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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

"Surely it cannot be that women in College want to keep one society all female? This would be most inconsiderate and selfish." So Mr. Newcombe wrote in his article last week. Unfortunately his satirical wit has fallen pathetically short of the mark.

It is, I think, of the greatest importance that the major societies should retain their distinctive characteristics, and that both men and women should have their respective haunts to which they can retire. And the Eliz., as the Hist., stands to provide this. What Mr. Newcombe fails to recognise is that men are more than welcome at any Eliz. meeting or debate. Is it our fault that most of them have not the courage to turn up? Has Mr. Newcombe had the courage to turn up?

The University needs a forum where men and women can debate on equal terms. The Hist. has shown that co-operation on this vital aspect of college life is not the wish of the majority of its members. But not all the major societies are content with the 'status quo.' The Eliz. already provides mixed debates, two weeks ago there was a mixed debate with the International Affairs, and next term we hope to organise them on a much more extensive scale, with wider publicity. We hope to co-operate with the S.R.C. and the other major and minor societies, and so begin to tackle the problem of mixed debates.

I would not insult the men in College by suggesting that our

plea for mixed debating threatened the "bastions of masculinity" — surely they are made of stronger metal? What we want to see in College is a degree of intelligent co-operation between societies, and between students; a courage, and an ability to face the changing tide of events, and to further the interests of the college. The Hist. has chosen to ignore this... but there are others who are prepared to face it.

Yours, etc.,

Rowan Leeper.

President, D.U. Elizabethan Society

Dear Sir,

"Invictus" was good reading. So was the letter to the "Irish Times" from "Mrs. M. Gray," who was worried about her daughter's reading such a production. I believe that the Mrs. Gray of that address did not write the letter and, further, that it was a fake, produced by one of the Socialist set.

What very poor taste. Why has none of those who knew about this written to the "Irish Times" to dissociate Mrs. Gray from the letter? Or why has that paper, which now knows of this, not done so?

Is our sense of personal responsibility so vitiated that we can't be funny without being malicious? What price our published idealism now?

Yours, etc.,

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Profile

THOSE who have been unable to avoid meeting the true "red-brick" student-politician will seek in vain the pre-occupation with council elections, Points of Order and other manifestations of studentalia; will be unable to discover the seedy little man with a tie-pin through the collar, pale face and thin ginger hair, large head and tiny intellect. Robert Hutchison could be president of the S.R.C. only at Trinity and he is the complete antithesis of the bright-eyes-and-wet-noses brigade which pants hungrily for "power" in most other universities. It has fallen to him to do a job and he does it with a nonchalance distinctive of his whole way of life.

He is possibly the one undergraduate who would be unabashed at the thought of reading a paper before scintillating scholars or intellectuals; but this would be nothing to do with conceit, merely

will recognise the difficulty of discovering any interesting faults and exposing them in the most titivating manner; there aren't any. He believes in "women for the Hist", capitation fee money for Fabians



ROBERT HUTCHISON

a feeling that if he were doing it, it couldn't be of the slightest importance; unlike most "Heads of Societies", he has absolutely no pretensions.

They must have breathed several relieved sighs when he left school; it is difficult to deal with a man who recognises the idiocy of rules and has the ability to lead even the most bigoted opponent to see where the idiocies lie. But there is an affection for St. Paul's which, though it does not run to careful ties and pictures of "The Fifteen," is sincere and objective, more valuable than attendance at Old Boys' Dinners and a guinea to the Library fund; he's a good advertisement simply being "Hutch."

This will sound like the parody of a profile only to those who don't know him; those who do know him

and the S.C.M., and not dragging S.R.C. meetings long past their usefulness. These attitudes, however, are only to be expected as particular applications of a way of life and thinking which is involved with issues beyond the walls of the University.

He is a Socialist, but not a nut; loathes the thought of a nuclear war, but is impatient of the great unwashed whose only positive action in the whole of their existence is to carry a banner.

To many his great weakness is laziness; in fact he is not lazy; merely tolerant, though that is a condemnation in this day and age and might lead him to dissipate his talents or leave them to atrophy. He is one of the few Mental and Moral students who does not consider it a major event to read a book during the term, and he has a wide knowledge of social, political, religious literature apart from a considerable knowledge of contemporary poetry and drama and a firm grip of English Literature. What makes him a pariah amongst normal undergraduate circles is that he reads for pleasure, does not intend any deep thought in many cases and is therefore unlikely to pontificate on Durrell for instance, having read only the seamier passages from the Alexandria quartet.

With any luck he will leave Trinity unpursued by the usual loathly encomiums in newspapers and magazines; there will be few prophecies of "a successful career," or "undoubtedly bound for great things." This not because of incapability, but merely because he may not discover the field in which he can best apply his talents. He would be the very best type of schoolmaster, possessing the excellent quality of respecting the opinions of those younger than himself, but this is of course the main disqualification for obtaining such a post; a headmaster might easily discover him breaking the first commandment for assistant masters: "Thou shalt be completely unprincipled and shalt not think."

It could happen that the pressure and conventions of life in an ever drearying world, will prove too fierce and intransigent to allow Hutch to "make very much" of life; "life" for him might turn out to be a fortnight's release each year at Broadstairs, from the semidet. all mod. con., but his family will never be bothered by desires to keep up with the Joneses or to succeed at all costs in the eleven-plus. Almost certainly he will do something important and worthwhile when he leaves; however even if he were condemned to the nihilism of suburbia, it would never occur to him that he ought to envy the Jaguars of 'successful' economics graduates as they whirr past on the arterial road; in the final count our children will envy him, not vice versa.

Who was that lady?

A student there was in the Bailey, Who, while drinking, yelled out loud and gaily, "I need symbiosis To cure my neurosis, Which is why I crash parties daily."

Having fled from the Bailey, at one time haunt of the sahibs, and now the mecca of the chattering children and the clicking jack-boots, we found ourselves sprawling in the penthouse of the Delaps. Charlie played host, a sister was appearing with Dr. Kildare. Who's he? Simon Jones was seen disappearing Tassiwads while Derek West just sat on the stairs. Judy Simpkins was twisting with an old unknown graduate, but the other Judy was laid out. Peter Reed fell into the empty pool, but Nigel Digges fell out with everybody. Mark Benson forgot the Gardai and David Shanks' girl.

The Rugby Club played host to the victors in the Gresham last week, to which swinging "I scored a try." Brian Siggins brought Miss

Trinity 1962. Peter Whiteside took a plunge among the sociologists, taking Pam Skelton. Belle of the Ball, Alison Wingfield, was escorted by Hubie, and Jill East showed us all how to do the Madison. Raving Henry Dale still hadn't recovered from Saturday night, and Tommy Atkinson set the house in the Cottage with Ursula.

Paul O'Grady and Andrew Whittaker were hosts to Players for their first night party. No-one knows who passed the word around, but before you could shout "Fireraisers!", Julian Gordon, Dan "I still need a shoe-horn for my trousers" Corbett and the purple-stripe brigade were printing their proud hoofs on the bottle-top floor. A bewildered cast arrived to find most of its liquor gone. Ronald Graham came and went with Penny, muttering some-Biblical. Still plastered, Mike "Bumble" B. was there with his Stingers, but was no competition for Fee, Barry, Ruhen and fellow-musicians who played effortlessly into the small hours. Beautiful Chris Rahilly remained fascinated

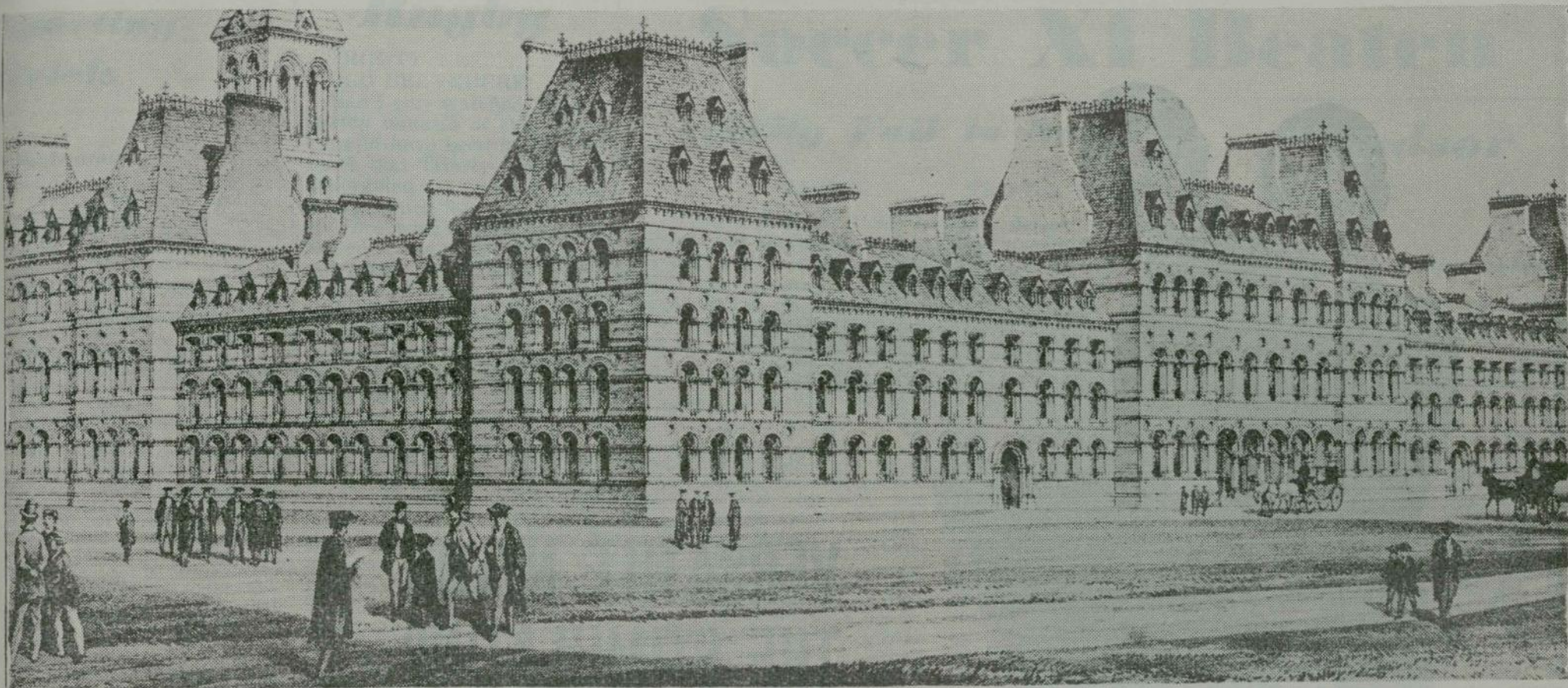
by Gog's permanent one-eighth growth, and Roger Ordish played his trumpet to Pauline. Tony Weale observed events from inside his pregnant sweater. Roger "Brief-case" Cheveley was wondering what he should tell Caroline.

We turned up to have a look at the Bog Ceili for peasants and gardai in Sth. Frederick St., but our passage was blocked by "Len-Ro-Di" Cocks, Pete "Watch it Mate" Edmunds and a one time F.C.A. private Michael Roche. Thus we were unable to report on proceedings. Snarge and Irving Shapiro said that things were not very healthy; many bottles were broken and some hearts...

Phew!... that ends another terms social, W.W.T.L. and her successor hopes that Santa will bring you some Kulak boots this time so that you too may be in the Social Swing next term.

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN, is probably a unique institution in that it is now in its third University. It began in 1851 as a constituent of Cardinal Newman's Catholic University of Ireland, a body which is, oddly enough, still in existence; its Supreme Governing Body being the Irish Hierarchy. The College was subsequently transferred to the Royal University and later to the National University of Ireland. At present the work of the college is widely distributed about Dublin; the main college building is at Earlsfort Terrace, the faculties of science and engineering are at Merrion St., the agricultural faculty is in Glasnevin, the veterinary faculty is in Ballsbridge while post graduate research into various subjects is done at Belfield on the Stillorgan Road.

In 1959, a government commission recommended, that in view of the present overcrowding in the college, a complete new campus be built on the Belfield site. Work is already in progress on the Science building, which is scheduled for occupation in 1964, and the other faculties will follow by degrees. The extent of the present overcrowding can be judged by the fact that the Earlsfort Terrace buildings were originally designed for 500 students; nearer 4,000 students now use them daily. The total number of students is now about 6,000.

In recent years, regulations have been brought in prohibiting first year students who have failed their year's examinations from repeating the lecture courses; they may however, repeat the examination at the end of the year. Transference between faculties has also been severely restricted. As a result, there has been a remarkable shift of emphasis to the academic side of University life. Although new libraries were opened three years ago which have four times the accommodation of the old libraries they are still packed to capacity, both day and night, from the very beginning of the year.

Review

SINGERS' CONCERT

THE College Singers gave a very pleasing and polished Christmas Concert last Tuesday in the Exam. Hall. Their programme, in many parts slightly too ambitious for the musical talent in College, was pleasantly balanced between vocal and instrumental works and ended with all the artistes coming together to do a Bach motet.

The Singers took some time to warm up in their opening motets by Byrd but Stephen Ryle, their new conductor, showed fine judgement and timing throughout. By the time they came to the Debussy songs they were as good as I have ever heard them. This was especially true in "Yven, vous n'etes qu'un villain," which I thoroughly enjoyed. There is a tendency for the basses to be weak in parts but this is the only criticism that I have of them.

The first half of the concert was completed with a new piece by Brian Boydell for flute and two clarinets.

This divertimento in three movements was characterised by some extremely fine playing by Doreen Droster (flute) and I thought Paul Leppard's technique more suited to this piece than the trio that he played later.

The Singers opened the second half of the concert with some traditional carols, some of which we have heard them perform before but which still delight us when they sing them as well as they do. The one that I enjoyed most was the beautifully sung Coventry carol, arranged for three voices.

The Mozart Clarinet Trio was perhaps over ambitious and suffered accordingly. Paul Leppard was far too bold for the viola and piano and although Peter Richie mastered the many difficult passages in the last movement very well. The quality was not as high as the rest of the programme.

The final work of the evening, a Bach motet, "Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden," was another difficult piece but the Singers coped ably and rounded off the evening well.—J.B.

This has all led to fiercer and fiercer competition at examinations and despite what may be said to the contrary, most students regard the exams. as competitive. In this year's 'Students Handbook,' a prominent lecturer wrote: "To take on, say, the secretaryship of a large society, is an easy way of committing academic suicide, unless you are both very good and very energetic." Nevertheless, the decline in attendance at society meetings has been slight, although the decline in the standard of meetings has been somewhat greater.

One society which continues to hold its own, however, is the irrepressible L & H. the Saturday night oratorical bear-garden. Here the emphasis is on wit and oratory, and a good heckle gets more applause than a polished and reasonable speech. Every Saturday night six hundred people, who have apparently nothing better to do, pack the Physics Theatre for a night's free entertainment. Notwithstanding this side of its nature, the L & H guards its privileges jealously and when serious student opinion is required on any point it is promptly forthcoming. On these occasions the rowdiness of the house subsides as if by magic and the debate becomes serious and responsible.

Much has been made outside U.C.D. of the question of "freedom of expression" within the College. No censorship is exercised over the writings or sayings of any student. Publication of inaccurate or offensive material which brings the college into disrepute, may, however, result in some form of disciplinary action. Although permission of the President is required before any non-member of the College may take part in a society meeting only two persons are, to the writer's knowledge, banned under the rule. Both of these had behaved disgracefully at previous meetings which they had attended.

In fact, the authorities attitude towards any form of student expression has changed little, if at all, since the time of Joyce. U.C.D. is, and always has been, utterly dependent on public funds. Statements emanating from the college are often taken by outsiders to be the opinion of the college as a whole and if the opinions are critical of the government or any other power bloc in the country they can embarrass the authorities in their never-ending quest for funds. Only a few weeks ago a motion passed at the L & H welcoming Khrushchev's withdrawal from Cuba led to letter-writers in

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Ex-Editor
of
"Awake"

the press accusing U.C.D. of being a hot-bed of Communism!

At the moment, U.C.D. is going through a very difficult period of transition. The college's image has suffered as much from bad public relations as from the mistakes of its administrators. What changes Belfield will make we do not yet know. If the plan succeeds it could be a great university; if it fails, a super-tech.

Much has also been made of the lack of political societies in U.C.D. Almost every U.C.D. student who is interested in politics is interested in it in practice, not in theory. Consequently they join the local branch of the party of their choice and many, while still students, have been delegates to the National Convention of the various parties. Both Fianna Fail and Fine Gael have special branches for university students, all of whose members are from U.C.D.

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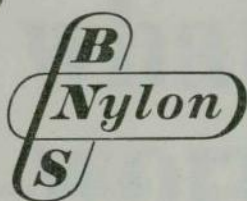
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Sporting Briefs

Badminton

This has been a most satisfactory start to the season and has been a marked improvement on last year. The first team has won three out of their four matches this term compared with only one win during the whole of last season. The indications are that we will beat both Phoenix and Glenageary both home and away and that the gap is narrowing between our first team and Ailesbury and Pembroke — a considerable achievement for a continually changing team.

The 2nd and 3rd teams are holding their own after a shaky start in their respective sections. The Badminton Court in the Gymnasium was inaugurally opened in the middle of term with a Sherry Party and an Exhibition Match and has proved its value by greatly increased attendances. Now our facilities could not be better thanks to the various Varsity authorities. At the present moment a Club tournament is being organised on a handicap basis so that anyone interested can compete on equal terms. Entries are welcomed at the Club's Notice Board in Front Gate and close this week. Challenge Cups have been presented for these competitions.

Boat Club

The Boat Club held its annual At Home last Saturday, at Islandbridge. Although the 13 crews competing for the King George V Cup enjoyed some exciting racing, the early onset of darkness brought the event to a premature end, and the deciding race was postponed to a future date. The 2 crews to reach the final were Old Collegians and Trinity "A". In the previous rounds, Old Collegians had beaten a strong Lady Elizabeth B.C. "A" crew, the Ramblers VIII, and Lady Victoria B.C.; while the Trinity crew, after a narrow victory in the 1st round over Lady Elizabeth B.C. "B" crew, struck form and rowed well to overcome the Garda Siachana and Queen's University eights. The Trinity "B" crew was eliminated in the 1st round by Queen's University "B" crew. After the regatta a most enjoyable dance was held in the Boat-house.

The following were the crews which represented Trinity: "A" (Seniors). Bow, M. Ryder; 2, N. King; 3, N. Rathbone; 4, W. Lewis; 5, R. Moore; 6, P. Braidwood; 7, M. Clarke; Stroke, V. Northwood; Cox, N. Gillett.

Swimming Club

The season got off to a good start when, in a friendly match on Friday night, the club defeated U.C.D. by 38 points to 31. Trinity took first place in all the individual events, the winners including two freshmen—R. Barham in the butterfly and T. McClaughlan in the breast stroke. The best performance of the match was J. Baldwin's victory over D. McDowell in the 100 yds. freestyle in the time of 60.1 seconds.

Rugby

TRINITY 8
OLD BELVEDERE ... 6.

Had I only watched the last twenty minutes of this game, I would have been inclined to think that Trinity rugby was undergoing a considerable revival, such was the ability and fire which the team displayed. Twenty minutes, however, does not make a match, and in fact one had to put up with about an hour of some of the most fruitless and dull rugby I have ever seen. However, let us be thankful for small mercies — Trinity did win, and really did very well to pull up from behind.

In general, the exchanges in the first half were fairly even, Belvedere being, perhaps, just about worth their three-point lead. There appeared to be a certain defensive weakness in the Trinity centre, a weakness which the opposition were able to exploit in scoring their first try. From the Trinity point of view this stage of the game was most frustrating; Read contrived to spend most of the afternoon running into all sorts of trouble, while a good deal of chances were otherwise missed through bad passing and handling.

Belvedere were unfortunate to lose a centre early in the second half; this may well have cost them the match, for the Trinity pack soon began to dominate the tiring Belvedere seven. Trinity's first try was a typically powerful Coker effort in which he burst through several defenders to score in the corner. His second try, minutes later, was due to a very intelligent piece of play by Read, who seeing his way blocked on the blind-side, cross-kicked to the open-side. Coker gathered the ball near the line, and needless to say, could not be prevented from scoring. Rees converted. Belvedere scored again in the closing minutes, but were unable to convert the try, giving Trinity a somewhat fortuitous victory.

Fencing Club

This season the Fencing Club has got off to a good start with well-attended practice sessions. We are very pleased to welcome a large number of new members including some experienced school fencers, amongst whom Terry Schwarz has already done well at Kilkenny.

At the East of Ireland championships held at Kilkenny, the six members who participated were Francis Alexander, Ann Rodgers, Chris Robinson, Terry Schwarz, Rupert Mackeson and John Robinson. Considering that this was the first competition of the year, everyone did satisfactorily, especially John Robinson, who came third in the Epee, and Francis Alexander who reached the final pool of the Ladies Foil.

The All-Ireland National Team Epee Championships are being held on Saturday at St. John's Hall, St. John's Road, Sandymount, starting at 2.30. Last year our team were runners-up and this year our team, consisting of Chris Wood, Rupert Mackeson, John Robinson and Trevor Rian hope to go one better. We have a good chance of achieving this unless Salle Duffy and U.C.D. unite against us. Next term we have a full match programme including Universities' championships to which we are hosts.

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Trinity suffered their heaviest defeat of the term on Saturday at the hands of Jacobs. A margin of five goals was perhaps a little flattering to Jacobs for at half-time only a single goal separated the sides and the last two goals were scored in the very final minutes. Nevertheless, this was the most complete footballing side Trinity have met this season and it was to meet such sides that the A.U.L. was joined.

In the first twenty minutes of the game play was very even, flowing from end to end and on two occasions Trinity came close to scoring. At this stage the Jacobs defence look far from impregnable and their attack was being held by a Trinity defence in which P. Beale and I. Sturtard were tackling and covering with great skill. Jacobs took the lead after twenty-five minutes and after this settled down to play some very fine football. Their style, indeed, was very reminiscent of Queen's University. Even deep in defence they used the ball very skilfully and half-backs and inside forwards combined to give the Trinity defence an increasingly worrying time.

In the second half the Trinity attack failed to make any impression on a very settled defence and much of the Trinity play was too stereotyped, relying too much on the wings to create the openings. Consequently a strain was thrown on the defence, which yielded two goals in quick succession mid-way through the half. In the final

minutes two more goals were scored, one of which might have been prevented by a quick tackle.

This defeat, whilst disappointing, must not be taken too seriously for Jacobs have a very experienced team and will defeat most sides in the League. As regards the future, the Collingwood Cup competition is fast approaching and it is very unfortunate that team-building has been hampered by the absence of T. Lunde and C. Anderson — through injury — since the end of October. The defence has still to knit into the compact unit it was last season. The absence of M. Hansell has been a major factor in this although R. Wormwell has improved with every game. The main weakness has, however, been at left-half especially since J. Horsley has been moved to centre-forward, a position he has filled with considerable success. A fit E. Conway might solve this problem. In the attack, P. Parry's inability to score goals is rather disturbing but one feels that only a little luck is needed to make him the menace in front of goal that he was last season.

Hockey

St Ita's Dance

DUBLIN UNIV. 1 ST ITA'S 3

The game on Saturday at Londonbridge Road is surely one that the Trinity 1st XI would like to forget. A shameful display of gutless and feeble hockey was put up against a very moderate St. Ita's side.

The team were without their captain R. W. Maynard, and A. McLaughlin was called in to fill his place. From the first bully-off, St. Ita's gained control of the game, and within the first ten minutes had scored their first goal. This put the Trinity side completely off balance, and team combination was entirely lacking. Positional play among the forwards was terribly muddled, with the result that passes from the halves were rarely effective, and these too, were often wild and inaccurate. The defence, although at times slow, was fairly sound. The half-backs were, generally speaking, too much on the defensive and many times there was a vast gap between the forwards and the halves. This was also due to the fact that the inside forwards did not always tackle back and help out the defence.

It was not until St. Ita's had scored their third goal that Trinity proved what they were capable of doing, and after some spirited forward movements M. Tinn was able to score. But, alas, it was left all too late, and St. Ita's emerged worthy victors.

Squash Racquets

The term has produced no players of more than average ability, and thus the gap left by the departure of Heaney is unfilled. Despite this the old firm of Rice, Sprawson, Evans, Trimmingham and Bagley has made a most successful start to the season, being as yet unbeaten in the League.

Rice, alas, has only rarely shown glimpses of his true form, and both he and Bagley have had trouble with the Handicapping Committee. However, Bagley must be congratulated on having finally broken his 100 per cent. record — carried over from the English tour — one of defeats.

Competent performances from the remainder plus the return of Rice's true guile should ensure the winning of the League next term.

Windsor Lad

Highlight of the week-end's racing activities centres round Newcastle, where breeders will have an opportunity to see a highly competitive field contest the £500 Gillette Handicap Hurdle — and what a razor sharp (excuse the cutting remark) race this ought to be, with the first four of the Champion Hurdle among the runners. Anzio, the winner of that event, has been allotted top-weight of 12 stone for the Newcastle feature and unless he absents himself (which he may if the ground is soft) I think he should beat Another Flash and the versatile Irishman, Height of Fashion. These last two are taken as safe each-way investments.

At Chepstow, the sponsored Rhymney Breweries 'Chase' provides the attraction. Pride of Ivanhoe, who ran disappointingly in the Hennessy Gold Cup will command respect but I am taking Knucklecracker who will have the assistance of the great Stan Mellor on his back, to carry home the spoils with a stout-hearted performance.

As a foretaste of what to expect in the "Rhymney" I take Opening Bars (2.0, Lingfield, Friday) a sound investment, whilst Trinity Fair (2.45 Newcastle) should prove a topical tip.

Lastly, may I extend this opportunity to wish a Happy Xmas and a profitable New Year to all our readers.

(Windsor Lad is deputising for Capt. Beecher, who is touring the world's racing circles.—Ed.).

Harriers

Saturday, 1st December, saw practically all the Harriers in Phoenix Park for the annual Novice Championships.

Trinity came third. Disappointing in so far as we might have come second, it was satisfactory from other points of view. A. Sparshott ran very well to finish third. He has had a very good end to the term. The packing, as shown by the placings, 3, 9, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 34, 35, was a considerable improvement, all that is necessary now is for the pack to be ten places up. Not impossible.

Some individuals showed considerable improvement, especially D. Harvey and T. Duff. They have developed greatly during the second half of the term. M. Turner ran very well, we could do with him in the team more often. T. Stainer ran most of the way with R. Senior, a satisfactory state of affairs.

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Carol Service

The Annual Carol Service in College Chapel on Monday evening was what in some circles would be called a roaring success. The seats usually occupied by members of the College staff were filled by students academically nude. The Sanctuary steps were thronged by squatting latecomers, and by five minutes to five the balcony had standing room only. Some lesser known carols were sung by the College Singers, conducted by Stephen Ryle, and the regular ones were sung with volume by all; John Paterson was playing the organ for the sixth consecutive year.

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By PETER MARTELL

The Consumer Research Association's investigator informs Fynch-Smyth that it will cost him a shilling more to change his name, but the thought of future savings on gas bills, added to the delights of being able to thwart the authorities, prove too strong, and the student instructs his solicitor to have a mute "e" removed.

Out of gratitude for his help, Fynch-Smyth(e) invites the CRAM to have supper with him and a second student in the town. All three eat the same food, and the bill is for 33s., which they pay exactly. But when the waiter takes the money to the restaurant's cashier, she points out to him that there has been a mistake; the customers have been over-charged 5s. As he walks back to the table, the waiter reasons that he might as well keep two shillings for himself. Since the clients didn't notice any mistake in the first place, so he gives the three men a shilling each, which means that each man, instead of having paid 11s. for his meal, has only paid ten shillings for it (by getting a shilling back from the waiter).

But three times ten makes thirty, and if we add the two shillings the waiter keeps, this only accounts for 32 of the original 33s. What has happened to the missing shilling?

SOCIETY SPOT

The House was crowded and attentive last Thursday when the Phil's censure motion on the Republican governments was introduced by Mr. John Bardon (Ind., Booterstown). In measured tones and with restrained gestures he produced a wealth of statistics to condemn the successive governments since the Treaty, both North and South, for having given Ireland forty years of stagnation.

The House listened to him in silence, and in the Peers' Gallery, Lady French and her Dowager Mother nodded quietly. The one dramatic moment was when Mr. Bardon whipped a Labour Party election manifesto from his pocket and enquired passionately if this was Socialism? Mr. Corish, leader of that party, passed a capable-looking hand through his thick, greying hair and joked with the Minister for Transport.

Charles Brett (Chairman, N.I. Labour) rose to "accept Mr. Bardon's remark completely." In a captivating flow of Oxford English, a red carnation riding proudly on his breast, he condemned "the waves of emotion which rolled over Ireland in the past, carrying away the good men and ideas." The House hung on his words and roared its approval as he asked it to take its future in its own hands: "Home Rule," he declared, "is a tool to be used."

Perhaps the House was unfair to Mr. Childers (Minister for Transport). Contradicting many of Mr. Bardon's conclusions, he condemned his incomplete and cynical analysis of Irish political history and said

Shakespeare of Araby

Honor English students, already overwhelmed by bibliography on Shakespeare, may have a further unusual approach to consider. It is, of course, American.

According to Lou Hazam, Lebanese-born producer of a new U.S. television programme, "Shakespeare: Soul of the Age," Shakespeare was not Marlowe, Bacon or Jonson. He was an Arab. Mr. Hazam recalled his father's contention that Shakespeare was an Arab because "Only an Arab with his insights could have written some of the plays" and that he was really called Sheik Esper.

Hazam paid little attention to this until, in England, he met Dr. Safa al-Khulusi, a scholar at London University, who agreed that Shakespeare must have been an Arab from Basra who migrated

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our very survival was surprising. When he came down to party differences there were shouts and questions, and his eulogy of Mr. de Valera was received with derision. From then he was lost, his gnome-like figure quivering slightly as he read the rest of his speech.

Mr. Flanagan (F.G.) deftly needled the Minister, but also took too long to make his point, that Fish Meal factories had been set up by the Inter-Party government.

Mr. Corish (I.L.P.) thought Mr. Bardon's remark excessive, realised the difficulties, etc., then actually advocated some Socialism in Ireland, bringing the discussion back to Mr. Bardon's speech.

As the first general exodus in 2½ hours took place, Mr. Napier (Sec. N.I. Labour) rose to cement the bricks Mr. Brett had strewn about. Giving examples of the sort of progress Socialism could bring, the meeting was brought full circle and ideas were joined, as is only proper, to ideals. The loudspeakers crackled and went off. The House rose.

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CAMPUS

There has been a marked increase in the employment of secretaries by undergraduates — especially society officials — at Cambridge.

Leeds students had a profitable week-end as extras in "Billy Liar," directed by John Schlesinger (responsible for "A Kind of Loving").

Manchester has the first mixed Hall of Residence in the British Isles: a new overseas students' hostel.

The Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board intend to institute a three-hour English examination for all students applying for a place at a university under their auspices.

Reading has for the present decided against inviting Sir Oswald Mosley to speak against a Communist at a debate.

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