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IRISH FINAL

1. The Hist. 2. The Phil.

THE College Historical Society has won the All-Ireland Debating Shield for the second year in succession. On Tuesday in Queen's, their team of Connolly, Cole and Ben Udenze, the Auditor, defeated six teams who were competing for the right to represent Ireland in the British semi-final at North Staffs.

A surprisingly small audience saw U.C.D. 'A' and 'B,' Galway, the Hist., the Phil., Queen's and Stranmillis fight out the debate on the motion "that Public censure should be the only censor."

In this very keen struggle, the Hist. were worthy winners, while the University Philosophical Society took second place, with U.C.D. 'A' third.

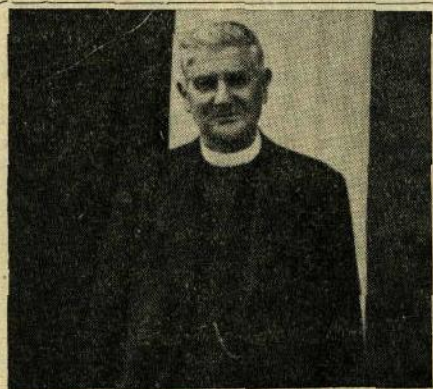
The following report was written for "Trinity News" by Rev. R. D. F. Kimmitt, who was in last year's Television final.

A miserably small attendance robbed the final of atmosphere and, to a large extent, excitement. Yet this cannot detract from the performance of the winner. Mr. Cole's cultured urbanity, no longer marred by over-cleverness or distracting gesture, is of priceless value in such a competition. His, indeed, was a brilliant speech, fixed as he was by a "cold" and uninspiring audience. Mr. Ben Udenze, too, has the quality of bringing interest from his hearers, and despite his too generalised approach and a lack of variety in his over-histrionic delivery, he undoubtedly rose to new stature on this occasion.

The rest of the teams failed because they could not fulfil the major requirement of this competition of having two speakers of more than ordinary ability. Nevertheless, the "Phil" pair and that labelled U.C.D. 'A' ran the winner extremely close, and in Kevan Johnson and Myles McSweeney each had a speaker of the highest calibre. Indeed, how the local judges preferred Mr. Julian Russell of Queen's as the best individual performer must remain a mystery. Undoubtedly had not a Trinity team already been chosen to go forward to the national semi-final, Mr. Johnson must have been chosen as best individual speaker. Provocative, witty, armed with the best argument of the evening, his was the perfect final speech to a debate. The decision against him was incredible.

But, at the last, one must return to the default of the host University: lack

of publicity, faulty preparation—these came near ruining what should have been a most lively debate. To the "Hist" team all credit; Messrs. Cole and Udenze may well prove to be the team to succeed in front of the T.V. cameras and the millions where, at the last, their predecessors from the same society failed.



Dr. J. E. L. OULTON

An Obituary appears on page 2

A PRACTICAL HELP

Most of us gave financial support to the stricken people of Hungary. Many of us would have liked to have done something practical to help that brave country. Few had the opportunity, but one Trinity student who did has recently returned to Dublin with a very interesting and moving story to tell. This will appear in full in our next issue.

"... Having been turned down by the British Red Cross, we decided to go independently," writes Liz. Horn. She goes on to describe the conditions which she found there and of the refugees... they seldom had less than 18 miles to walk through water and mud, and sometimes they had as much as 50 miles."

Miss Horn tells of stories of great heroism, of the help given by the German Knights of Malta, and students who risked their lives. We are privileged to publish the story.

APPEAL IGNORED

INQUIRIES have been carried out by "Trinity News" on the results of the appeal made last week through our advertising columns by the National Children's Hospital of Harcourt Street where volunteer workers are required to help in the out-patients' department one hour each week.

When interviewed, the House Governor, Colonel Learmond, said that the hospital was faced with rising costs and staff difficulties, and the refreshment services offered to the general public in the out-patients' department might have to be discontinued.

Miss Gillian Michael, Chairman of the Sociological Society, said that, contrary to popular belief, social science students

have a lot of work to do, and especially in the mornings. When asked if anyone was likely to go up to the hospital, she replied that it was doubtful, unless there was pressure from above, i.e., lecturers.

We feel that this appeal is most worthy of support and strongly urge undergraduates to offer their services immediately.

NO VISA FOR AMBASSADOR

Last Minute Withdrawal from Inaugural

The Polish Ambassador in London, Mr. E. J. Milnikiel, had to cancel his visit to Dublin to address the Inaugural of the Association for International Affairs, to be held to-morrow evening, owing to the refusal of the Irish Embassy in London to grant him a visa. It is understood that the reason for the refusal is the fact that Ireland does not recognise the Government of Poland and she is one of the five countries who have diplomatic relations with the exiled Government in London.

There are rumours that the decision not to grant the visa was taken at a Ministerial level. Mr. C. A. David, Chairman, who will be delivering his inaugural address, "Moral Pact," to the meeting, refused to comment on the news, but he did not think that the delay in finding a Chairman had anything to do with that. It is understood that Mr. David's step to invite the Ambassador was taken owing to the good relations between the Catholic Church and the State since Gomulka came back to power.

In spite of the absence of the views from a country which has been very much in the news lately, the meeting promises to be of great interest, especially since there will be on the platform Mr. W. T. Cosgrave, the Irish Premier from 1922-32. The other speakers are Mr. Séan MacBride and Mr. Ernest Blythe, ex-Minister for Finance and Director of the Abbey Theatre. Mr. Blythe is an anti-I.R.A. Protestant Nationalist from the North of Ireland. The chair will be taken by Professor E. A. Crawford.

with the most progressive ideas in the legislature. They have not hesitated to speak up when others were not prepared to express their opinions, but it is with educational and academic subjects that their names have been prominent in the House.

Professor W. R. Fearon, S.F.T.C.D., holds the chair of Biochemistry and has had a distinguished career both in College and outside. He is among other things an ex-Scholar, Senior Moderator, a Gold Medalist, Science Exhibition, Emmanuel College, Cambridge; Purser Medalist, Gold Medalist of the Phil., Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, Member of the Royal Irish Academy, etc., etc. He has been a member of the Senate for the past 13 years.

Professor W. B. Stanford, Regius Professor of Greek, F.T.C.D., has been sitting in the Senate since 1948. He was made a Fellow at the age of 24, and was appointed to the Regius Professorship at the age of 30. He has had a very distinguished career in College. Last summer he distinguished himself as an Irish representative at the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Vienna. Professor Stanford is a Member of the Royal Irish Academy. He is married and has two daughters and two sons, the eldest daughter being in College.

Dr. O. Sheehy Skeffington is Reader in French and a very colourful personality. He is a sometime scholar of the House (1929) and a Gold Medalist in Oratory of the College Historical Society, and one of the Society's Vice-Presidents. Dr. Skeffington has served on the board of Governors of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital since 1942, and is one of the Governors of Sandford Park School. His wife is French and he has two sons and one daughter.

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A Tribute

We respectfully pay our humble tribute to the work which Rev. Dr. Oulton accomplished since he came to Trinity. As a scholar, classicist and Theologian, he commanded the respect of the academic world. As the Regius Professor he was beloved by all his students. As the don who would take his turn in buffet queues, recognising in sincere friendship students of all faculties, he was the personification of Christian humility. We shall all miss him.

No Support

Not since the Irish Debating Competition began has such a small audience been seen at the final. University College, Dublin, was the venue on each previous occasion when no less than three hundred students attended. Rightly, the I.S.A. thought other Universities should be given the chance to put on the final, but they must now realise that they have a part to play in the organisation of not only this, but all other student activities. A concerted effort on behalf of the I.S.A. Committee could give the necessary publicity which was so sadly lacking both on Tuesday and in the preliminary rounds of the competition.

An Innovation

It makes a happy change to have a good report regarding food. The Scholars' Committee are to be commended on the speed on which they have secured the introduction of the new mechanism in the kitchens. For a long time now, this Committee has endeavoured to introduce chips to Commons and Buffet. This innovation, made last week, was a complete success, due, perhaps in part, to the very liberal allowance given.

No Change

Last week we expected a change in S.R.C. policy. Well, there has not been a change. The office is closed. The battle for leadership is renewed. If this stalemate persists it may well be that even the small representation which the Council possess will disappear. Once more, then. Let us see a War Council.

The Editorial Board do not accept any responsibility for views expressed by correspondents. All copy intended for publication must be accompanied by the name of the contributor even if this is not for publication. Trinity News welcomes news items, correspondence and articles, which should be sent to TRINITY NEWS, 3 TRINITY COLLEGE. All such items should be typed, or written legibly, on one side of the paper only. For advertising space in this newspaper apply the Advertising Manager, TRINITY NEWS, 3 TRINITY COLLEGE. Photographs taken by the Staff Photographer may be obtained post free from THE PHOTOGRAPHER, TRINITY NEWS, 3 TRINITY COLLEGE.

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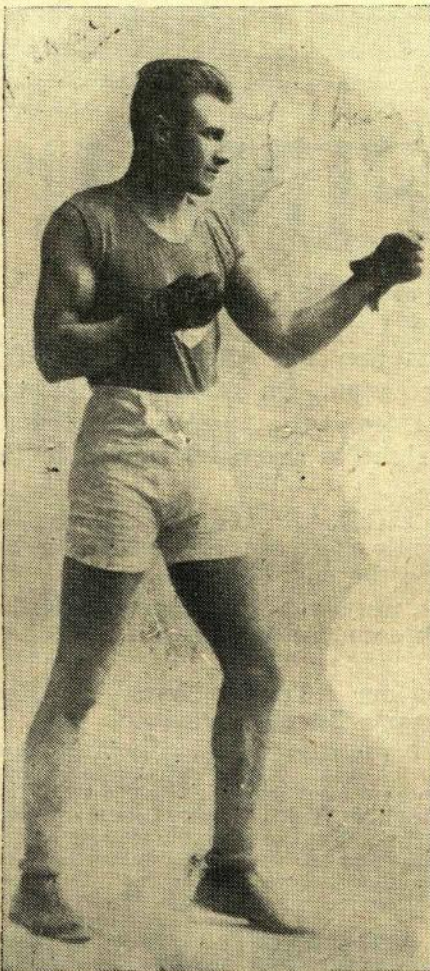
Night Watchman and Ex-Champion

Jack Chase, the greatest Irish middleweight boxer of all time, came to College last May to take up the position of night-watchman. A Dubliner, born in 1905, he took up boxing in the Army at the age of eighteen, and from 1926 to 1932 was undefeated middleweight champion of Ireland.

Depending upon his cleverness and quickness in the ring, he was not so much a "fighter" as a skilful exponent of the science of the game. In his eleven years of boxing he records only one knock-out which he modestly puts down to luck. A member of the Garda team, at the time when it was most powerful, Mr. Chase has fought in almost every capital of Europe. In the 1928 Olympic Games at Amsterdam he reached the quarter-finals, and in 1930 was narrowly beaten on points by Fred Mallin in the A.B.A. tournaments. In the same year he and his friend, the famous Matt Flanagan, created a sensation by being the first Irishmen to win the much-coveted three-bout Golden Gloves contest held at Boston. During his tour of the U.S.A. he was given the opportunity of turning professional, but declined, because he loved boxing as a sport and not for the fame or possible wealth it could bring him. Until his retirement from the game in 1936 he tells that he never regretted a minute of his career; and that any blackguards he came across in it were few and far between. "It's a good, clean sport," he says, "and the boys in it are a fine lot of chaps."

A thoughtful-looking man with kindly eyes, he never boasts of his seven titles and innumerable trophies. On his lonely patrol of College at night he is always ready to have a friendly chat with anyone he should happen to meet and who is not, of course, bent upon mischief.

The feats of Jack Chase during the hey-day of Irish boxing, glorious as they



were, are now virtually forgotten save by his own generation.

As is often the sad fate of great sportsmen, he is, typically, "the hero of the hour." It is at the same time a pleasure and a privilege to be able to relate again the highlights of this famous man's life.

GODFREY DAY LECTURE

The Archbishop of Dublin was in the chair when, before a packed audience in the G.M.B. on Tuesday, the Rev. Canon M. A. C. Warren delivered the first of his Godfrey Day Memorial lectures under the general title "The Contemporary Struggle for Power." This lecture, subtitled "The New Balance of Power," showed clearly the problems faced by western civilisation in its contact with Africa and Asia. This contemporary struggle is intimately connected with Christian missionary work. Evasion of

the problems of man's power, given by God, lies at the heart of historical misinterpretation. Nineteenth century imperialism has given rise to Asian and African nationalism, and the failure of imperialism was followed by the revolt of Africa and Asia against all things western. Yet as well as this new national self-consciousness there is still the aspiration for western material improvement. For this reason the west fears Russia, since the mind of Africa and Asia is quite ready to put new meanings to western vocabulary.

OBITUARY:

JOHN ERNEST LEONARD OULTON

We meet in this Cathedral to-day under the shadow of a great loss, a loss which is felt not only in St. Patrick's but throughout the length and breadth of the Church; for yesterday the Rev. John Ernest Leonard Oulton, Doctor of Divinity, Chancellor of St. Patrick's, Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Dublin, member of the Royal Irish Academy, was called to his rest and with his passing the Church on earth has lost one of her most gifted sons.

In 1931 he became Archbishop King's Professor of Divinity and in 1935 he succeeded Dr. Newport White as Regius Professor and held that office until his death.

His death has come so suddenly that we are all stunned and shaken by it and find it difficult to collect our thoughts; but on all sides there is awareness that the Church has suffered an irreparable loss, for Leonard Oulton had served here with complete selflessness in innumerable capacities. As a parochial clergyman, as a preacher, as a thinker, as a teacher, as a writer, as a member of a board or committee, in every sphere his work was of the highest order, and his contribution of the greatest value.

We rightly admired his scholarship, of which works such as the "Ecclesiastical History of Eusebius," or "Holy Communion and Holy Spirit," or "Alexandrian Christianity" gave evidence, but we admired even more his simplicity and modesty and we knew that in his company we were in the presence of a good man.

Looking back over those years and trying to gather together, at short notice, my impressions of him not only

as a scholar but as a man, three things seem to me to be outstanding. First, there was his many-sidedness. His range of sympathies was wide and few things human were alien to him—cricket, rugby football, music, literature—in all these he took a real interest. He went to England for the Test matches; he was a member of the College Choral; he would enliven the conversation with an apt quotation. And not the least of his attractive qualities was his sense of humour.

Secondly, there was his single-mindedness. One could not fail to be struck by his intellectual honesty. There were no rash conclusions, no hasty judgments, there was no shirking of difficulties. He spoke with authority, but it was the authority of one who had made himself master of his subject.

Lastly, I think of his kindness. Many times through many years he helped me in matters small and great. It might be to preach or take a service or give Holy Week addresses; or it might be to advise and help in a time of great trouble or strain. At such times he was always at one's service and nothing could exceed his wisdom and kindness. I am sure when I say this I am speaking for many throughout our Church.

So to-day, though there is sorrow in our hearts, we humbly thank God for all He has accomplished through the devoted life of his servant—Leonard Oulton—and where could we join thanks better than at the Holy Communion where we draw near to Our Lord and to those who rest in Him?

(Sermon preached in St. Patrick's Cathedral by Rev. Canon R. G. F. Jenkins, B.D., on Sunday, 3rd February, 1957).

College

Observed

Polish Stew

THE proposed visit to Trinity this week of the Polish Ambassador to Great Britain would have been extremely interesting. The representative in London of the new régime, Mr. Milnikiel, would have had quite a lot to say about recent developments in his own country. Unfortunately, he has not been granted a visa by the Irish Government (see page 1). This is not the only setback that Mr. C. A. David, Chairman of the International Affairs, has had. He already experienced some difficulty in finding a chairman for his meeting, but now Professor Crawford has accepted to fill this office and will take the chair at 8.15 p.m. to-morrow. Another Pole, General Anders, one of the most prominent of Poles in exile, will speak to the Association later in the term, while Jan Kaminski will address a meeting of Polish students shortly.

At Home and Abroad

THERE is a general complaint in College at present that things are very quiet. Due partly to Dr. McDowell's efficiency, partly to the night-watchman (see Profile) and partly to the fact that the Cromwell Club has become Senior Fresh, peace has descended, and so it is encouraging to hear that some of us can still shed our inhibitions when outside the hallowed walls. Besides playing two fine matches, and having a good time generally, the Rugby Club seems to have had some interesting encounters with the Law. Rumours are circulating that police removed two inverted Belisha Beacons from under Peter Dowse's bed in the early hours of the morning, while Jack Kirwan was seen vanishing into the mists on a lady's bicycle, the minions of the law in hot pursuit.

Good Knight

SPEAKING of sport, reminds me that the Knights of the Campanile are showing signs of life again. The Knights have not been very active for the past two or three years, and no new elections have been announced for some time. Composed of Trinity's most prominent sportsmen, the President, by tradition, is the Captain of the Rugby Club. Graham Taylor, this year's President, told us that it is planned to revive the famous breakfasts. The first will be given when the Oxford team are over. As a point of interest, one of the main elements of the Knights' breakfast, is a nutritious black beverage, brewed in St. James' Gate.

Uncut Prices

The topic of food and the inner man are always of interest to the undergraduate. Already "Trinity News" has reported the coming of the chip machine (shades of H. G. Wells), and "T.C.D." has commented (unfavourably) on Commons, but as yet no one has delved into the mysteries of Co-op. While a full-scale price war is taking place outside College, and housewives generally are profiting, prices in Co-op. are still high. Eggs, butter, tea are all dearer by 6d. or more than prices in shops in town. Perhaps we need a Fair Trades Commission of our own.

Thursday Play

THE first Thursday play for some time will be presented next week. Scheduled for last term, it was impossible to present it then, due to the success of the major production, "The Enchanted." A farce by Terence Rattigan, "Harlequinade," promises to be good value for a bob, tea included. Players major production this term, "Blood Wedding," is already being rehearsed; stage managers and assistants are still needed, so anyone who is interested should contact John Jay, at Players' Theatre. David Nowlan, who is producing the Revue this year, will welcome sketches and other material, so all you would-be Noel Cowards can get busy.

Overheard at the Dixon

Sweet young thing: "I nearly fainted when the boy I was out with last night asked me for a kiss."

Hardened Senior Sophister: "Darling, you're going to die when you hear what I've got to say!"

Tony Lumpkin.

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Now this one should be easy. Let us have your solutions.

Clues

- Down:**
 1. A final "D" and its magic.
 2. A rugby position without the fraction.
 3. Not played in Trinity.
 4. An apparent plural negative.

- Down:**
 1. Seven is missing from the series.
 2.
 3.
 4.

(Answer Next Week).

The Castaway

The first of a series of three special meetings planned for this term by the Christian Union was held in the G.M.B. on Friday evening under the chairmanship of Mr. T. F. Callan. Rev. E. M. Neill, M.A., of Crinken, Bray, gave a very stimulating address entitled "The Castaway."

Using as his text the words of Mordecai to the Queen from the Book of Esther, Mr. Neill said: "Although Esther had the opportunity to help, the Jews could be delivered by some other means. Similarly, we have the opportunity to serve, yet God can manage without us. God wants us but doesn't absolutely need us."

"Mordecai said that Esther may have come to her position to be able to intercede for the Jews," Mr. Neill continued. "Similarly, we depend on identification with God's cause. His cause affords a most glorious opportunity for the fulfilment of a life's ideal."

"Esther had to take a great risk. Likewise, God's cause involves a tremendous cost. We must conform to His will and agree to His conditions. God's conditions are repentance, and renunciation of self."

Mr. Neill concluded: "Christ supplied all our needs when He died on the Cross and rose again and therefore we should serve Him humbly."

S.C.M.

At the A.G.M. on Tuesday the following officers were elected: Chairman, Miss Janet Smiley; Committee: Misses Anne Douglas, Joan Lloyd and Alison Webb, with Messrs. Adam Jones, David Kerr, Moses Makinde, Mike Middleton, Noel Scott and Denzil Stewart.

F * O * C * U * S

Front Square, once called Parliament Square for reasons which don't concern us at the present, hides behind its austere grey walls a veritable hive of activity for anyone prepared to linger a while—and most of us are, even if it's only to view the talent. Enhanced by the presence of the Campanile, the Square is well known as the favourite hunting ground of Dr. McDowell oscillating between No. 9 and New Square—that is, when he isn't oscillating between the Reading Room, the Catalogue Room and the Bursar's Office, but that's another story!

No. 2 offers us an interesting mixture of Bob Barton's Photographic Society and Dick Skerritt's Bog-men (delighted, incidentally, to hear that although playing a game of love and chance, Dick still remains faithful to his fungoid facial!)

Gone, however, are the days when Meryl Gourley used to cook her steak and chips on the gas ring of the Photographic Society's dark room. Did Charlie Cooke frighten her away?

No. 2 shelters Duncan Forson and the backroom boys. There's usually something about the slow-up there! (??) We all know what No. 4 is—and we

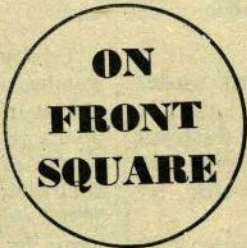
don't mean Billy Seeds who lives in the attic (is there a connection?)

Wending our way over to Number 6 we pause to view the fair sex at closer range, but on being swamped by a flood of females hurrying to their 11 o'clock lecture, we have to fight our way through—glimpsing Frances Gibbs' duffle-coat-with-a-difference as she meanders past.

Across now to the middle of Front Square, where we see the old lags ambling aimlessly around. Perhaps we may catch sight of Botros Hanna, Botros faithfully making his way to the Bursar's Office to discover whether he has made the grade or not. Or indeed watch the sultry progress of snake-hips Nimmons ("Coli" to his friends) slinking into the Reading Room.

And look, girls! Here comes Idol of the Medical School, Mr. Swanwick! Anatomy is his strong point. I guess we gotta be prominent in something!

In conclusion, may we leave you with a thought for the week? Did you know that in 1917 a convention which was held in Regent House (overlooking Front Square) ended in an abortive attempt to form a government? Representative life hasn't changed much in College since then—has it?



GET IT OFF YOUR CHEST

"APATHETIC TRINITY" — the old epithet is heard again. But this time with a difference. For in the first complaint I received last week, my correspondent moans of Trinity's indifference to world politics. "Genuine firebrand" Socialists and/or Marxists are regrettably absent, it is claimed.

Our correspondent has written down a few items "to get them off his chest." It may well be that readers, too, have a grouse or an axe to grind. Send them to the Features Editor and we'll put them into print.

Yet rather than these I think most of us would prefer the prevalent "liberal conservatism" (each of us presumably interpreting that as best we are able); and prefer that not through disinterest but through an attempt to counteract and to stabilise the tendencies of our time. In an age of pseudo-politicians frothing with self-centred party policies; an age of hustle and bustle, drunk with its greed for temporal power, are we also to indulge our weaker ways? No, let Trinity and her societies remain sober.

THE ELEMENTS, as I write, are threatening even our apparent security, even the vacuum of Trinity at the hub of the city. Many results of the gales can, of course, be regarded with

sympathy; the speedy work of those engaged in repairs appreciated and general hindrances overlooked. The all-round ebb of electrical current, the obstruction of a fallen tree across the road on the north side of College Park, the swollen floor in one of the squash courts from rain supposedly, even puddles in top floor College rooms—all are quite excusable with such inclement weather as ours.

Not so many similar but more frequent occurrences. Quite recently, accidents necessitating stitches for their victims have happened on College staircases; no wonder when we are restricted to one light on every other landing. All so ridiculous when the extra expense involved in using another two per house could be defrayed by switching off all of them during the day-time, now seldom done. Many men have complained to me that what male residents in a grey-stone university have to abide is quite deplorable. Not only on stairways but also outside bulbs are often missing. Frequently there is no toilet paper to be found: usually at week-ends at that—why? because the cleaner is insufficiently supplied by the Chief Steward. And inertia in the Clerk of Works office is only too well known; or is it shortage of men, in which case why not employ some more from the hungry masses without work? Oh dear; no cash, sorry!

Few of our correspondents go as far as demanding "hot and cold running" in rooms, but surely these other simple matters might be remedied.

"Nedyob."

Highlights in brief

For the third year in succession, Glasgow University will be in the national semi-final of the "Observer" Debating Competition. They have won the mace twice and the individual awards on both occasions. In each case, as with this year, their representatives will make their debut in the event.

Most national newspapers gave prominence to the news of a new invention which will enable oil to be towed by most shipping sailing around the Cape. What they did not say was that the story had been "scooped" by the Cambridge University newspaper, "Varsity," which also produced full photographs. The Editor of that paper was featured on television.

The "Rock n' Roll" craze appears to have spread to Exeter University. This form of entertainment has caught on to such an extent that the College dance band has decided to change its signature tune. The new title? "Thy tiny hand is real cool."

It is reported from Manchester that the authorities are considering a proposed plan to let out Alsatian dogs in the grounds of the Women's Hall of Residence. The object is to impose a curfew on those who take too long to say good-night.

Poetic Talent?

The Mod. Lang. Committee showed refreshing originality last Tuesday in its first general meeting of term. Meryl Gourley opened the programme with four short pieces by Anne Cluysenaar — two from her cycle, "Spring, 1956"; Edward Dorall offered love poems and an "Icarus" piece—"Caliban" by Duncan Forson. Kate Lucy sang two charming songs to her guitar, and read six poems; Brian Osman provided one short work, "The Trial," and Hilary Pyle read three poems. Criticism would be unfair. Without being in any way great, the poems had a charm, energy and sincerity which can always be received with pleasure. It is to be hoped that similar meetings will be held in the future and that more students will be encouraged by this success to submit their poems.

FILM SOCIETY

"Paisa" is the next presentation of the D.U. Film Society, scheduled for February 13th at 8.0 p.m. in the Dixon Hall. Roberto Rossellini is the producer and director of the film (made in 1946), which is as arresting in its realism as it is appealing in its pathos; qualities in which the post-war Italian cinema excelled.

"Paisa" is a composite of separate stores and presents "types" rather than characters in the true sense of the word. It may be classed as one of those rare "chefs d'oeuvre," and certainly cannot afford to be missed by the avid cinema-goer.

Law Society

The Law Society debate on the motion, "That the law is too technical," which was meant to act as a vehicle for maiden speakers, produced mixed results. Only four maiden speakers could summon up enough courage to speak, but in Messrs. Holland and Topping the Society has debaters of great promise. What would otherwise have been a very dull evening was saved by the presence of representatives from the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society under the present scheme whereby members of the four legal debating societies in Dublin attend each other's meetings. It is a pity they could not have participated in one of the Law Society's better debates.

Letter to the Editor

18 James' Street, Dublin.

Dear Sir,—May I inquire through the medium of your paper if those at present in control of S.R.C. intend to open its rooms as stated on their notice on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. I have called several times, but my efforts were in vain. In the past, I have found that books either out of print or unobtainable elsewhere could be purchased there.

Surely it would not be too much to expect all those who clamoured so much for power to do a little work now.

Yours sincerely,
 "A Disillusioned Supporter."

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Rugby

EXCITING WIN Fourteen Men Hold on

Trinity, 12; Blackrock College, 11.

IN welcome relief to their recent matches, the 1st XV played under perfect conditions and glorious sunshine against Blackrock at the Park last Saturday. In spite of the fact that they were playing without Sang for most of the game, they were successful in preventing late attempts by Blackrock to pull the game out of the fire, and won by 12 points to 11.

This was the team's third game in one week, as they had just returned from England where they beat Headingly and lost to Cambridge. The long journey and the late or sleepless nights took their toll on the forwards. As a result, on Saturday their following up was at times pathetic but what little energy they had and their great determination won them even honours in the scrums and line outs. The most lively of the forwards was Fitzpatrick who did good work in the loose and assisted Taylor in monopolising the short line outs.

Good Half-Back Play

Behind the scrum, Nisbet put into his passes excellent length and direction. Sang was badly missed in the second half. Besides being responsible for the second try, his incisive running and variation of tactics protected the centres from close marking and hard tackling of the Blackrock backs. Of the three-quarters, only Smyth and Reid-Smith distinguished themselves. The first, with judicious kicking and orthodox passing, was faultless if not very outstanding; while the second provided that extra speed that made the Trinity attacks look the more dangerous.

On the Defence

At first it looked as if Blackrock would have an easy match. For the first ten minutes they were pressing hard and it was only some desperate tackling on Trinity's part that prevented a score. As soon as Trinity went into the attack, they also took the lead with a beautiful drop goal by Smith. Just before this, two successive bursts on the left wing by Reid-Smith and Fullerton had Blackrock struggling. Shortly, Hill equalised by touching down in the left corner while the Trinity backs seemed to be idly looking on.

On the Attack

In the period that followed, Trinity were at their best. The forwards began to move quickly and kept the ball in the Blackrock half. From a quick heel, Reid-Smith moved inside to receive Nisbet's pass, then ran at an amazing speed almost through the whole defence before passing to Smyth, who sent Fitzsimons over for a try. Fullerton failed to convert this, as he also did the try that followed, but was very unlucky to hit the upright with a magnificent drop kick that he took from forty yards out, near the touchline. Five minutes before Sang left the field with a knee injury, he made the try that gave his side a 9-3 lead at half-time. Feigning a pass to his centre, he cut through, followed the same course over which Reid-Smith ran during the making of the first try, and a couple of yards from the line lobbed a pass out where Fitzsimon and Mostert were completely unmarked; the latter had no trouble in scoring.

Tired

Half-way through the second half Blackrock increased the pressure, and

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Ladies' Hockey

Good Start

Pembroke Wanderers 'B,' 2;
Dublin University, 4.

Trinity got off to a good start against Pembroke 'B' when, from the bully-off, the ball was sent to Ellen Pritchard-Jones on the left wing, who ran half the length of the field and shot. Irene Hurst, following up, scored from the rebound. Pembroke rallied but the next score was again by Trinity; Aileen Redmond broke through the defence and shot crisply, *beating the Pembroke goalie with ease.* Pembroke pressure would have brought a goal after this but for two good goal-line clearances by June Palmer when her goalie was out of position. Just on half-time Trinity scored again after a goal-mouth scramble.

In the second half, Pembroke's better training began to tell and the score in Trinity's favour slumped to 3-2. The forwards were still lively, however, and Aileen Redmond got her second goal from a difficult angle. The last ten minutes were played out scrappily and were the only dull part of the match.

This was the team's first match this term. A week ago the 2nd XI won their match against Magee University College very handsomely by six goals to one. A feature of this game was the intelligent play of the Trinity forwards of whom Diana Robinson and Hilary Barton were outstanding. Gladys Ruddock and Marion Davis were sound in defence, while the team combination was excellent.

The Hockey Club is enjoying a fairly successful season; the 1st XI has proved that it has individual members of exceptional worth. Ruth Harris has again been chosen for the Irish Universities team and this year is joined by Rhoda Ritchie, with Irene Hurst as first reserve. The membership of the Club also shows sign of the rise to a former level. Last season there were 33 players; this season, 40. The new coaching scheme is bearing fruit in keen and very promising 2nd and 3rd XI's. While this enthusiasm persists, the future of the Club must be regarded as very bright.

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Men's Hockey

Another Draw

Trinity, 3; Portrane, 3

Both Trinity and Portrane are fighting for League honours. Two vital points were at stake, and as a result play rose to a high level during their match at Londonbridge Road last Saturday.

A second-half goal enabled Portrane to earn a draw that won them the point needed to maintain their position on top of the League. Trinity were without their star full-back who was in Cork playing for Leinster in their match with Munster.

Soon after the start, Portrane went into the attack and within ten minutes Neville put them ahead with a shot off the penalty bully. Fitzsimon equalised shortly afterwards and then he gave Trinity the lead with a shot from a narrow angle after a long run on the right flank. The teams were on level terms again when Neville scored his second goal during a melée in the circle. From a short corner a few seconds before the interval, the ball went to Lowan who sent it into the net to give Trinity a 3-2 lead.

When Portrane levelled again after the restart, both teams tightened up their defences while the forwards tried in vain to snatch that extra point.

BADMINTON CLUB

The Club has been back in full swing for the past few weeks. However, badminton was not altogether neglected during the holidays, for on New Year's Eve we had a most enjoyable match against Glasgow University. Unfortunately, many of our team were away and we suffered a heavy defeat. Glasgow had a strong team; they had already drawn with Queen's and beaten U.C.D. before playing us, at the end of their tour. It will be interesting to see how our first team fares against U.C.D. this term in the Colours match.

Another big match this term will be on February 23rd against Bangor University, Wales, and there will be another match against a team of graduates again this year. Queen's have also agreed to play us in Dublin.

Returning to the League matches, the second team had a good win against Rockford, 5-3, which is most encouraging. In the All-Ireland Junior Cup the first team went down 3-6 to Pembroke. The feature of this match was the weakness of our team in the mixed doubles. This was mainly due to poor serving.

Besides the large number of matches, the ordinary practice times are as popular as ever, and several friendly matches for a third team are being arranged. Incidentally, the membership is now 49.

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THE BOAT CLUB

After a week and a half of training, the Boat Club is settling down in the routine of preparation for the races later in the term. At the beginning of last week, the captain posted the Junior and Maiden Crews on the notice board. The Junior boat is: Flynn (bow), Ging, Cowper, Blair, Campbell, Murdock, White, Green (stk.). Every member of this crew has a certain amount of previous rowing and racing experience and with conscientiousness in adhering to training and hard work in the boat, this should be a very potent crew by the end of the term. Owing to the large number of new members, a Maiden VIII and a Maiden IV have been selected. Though the crewmen have mostly very limited experience, they are nevertheless very enthusiastic, and they should be moving fast by March. Their crews are:

Bruce-Hamilton (bow), Fallon, Fitz-Simon, Cooke, Anderson, Hagen, Bird, Olhausen (stk.) in the VIII, and Burgess-Watson (bow), Robinson, Mason, Brownlow (stk.) in the IV. The remaining new members, owing to difficulties as regards lectures, could not be placed on crews, though their potentialities have been, and are being assessed, and all of them are certain of places in one of the crews in the Trinity Term.

Members of the Senior VIII promise to be fitter than ever before by March, as besides hard outings on every day of the week, they are also attending a physical training course in the Apollo Gymnasium in Bow Lane, with the object of building up stamina for the long distances to be rowed over in March. They attend these sessions three times weekly and are already feeling the benefit of the added fitness.

GOSSIP with the Groundsman

Rugby Players Needed

We would like to bring to the notice of members of the junior rugby teams that a great number of the 1st and 2nd XV players will be leaving College at the end of the year. Junior players who expect promotion early next season should try to make a name for themselves this term.

Trophy Retained

The Fencing Club once again won by a narrow margin the inter-Varsity fencing championship for the Frank Russell trophy. Its success was mainly due to splendid performances by

the ladies who won all their team matches and second and third places in the individual competitions. The men's team lost its first match to Surgeons, but scored easy wins over Queen's and U.C.D. The individual trophy was won by A. Lush of Surgeons. In the next championships, which will be held in Belfast, Cork and Galway hope to participate also.

Water Polo

As it was reported in these columns last week, the water polo inter-Varsity championships will be held at the Iveagh Baths next Friday and Saturday. We hope that many Trinity students will go along to urge their team to victory.