale graduation of last years Indoor and Outdoor Heptagonal Champions.

We were hit the hardest in the sprints with the loss of Roberson and McHugh; in the broad jump with the loss of Roberson, King and Knapp; in the high jump with King and Knapp gone; in the hammer and 35# weight throw with the loss of Heptagonal Champion Boguski; in the shot put by Garrett's graduation; in the 600 by Cadiz used up eligibility; in the Mile and two mile runs which Midler, Eckel and McCreary so capably handled. Other team members who graduated and earned their letter were: John Ingle, Bob Endries, Frank Wyskiel; Barry Thorp; Don Vichio. Left over are a few men that will have to assume the responsibility of carrying the burden and inspiring the new men trying out for the team.

They are: Co-Captain Chuck Hill, Cornell ½ mile record holder, who will have to double in the 880 or 1000 and the Mile and possibly run on 2 mile relay. Chuck will have to fill the big gap left by Mike Midler, Cornell's mile record holder.

Arnie Cummins regular 880 and 1000 yd. man last year.

Nate Cravener Heptagonal outdoor 2 mile champion, will have big shoes to fill in both mile and two mile runs.

Co-Captain Harvey Weisbord in the 440, 600 or the sprints and mile relay.

Dave Headley in the hurdles but will have to help in the jumps also.

Al Finch, pole vaulter, but he must get his scholastic difficulties straightened.

These gentlemen are the only letter men back from last year's team.

Squad men back who are looking good and should give us loads of help: Ronald Young in 35# weight throw and hammer. Ray Burton in the high hurdles. Albert Kaneb in the shot. Al has improved immensely over the Summer. Peter Eichorn and Ted Vogt look very good in the 440 and 600. Robert Einaudi in the distance runs.

Freshmen up from last year's team whom much will be expected from: John Murray in pole vault who is now approaching regularly. John Winter in high hurdles and high jump. Hugh Buckels in hurdles and middle distance runs. Murray Moulding in sprints and middle distances. Bernard Dannoy in the 35# weight throw. David Heinzelman middle distances. Marco Einaudi in the distance runs. Frank Brockman in the distance runs. Peter Brandies in the middle distance runs. George Ekstrom in the sprints. Jud Randall pole vault, could give us a 1-2-3 punch in the pole vault if he can remain free from scholastic trouble.

Bill O'Connor, jovial transfer from Melbourne, Australia, hammer thrower, is improving with the 35# weight everyday—his first experience with this event, could be a big surprise to our opponents.

Last year I said three all time Cornell records would be broken by the 1958 team. I was wrong—they broke five all time records. The mile, the 880, the high jump, the shot put and the 100 yard dash and the four mile relay.

I predict that two Cornell records will be broken this year at least in the 880 and the pole vault. Al Finch should go 14' or better.

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EXCERPTS FROM MR. KANE'S CONFIDENTIAL LETTER—JULY, 1958

Last time I accompanied the track team to England for the Oxford-Cambridge meet was in 1934 as a competitor. Seems to me things have changed only negligibly since then. The eye of this beholder is 24 years older, of course. We spent the following week in Ireland this time which was not on the itinerary in 1934. Perhaps my undergraduate traveling companions have an entirely different reaction but I wouldn't bet on it.

The team resided at Cambridge University for six days preceding the Oxford-Cambridge meet in London's White City stadium on June 14, just as we had in 1934. Even to this comparatively un pampered youngster at that time accommodations were unbelievably austere. They are no different in 1958. But twenty-four years later he found himself considerably less malleable, not nearly so bouncy. He found deprivation of the creature comforts the ordinary man takes for granted in this country just a little tough to take. Especially when it is so easy to avoid such discomforts merely by staying home. But how could one know better than he knew before what we have in this bountiful country of ours if he had not gone? How could he and his Cornell traveling mates appreciate as never before—and they do—the magnificent facilities at Cornell? Traveling is educational all right. I'll bet you the fellow who wrote Home Sweet Home just came back from such a trip.

Upon my arrival in Cambridge I was informed with some pride and ceremony that I was to receive red carpet treatment as director of the Cornell-Penn group. Unlike the other ordinary folk my room at Clare College (est. 1326) had a private bath—and a shower. What they neglected to say was that my bedroom (bed room is just about what there was) used to put out wrapping paper for the butcher shops through his teeth.

It was cold and it rained every day but two in the 15 days of our safari. Fortunately one of the two dry days was June 14, the day of the Oxford-Cambridge meet at White City. The English, not entirely unexpectedly, defeated Cornell-Penn, 9-6. Only first places count. You cannot win a track meet winning only two running events. Dave Heasley and Irv Roberson won the high and low hurdles events for the

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only two victories on the track. Dave won in 0:51.1, the same time his father, Walter Heasley '30, made in winning the same event in 1930 when he defeated the 1932 Olympic 400 meter hurdles champion, Robert R. N. Tisdale of Cambridge.

A shock was Roberson's defeat in the 100 yards on the wet track in 10 flat by J. R. C. Young of Oxford. (A fellow with only two initials once came out for track at Oxford and they put him in the stocks until he wised up.) Young's victory is not so hard to believe now, however, as he ran 0:09.6 last Saturday at one of the trial meets for the British Empire Games; second man in English history to run that fast.

The British are tough competitors. They go around grandly puffing on cigarettes, chatting about the inconsequentiality of it all, expressing pity for their poor chances against the richly endowed athletes "from the States," and then they beat your brains out. They are better than we are in the middle distance and distance men run 100 miles or more a day.

I've been around enough to learn that the English are a durable, proudful people. They don't subdue easily in anything. During our stay there was a bus strike. It lasted 17 days and 6 million dollars went down the drain. The strikers did not win because the British public did not believe their demands were fair. So they walked, improvised car pools, and then there was a bus strike. It lasted 17 days and 6 million dollars went down the drain. The strikers did not win because the British public did not believe their demands were fair. So they walked, improvised car pools, adjusted nicely. Thus the government-owned bus authority policy will be relatively unchanged and there will be no rise in the fare.

Two of our best performances in the Oxford-Cambridge meet came in losing races. Mike Midler '58 ran 4:11.0 in the mile, a new Cornell record, in taking third to J. R. M. Winch of Oxford who ran 4:06.1. It was a new meet record, beating the 4:07.6 set in 1933 by Jack Lovelock when this was a world's record but it received only restrained applause from an audience used to sub-four minute miles. Midler's 4:11.0 beat the 4:14.4 set by John Paul Jones '13 in 1913. There were two official watches on second place. One caught Mike in 4:11, the other in 4:10.9. The other fine losing performance was by Chuck Hill '59 who tied the Cornell record of 1:52.4 in taking second to D. I. B. Smith, a New Zealander at Oxford, who ran a sparkling 1:50.1, also a meet record.

Irv Roberson and his 24 feet 10 1/2" in the broad jump and Penn's John Gray with his 14 feet 1 inch pole vault were received with great acclaim by the crowd. It was the second best broad jump ever made at White City and the 14 foot vault was higher than any Englishman has ever made.

Having left the campus in the immediate wake of the most disgraceful student episode in the history of Cornell University we were more than casually interested in two incidents which happened soon after our arrival. They occurred simultaneously on the Oxford and Cambridge campuses during their May Week — pre-graduation festivities — which, typically, take place during the last two weeks in June and continue 10 days. These two incidents were in the nature of student pranks, one gay and imaginative, the other thoughtless and cruel.

At Cambridge the populace woke up on Monday morning, June 9, to the astonishing sight of an automobile straddled over the roof parapet of the Senate House, a large Georgian structure three stories high, which serves the same function as our City Hall. It created deserved and laughing attention from just about everybody in the city of 80,000. The police enjoyed it just as much as any one and the constabulary took an awful lot of good-natured ribbing about it too. There was, of course, an endless amount of speculation as to how it possibly could have been put there.

The answer came out a couple of days later. The Cambridge boys had taken an old Austin car hulk, took it apart, transported it bit by bit from an adjoining roof to the roof of the city hall and in the dead of night bolted it back together for display just as the girls arrived for the May Week celebration. The culprits were not discovered nor was anyone concerned about meting out punishment. The police left the car there five days. It was good fun.

The other incident resulted in immediate expulsion from Trinity College, Oxford, of one Viscount Encombe, tall, bearded heir of the Earl of Eldon, for shooting a deer from the herd of the college zoo. He and friends then roasted the deer and had a barbecue on the banks of the Cherwell River. He was given a summary notice to pick up his pet snake and get out. "It's only in this socialist age one gets sent down for such a thing," shouted the Viscount as he strode off with his snake wrapped around his shoulders.

We arrived in Dublin in the rain, stayed a week in the rain, and it was raining when we left. No wonder Ireland is green. And no wonder they drink a lot of whiskey—to keep warm.

I never owned an umbrella before. I bought one. I also bought a heavy wool sweater and a wool vest— in self defense. And I used all three every day.

We had a two-day meet planned in Dublin for Tuesday and Wednesday. Without letting us know it was postponed until Wednesday and Thursday because the great Irish runner from Villanova, Ron Delany, was coming home to Dublin to run in the meet and wanted another day of rest. Also without telling us an affair was planned on Tuesday at a city named Drogheda (pronounced Drah-huh-da), about 30 miles away and it was represented as an exhibition meet. Because the boys were concerned about their competitions in Dublin the next two days and Belfast the following two only ten boys went. It was by far the most heartwarming and satisfying of all our experiences. Drogheda is a manufacturing city and there had been no recreational program for the youngsters until a young priest, named Father Kevin Conery, came on the scene. A former Irish sprint champion and Gaelic football star, this handsome and engaging young fellow had been trying to get the boys interested in sports. He improvised a grass track and runways on the town's football field. He had been planning the big event with the American performers for weeks and no one had even prepared us for it. I shall always be grateful to John Gray, Carl Shine, Barney Berlinger, Irv Daridik, and Charley Ward of Penn and Irv Roberson, Dave Heasley, Roger Garrett, Earl McHugh, and Frank Wyskiel of Cornell for taking on this extra, short notice venture.

The kids came out in droves. They descended on our boys like locusts. It was a beautiful evening—the only one we had—and a big crowd came out to watch. The charge was one shilling (14e), "Looks as though you made out all right, Father," I remarked after the meet.

"God help us, we did. We took in over a 100 pounds (pounds)," he replied, with his dazzling smile, "but your boys did more convincin' than I could have done in a hoondred years."

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Yes, our boys really put on a show. Competing against a few youngsters of high school age Irv Roberson had a broad jump of 25 feet 2 inches and won the 100 and 220; John Gray pole vaulted 13 feet 6; Carl Shine put the shot 55 feet 6. Dragheda may never see as good again.

Having heard they were to give us a souvenir product from one of their leading industries, old curiosity shop here had to ask one of the Irishers handy, “Say, what is your leading product here in Dragheda?”

I was properly stunned when he answered “cement.”

Luckily for our allowable baggage allowance they also weave linen and we were given some handsome linen luncheon sets for souvenirs.

For the big meet in Dublin the rain ruined the crowd. Thursday’s meeting was postponed in characteristically capricious style because the weather man warned of continued rain and that was the night Delany was to run. It was postponed until Friday (and Thursday evening turned out not bad at all). On Friday and Saturday we were scheduled to run at Belfast, in Northern Ireland. Civil war, always rumbling between these two old enemies, almost broke out in full force when Dublin’s Billy Morton asked to divide our team between the two cities for Friday.

An acceptable but reluctantly reached compromise was negotiated in which your correspondent risked his neck in the cross-fire. Two days of pelting rain followed. The track and runways at Belfast were laid on grass and it was a sponge. John King put on an astonishing performance on this surface by clearing six feet 4 inches in the high jump in his bare feet. He sank in so deeply in his shoes he could not run.

Dublin’s Irish Independent headline of the Dublin meet: “Roberson’s Treble at Santry—Great Long Jump”. And in the story, “What a beautiful athlete is Roberson. His hurdling over the low obstacles was a delightful example of rhythm and grace at speed.”

“Seldom can there have been more miserable conditions. The skies wept copiously and before the end of the meeting the center of the arena was a morass and the encircling track was dotted all around with large pools, but there were many performances of remarkable high standard from the Cornell University team.” Roberson jumped 24 feet 10 and won the 100 and 220 low hurdles.

Belfast papers headlined: “Barefooted John’s Great Jump in Worst Conditions”, and “Barefoot High Jump Steals the Show”. And in the stories: “John King, giant Cornell University high jumper, triumphed magnificently over the weather conditions. It was all fantastic, the weather and the tremendous 6 feet 4 inches of the Cornell man, who was the only competitor to master the treacherous conditions.”

Our last day, Sunday, June 22, there was a meet planned at Black Rock, a coast town on the Irish Sea. It was a bad day at Black Rock. The rain washed out the meet altogether.

Our boys took everything in their stride—rain, postponements, changes in schedule. They accepted defeats in good grace, victories the same way. There were no prima donnas on this Cornell-Penn track team. They were ingratiating and well-received envoys.

Certainly the weather was horrendous, and certainly there were deprivations of the luxuries we ordinarily live with. But with all the money in the world the boys could not have had a better time. And unless they become kings, ambassadors, or movie stars, no amount of money will ever buy for them the gracious and warm receptions they received every place.

The banquet after the Oxford-Cambridge meet was a delightful affair at the famous Dorchester Hotel in London. Rt. Hon. Philip M. Noel Baker, former British Olympic runner and member of Parliament, was the main speaker. Sir William A. Carr, owner and publisher of News of the World, England’s newspaper with largest Sunday circulation, was the master of ceremonies.

In Dublin the Prime Minister, Eamon deValera, had us over to his office for a reception. This was the most inspiring experience of the trip. Mr. deValera has a dignity and quiet power which is almost overpowering. His awesome presence created an unbelievable hush in our group. Unbelievable because many of the boys had no conception until afterwards of his background and his courageous and fiery leadership over this beleaguered little isle for 40 years. Almost totally blind now and 76 years of age, he is still mountains over the nearest Eirean political leader in prestige, ability, and popularity. This desperate little country’s population has gone from 10 million to 3 million in the past 100 years. Without deValera it will be in deeper trouble.

Ireland is a beautiful and fascinating place. It is colorful and fragrant with its darkly brown peat and the omnipresent green of the fields set off brilliantly by the most luxurious, multi-colored rhododendrums, both wild and cultivated, seen any place in the world. Every house and cottage has at least a small flower garden. And is there anything more homey looking than a scrubbed white, thatched roof Irish cottage? The landscape seems almost untouched, unravaged. Things are primitive to be sure. But the hospitality makes you almost forget it.

It was pleasant to meet the prime minister, the lord mayors, and all the other brass. But I shall always remember—and I’ll bet the boys will too—our hosts in Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Shamus O’Kennedy and their radiant bright and personable 12-year-old daughter, Mary Louise Geraldine O’Kennedy. And Billy Morton, the disorganized, whimsical, thoughtful, irrepressible and dynamic little leprechaun who runs the Irish Amateur Athletic Association in Eire; Father Kevin Conerly, and the friendly, charming Irish people. They like Americans and they are not jealous of them nor have they reason to feel patronized and bitter because we shower money and machines on them. Because we don’t.

Cornell fared well on this trip. Cornell is a name better known, particularly in the English speaking countries of Europe, because of this trip and the ones in the past. Coming on top of our great showing in the Henley Regatta last year Cornell has become a familiar and popular name.