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S.R.C. GRANT WITHHELD

After a meeting of the Capitation Committee on Thursday last, the following statement was issued:—
“The Capitation Committee does not guarantee to meet the financial obligations of the S.R.C., nor is it committed to make any further grants to the S.R.C. The Capitation Committee will consider resuming the payment of grants when it receives evidence that the financial affairs of the S.R.C. are running in a responsible manner.” This strongly worded statement was issued after S.R.C. Vice-President Baxter failed to produce complete accounts.

Originally, last year, the S.R.C. had asked for a grant of £1,400. It was given £700, most of which went to covering the U.S.I. affiliation fee and the Congress in Sligo. An attempt to audited accounts for the period up to September, 1969, the period when Baxter was first Treasurer and then Vice-President, left vast gaps which no auditor could account for. This, it would appear, was largely due to

chaos in the finances of the Travel Office, at that time under the auspices of Chris. Magrath.

Repeated attempts were made to get accounts. Baxter himself ceased to come to meetings of the Capitation Committee and sent deputies—Henry Bourke on one occasion, Ivan Lee on another. In fact at the meeting last Thursday no official representative of the S.R.C. was present.

Eventually at the end of last February a sub-committee of the Capitation Committee was set up to try and produce some sort of accounts. The sub-committee answered some, but not all of the questions of the period up to September, 1969. Meanwhile, the Capitation Committee is waiting for accounts for the interim period up to April 1st before it decides whether the S.R.C. is to get any further money.



Tansey Elected — Murphy Resigns

Greg Murphy, the successful candidate for the Vice-Presidency, caused a minor sensation last

Tuesday night when, minutes after his election, he announced that he would be tendering his resignation. He said that he would find it impossible to work with Paul Tansey, the winner of the Presidential election.

Murphy and his running mate, Mick Forde, had consistently attacked the outgoing S.R.C. during the election campaign and had said that unless both of them were elected, neither would serve. Murphy told the 200-strong crowd at the count in the G.M.B. that Tansey had prejudiced himself by failing to disassociate himself fully from last year's S.R.C.

After a close first count, Paul Tansey defeated Mick Forde comfortably on the second count—receiving most of the eliminated Shane Ross's transferable votes. Greg Murphy had a strong lead from Ivan Lee on the first count, but after the elimination of Pat Murphy, Lee came within 60 votes of Greg Murphy's total of 940.

LOANS CONTINUE

For the past two years, USIT have been operating a student loan scheme in conjunction with the Bank of Ireland. This scheme enabled students to receive loans of up to £50, which almost covered the cost of a return flight to the United States. The banks charged the same rate of interest on these loans as they did on all other loans—the major concession being the ease with which these travel loans were made available to students.

When the banks closed last Thursday, it was feared that the loan scheme would also be discontinued. This would have curtailed many students' plans for this summer, as few can afford to pay the return fare before being paid for their vacation work.

However, following negotiations between USIT and the Bank of Ireland, it was decided that it would be possible to continue the loans once it was agreed that USIT would provide all the facilities necessary for the provision of loans. The Bank of Ireland has promised to underwrite these loans when the banks reopen. Details are available in the College travel office, No. 5, and at the USIT head office at 11 St. Stephen's Green.

VIPOND WARNED

David Vipond, the student who has been deprived of his scholarship and suspended from College for a year, has received a letter from his tutor telling him that he may not use College facilities or frequent College during the period of his suspension. Vipond has written a strong letter complaining against the warnings.

The text of the tutor's letter is as follows:

“Dear Vipond,—The Secretary has written to me to point out that while you are suspended from College you ‘are not entitled to make use of College facilities.’ He has also asked me to advise you not to frequent College during the period of your suspension, as doing so may adversely affect your

pending student for, although I received certain warnings from you and was advised of the likely action of the Board over my so-called ‘breach of discipline’ with Prof. Wilson. I have been notified of nothing since that time. Meanwhile my attention has been drawn by some of my fellow students to paragraphs in the national newspapers as well as in the ‘London Times,’ which variously reported that I had been suspended or rusticated. In such a situation the warnings that you have conveyed came right out of the blue, and are incomprehensible. I look forward to immediate clarification on these important matters.—Yours sincerely, David Vipond.”



David Vipond with Ann-Marie McCall on the Dining Hall steps during her hunger strike earlier this year.

prospects of returning to membership of the College. — Yours sincerely, R. B. Elliot.”

Vipond replied: “Dear Mr. Elliot, I have received a short letter from yourself on Tuesday, 21st, or Wednesday, 22nd April in which you passed on warnings to me from the College Secretary, Mr. Giltrap, to be enforced during the period of my ‘suspension.’ Accordingly now, I would like to lodge a stiff complaint. As far as I am concerned I am not a sus-

Hanson to Preach

The new Bishop of Clogher, Dr. Richard Hanson, will be the preacher in College Chapel next Sunday. Dr. Hanson, who is well known as a provocative and stimulating thinker, will be preaching on the role of the Church of Ireland in Irish society. He is a graduate of Trinity, but until recently was Professor of Christian Theology at Nottingham University, so it is expected that his view of the Church of Ireland may be more objective or radical than that is usual. Dr. Hanson writes occasionally for the ‘Irish Times’ and is one of the few scholars on the Bench of Bishops.

STUDENT ATTACKED

A Trinity student was attacked at the corner of Grafton Street and Suffolk Street at about midnight last Friday. He was talking with a group of friends when he was approached by another youth who said he was looking for a fight. The Trinity student, jokingly, said “Sure,” whereupon he was hit several times across the nose. The attacker entered the College, but was apprehended by a Garda and brought, together with witnesses, to Pearse St. Station. He was released on bail of £50 on Saturday morning and the case will be heard to-day.

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JUDO COLOURS VICTORY

The annual Colours match between the Judo Clubs of Trinity and U.C.D. was held in the Gym. last Saturday afternoon. Trinity repeated last year's win, with both the ladies' and men's teams, to take the cup yet again. The U.C.D. ladies' team was stronger than that which they entered in the Inter-Varsity Championships last term, but still not strong enough to beat this year's outstanding ladies' team from Trinity.

The girls, inter-varsity champions for the last three years, gave another display of their skill in contest judo, having already stated their preference for competition based on the formal demonstration of throws. While other teams cling to the individual contest format for competitions, Trinity's girls are well able to maintain their leading position in Irish universities.

The men's team was also victorious, but by a disappointingly fine margin. Their form was competent rather than inspiring, since, on the day, there seemed to be a lack of the "killer" instinct that produces spectacular judo and convincing wins.

Another resounding win for Trinity came from the men's "B" team, matched against a U.C.D. "B" line-up in a "friendly." This young and enthusiastic team, rapidly gaining experience, promises to be a force with which to be reckoned in the very near future.

These three wins were the climax of a very successful year for the club. Almost as encouraging as the high standard of public performance is the improvement in skill of individual club members, impressively displayed at the recent gradings. Congratulations in particular to Vivienne Overend and Gerry Keyes who gained their brown belts and thus

became eligible for their College "Pinks."

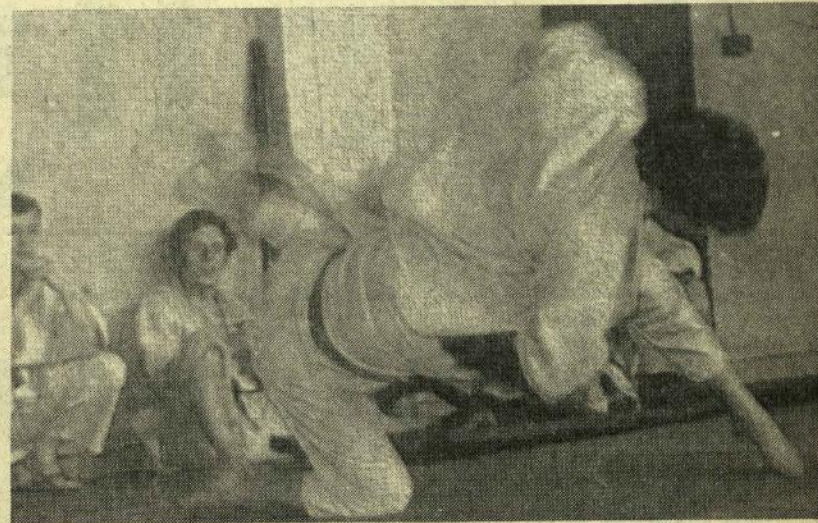
Colours match teams:—

Ladies: Averil Lee, Carol Bourke, Vivienne Overend, Mildred McIlpatrick, Sue Forbes (captain), Noeleen Murphy (reserve).

Men: J. Deykin, G. Keyes, T. Watt (captain), W. Fearon, D. Gillanders, I. Barber (reserve).

Men's "B" team: B. O'Malley, P. Cleary, D. Murray, I. Barber (captain), J. Moriarty.

Trinity's team in the forthcoming County Fermanagh Championships against a North-West selection will be: Lightweight: D. Murray; welterweight: P. Cleary; middleweight: T. Watt; light-heavyweight: D. Gillanders.



Terry Watt "on top" against Phelim Woods in the Colours match.

CRICKET

McKenna's Century Highlight of Victory

Thanks to two splendid all-round performances, Trinity scored two convincing wins to maintain a 100% record in their first three league matches. On Saturday they defeated Railway Union at Park Avenue by 137 runs, and on Sunday—or, to be exact, early on Monday morning—they returned from Observatory Lane, Rathmines, with a 153-run victory over Leinster under their belts.

Having won the toss, Halliday elected to bat on a rather tricky wicket at Park Avenue, but a sound if rather slow start by McKenna and Silverstone paved the way for a superb innings by Bryce, whose chanceless 69 was all the more commendable when one considers the vagaries of the pitch. Cox (18) and Hewson (18) provided the support that enabled Trinity to declare at 169 for 9 shortly after tea.

The roller rekindled the wicket's early fire, and Trinity's opening bowlers made good use of its assistance; helped by some poor shots, they skittled Railway Union out in just over an hour for a meagre 32. Frankland took 6 wickets for 10, and McCarey 4 for 21.

McKENNA

On Sunday, Halliday again won

the toss, and batted first on a beautiful wicket with an immaculate outfield to encourage a fast scoring rate. Barney McKenna, in only his second match for the first XI for a long time, took the Leinster bowling apart with a brilliant display of leg-side shots, to score the league's first century of the season. He was dropped only once, and shared a second-wicket stand of 119 with Bryce, whose 48 not out would in other circumstances have been considered an outstanding feature of the match.

When Trinity declared at 195 for 3, there was no reason to suppose that this total would be enough to gain a certain victory on such a good wicket, but McCarey and Frankland once again started to bowl with almost incredible fire and accuracy, and for the second day running they

took only an hour to dispose of what is by no means the weakest batting side in the league for a total of 42.

ENCOURAGING

Taking the week-end as a whole, there are some points worth noting which can only be encouraging for the remainder of the League campaign. Trinity had no need to call upon their strong supporting attack; in the first match of the season, Halliday and Hewson took 7 wickets between them, and Kirk, Bryce and Cox have as yet had no opportunity to demonstrate their bowling talents.

From the point of view of batting, the fact that McKenna, Bryce and Cox have averages of 66.5, 59 and 24, respectively, is very encouraging, especially as Bryce is the only one of the three to have played regularly for Trinity before this season.

Scores:

Trinity, 169-9 dec. (Bryce 69); Railway Union, 32 (Frankland 6-10, McCarey 4-21).

Trinity, 195-3 dec. (McKenna 114, Bryce 48 n.o.); Leinster, 42 (McCarey 6-16, Frankland 4-26).

The 2nd XI did not fare so well, despite being involved in two exciting finishes; they drew with Old Belvedere on Saturday, needing only one wicket to clinch victory; Downey was Trinity's top scorer with 54 n.o. On Sunday they lost by 12 runs to Carlisle, with Deane taking 7 wickets for 32. The Ramblers travelled to Kilcock for the annual North Kildare rant, and they also ended up with a draw.

HORSE RACING

By LORD FORM
(Nigel Herdman)

During the past 12 years the Great Jubilee Handicap has been won by J. Colling twice, E. Cousins four times, and H. Blagrove three times. On Saturday (Kempton 2.35), I have high hopes that Ryan Price, who trained the 1967 winner, will enhance this record with GREENHILLS, who ran on promisingly when beaten by half a length by Kirkdale at Sandown two weeks ago. He now enjoys an 8 lbs advantage with the latter. Today's Ormonde Stakes at Chester (2.50) may fall to the mesmerising late flourish of RANGONG. And at the Curragh on Saturday (4.20), EXCESSIVE, who since 1968 has been beset with the burdens his name implies (up to 10.5), has a good chance, with the weights apparently in his favour, on a track he appreciates. Incredibly, he has been beaten favourite in seven of his last 11 races in Ireland. Also back CRYBABY in York's Dante Stakes on Tuesday, 12th May.

ROWING

The rivalry on the river between Trinity and U.C.D. comes to a head on Saturday when the Senior VIII's of both colleges meet in the 22nd race for the Gannon Cup, to be rowed between Kingsbridge and Butt Bridge.

In recent years this race has produced some exciting finishes, and form would indicate another one this year. Trinity began the season by beating U.C.D. at the Universities' Championships, then losing to them by 16 seconds at Portora and London; they cut this deficit to only two seconds, however, in last week's Liffey Head. Trinity's rate of improvement should be faster than their rivals at this time of the year, so Saturday should bring Trinity their 13th win in this series.

The race starts at 3.30, and half an hour beforehand the Junior VIII's of both Colleges race over the same course, and recent form would indicate a win for U.C.D. in this race.

SOCCER

TRINITY, 0; TRANSPORT, 1

After last week's good win against Bray, Trinity once again returned to their poor form of earlier in the season when going down 1-0 to Transport last Saturday. Despite outplaying the away side for most of the first half, they conceded a late goal, and after the interval they were unable to erase this lead.

This was a very spiritless performance by the whole team, and no individual can be blamed on his own. O'Boyle, in his first game for the 1st XI, missed a good chance to put Trinity ahead in the opening minutes, and overall the team's finishing left a lot to be desired.

Team: Hamilton; Millen, Shields; Smyth, McAuley, Bleakley; Quinn, Wherry, Fitzsimons, O'Boyle, Finucane.

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A Trinity News Investigation

APATHY?

On Tuesday, April 28, our intrepid star reporters were out and about finding out the voting habits of Trinity students. We attacked 50 students at random, one of whom collapsed and died on the way to hospital. Of the other 49, 40 either had voted, or intended to do so. That makes 80%, and since only 40% of the student body actually did bother to vote, our sample must have been unrepresentative, or dishonest.

Notwithstanding that, we asked why they voted. Answers ranged from the brutally honest (to get the right man, i.e., my lover, in) through the disgustingly negative (so as not to be apathetic) to the usual cliché-ridden claptrap about the S.R.C. representing students, democratic rights and obligations

to vote, and student participation in College. Who said elections aren't fun any more?

There was a similar range of answers to our question about candidates' qualifications. Most voters had been so brain-washed by election propaganda they couldn't help but give clichés for answers; like sincerity, honesty, integrity, concern for students (somebody introduced me to an S.R.C. councillor who cares about anyone other than himself) and, best of all, responsibility. Personality was a saving feature of some answers, but very few realised the importance of a ruthless, dishonest councillor with a total disregard for anyone but himself (he's the only one who'll get anything done). The most interesting, and no doubt most frank, reply came from Merrily Harpur: her candidate must be good at cricket, a member of the Basil Brush Club, and wear well-cut trousers. We hope she got her man!

As for non-voters, excuses were usually that "I don't know anyone," which is, of course, by far the best condition for a fair election. David Vipond didn't vote, of course: the S.R.C. is "irrelevant and definitely counter-revolutionary." I'm sure Joe Revington would be terribly hurt to learn that he was President of an irrelevant organisation — although perhaps he would agree after a year in office.

Watch out for fireworks in next week's exclusive report on this year's Presidential election.

I suppose one cannot complain very much about Trinity in 1990 — you certainly get what you came here for, not like the old days when a University was only a University.

Life is much more comfortable in the new halls of residence in Dun Laoghaire, only ten minutes by hovercraft to lectures in the old place in College Green and then out to study in the new super-library in Sutton (specifically reserved for computer programmers). The time spent in travelling is minimal when one considers the advantages — one does see so much of Dublin. Trinity is quite good too now that the more obsolete courses such as history, politics and classics have been relegated to that massive complex in Belfield. After all, what we need in 1990 is a scientific university — who needs historians nowadays?

The Students Representative Council now functions very efficiently since the President has replaced the Junior Dean; Mr. Revington is now busy running his election campaign for Provost. However, the President could do with a rise — after all, what can one accomplish on £3,000 a year, even with free accommodation in the Phoenix Park? Moreover, one sabbatical year is hardly enough. The President does deserve it — it was he who initiated the free computer service to find one's sexually compatible partner. More than 90% of the students now participate in this scheme. No more hanging around the Buttery now — one merely inserts the top section of one I.D. card into the new students' services computer in

Regent House.

I suppose we could do with a change of buildings in College Green. The new Labour Government have been wanting to knock some of them down for years. What we need in 1990 are large, compact utilitarian concrete and glass buildings. Just look at the improvements in America — that

68 storey college in downtown Burbank really has to be seen to be believed. They certainly don't mess around with this obsolete 18th century nonsense.

Still, I'm very pleased with my course here. Six years on a computer and then straight into S.H.I. What more could a young lad like me want?

T.C.D. BOYCOTT

The other College publication, "T.C.D.", was picketed by angry students protesting against the "Paki Poem" published in last Friday's issue. The picket, organised by students belonging to a number of societies including U.N.S.A., the Labour Party and Fianna Fáil, was mounted after lunch on Friday after presidential and vice-presidential S.R.C. candidates had attacked "T.C.D." during their meeting on the Dining Hall steps.

The poem, which was written by a Pakistani living in London,

was described as racist. It contained facetious remarks such as "Plenty of us now on the dole/ lovely suit and big bank roll," and "White men made to pay all year/to keep the national assistance here."

A spokesman for "T.C.D." said that the picket had not affected them in the slightest and that it had not harmed their sales. In fact, it was felt that their sales had risen because of the controversy surrounding the poem. Well, we suppose that's one way of selling "T.C.D."

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TANSEY ELECTED

Paul Tansey was elected President on the second count in last Tuesday's elections. He was narrowly behind Mick Ford on the first count, but received twice the amount of Ross's second preferences than his rival, giving him a final majority of 117 votes.

After the voting was finished on Tuesday evening, Paul Tansey went to the cinema, missed the count and wasn't found by the posse of thirsty supporters until well over an hour after the result had been announced. He went to the cinema more out of exhaustion than nerves—he began his election campaign soon after Christmas and has been working at it without a break for the last month.

Tansey is no orator, as those who saw him on the Dining Hall steps well know, and relied on collecting votes by getting himself introduced to people all over College. Perhaps this accounts for his mysterious attendance at an Ecumenical Service.

The new President is 20 years old, a native of Dublin and was educated at Blackrock College. He studied Business Studies in his first year at College, and after securing a first in the summer

exams he transferred to Economics and Political Science where he is now in his third year.

He did not enter College politics until the end of his second year when he was elected to the S.R.C. and to the Executive. Tansey became Travel Officer when Mick Forde resigned last term. Apart from the S.R.C. he has taken an active interest in D.U.B.E.S., the Labour Party and "Trinity News." He has been on the paper for the past 18 months and was elected editor for this term. At present he is on a two-week leave of absence from the paper to fight his election campaign. In spite of all this activity he doesn't feel that his academic work has suffered very much.

Paul's favourite pastime seems to be poker, or, in fact, any type of gambling. In January he placed a large bet on himself at very generous odds to win this election

—and it looks as though his gamble has paid off.

ANTI-WAR PROTEST

S.R.C. President Paul Tansey is supporting a large-scale protest to-morrow night against increased American involvement in S.E. Asia. Meetings will be held in T.C.D. and U.C.D. at 8 o'clock to join with groups from other parts of the city in a march to the U.S. Embassy.

The march has been stimulated by the U.S. invasion of Cambodia and by the recent shooting of four students by National Guards in Ohio.

HIST. RESULTS

Counting started on Tuesday at midnight to elect officers and committee members of the Hist. Donnell Deeny, J.F., Legal Science student, was elected Auditor with 116 votes to Nick Browne's 101—the largest margin of votes for the office in the last five years.

Derek Moran was elected Treasurer on the first count with 111 votes; Jonathan Peel, outgoing Correspondence Secretary, received 84 votes, and Ernie Bates 28. The largest vote ever received by any one candidate in the Hist elections was cast for Frank Bannister, who beat Stephen Smith for the office of Correspondence Secretary by 156 votes to 59. Vere Wynne-Jones was elected Librarian on the second vote with 118 votes to Richard Marriot's 89, James Henry Joe Revington Hamilton having been eliminated with only 37 votes.

The greatest surprise on the Committee election was Linda Best's record breaking poll of 123 votes. This is greater than the highest poll last year, for Ted Smyth, and is a double victory for Miss Best, who is the first woman to be elected to the Hist Com-

mittee. The feminine vote was also in evidence in the election of Jeanne-Marie Woulfe, who received 110 votes; Donal Donovan was the only man who topped this with 116 votes. Voting for the last three places on Committee was very close; after a re-count Declan Kiberd with 103 votes was eliminated, losing a place by only one vote. The successful candidates were Alex Martin (106), Desmond Coles (104) and Hugh Frazer (104). Mr. Frazer was also elected Senior Member of Committee. Paddy O'Sullivan is the new Censor, beating Iain Harris comfortably by 134 votes to 69. Ted Smyth was elected unopposed to the post of Records Secretary.

Donnell Deeny won the Lucas Cup for impromptu debating at the Hist this term and was widely acclaimed for his recent speech at the bi-centenary celebrations. The election was a triumph for the Deeny machine, with many of his supporters elected to office and Committee. This will enable him to co-operate much more closely with his Committee, and help him in his policy of making the Hist more entertaining, with televised

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Over fifty per cent. of the students did not vote—some because of apathy, but many because they see no future for an S.R.C. run on the same lines as last year. Mr. Revington promised, among other things, the implementation of at least a temporary student union, comprising a complete student shop, a left-luggage area and a laundrette. Where are they to-day?

Library hours remain the same, despite the President's promise to improve them. Nor is there a common room for students at the science end of College. The office in College specialises in losing forms, not only for employment but also for travel bookings. Where are Mr. Revington's promises now? Few students can be blamed for thinking that they ended up in the litter bins with the rest of his policies. True, the S.R.C. have been successful in obtaining repeats for second and third year General Studies students, but it must be remembered that, at most, only 300 people per year will benefit from this. For the majority of students the question remains: Why did we pay £550 each to a President and Vice-President who, if anything, have landed the S.R.C. in a greater mess than ever before?

The new President and Council of the S.R.C. have a hard task before them. Many students will regret the resignation of Greg Murphy from the post of Vice-President. While he may be criticised for going against the will of almost a thousand students who voted for him, his stand as one who sticks to his policy must be praised. Messrs. Murphy and Ford stood in the election as a team; if Mr. Murphy thinks that he would be unable to work with the President chosen by the majority of the voters, then it is only right that he should resign. But would it not have been better if Mr. Murphy could have made an effort to work with the new President, or have tried to come to a compromise over their policies. After all both had promised in their own ways to work for the general good of the student body.

It remains to be seen whether the policies of next year's S.R.C. President and Council will be put into effect. The financial mess will have to be cleared up and tighter restrictions imposed on the handling of S.R.C. money or, more clearly, our money, since students are providing money from their capitation fees. There must be more student representation on the Academic Council, but above all, we must have closer co-operation between the S.R.C. and the students who elected them. Will these promises remain as print on sheets of coloured paper? Will we feel justified in having paid a salary to our two student leaders?

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