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NO MERGER

Says Joint Statement

Representatives of Trinity College and the National University of Ireland have produced a set of proposals concerning the future organisation of university education in Ireland in general and in Dublin in particular. The latest proposals, which emerged after a series of informal talks over a period of 18 months, differ considerably from Mr. Lenihan's plan of July, 1968, and from Mr. Donough O'Malley's original "Merger" proposals of April, 1967. Trinity and University College Dublin are to become independent, separate though co-operating and partially complementary universities.

It is proposed to set up a Conference of Irish Universities which will administer university education together with the Higher Educational Authority. The National University of Ireland will be abolished. It is proposed that there should be four independent but co-ordinated universities in the Republic, with broadly similar constitutions.

ABOLITION

Allocation of specific faculties between the two Universities in Dublin is considered in some detail. They have attempted rationalisation of courses by advocating the abolition of some duplicated courses. However, this has been done without sacrificing the in-

dividuality or the internal unity of the two colleges by keeping a wide range of courses available in both, and by making provision for research in all faculties to be continued and enlarged.

Trinity's representatives during the talks were the Provost, Dr. A. J. McConnell, Professors Mitchell, Chubb, Ottway-Ruthven, Watts and Dawson, and the Secretary to the College, Mr. Gerald Giltrap.

The proposals have been submitted to the Board and to the Senate of the National University for ratification. The Government, as yet, has not commented on the proposals.

See page 3 for a summary and analysis of the latest proposals.

U.S.I., S.R.C. FIGHT FEES INCREASE



Following an unsatisfactory meeting with the Minister for Education, Padraic Faulkner, the National Council of U.S.I. has decided to campaign against his latest proposals to increase university fees by 25%, to provide £15 m. for capital cost of higher

education over the next six years and to postpone the raising of the school leaving age to 15.

One hundred and fifty U.C.D. students marched to Trinity last Thursday following a meeting in Earlsfort Terrace. Various speakers addressed a disappointingly attended meeting at the Dining Hall steps which decided to express dissatisfaction with the proposals by attempting to jam the Department's telephone lines with complaints. It was thought that this method would not inconvenience the general public and yet permit students to make their views known.

On Friday, U.S.I. President Richard O'Toole addressed a meeting in U.C.G., while Education Vice-President Micky Joe Walshe made a hard-hitting speech in U.C.C. The U.C.D. S.R.C. are not co-operating in the campaign as they say that it is a "bourgeois issue." U.S.I. Deputy President Jim Hamilton visited Earlsfort Terrace on Friday to distribute leaflets about the "phone-in" to the Department.

PORTER ATTACKED

On Monday afternoon a porter at Front Gate was attacked while students stood idly by. The porter, Mr. Massey, was hit in the mouth after he tried to prevent three men—two youths and a middle-aged man wearing a long, multi-coloured scarf around his head—from entering the College. Mr. Massey said that he thought that at least one of the youths was inebriated and that the men intended to beg. Begging and hawking is forbidden within the College grounds.

The men tried to force their way past Mr. Massey, but when he persisted in barring the way, one of the youths hit him in the mouth. Although there were about twenty students watching the fracas, nobody came to Mr. Massey's assistance. The attackers ran out through Front Gate and got away without anyone apprehending them.

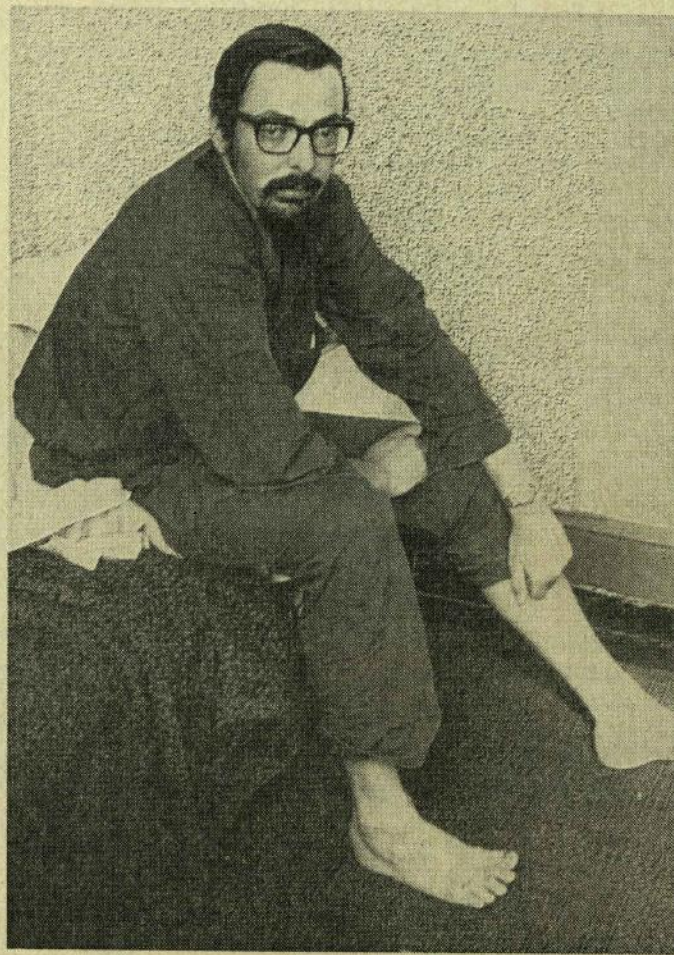
Mr. Massey had his dentures broken and bled from the mouth. He alerted the Chief Steward who rang the Gardai. The Gardai apprehended a man later but it is thought that he was not one of the trio. Mr. Massey was amazed that such an incident could occur in broad daylight in front of so many people. Many porters are middle-aged men and they have very little protection against physical attacks of this nature.

General Studies

General Studies students will have both compensation and supplemental examinations this summer. A student who fails one subject need only sit a supplemental exam in that subject. Those who fail two subjects will have to re-sit all three, but those who fail all three subjects will not qualify for supplementals.

FEES RISE

Fees in Trinity Hall have been increased from £6 to £7 10s. per week. It is understood that this increase is due to rising costs. There is accommodation for about 100 females in Trinity Hall, but at the moment it is understood that there are quite a few vacancies. This is probably because Trinity Hall is so far away from the College, a shilling bus ride in fact. In addition there have been complaints that some of the regulations are archaic and petty. The all-in rate includes two indifferent meals a day—breakfast and dinner. The normal rate for digs in private houses varies between £4 10s. and £6 10s.



ALLANSON WINS WALK

Mark Allanson, pictured above, won last week-end's Belfast-Dublin walk in a spectacular time of 26½ hours. Absolutely exhausted, Mark, a final year Economics student, was dragged out of bed on Sunday morning to be photographed by "T.N." staffman Alan Ingram. Allanson was followed home by Kevin Brew in a time of 28 hours 50 minutes. Kevin was the only other finisher.

Thirty-one intrepid voyagers started out from the City Hall, Belfast, at 9.30 on Saturday morning. They included an all-female relay team comprising Bairbre Deighan, Joanna Kennedy and Patsy Reade. All 31 reached Banbridge, but only 15 succeeded in walking the long stretch from there to the Border. Three of the five girls who had set out to complete the entire course safely reached the Republic.

Possibly lacking the special encouragement of accompanying pacers, many more dropped out before Dundalk. By reaching the Louth town, Daphne Cotton and Mary McGowan qualified for the special ladies' prize. Pat Taaffe's Cafe became the end of the road for many, so that only four men and the girls' relay team set out again for Dublin.

This was the stage of the race where pacers were urgently required to encourage the leaders, assist the tail-enders and prepare

them for the final stretch into Dublin. Alas, these were all too few, but Barbara Grenden, Judy Sugars, Mary Fine, Carol Wilson and Patrick Perceval-Price put in good work. Daphne Cotton was paced into Dundalk by a gallant Sue Price who had earlier retired before Newry because of blisters.

Where were the men? Both Eoin Mac Aogain, who had been in the lead from Belfast to Banbridge, and Ted Smyth had been going well, but Eoin fell out at Dunleer and Ted at Drogheda. This left only Mark Allanson, Kevin Brew and Edmund Barrow on the road.

Kevin Brew made good ground from Dundalk where he was 3½ hours behind Allanson and he finished only 1 hour 20 minutes behind. The times of both finishers were an improvement on last year's winner, Robin Wormell, but are a long way behind Tim Macey's record of 19 hours 50 minutes set in 1968. Macey ran the last seventeen miles and then after 100 miles sprinted from Parnell Square to the finish at the G.P.O. But that, of course, does not detract from Allanson's or Brew's achievements.

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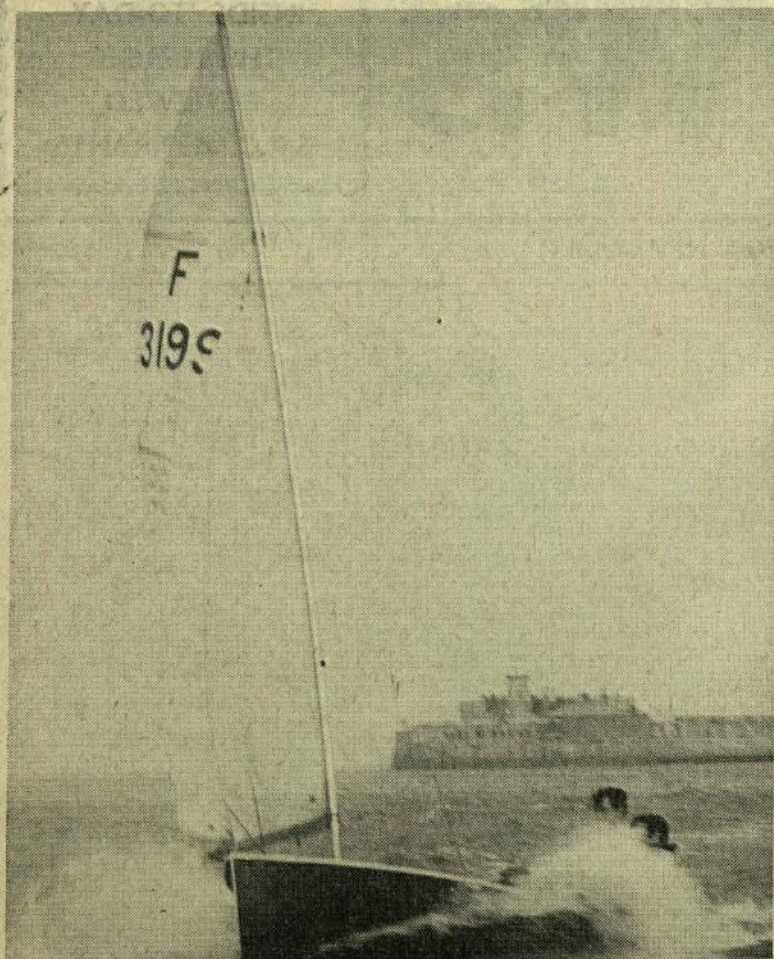
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REVIEW OF SQUASH SEASON

A moderate season was concluded by a fairly successful English tour which probably benefited the top players more than the rest of the season. Trinity's performance in the league could almost be labelled disastrous, and they only avoided taking the wooden spoon by all too brief spasms of good play. The cause of this abysmal display was undoubtedly the lack of competition for the top seven places in the ladder.

When a club which can boast the largest membership in College is incapable of producing consistently good results, something is very definitely wrong. Also, when a team member can keep his place by playing once a week, it does not say much for the determination of other aspirants to the team.

Three out of the first five will be here next season: M. Braddell, at No. 1, has enough ability to do

very well if he makes his game more accurate, while M. McCann is a determined player, but must go for his shots more. Once J. Frankland gets his game sorted out he will certainly gain more victories.

This year's teams were chosen from the following (all Colours): D. Crossley (capt.), M. Braddell, M. McCann, P. Holder, J. Frankland, J. de Rosee, C. Lindsell.

CRICKET

TRINITY START WITH WIN

Trinity gained a very creditable win in their first match of the season against Old Belvedere in College Park last Sunday. After Saturday's friendly against N.I.C.C. had been cancelled, the team had to face their first league match without any previous competitive matches.

Old Belvedere won the toss and elected to bat on a slow pitch in cool weather. Their innings started slowly, but the first wicket did not fall until the 30 mark had been passed. Halliday then dismissed both openers, while Frankland disposed of Belvedere's danger man, Irish international Alex O'Riordan, for 2.

Belvedere then collapsed to 65 all out, Halliday ending up with 5 for 14 in 12 overs. His intelligent bowling was well supported by safe catching in the deep, and

Frankland's economy kept the runs down at the other end. For the batting side, Kevin O'Riordan played a very sound innings of 31, being especially severe on the few loose balls.

Trinity's innings started disastrously, three wickets falling in rapid succession before Cox steadied things with a finely judged innings of 29, well supported by Nixon and Hewson. Momentary panic was caused when A. O'Riordan came on again and took three quick wickets, but

SAILING

CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

A clear-cut victory in the British Universities' Sailing Championship, staged by the Bristol Corinthian Club, confirmed Trinity's position as the outstanding University in British sailing. This was the club's fourth successive victory in the event, equalling the long-standing record of London University who, appropriately enough, were the losing finalists. In a total entry of 32, Trinity's superiority was early in evidence when they collected the minimum number of points in each of their three preliminary wins over Surrey, Aston and Exeter.

The wind got up to such an extent that three boats capsized in the semi-final against Manchester University, but Trinity finished in 1st and 2nd places to win through to the final against London.

Here Trinity were superior in both boat speed and team tactics, and after establishing a 1, 2, 6 position at the first weather mark, they held this to finish, with David Wilkins and Johnny Ross Murphy way out in front. In the second leg Trinity played it safe and after taking an overall winning position of 2, 3, 6 they settled down for these placings, enabling them to win comfortably by 19½ to 21½ points.

In the ladies' event, Trinity were put out in the semi-final by London, the eventual winners, who found this their hardest match on the way to collecting the Ladies' Trophy.

After this hard week-end's sailing they then travelled to Norwich to sail in the Association of Northern Universities' Sailing Championships, run by the University of East Anglia.

The whole competition was run on a league basis right up to the final; Trinity won their section of

the initial league and qualified to meet Sheffield and East Anglia in one of the semi-finals.

Trinity and Nottingham won through to the final and in the first race Trinity finished 1, 4, 5 to lead by 1½ points, going into the second leg. In this race David

Wilkins was put out while trying to recross the startling line, and Johnny Ross Murphy had an inapplicable capsize at the gybe mark while in the lead, which left only Brian Craig who finished a very creditable second. Nottingham thus won by 18½ to 24½.

SOCCER

1st XI Gain Second Victory of Season

TRINITY, 3; BRAY UNKNOWNNS, 0

In a match more memorable for the number of planes roaring low over Santry than for the standard of play, Trinity gained their second league win of the season with a 3-0 victory over Bray Unknownns last Sunday.

The match was marred by the condition of the pitch and the monotonous over-use of the offside trap by Bray. The pitch, criss-crossed by drains covered with gravel and stones, not only prevented accurate passing but was actually labelled dangerous by the referee before the match started when he said that if one player was injured by the stones he would immediately abandon the match.

Trinity started well and McCombe and Fitzsimons both missed easy chances before Bleakley scored from a penalty after Finucane had been pulled down when certain to score. Trinity dominated the play, with Bleakley and Quinn working well in midfield, while McAuley and Hamilton dealt capably with the little they had to do at the back.

After 40 minutes Finucane put over a perfect cross from the left for Fitzsimons to deflect the ball delightfully into the corner of the net to put Trinity 2-0 up at half-time.

The second half was very scrappy, the only highlight being when Wherry, coming into the game for the first time, beat three

men easily in the 80th minute and slipped the ball into the corner of the net to complete the scoring.

Team: Hamilton; Smyth, Christie; McAuley, Shields, Bleakley (capt.); Quinn, Wherry, McCombe, Fitzsimons, Finucane.

HORSE RACING

by LORD FORM

(Nigel Herdman)

HIGHEST HOPES must win to-day's 1,000 Guineas (Newmarket, 3.30). All the form lines tally to signify that she is the best of her sex and age over one mile. (The word "certainty" is kept up my sleeve after Tudor Dance, but take it that the thought is there!) The 5.05 at Ascot on Friday may fall to last year's easy winner, **NOUS ESPERONS** (the hope in both names is apt, put purely coincidental), who pressed two subsequent easy winners on his debut. **HIGH LINE** can duplicate his stablemate Parbury's 1968 win in Ascot's Paradise Stakes (Saturday, 3.35), when Doug Smith's chosen of **CROONER** and **FIRE KING** in the Victoria Cup will suit me (Ascot, Saturday, 3.05). **HICK-LETOWN**, after his easy win in the Great Metropolitan, has a clear chance in the Chester Cup over a similar distance (Chester, Wed., 6th May). Finally, my information has it that **HONEST ROBERT**, from my home district, is all set for Down Royal this Saturday. Good punting!

BASKETBALL RESULTS

MEN

Trinity 'A,' 61; St. Vincent's, 57.
Trinity 'A,' 86; U.C.G., 58.
Trinity 'B,' 41; St. Joseph's, 19.
Trinity 'B,' 43; Killester, 27.

LADIES

Trinity, 22; U.C.D., 23.
Trinity, 43; U.C.G., 31.

S.R.C. Presidential Election, 5th May
NOMINATIONS CLOSE, FRIDAY, 1st MAY
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NON-MERGER REVIEWED

THE NEW PROPOSALS

The following is a summary of the main proposals recommended to the Board of T.C.D. and the Senate of N.U.I. for the re-organisation of two separate but co-operating universities in Dublin:

● **ARTS.**—The present range of subjects in each university will continue subject to the condition that subjects attracting only a small number of students might be allocated to one or other of the universities exclusively.

● **SCIENCE.**—Each university will retain its present range of disciplines but it is recommended that the main centre for physical sciences be in U.C.D. and that the biological sciences be centred in Trinity. Advance work and research should be continued on both campuses, but new specialisations will be allocated either to U.C.D. (Physical Sciences) or to Trinity (Biological Sciences).

● **MEDICINE.**—There should be two independent though co-operating schools of pre-clinical medicine in Dublin and each university should aim to produce an equal amount of students for admission to clinical courses. There should be a joint university school for clinical studies operating in three hospitals controlled jointly by a co-ordinating body equally composed of U.C.D. and T.C.D. staff. A similar arrangement would apply to post-graduate studies and a common final examination is also suggested.

● **VETERINARY.**—The only faculty of Veterinary Medicine will be in T.C.D.

● **DENTISTRY.**—It is proposed that this school be situated in T.C.D. but, because of the financial cost involved, this will be the only school of dentistry in the Republic and the proposal is subject to the approval of the College of Surgeons and of U.C.C.

● **PHARMACY.**—There is no specific recommendation except that it go to one of the Dublin universities.

● **ENGINEERING.**—It is noted that there is currently a shortage of engineering graduates and this is likely to continue. It is proposed that Trinity will produce 90 graduates p.a. and that U.C.D. will produce 220. There will be a four-year non-specialised course in General Engineering Science in Trinity, with options during the final year, while U.C.D. will have specialised courses in civil, agricultural, mechanical, electrical and chemical engineering. It is pointed out that the general Trinity course is considerably less costly than the U.C.D. course which requires more costly equipment and laboratories. Co-operation between the two schools should be encouraged and it is thought that under the new scheme that expensive duplication will be avoided. Engineering courses will continue in Galway and Cork, but will be designed to complement the Dublin courses. Post graduate training and research will be considered on a national basis.

● **BUSINESS STUDIES.**—It is proposed that "Commerce" should go to U.C.D. We quote: "In the light of proposed developments in management and business studies, it was felt that the development of a second substantial university graduate school in this field outside Dublin should be considered."

● **SOCIAL STUDIES.**—It is proposed that Social Science should go to U.C.D. "Some teaching of sociology will be required in T.C.D. in connection with other wider degree courses."

● **LAW.**—Trinity should become the main centre of legal studies in Dublin. Further development should take place on the T.C.D. campus, but provision should be made for law teaching as part of a wider Arts degree in U.C.D.

● **AGRICULTURE.**—This will only be situated in U.C.D. in Dublin.

● **ARCHITECTURE.**—It is proposed that this school should only continue in U.C.D.

● **THEOLOGY AND DIVINITY.**—The question of Theology and Divinity was not considered.

● **MAYNOOTH.**—St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, should be associated with the Conference of Irish Universities proposed by the two sets of negotiators.

Analysis

THE NON-MERGER

These proposals are the proposals of academics. They are not the proposals of the Government, of the Board of Trinity or the Senate of the National University, and they have not been agreed to by many other powerful and interested groups. They are not law and they do not have to be implemented. However, they are probably the most authoritative set of proposals to emerge during the protracted debate since Donough O'Malley first astounded the country on April 18th, 1967, with his revolutionary proposal to unite Dublin's two traditionally hostile university colleges.

These proposals are both a synthesis and a compromise and, given their terms of reference and their bargaining position, it is generally acknowledged that Trinity's representatives have done a pretty good job from Trinity's point of view. It would appear that the proposals guarantee to retain most of the independence, traditions and freedoms of what is, after all, the first University of Dublin.

surely we can only afford one computer complex in Ireland and that is already here in Trinity.

The non-discussion of Theology and Divinity would seem to indicate that powers temporal have no power over powers spiritual in this matter. Being a matter of such great sensitivity, theological education has obviously been left to God to decide!

GAINS

Trinity is still to be allowed to be a university. It still will have strong Arts and Science faculties. Our law-abiding tradition has finally been acknowledged by the foisting of more Legal Scientists on College debating societies (such as the Hist and the SRC?). With the allocation of Agriculture to U.C.D., Trinity's retention and monopoly of Veterinary Medicine can probably be explained by its proximity to the Veterinary College in Ballsbridge. Similarly the allocation of Dentistry to Trinity was probably partly influenced by the situation of the Dental Hospital so near to the Lincoln.

Dr. Thornley has said that the negotiations have been conducted with the same dignity as the maintenance men's strike. The academics have obviously been concerned with their own interests. That is understandable. They have been talking, manoeuvring, fighting, scheming and politicking for long enough. The proposals are not revolutionary — they could hardly have been expected to be. Now the debate is our debate. The secrets have been disclosed and the students, citizens and, no doubt, a few professional politicians should have their chance.

DAVID GILES.

LOSSES

Trinity has lost comparatively little under the new proposals — the rationalisation but not the robbery of Medicine, Engineering and Science was more or less expected. The loss of Social Studies is understandable, given the small size of the Trinity Department, but one would hope that the U.C.D. Department of Social Science will be able to adjust radically and really enter into the pluralist society.

The big surprise is the recommendation that "Commerce" should go to U.C.D. The Trinity School of Business Studies is a leader in its field in these islands; it has a wider and longer course than that currently offered in Belfield and with Trinity's powerful Economics School lending close support, many would be of the opinion that the mountain should come to Mahomet and not vice versa.

Agriculture has not really been lost — of late it has not found anything like a strong position in College Green. U.C.D. has been allocated Architecture; Trinity has never had a school of Architecture and it is arguable that, due to the standards in Earlsfort Terrace, that in the near future there will be no university school of Architecture at all.

OMISSIONS

The section on Medicine significantly fails to specify the names of the teaching hospitals; it does not say which university will cater for which field of specialised medicine and it obviously has to be viewed in the context of the future of the College of Surgeons, of Medicine in U.C.C. and U.C.G., and in relationship to the massive exportation of trained doctors from this country at present.

Computer Science is only mentioned in connection with future developments in Galway. This seems to be ludicrous when

SECURITY LEAK

The proposals of the representatives of T.C.D. and N.U.I. were scheduled for release on Saturday, 25th April. However, somebody leaked the information to the press on Friday afternoon, and the exclusive story appeared in the sixth edition of the "Evening Herald." At first it was suspected that one of the student representatives on the Trinity Board revealed the information, but on further investigation it was deduced that someone talked to the reporter after the meeting of the Governing Body of U.C.D.

OUR NEW RULERS

The New Governing Bodies

On the 4th of March, 1970, representatives from N.U.I. and Trinity agreed to propose the establishment of a Conference of Irish Universities. It is to be composed of five members from the four proposed universities. The Provost/President being ex-officio members and the other four are to be elected by the Academic Council/Senate from amongst its members.

This Conference will have wide-reaching powers, ranging from establishing common entrance requirements to the appointment of external examiners. It is also suggested that an agency be set up to assist applicants in finding the appropriate university places.

Also agreed to were proposals on the future structure of government of the separate universities. These envisage three ruling bodies — a University Court, a Governing Board and an Academic Senate.

It is proposed that the Court should be a representative body, with a number of ex-officio members including representatives from local authorities, professional bodies, etc. Its function would include electing the Chancellor and receiving an annual report on the University's working.

The Board, states the document, would have 20% of its

members appointed by the Government and student representation. Among its functions would be the administration of the University and the formulation of policy.

Finally, the Academic Senate — this will be the supreme academic authority and the provision of disciplinary regulations for staff and students will number among its "duties."

GOOD POINTS

Some points from the proposals stand out very clearly. Good ones first. It is pleasing to see any body paying attention to the needs of students about to enter University and any body on the lines of the



The Provost — the Government's appointee?

British U.C.C.A. should be generally welcomed.

Likewise, it is pleasing to see that all Irish colleges now appear to be recognising the necessity for student representation on University Boards — at last. Perhaps Trinity can claim some credit here.

FAULTS

However, there appears to be some flies in the ointment, I, for one, am not over-keen on a 20% representation by the Governing Boards. (At the moment, says the editor, the Provost is the only Government appointee on the Trinity Board.)

Another point which seems disturbing is that apparently discipline will be in the hands of the Academic Senate — a curious step if I read the proposals correctly. It would seem that students, while represented on the Governing Boards, would seemingly not be able to discuss their own discipline — a retrograde step surely in view of our experience in Trinity.

Finally, I find the proposals for a new structure of University Government rather disappointing on the grounds that in fact they are not new. We seem to have seen most of them before and very few of us have been over-impressed.

IVAN LEE.

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Preview:

JOHNNY SO LONG

"A group of young people gather on a piece of waste land near to a fairground. They are waiting. They will go to the fair—but later. Their leader, Johnny, has already gone to the fair and without him they are powerless to make decisions. In the meantime they are amused and exasperated." This is part of the blurb to "Johnny So Long" by Vivienne C. Welburn which is running at Players' Theatre this week.

Paul McGuinness, who is directing the play, has not paid much attention to this blurb—in fact, he sees the storyline as a joke: "The play is primarily an 'effect' which the production aims to construct for an audience. It's a very sound piece of theatrical writing, and it works very well on stage." We can see that the story is rather banal, but soon the

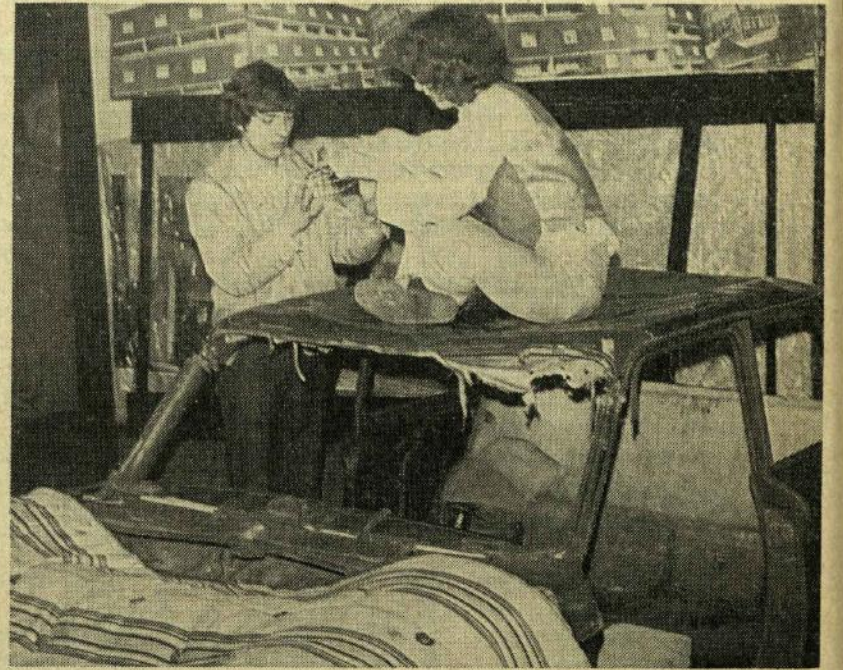
audience should realise that it doesn't really matter at all. McGuinness says: "This play is not amenable to conventional plot analysis in that it's really just a series of effects."

Bearing this in mind, we see a group of young people hanging around a wrecked car, apparently waiting for Johnny. They talk, they quarrel, they have problems. Dave Burke plays Toby, the clown who has an answer to everything and wields a very strange power over the other characters. In Johnny's absence, the group seems to revolve around Toby. Petronella Taylor plays Dark, the woman Johnny left behind. Rusk (Roland Polastro) is a gutless kid, lost, trying desperately to find a leader in Stone (William Fitzsimon), while his girlfriend Judy (Michelle Freyne) accuses him of being a

queer. Deirdre Keir plays Lola—"I'm the only normal person around here." And so they live their lives, to the strains of "Daisy, Daisy" played on a hurdy-gurdy in the nearby fairground.

The set design for the play was chosen from a number of designs submitted by students from the National College of Art. The set chosen was that of Roland Mahon, and the other designs can be seen in Players' tea room. The flick knives used in the play were lent by Sergeant "Lugs" Brannigan of the Flying Squad—from his hoard of confiscated weapons.

Paul McGuinness, second year Philosophy and Psychology student, also directed the very successful production of "Gallows Humour" last autumn. "Johnny So Long" will run until Saturday, May 2nd.



Roland Polastro and Dave Burke in a scene from "Johnny So Long."

Backtrack:

SIMON & GARFUNKEL

Simon and Garfunkel's first L.P., "Wednesday Morning 3 a.m.", made little impact on release, but on it was a track "Sounds of Silence," which, over-tracked by their recording manager with orchestration, was released as a single and sold over one million copies, reaching No. 1 on both sides of the Atlantic.

The desultory style of that song, with its decrying of American mass pseudo-culture as typified in advertising, is a theme running through most of their records. "Big Bright Green Pleasure Machine" is a very witty satire on advertising slogans, with an effect rather lighter than the pessimism of "Sounds of Silence."

Also on the "Sounds of Silence" L.P. is a track telling of loneliness and suicide. The song ends: "All the people said, What a shame he's dead . . . but: Wasn't he a most peculiar man?"

In "Bookends," an L.P. which confused and annoyed many people, they produced in the dozen or so tracks as complete and true a picture of America at the present time as anyone has ever done.

Following success with success, the next Simon and Garfunkel

L.P. was "Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme," which included the beautiful "Scarborough Fair/Canticle." Too few people, I think, have really heard the canticle as it is drowned by "Scarborough Fair"; it would be worth while to buy the words of such a beautiful and deeply felt song.

The last track on that L.P. was probably Simon's most effective indictment of American society. While the duo sing "Silent Night," the are slowly drowned out by a news broadcast of the latest rioting, racialism and suicide. It is quite a tribute to them that Kurt Vonnegut had the same idea in placing "Silent Night" on the frontpiece of his "Slaughterhouse Five."

Finally, something should be said about "Bridge over Troubled Waters." But what can be said? That it is their best L.P., yet is obvious. That it contains some of the best music recently released equally so. As with all Simon and Garfunkel records, the individual tracks in themselves are beautiful, but also they go together in a way that only Paul Simon seems to achieve—a unity of thought and of style with a vital message for to-day.

JOHN QUIGLEY.

Talking to Ralph McTell

Ralph McTell is a young folk singer who is at last receiving the respect and admiration he deserves. He is a very gentle, sensitive person, and much of this comes out in his more serious songs. He is a school drop-out, and the product of a broken home, and he spent several years in dead-end jobs before taking to busking in the streets of London and Paris.

Basically, he is a folk-singer, but he dislikes attempts to pigeon-hole his music. The songs he plays fall roughly into two categories: what he calls "fun music," and its counterbalance, the more serious songs, most of which he writes himself. His fun music is rag-time music, which is technically difficult, but with the hall-mark of a gifted performer, he makes it look and sound easy.

The more interesting songs, however, are the more serious ones, which usually have a highly personal meaning or association for him. These bring out McTell's

sensitivity, because although he does, like most modern folk artists, sing love songs written from personal experience, the bulk of the songs are about other people, their loneliness, the dreariness of their lives, their failure to communicate.

He sings of factory girls ("Factories offend my conscience") and their stale lives; of lonely people, the elderly, in big cities, and the problems of people who live in "Kangaroo Valley" in London. The most important song for him, however, is "Michael in the Garden," about a boy declared mentally insane and shut up in "an institution."

Of this song, McTell says: "It sums the whole thing up for me," and that is about different levels of interpretation and understanding.

"Out in the garden, Michael is silent

Talking to no one of things that he sees."

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His manner, unfortunately, gives a picture of McTell as a rather doleful figure: nothing could be further from the case. He has a friendly charm and a quick wit, both of which he uses to create a rapport with his audience.

His manner and appearance on stage are deceptively casual; he puts a lot of work into the balance and make-up of his act. He performed concerts for two years before he could bring himself to say more to his listeners than the song titles; and at least one song, "Factory Girl," he wrote and re-wrote for six months before he performed it on stage. Robin Denselow in the "Guardian" said that Ralph McTell plays too much on the emotions of his audiences; true, he does appeal to the emotions of his listeners, but this is no bad thing, especially where student apathy is concerned. Perhaps his success can be measured by the fact that he got a student audience to sing along with the chorus of a slow song on loneliness, "The Streets of London." In my experience, a student audience joining in with anything is remarkable; with a slow, moving folk-song, it is miraculous.

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THERE WAS A WALL

A play written by two Trinity undergraduates, Estelle Feldman and Mashey Bernstein, will form the major part of a commemoration to be held on May 3 by the World Jewish Congress, to mark the 27th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Titled "There Was a Wall," the play

was first presented last year in Dublin by a newly-formed drama group, the Stratford Players, Rathgar. It was subsequently privately printed. It deals, in documentary fashion, with the events in the Ghetto, from its establishment to the heroic uprising in 1943. The play will be presented at the Cambridge Theatre, London.

Estelle and Mashey, who are final year History / Political Science and English students, respectively, have been connected with many College societies. Estelle was on the committee of the Eliz., and T.C.D., and is a former editor of "Clio," the History magazine. Mashey, this year's Secretary of the Film Society, is a former Arts Editor of "Trinity News."

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THE CANDIDATES

On Tuesday next, Trinity students will again go to the polls to elect the President and Vice-President of the S.R.C. Each of these posts carry a sabbatical year, a salary of £550 plus expenses and a non-voting seat on the Board. "Trinity News" invited the candidates to submit short statements of standard lengths to ensure fair representation of their views.

GREG MURPHY and **MICK FORDE**, at the time of going to press, had not decided which of them was to run for which office. Here is their joint statement:

"While you are at Trinity, a mismanaged or inactive S.R.C. does fundamentally affect you—and us. For instance, if the S.R.C. were more imaginatively and competently run the present fee increases could be successfully fought, or a better and fairer 'grants' scheme could be implemented, you could get better food or have better academic standards in the various faculties. S.R.C. laziness and tomfoolery affects both you and us—and it is because we have little confidence in the creeps who run the S.R.C. at present that we are running for these jobs. What distinguishes us from our opponents, Tansey, Ross and Lee? They have throughout the year been intimately associated with the S.R.C.'s tomfoolery and they have been willing cogs in the inept Revington apparatus."

ROBERT LEONARD is no longer a candidate. Here is his statement:

"Do you never get sick of our politically-minded student brethren wallowing in their self-created (centred) slough of phoney sincerity and social conscience. This 'mini-Mafia' their winning ways nothing but an embarrassingly diuted veneer of their misrepresentation and corruption. Student politics have ever been

the grooming ground for national politicians, equipping themselves for later licensed larding. The situation is despicable—bombastic speeches, exaggerated statements (fervent in doing good, but for whom?); these are only blinkers for the electorate, as has been proven in previous regimes. A vote for Robert Leonard will at least secure some amusement and by so doing the student representative comedy will be more true to itself. Be true to your happily apathetic self."

SHANE ROSS told us: "Students should vote for me because I am the only Presidential candidate who is not committed to a doctrinaire socialist or Labour Party line. As S.R.C. President I shall see my role not as that of taking an unrepresentative and totally negative line against the establishment but in tackling the problem of each individual student as it arises. I shall, therefore, devote two hours of each day towards discussing individual problems or injustices with students and then acting upon them. There is nothing wrong with the structure of the S.R.C. It has, with some justification, a bad image. This can be rectified by an efficient, conscientious executive working free of partisan factions taking independent decisions."

PAUL TANSEY stated: "Our S.R.C. has had limited success in the past because of its structure

and the personalities involved. It needs re-structuring, but we should not allow it to be destroyed totally by dishonest egotists or extreme fanatics. All the finest ideals and clichés will remain sterile and powerless until a President is elected who can rely on the support of the S.R.C. Council and Executive and of the general student body. I stand firmly on my record as one who has worked hard for Trinity students in the past, particularly as inaugurator and first edit of "Liaison" and as Travel Officer. I believe that my policies, although of necessity radical, are realistic and workable. More importantly, I believe that progressive and constructive students, who are concerned with their own and the College's welfare, will vote for me and give me their full support."

Other Candidates

At the time of writing S.S. Classicist **IVAN LEE** and S.F. Economist **PAT MURPHY** were the other visible candidates for the Vice-Presidency. The Phil Presidency election will be a three-cornered fight for the first time in many years. It will be between Council member **BILL McCORMACK**, Secretary and previous candidate **RICHARD PINE** and **MARCUS COLLIE** who is Librarian of the Society.

After this year's Bicentenary celebrations one might expect that the 201st session of the Hist to be rather an anti-climax. There are, however, two very colourful Auditorial candidates, and either could be expected to brighten up next year's proceedings. Here is a small part of what they told "T.N." about themselves.



DONNELL DEENY was educated at Clongowes, is 20 years old and is a Legal Science student. In his first year he was elected on to the Hist Committee and the S.R.C. He later became S.R.C. External Relations Officer and was one of the saner delegates at the legendary Sligo Conference. Noted for his competence as a speaker, he won the Lucas Cup for impromptu debating last week and his speech at the Hist Bicentenary national debate was widely praised.

Donnell has many ideas to make the Hist more entertaining, including televising debates and running dances. He feels that the Auditor should be strict but subtle and should co-operate with the Committee.



NICK FITZ-GERALD BROWNE is a third year Economist student and the present Treasurer of the Society. In the Hist he has won the Maiden Speaker's Prize and holds Marked Thanks for Distinguished Proficiency in Oratory. Since coming to Trinity he has been Captain of the Boat Club Maiden Eight and has written an autobiographical novel, "The Norman Staircase," of which offers of publication are conditional on his rewriting two chapters about the Mau Mau. This he refuses to do.

Nick claims that he was sentenced to death at the age of seven for "crimes against the African people!" At 14 he upset President Nasser by inspecting the man's guard of honour at Cairo Airport. He wants to be an M.P. at Westminster.

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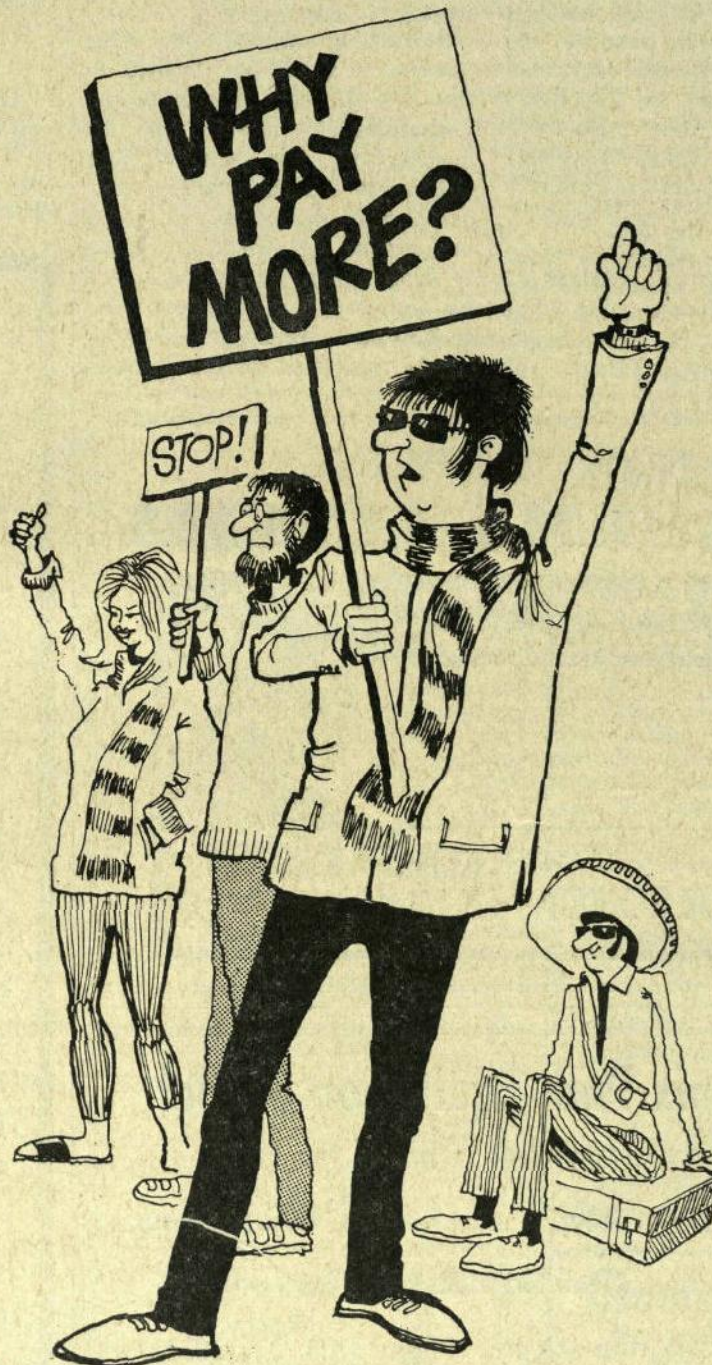
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S.R.C. ELECTED

Derek Moran, Pedro Ribeiro and Mick Forde were the most successful candidates in last Tuesday's elections. All three polled over 65 votes, while Medicine Freshman Pat Talty recorded 51. S.R.C. Presidential aspirant Robert Leonard failed to get elected in Medicine and will not now be eligible to stand.

There were contests in only three of the five constituencies — the nominees in Social Science and Arts were returned unopposed as there were only as many candidates as seats. Twenty-one candidates contested 11 seats in the General Studies faculty and although there were proportionately fewer candidates in Medicine and Science, these constituencies also had long and complicated counts. Polling was higher than usual—this is accounted for by dynamic campaigning by a few groups of candidates and the early opening of the campaign for next Tuesday's Presidential elections.

The full list of candidates returned is as follows:

ARTS: R. Ferguson, J. Fitzgerald, T. Hamilton, W. Hamill, G. Murphy, P. Lally, R. Wormell and V. Wynne Jones.

GENERAL STUDIES: D. Moran, M. Forde, J. Halley, W. Tutty, A. Caffrey, R. Hamilton, J. Hamilton, L. Brosnan, E. Donnellan, E. Shortts, J. Kelly.

MEDICINE: P. Talty, P. Joyce, D. Quinn, D. Warde, D. Brown, C. Farrar.

NATURAL SCIENCE and ENGINEERING: P. Ribeiro, M. Darley, C. Price, G. Kelly, F. Bannister, J. Falvey.

SOCIAL SCIENCE: K. O'Brien, D. Giles, C. Crawford, C. Masterson, P. Martin, J. West.

The returning officer and his staff found the intricacies of Proportional Representation rather formidable, but with persistence and the invaluable help of veterans like Alan Craig, Jim Hamilton, Greg Murphy and Joe Revington, the count was concluded to the satisfaction of everyone—except, of course, the unsuccessful candidates.

Former S.R.C. President Adrian Burke was eliminated, while Jim Hamilton, the U.S.I. Deputy President, had to work hard for election. Derek Moran with 89 first preferences comfortably headed the pool in General Studies, with Mick Forde following close behind with 66. In Science and Engineering, Ribeiro and his running mates, Price and Darley, all were elected at the top of the poll on the first count.

DEENY WINS HIST. FROLIC

Impromptu debates always seem much more fun for both the competitors and the audience, while the influence of competition adds more spice to the entertainment. Last week's Hist debates were no exception and the fact that the two candidates for Auditor of the Society were speaking made it even slightly exciting. Light entertainment was provided in the intervals by the book-making activities of "Honest Joe" Revington.

There were 25 contestants divided into three heats. Firstly, all had to speak to the motion, "That this House would heed its elders." The first three in each heat went forward to the final, where the motion was, "That the laws of Ireland are made in Heaven." As often the case in this type of debate, very few actually spoke to the motion as most wandered off on tangents. Deeny, the winner, was one of the few who at least made a relevant speech.

Donnell Deeny was declared the winner, with Alex Martin second and Declan Kiberd third. The most notable incidents were Nick FitzGerald Browne's withdrawal from the final on the grounds that the motion could only really be debated by law students, and Greg Murphy's tirade about his election posters being torn down.

THE EDITOR

Paul Tansey has resigned from the Editorship during the Presidential election campaign in the interests of fairness to the other candidates. This week's editor is David Giles, a Junior Freshman in Social Studies.

SEMINAR

The second of the series of education seminars will take place in Hut 1 at 1.10 p.m. to-day when Mr. Tommy Murtagh will be one of the speakers.

THE PHIL

Tonight POETRY READING

DENNIS BRUTUS
TOM MacINTYRE
DEREK MAHON
OLIVER EDWARDS
HUGH MORTON
JOHN HEWITT
MICHAEL HARTNETT
MICHAEL LONGLEY
LIAM MILLER

G.M.B., 8.15 P.M.
Tea, 7.45 p.m.

Trinity News TRINOSOPHY

Trinity is, of course, the best university in Ireland. The chauvinism of such a claim is rationalised by the assertion that Trinity is the only university in Ireland—at least in what is called the Republic. But just because Trinity is the oldest and most prestigious higher educational establishment, it isn't automatically perfect. Superiority should not be allowed to become suicidal compacency.

Irish society has changed quite considerably since the College's foundation in 1592 during the reign of the first Elizabeth. The world has become a global village. Being possibly the best university in the country isn't enough any more—Trinity graduates to-day have to be able to compete with the best graduates of the best universities in the world, and so it is no longer valid to compare Trinity College, Dublin, with what are often called Earlsfort Terrace Technical School or Belfield Human Sausage Factory. We have to consider Harvard, Tokyo, Paris and Moscow as well.

As students we have an obligation to ourselves and to society to examine our immediate environment and understand what is going on around us. We should try and find out what Trinity is doing to us, what it is doing to our personalities and what it is doing to our society. That is what all those politicised clichés about roles and structures really should mean.

It is puerile to confine our examination of the university to specific issues such as exams, tutorials or individual courses. Our examination has to be universal—we have to look at every aspect of the life of our university from its relationship with society to the quality of the Buttery pint.

Man to be free needs to understand the composition and dynamics of the world. Our obligation as students of the world is to study society in as many aspects as possible. The best place to start is in this university—now. Change for the sake of change is not always advisable, but qualitative change that leads to real improvement is absolutely necessary.

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DR. McQUAID CONFRONTED

Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin Dr. J. C. McQuaid has received requests from the Constituency Executive of the Dublin South-East Branch of the Labour Party and from the Young Liberal movement to open Merrion Square to the general public. The Archbishop holds the lease of this area and allows keys of it to be given out on payment of £5 annually per key.

Many people feel that it is unfair to ask this of the predominantly working class population of the area, whose children can find no other places to play but the overcrowded playground in Fenian Street, the banks of the Royal Canal, and the narrow side-streets which are now becoming dangerously busy with traffic since the introduction of the one-way system in the centre of the city.

Both the organisations concerned with the opening of the park received rebuffs in the form of letters from the Archbishop's solicitors, Messrs. O'Hagan of

Harcourt Street, saying that it would be impossible to have it made available to anyone who wished to make use of it.

Not being satisfied with these answers, a group has decided to form the Merrion Square Action Committee to agitate for the opening of the square. Ken O'Brien is a Trinity student connected with the group and would like anyone interested in helping to drop a note in Regent House for him or to meet at Front Gate at 2.30 on Saturday to begin collecting signatures for the petition.

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