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NEW BOARD POLICY

SOCIETIES UNITE IN NEW POWER BLOC

A revolutionary new structure for societies in College has been the result of a Board initiative followed by a meeting of 48 societies and some staff last Monday. There is to be a Central Societies' Committee with equal representation for all societies, which will allocate money and rooms. The Board has approved a policy of creating several community centres run by societies.

A memo to the Board from Professor George Dawson, Senior Dean and chairman of the grant-distributing Capitation Committee, recommended the society-based policy in student facilities. He said, "As the number of students increases, I think that our aim should be the development of further community centres for students, based on groups of societies". He also recommended that the G.M.B. be run as at present by the Hist. and the Phil. through the joint G.M.B. Central Committee, and that all societies unite in forming a central committee. The Board accepted all his proposals.

HATCHETS BURIED

Last Monday's meeting decided almost unanimously on the shape of the new committee. A hot, packed meeting crowded the Eliz. sitting-room for two and a half hours. Brilliant chairmanship by Professor Dawson, and the burying of hatchets by all present enabled a multitude of details to be decided.

ASHE FOR EQUALITY

Each society is to have one representative on the committee. When it was proposed that large societies, like the Hist. and the Phil. should have more representation, Ian Ashe, Auditor of the Hist., said: "If some societies have greater representation than others, it might seem unfair, and I am in favour of going straight ahead with equal representation for all societies."

Professor Boydell said: "We are not electing members to fight their own cause, but to act fairly."

STAFF MEMBERS

The executive committee of 12 to be elected by the general committee will have a staff chairman, a student secretary and a staff treasurer. This is the working body which will consider applications from societies for grants and rooms and will scrutinize societies' accounts. Four of the executive will also be elected by the general meeting on to the Capitation Committee, on which D.U.C.A.C., the sports clubs' equivalent of the new

Central Societies' Committee, also has four members.

The meeting elected a sub-committee of Prof. Dawson, Mrs. Denard (Dean of Women students), Ian Ashe, Greg Murphy (Auditor of the Law Society) and Henry Bourke to draft the constitution along the lines laid down by the meeting. The draft is to be passed by all the societies at another meeting next Monday, after which it will go to the Board for approval.

The election for the executive committee will be held at about the same time as the direct all-college elections for places on the Capitation Committee. It was decided that in future years elections to the Central Societies Committee should take place before the end of Trinity term.

Photo—Brian Raynor



Mary Broderick, our new Miss Fresher, who was selected on Saturday night. She is a pleasing addition to our front page, and to College.

Much of a muchness

Freshers' Week had a graceful ending on Saturday night with the choice of Mary Broderick as Miss Fresher.

Mary is 17 and comes from the Convent of the Holy Child Jesus, Killiney, to study French, English and Psychology. She water-skis and plays tennis and hockey. She is the first Miss Fresher in two years: last year the Editor of "Trinity News" decided to discontinue the competition. The prize? "No prize yet", said the chairman of the Freshers Week, Gary Young, "we have to see what our profits are".

The rest of Freshers' Week had its better moments, mainly in the line of entertainment, with Prof. Boydell's musical evening and the D.U. Folk Song Society's concert scoring hits. Yet the lectures and discussion side of the week misfired. We give the Freshers' own comments in the back page.

KNOW THYSELF

The centrepiece of the week was to be the "Symposium on the Role of the Student in College and Society" on Wednesday. Something went wrong with the invitations to Societies to send representatives, and when the Chairman, Mr. Bristow, read out his long list of speakers, only five answered. Ciaran McKeown, President of U.S.I. spoke first, and stressed the individualistic nature of the students' role. He said that Tao was more relevant than Mao in student life. "Know thyself" is the first rule, and political and other activities should be subordinated to this.

A Republican, a Socialist, the President of the Phil. and speakers from Fianna Fail and U.N.S.A. all spoke coherently, but debate was sidetracked into such issues as whether Prince Charles is a member of the working class, or Kuwait is a socialist state. A significant point was reached when the chairman asked whether anyone had anything to say on the students' role, and there was silence. Yet some of the Freshers' contributions did brighten it up.

SECURITY STRENGTHENED AFTER ARSON ATTEMPT

The College authorities have employed a professional security firm to augment the over-taxed complement of porters. They stress that this is purely a temporary measure until more porters can be recruited. The necessity for increased security arose after the huge increase in vandalism during Trinity term of last year and the serious incidents of arson on Monday, September 15th. The most serious outbreak of fire was at front gate, where the greatest danger was the proximity of a five inch gas main which led right into the centre of the residential area.

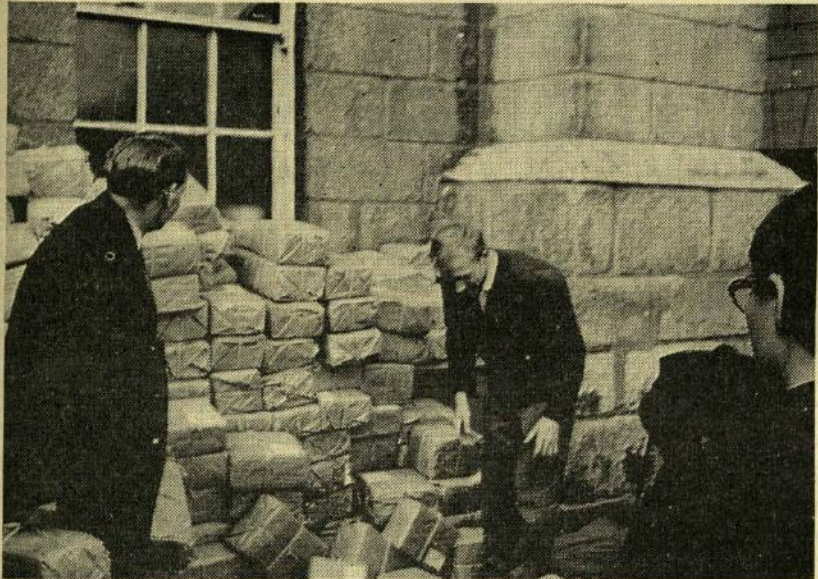
The Secretary of the College, Mr. Gerard Giltrap, praised the courage and skill of the firemen whose prompt action certainly saved the frontage of College from being destroyed by a gas explosion. He also thanked the students who had aided the firemen and who had patrolled College in search of intruders to prevent any further disturbances.

Mr. Giltrap completely scotched the rumour which had been circulating concerning the use of guard dogs. He stated that the firm had asked the College if dog patrols were required, but the Board had stated that these were neither needed nor wanted.

Another outbreak of fire occurred when a lighted newspaper was thrown through a ground floor window in Botany Bay. The short space of time between the incidents and the fact that both were very close to exits from College seem to indicate that an intruder passing through College from front gate to Pearse Street was to blame.

It is hoped that the increase in the numbers of the porters will result in a significant reduction in the vandalism which has been proving a heavy financial burden to the already stretched resources of the College. Money used in repairing wanton damage could be directed more profitably into other spheres, for example the reduction of catering prices or the improvement of certain academic facilities. The idea is that in future the porters will be able to patrol more extensively and apprehend vandals, on whom, as the Disciplinary Committee announced last year, very severe penalties will be imposed.

Photo—Arnold Griffin



Last week a van-load of literature, air-mail and postage paid from China arrived in College. "Who paid for it? Will it be sold at a profit?" —"No Comment" said an Internationalist.

Three Societies evicted from rooms

The S.R.C. has taken over as a storeroom the meeting-room in No. 4 of the Law, History and Business and Economics societies. The societies have protested to the Senior Dean, the Agent and the S.R.C., but have been told that the S.R.C. can have it temporarily until Christmas.

The societies were given no notice of their eviction and had their Freshers' Week meetings arranged for it, with literature printed. The Agent said that there had been an unfortunate failure of communications, but admits "The S.R.C. had been pressing us hard

for more space and had rejected rooms in Pearse Street, so this was done in a hurry. I have full sympathy for the societies concerned."

Robert Kirkpatrick, auditor of the History Society said, "We have been using the room for years, and it is connected to our committee room. It has been ideal for our purposes."

Greg Murphy, auditor of the Law Society said, "It is ridiculous. We got no warning at all. Nos. 4 and 5 should be a student societies centre."

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APPOINTMENTS

● NEW DEANS

Two major posts in College have been filled by new men over the vacation. Professor George Dawson, Professor of Genetics, replaces Mr. Godfrey as Senior Dean. Professor Dawson is now the chairman of the Capitation Committee, and in charge of the allocation of rooms to everyone in College, a function delegated to the Senior Dean by the Provost. Professor Dawson came to Trinity from Cambridge 18 years ago and has proved one of the most valuable members of staff to College and students. The Genetics Department was built up by him from scratch. He began the College Gallery, which lends pictures to students and staff. In discussions on the Merger he has taken a leading part, especially through Trinity's Academic Staff Association, of which he was chairman last year. His involvement in student affairs has included chairmanship of D.U.C.A.C. and of the G.M.B.C.C.

Of his new appointment he says that his main aim is to "help College develop to satisfy the needs of an increasingly large number of students. The problem is having a sense of community as College enlarges".

Dr. Brendan Kennelly, poet, Fellow, and associate professor, has replaced College's best-known character, Prof. McDowell, as Junior Dean. Dr. Kennelly, newly married, will not be living in College as required by the statutes. "The Provost allows this in special circumstances" he said, "and my wife was considered to come under this heading". His aims as J. D. are to minimize vandalism and post-midnight violence and noise, but mainly to try to "make living in College a co-operative thing. I am not a fulminating figure full of righteous indignation. I would like students to get to know the Deans, and as a start we are interviewing everyone taking rooms in College for the first time".



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● ADMINISTRATION CHANGES

As assistants the new J.D. has members of staff resident in College: Dr. Trevor West, Dr. Roy Brown, Mr. John Gaskin and Mr. C. P. Ahearn.

Dr. Smith-Keery, a Junior Fellow, has been appointed to the post of Junior Proctor to replace Professor Lydon. He will be responsible for candidates for the B.A. degree.

The main academic appointments during the summer are P. A. McNally as associate professor in Medicine, Mary T. W. Bourke as Reid Professor of Penal Legislation, Constitutional and Criminal Law, and Law of Evidence, E. E. Doyle as senior lecturer in Paediatrics and W. C. Love as senior lecturer in Biochemistry.

The administration of College has been reorganised. The Secretary to the College, Mr. Giltrap, has two new assistant secretaries. Neville Keery, whom the Taoiseach nominated for the Senate this summer, has left the Appointments Office, is working in liaison with the medical and science end of College. Brian McCarthy, who like Senator Keery is a Trinity graduate and Hist. gold medallist, is helping to administer the arts faculties. "The main aim of these changes is to relieve heads of faculties and departments of much administrative work, and to help co-ordinate their work" said Mr. Giltrap.

Theft from Number Four

During the summer vacation the I.B.M. electric typewriter belonging to the S.R.C. was stolen from their office in No. 4 The typewriter was only six months old and had cost £280. There was no evidence that the door had been forced. The thief either used a key or was enabled to enter due to the careless leaving open of the door. Mr. Revington thinks that it is likely that some person with an intimate knowledge of College is the culprit, since the typewriter was the only item stolen and a professional thief would probably have ransacked the office.

The college authorities and the Gardai have been informed and the number of the typewriter has been very widely circulated. Revington, president of the S.R.C., says that it will be of very little use to whoever stole it since frequent servicing is essential and this cannot be done without the production number being checked. He appeals to the thief to return it and promises that no more action will be taken if this is done.

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PRICES UP ALL ROUND

The price of Commons has been increased by 2/6 to 8/6 and the number of compulsory nights has been reduced to three. The increase in price is made necessary by a sharp rise in the cost of both food and labour over the past few years, which is also responsible for this term's rise in buttry and buffet prices. The Agent, Colonel Walsh, stresses the fact that Commons have remained at the same price since 1964, at a considerable financial loss to the college. In fact, during the past year it was costing approximately 7/9 to produce each individual meal on Commons.

A more pleasing innovation is the introduction of a guest night when each student will be permitted to bring two guests to Commons and wine will be served with the meal. The wine will be of a good quality and will cost 5/- for two glasses. It will be purchased by tickets, which are available from Mrs. Crawford. The first guest night will be second Commons on Thursday, October 23rd, and then every Thursday of lecture term thereafter.

OUR COMMITTEES REFORMED

STUDENT POWER IN COLLEGE

A sub-committee, consisting of the Registrar, Mr. Paddy Lyons and the President and Vice-President of the S.R.C., was appointed by the Board to examine the structure and constitution of the Joint Student/Staff committee which came into being in Michaelmas term 1968. This reappraisal is in accordance with the Board's promise that the committees would be examined after their first year in existence.

The most significant change is in the formation of the Capitation Committee, which controls the distribution of the £35,000 Capitation Fund to the societies, sports clubs and the S.R.C. Staff representation remains the same but the number of undergraduates is increased by one. There is now no differential between major and minor societies, their representatives being elected from the Central Societies Committee—"A D.U.C.A.C. for the societies". There will now be opportunities for every student to elect representatives on to this vital committee. Two members will be directly elected from the Arts area and a further two from the Science end of College.

The new committee will be a much more informed and impartial body with the smaller societies having a more adequate representation. The transition will be a difficult one and will indeed mean that the personnel of the committee will change twice this year. The present committee will remain until the fifth week of Michaelmas term when elections will be held. These will sit until Trinity term when the annual elections will be inaugurated.

The other committees will no longer send representatives to the Central Student/Staff Committee, since there will now be little need for its decisions over duplication of responsibility.

Each faculty will provide one representative by direct election, the S.R.C. president and vice-

president will be members ex officio and there will also be two elected graduates.

There is little change in the Disciplinary committee, but the other committees are combined in the new Amenities committee which now has responsibility for catering and student residence as well as the college amenities. The functions of the former committees often overlapped and this re-organisation is an attempt to avoid duplication. Although the terms of reference of the new large committee are very wide, it has the authority to set up any necessary sub-committees to investigate certain matters with a more intensive singularity of purpose.

New Postal Service

A new system of postal delivery to rooms has been announced. The S.R.C. have selected a student 'postmaster' who will be paid on an hourly basis by College. This new innovation is the result of the dissatisfaction felt by many people over the slowness and unreliability of the former system. Regent House will now be much less congested since approximately 300 students will have no need to go there. The main cause for complaint against this idea is that there will be only one delivery per day with no provision made for residents to obtain from Regent House any correspondence which may arrive by the second post.

Enda Fair

Freshers Week came in with a slight pop and ended with a loud yawn. Tried to get into Tuesday Night's dance for nothing but Ken McCormick, Garry Collier and the other heavies were there. All the ageing sharks turned up led by the perennial Des McCullough with trendy 90 year old Ed Merrick in tow.

Wednesday night brought

another S.R.C. fiasco. A Freshers Wine and Cheese do. The wine was bad and hard to get, the cheese impossible. The Rugby Club managed to excel itself for childishness with Bill McCombe and Stephen Blake-Knox really taking first prize. Sally Malcolmson wandered around looking lost and one wonders if she wanted some of Findlater's wine. Gillie Arnold has at long last become one of us after many years of trying, much to the relief of Guy French.

Friday night managed to drag up yet another McCullough party, this time to celebrate his eviction from the pad. The Mafia was out in force, headed by the brothers Bourke. Henry had the gin while Adrian had a look around for someone to protect. Most likely candidate must have been Rosalyn Moran who had fallen into the clutches of Jim Hughes. Charlie Lindsell was looking for £20,000 while others looked for birds and booze, both rare.

Saturday and one just had to go and see the assembled talent in the Exam Hall. Not very impressive. Flick Loudon handled the coats with masterful abandon, aided by Karen and Pat. That well known rustic Ken Donnelly evaded Dr. Brown and was there on the hunt. Don Potter was spinning his annual line without conspicuous success. The highspot of the evening was the new Miss Fresher Mary Broderick. She has brightened up a rather dull week, for which we are all grateful.

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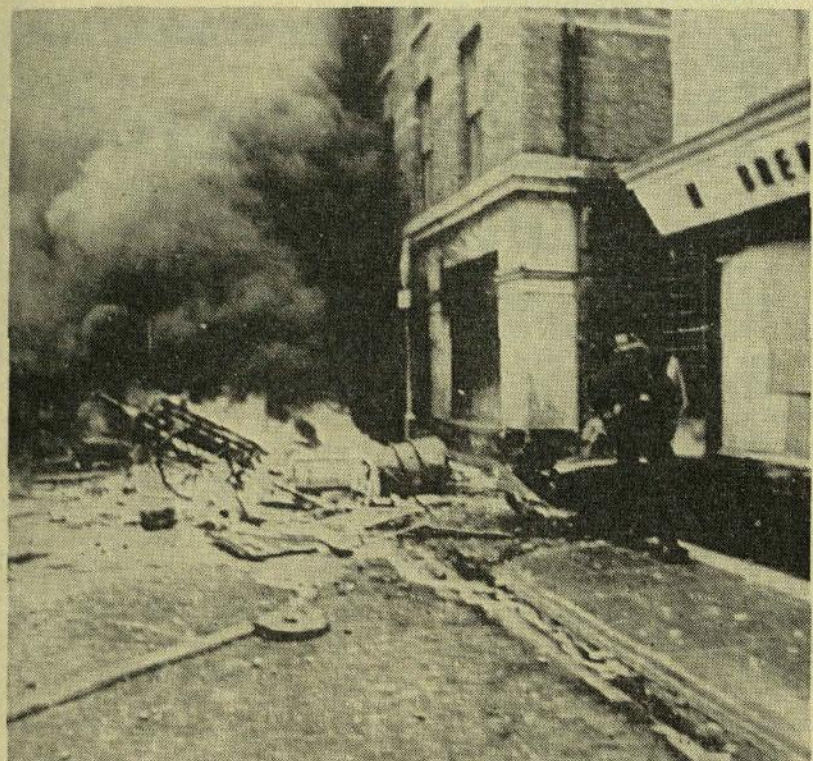
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An R.U.C. officer present at the aftermath of violence in Bogside during August.

Outbreak was planned

Students of Ulster politics know that sectarian rioting in Londonderry and Belfast is no new phenomenon. But this summer's violence lacked the spontaneity of previous outbursts. This time it was no accident.

In Spring Austin Currie had promised 'a long hot Summer', yet already the Northern Ireland Government was deeply committed to extensive reform. Clearly the 'Civil Rights' agitation had further objectives.

The Bogside's attack on the traditional 12th August parade in Londonderry was calculated and treacherous. The offensive in Waterloo Place had been well prepared, cynically ignoring the peace treaty made a few days before between Protestants and Catholics. The sequel to this vicious onslaught was the rapid erection of the barricades, the structural excellence of which showed the organisation in the Bogside. Reporters were indeed told by the insurgents—'There are more bombs than people in the Bogside tonight. On the top of one block of flats alone we have men with about 900 petrol bombs'

The Author wishes to remain anonymous as his safety has been threatened.

—petrol bombs into which sugar and soap had been mixed to make the flames stick and spread. These facts prove that the preparation had been extensive and that this was no spontaneous outburst.

In Belfast, danger signals had appeared in early summer. Catholics were seen to leave Protestant areas of the city unaccountably. July 12th saw Orangemen stoned in parts of West Belfast. The notorious Hooker Street purged itself of Protestant residents, including a 70 year old widow whose house was ravaged by a petrol bomb. Inevitably there were reprisals, and tension was high in Falls and Shankill when Gogarty created his second front, in Belfast, on August 13th. Rival groups clashed in the famous 'black pad' area.

Police stations at Hastings Street and Springfield Road were attacked by Catholic mobs and not long afterwards a police constable and a sergeant were shot in

Leeson Street, off the Falls Road. As Gogarty's plan went into action more and more shots were fired in a deliberate attempt by subversive elements to undermine the constitution of Ulster. These people were not concerned who or how many died because of their insidious schemes.

Lynch's sabre rattling inflamed matters further, and by Lady Day, August 15th, at least 5 people had been killed. Probably official lists underestimate the number of casualties.

Now the British army is 'keeping the peace', but its strange behaviour is surprising even moderates. Why talk one's way into Bogside but shoot one's way into Shankill? Violence and intimidation are certainly not the monopoly of the Protestant faction, though vitriolic attacks in the Irish press might suggest this. The immediate aim of the fomentors of discord has been to humiliate and discredit the Northern Ireland Government. In this they have been successful. But ancestral passions, dormant for years, have been rekindled in the process. More bloodshed seems inevitable, and a 'unity of Irish hearts' is further away than ever.

Watch Britain

By SEAMUS O TUATHAIL—Editor of the 'United Irishman'

Captured in a frieze cloth the turmoil in the North will make an interesting backdrop to the story of British Imperialism. The pity is that so many Irish eyes are engaged watching the unfolding detail of the frieze, so many Irish passions struggling to affect the positioning of the threads, and so few Irish people watching the pattern being fed into the machine by the diplomatic strategists of Whitehall who for centuries past have planned the frieze for the Imperial Parliament.

Whitehall is at this moment pondering what new combination or permutation of the Six and Twenty Six Counties will best serve her interests in the future. Britain, as she has always done, considers this island as a whole. She is ever conscious of her main aim: to keep this island as weak and divided and dependent upon her as possible.

Times change. The integration of the 26 County economy with that of the U.K. evidenced by the 1965 Free Trade Agreement and the 26 County desire to enter the E.E.C. in Britain's back pocket was encouraging news. But this growing together with the South was being hindered by the system of discrimination in the North called Unionism which Britain had adopted in darker days when extremists demanded a Republic.

The appearance of Civil Rights, Unionist reaction and the collapse of the cleverest Unionist of them all, the moderating Captain Terence O'Neill, clinched the issue. The Orange Card, hitherto given unqualified support as a useful divisive factor, has become an embarrassment.

Britain is faced with a choice. If Unionism is unwilling or unable to bow to its reduced role in the affairs of the Empire then it will be discarded and British troops used to stamp out its militants while British diplomats weave a federal solution involving both Six and Twenty Six Counties in tighter political communion with Mother England.

Jack Lynch will be able to sell the federal solution to the South as a step towards a Republic while Wilson can welcome a virtually reunited Ireland back into the Empire.

In such an eventuality the Protestant extremists who are now realising anew just how conditional their loyalty to Britain is and how fickle Britain's faith with them might find themselves in the same objective position as the betrayed Republicans.

The Shankill and Falls Road fought together in the early 30s. Why not in the late 60s. The reunification of Irish people that matter is long overdue.

The seeds of conflict

by THE REV. JAMES HARTIN

Lecturer in Church History T.C.D.; Sub-Warden, Church of Ireland Divinity Hostel.

During the summer vacation I was involved in various efforts to provide help for those who had suffered in the recent violence in Belfast and Derry. My main reason for doing so was that I find myself unable to make distinctions between one Irishman and another in spite of the existing political differences.

I spent my childhood in North Antrim and my student years in Dublin. Since then I have worked for almost the same length of time in Belfast and Dublin. I have always been keenly aware of living in one country and of living alongside my fellow Irishmen, and even more aware of this fact when I have been abroad and met my fellow countrymen.

Centuries of religious, political and economic segregation and prejudice have been allowed to obscure once again the essential unity of Irish people. The greatest single tragedy in Northern Ireland may well have been the failure of the schools to teach Irish history in a fair and balanced way or indeed in any way in many cases, and to give the rising generation some understanding of their cultural identity. I doubt if many young people in Northern Ireland can really identify themselves with traditional English culture and social attitudes. They may speak of themselves as 'British', but 'British' is a meaningless term when cultural and social roots are under consideration.

My own experience working in Northern Ireland showed me the existence of discrimination against Roman Catholics in many subtle ways—sometimes so subtle that it would be hard to define what was going on but at the same time preserving a very careful separation between the two groups of

people. There was often an arrogant assumption of the superiority of Protestant over Roman Catholic as such. I have found this in both working class and middle class circles. I have even heard quite open minded Protestants refer to the people of Roman Catholic areas as 'a different breed' and the implication was 'an inferior breed', and I have also encountered considerable Roman Catholic bitterness to me as a Protestant. On the other hand, my experience has shown me the warm friendship and deep understanding which can grow between Protestant and Roman Catholic (the understanding seems to become ever deeper because of the effort of those involved in accepting each other in their differences).

The massive programme of reform now being undertaken by the Unionist Government indicates what defects and faults existed in Northern Ireland in the last fifty years. A year ago Unionists leaders were insisting that there were no faults in the set up. I hope that these reforms will be given a chance to come into operation and to show their effects.

McKeown's stand



CIARAN MCKEOWN

Ciaran McKeown, President of U.S.I. and himself a Londonderry Catholic, was naturally deeply concerned about the situation in the North of Ireland.

In a speech from the front of the G.P.O. in Dublin Mr. McKeown advocated the token occupation of one of the border counties, in order to create an international incident, which would force the U.N. to intervene.

He was concerned in many of the relief organisations set up to aid refugees from Ulster, and offered the U.S.I. premises in Harcourt Street as an administration office, but his duties as President of U.S.I. prevented him visiting the troubled areas in Ulster.

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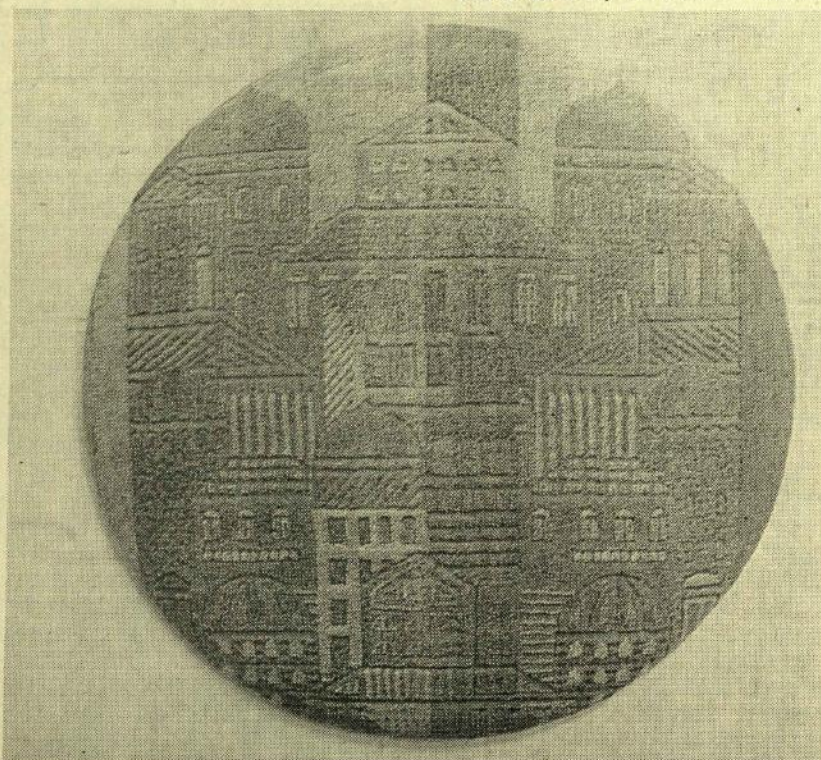
Hands clasped piously, artistically, hair blonde, crisp, receding, Mr. Larsen is a young 42, debonair and proudly enthusiastic about Ireland.

To the initiated Jack Lenor Larsen is the American designer who introduced new materials, new techniques, new attitudes into the world of textiles. Research into the folk-weaving traditions of Africa and Latin America has taught Mr. Larsen that durability, comfort, and visual satisfaction are the priorities of successful designing.

Mr. Larsen came to Ireland in 1968 on the invitation of Córás Trachtála. His study of indigenous design and technical resources has led to the production of fabrics which in pattern, colour, and texture are distinctly and individually Irish.

The aim of the project was to develop luxury textiles for sale abroad, especially in the United States, and its success will mean a significant advance for Irish exports. If Mr. Larsen's predictions are correct these exclusive Irish fabrics will be selling "within a short time" at the rate of £1m per annum.

Following the practice of earlier European exhibitions Mr. Larsen has baptized his Irish creations with appropriately evocative names. In Milan—Paprika red, in Dublin — Tara bronze or Merrion Sq. indigo; as this implies, the inspiration source of Mr. Larsen's furnishing designs has been his extensive survey of Irish culture, ancient and modern. The success of "Irish Awakening" is



due to the aesthetic and technical collaboration of the Kilkenny Design Workshops with Mr. Larsen.

"The mellow hues are not affected," explains Mr. Larsen, "they derive naturally from your Irish wool. Warm fuchsia reds and tawny twilight golds relate to your Irish climate and landscape." Mr. Larsen's theory is that "we must recreate the country inside the city home and business, in an effort to banish mediocrity from modern architectural interiors."

An Escapist Guide to Dublin Cinemas

Once the euphoria which afflicts Freshers entering the rarified confines of a university begin to wear off, they soon become rather sadly disillusioned as regards the intellectual food and/or entertainment which Trinity provides. They soon learn that the greatest excitement they will probably encounter in their student career, short of a visit to Merrion Square, will be in that notorious Dublin phenomenon—the "pitchers."

Unquestionably the finest value in Dublin is to be found in the Green Cinema. Two, usually quite good films for only 2/6 at a matinee. The big cinemas, notably the Metropole and the Ambassador, are expensive and cater more for the happy family audience. Rarely does anything so sordid as sex or violence strain their lily-white screens.

The two wide-screen cinemas, Cinerama and Superama, although also expensive, have been known to provide the occasional good show. The best double-bill in Dublin at present is on at Cinerama.

The Corinthian, Capitol, Carlton and Film Centre can usually be relied upon for a good "entertaining", if far from cultural double bill. They will be a must for the escapist.

The connoisseur, alas, will find little stimulation in Dublin cinemas. He should of course join the University Film Society and the Irish Film Society, but apart from these there are only the Academy, Astor, International and occasionally the Grafton. These

rarely have any of the very avant-garde films, and of course censorship takes its heavy toll as well.

Finally, don't forget to scan the papers for the suburban cinemas. Many a beautiful friendship has begun on Trinity Night, (Sunday) at the Ritz ("Always a good show") Ballsbridge.

By the way we are offering a special prize of a pair of spectacles to the first to break the record of the student last year who saw eight films in one day, so good-film-hunting.

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KEN HAGAN

Paisley martyred on stage

"The Assassin" was perhaps an unwise choice with which to open the 1969 Dublin Theatre Festival, for its content belied the nature of joy and enthusiasm to such an extent that it seemed almost like a very bad joke. John Boyd's play reflects events in the North, and a grim theme it is, presenting with much accuracy, one fears, the truth about real life.

Reality was the key note of the play, excellently contrasting, both in scene and character, an ardent Catholic and a raging Protestant, and showing the break-up of a united family and the isolation of the struggling intellectual mind.

The Rev. Lamb of the Evangelical party, acted magnificently by Godfrey Quigley, is a frighteningly plausible characterization. He, having grown up basically unwanted with a demoniac urge for power and money, has the cleverness and cunning of the desperate man. He finally achieves moderate success as a door-knocking salesman in the USA where he is converted by a sexually-orientated preacher. His bigotry is the result of a stubborn and terrifyingly narrow outlook. His main control over his army of thugs is his mesmerically repetitious speeches. Parallels of the rise of Hitler and Paisley are clear.

Contrasted to Lamb is Stephen

Doherty, a slum child who is the Outsider and a self-taught political democrat. He is dedicated and committed to his ideals and is totally sincere as a result. He is callous even with his girl actress Caroline Hunt who loves him dumbly. Doherty's hatred of the bigoted leader leads him to shoot Lamb during a hysterical meeting.

While Lamb lies critically ill the action flashes to and fro showing facets of the characters' past lives on brilliantly lighted sets at an increasing pace. The confusion of emotion increases until almost the last line when the prison warden screams "You bastard, you've made him a martyr". There is no moralising and no excess of sympathy with either cause, for Mr. Boyd's showed the human terror of fanaticism when men lose their sense of proportion. It stands as an indictment of our society, and it is interesting to see that both London and New York theatres have offered to have the play. They will not react like the Belfast visitor who remarked "there's no point coming to Dublin to see this on stage when it is all happening for real at home."

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O'TOOLE TRIUMPH

The premiere of "Man and Superman", in complete contrast to the "Assassin", flowed with the everlasting wit of George Bernard Shaw amidst a motley setting of white ties and champagne. Shaw's play was difficult to act, however, the enthusiastic audience greeted Peter O'Toole with ovations, and it became his personal triumph.

O'Toole anaesthetizes to a very large extent some of the play's more glaring faults by speaking his lines rapidly. Shaw for all his brilliance was too lengthy in his scene setting and the dialogue hangs heavily in the first Act. During the second, the action places a great strain on the main actor, and there is some incisive social commentary on dedication to art and on Shaw's ideals concerning democracy and the upper classes.

The cynical, intellectual and dominant Mr. Tanner is trapped in the final act by the lovely Miss Susannah York who sidles on to the stage, not needing to act her part as the scheming sensuous female. She is a perfect foil to O'Toole but the huntress aspect of her character is nearly lost in the romanticism of the other characters. Octavius Robinson, for example, in his part of the dripping lover, idealistic and artistic, shakes like a jelly, as he is meant to, meanwhile impressing one as "trying" as opposed to succeeding.

Two other excellent supporting characters were the two Malones (Donal McCann and Liam Gaffney), the American millionaire and his son, the elder intent on acquiring a handle for his son's name and a place in society, and

the younger just a place in society. Most realistic of all is Henry Straker the chauffeur, a product of a polytechnic, whose knowledge and infuriating whistle, which I presume Mr. Tanner was unable to copy, represented the sharpness of the newly educated. The sets are pleasantly or gruesomely accurate depending on the point of view. Personally I like the Victorian lushness.

Once the dialogue pace is set the play coheres well and the wit and the commentary come fast and fluently. Both O'Toole and Miss York give stirring performances. The former, amusingly assisted by liquid proof judging by his gait. It makes a thoroughly enjoyable evening, though I feel sad that the intellectual male loses the game and "gets married in the course of the afternoon".

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SPORTS NEWS

SAILING

R.Y.A. TROPHY FOR TRINITY

Since winning the British Universities Sailing Trophy at Welsh Harp last April the Sailing team has continued to add to its success during the Summer vacation.

Teams were invited to sail against them in Dun Laoghaire—the most prominent of these being the United States Inter-Collegiate Sailing Team who were on a tour of the British Isles at the time, and the Association of Northern Universities Sailing team. Superior team racing tactics as well as boat speed was shown by Trinity in beating them.

In the first year of the British Paints R.Y.A. Team Trophy for which there was an entry in excess of 300 teams, the team helmed by Owen Delaney, Peter Craig, and J. Ross-Murphy won the Irish area final and now go on to compete against eleven other teams in the final proper to be

ROWING

HENLEY AMBITIONS FRUSTRATED

Although the Trinity Senior Eight had started the '68-'69 season as underdogs, a series of wins against U.C.D. in the Gannon Cup and Trinity regatta had considerably altered this situation. Thus the forecast for the remainder of the season was an exceedingly optimistic one. Further wins against U.C.D. and Garda at Belfast and Boyne served to consolidate Trinity's dominant position.

For the first time in years it looked as if Trinity could really look forward to doing well at Henley. This view was to some extent shared by the rowing press, so that Trinity was strongly fancied to reach the final of the Ladies Plate event. At the same time Trinity had not lost a side-by-side race since the Wylie Cup in February and the psychological strain of remaining in winning form over a long period was considerable. Beating Manchester

from our man on the rails

HORSE RACING

Be sure to watch for **Ziguenor** running in the next few weeks. This horse looks an absolute picture at present. He is even better than his form suggests, and when he re-appears in a maiden hurdle (in Ireland) when the ground has softened up a bit, he will be a racing certainty as far as connections are concerned. T. Carberry will ride.

The banker for this week must be O'Briens classic looking colt **Great Heron** (2.20 Doncaster, Saturday) and **Zardia** may repeat his win in last years Manchester handicap (3.00 Doncaster, Saturday).

RUGBY

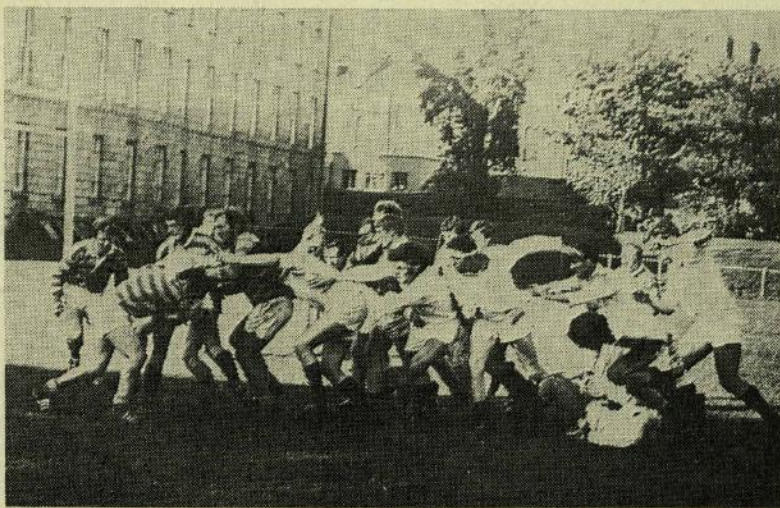
GOOD START TO RUGBY SEASON

T.C.D. 18 Sundays Wells 9

Photo—Mike Grenham

In a good match in Cork on Saturday, Trinity beat Sundays Well by three goals and a penalty goal to two penalties and a drop goal, for their second win of the season.

Trinity were overwhelmed in the first half but in the second half Sundays Well defence fell and three quick tries were scored. McCombe converted as well as getting a penalty goal. Sundays Well tried to get back on terms but could make no real impression. S. Poole (2) and R. Davy got tries for Trinity.



Trinity pack in action in College Park.

sailed in England on November 1st and 2nd.

Individual successes were also very creditable. David Wilkins won the European Juvenile Single-handed Championships sailed for in France. David Lovegrove finished 6th in the World Fireball Championships. On the home front Brian Craig won the Firefly Championships and Owen Delany and David Lovegrove finished 4th and 5th respectively in the Helmsmans Championships of Ireland. Altogether a very successful season for the Sailing Club.

ATHLETICS

PERSONAL BESTS AND SILVER MEDALS

At the end of June a team from Trinity Athletics club toured Switzerland and Germany. The tour consisted of three matches—the Swiss Regional Championships and colours match against Berne University and the University games in Mainz.

Two silver medals were won in the Swiss Regional Championships with Ian Mowatt (Magee) taking second in the shot-putt and Hugh Gash running brilliantly into second place in the 1500 metres.

In Berne the club renewed their long-standing fixture with the University there. Some doubt existed as to whether the touring team would be strong enough to avenge the defeat which this team inflicted on the last Trinity touring party. In fact Trinity won the match convincingly by a concerted team effort with everybody contributing to the full.

In Mainz the team was competing against top-class athletes and their efforts were dwarfed by high-powered performances by the teams of Prague City and Japan. Generally speaking the tour was highly successful and satisfying for the club.

The Trinity club was also well represented and gained some honours in the recent Ireland v Spain athletics match. M. Snaith won a silver in the All-Ireland and went on to run against Spain in

the 110 metres hurdles. John Dillon was selected for Ireland in the 400 metres hurdles event and ran a fine race to beat his Spanish opponent in a time of 53.60 secs.

BASKETBALL

NEW SEASON

The basketball club is preparing for yet another season of League, Championship and Cup games. All but one of last years highly successful senior men's team have returned and there is a large influx of American players—an asset to any club. The ladies' team has lost several important players who are as yet unreplaced.

Sports Shorts

RIFLE

Close at Bisley

During July four members of the rifle club represented Trinity at the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisley. In the long range University match, shot at 900 and 1,000 yards, Trinity narrowly failed to break the ten year monopoly which Cambridge has on this competition only losing by a margin of two points. The outstanding individual performance was by Michael Maxwell. He came 66th out of 1,000 places in the Queen's prize, the most important and arduous single competition of the meeting. In the final stage he made top score of 73 ex 75 at 900 yds., beating the best marksman in the world at this distance.

SOCCER

SOCCER DEFEAT

TRINITY 1 GLEBE NORTH 3

On Sunday Trinity were defeated by Glebe North A at Balbriggan in a fast entertaining game. Glebe North opened the scoring but a goal from a free kick by Bleakley put Trinity on equal terms at half time.

In the second half Trinity fell away a little and Glebe North added two more goals. Trinity's lack of fitness began to show in this half, for although goal scoring chances were created, the forwards were not sharp enough to take advantage of them.

Next Sunday Trinity play Tullamore at College Park in the F.A.I. Intermediate Cup.

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AS THE FRESHERS SAW IT

The only means of evaluating the success or validity of Freshers' Week is not by asking the committee of the Freshers' Congress or the more senior students who specialise in frequenting the events in the hope of obtaining free alcohol or innocent female Freshers, but by the opinions of the Freshers themselves.

This year these opinions are a fairly damning indictment of the organisation and variety of the entertainment provided. *Trinity News* reporters attended most of the functions and discovered some very interesting reactions from the Freshers to their new surroundings. Few of the lectures arranged created much excitement and it was the more socially inclined events, such as the dances and the Folk Concert which received favourable comment. The Freshers seemed more interested in forming personal relationships than in preparing themselves academically for the turmoil of College.

One young lady considered it all to be an evil plot and that the staff had combined with the Freshers' Congress to make her first week in College as boring as possible so that she would be simply dying to start lectures. However, she did not object to the fact that 'the old lags' were much in evidence since these, it seems, provided the few enjoyable moments of the week.

Most new arrivals felt that there would be no real opportunity to become acquainted with Trinity until lecture term started and the remainder of the undergraduates arrived. "You're not getting to know the place, because there's nothing to do. It's not worthwhile arriving at the beginning of the week."

One bewildered Fresher said, "You have to pay for everything; What's the Capitation Fee for?" Many people objected to being hounded at Front Gate and felt that the societies were more concerned about getting their hands on money than in offering any services.

While it must be admitted that the psychology of questioning reveals that people are much more likely to criticise than praise, it is obvious that the concept of a Freshers' Week will have to be closely examined before next year and a shorter and more interesting alternative arranged.

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DR. MOORE ON FRESHER SEX

The most entertaining meeting of Freshers' Week was the talk "Male and Female Created He Them" given by Professor R. S. Moore in the G.M.B. on Saturday morning. Professor Moore enlivened what was originally a biology lesson with various anecdotes appealing to the mature sense of humour as he differentiated between wit and smut in sex. Unfortunately the uninteresting title and the early hour did not attract Freshers in any great number, but those who were discouraged certainly missed one of the brightest interludes of the week.

One of the most amusing asides culminated in an ape describing man as a creature which drinks when it is not thirsty and has sex all the year round. He considered that the development of the penile bone in the whale must at times be a bit of an embarrassment to it, and followed this with a story describing a young female medical student who, according to her dour tutor, is in for a disappointment in life due to her unfortunate confusing of very different parts of the anatomy.

Professor Moore described the sexual impulses of both men and women and discussed briefly the various types of birth control without indulging in any parental moralising. This is the first time

that a talk of this nature has been provided to new entrants and it is pleasing to note that a member of staff can, from the beginning, treat students as mature people.

No Slacks, Politics or Religion

Freshers in the Royal College of Surgeons, St. Stephen's Green, where many foreign students and some Irish study medicine, were told these regulations on arrival. Discussion of politics and religion is banned on the premises. Girls must not wear slacks, and men must attend lectures wearing jacket and tie. Long-haired students were told to get their hair cut. The College authorities try to ensure obedience to the rules by requiring every student to sign a declaration that he will not discredit the College. The above regulations being College's interpretation of creditable conduct.

The fees at Surgeons, nearly £400 a year, are among the highest in the country.

Some students there explained that the passive acceptance of the regulations is due to the large numbers of foreigners who do not want to make a fuss.

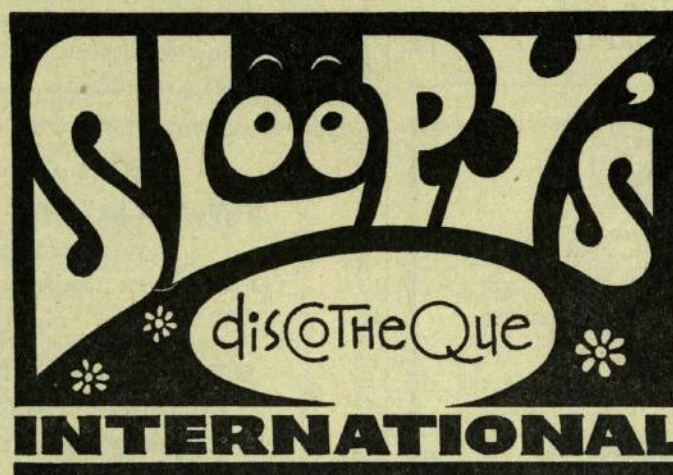
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A QUIET REVOLUTION

The face of student politics in College is changing for the better. The Societies, the natural grouping of students, are coming into their own, and in the long run the whole student environment could be remodelled. No other University in these islands has such an opportunity to develop a small but growing College into an integrated community based mainly on units transcending faculty lines.

Yet the Central Societies Committee is likely to have some teething troubles that D.U.C.A.C. never had. Societies are not nearly so uniform a group as Sports' Clubs, and they would be wise to give the new structure a chance to mature harmoniously by not pressing for too great changes at once.

The trust of the Hist., the Phil. and the other large societies in willingly accepting equality with even the smallest society gives the C.S.C. a good start. The most vital point of Monday's meeting was the agreement by all concerned that those elected are not to be thought of representing interest groups. Let us hope that this is possible.

There are two main issues made clear by the summer's review of committees which has culminated in the new Capitation Committee and C.S.C. The first is that direct elections to Board Committees, and to student places on the Board itself, raise an interesting question: when there are direct elections to the "government", why have other elections for a parliamentary S.R.C.? Why not just a professional Civil Service?

The second is whether the Board will back its policies with actions. This means giving No. 4 and No. 5 over to societies, and putting student communities centres high in the list of accommodation priorities.

The Editor wishes to stress that the sponsoring of Trinity News by the S.R.C. has not taken place. Trinity News stands by its offer that the S.R.C. may finance a page each week for its own news.

The Editor welcomes letters. Brevity is the best passport to publication. Deadline Saturday night.

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