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SRC SHAKE-UP

Thet S.R.C. has called on the Board to investigate its accounts and to withhold ex-Vice-President Alan Baxter's remaining salary until they are satisfied that he has co-operated satisfactorily in the production of the accounts. Mr. Baxter has failed on several occasions to comply with the Council's request to present complete accounts for auditing and this strong action has been taken following the Capitation Committee's decision to withhold the S.R.C.'s grant. An even stronger motion was rejected at Monday's Council meeting by 16 votes to 13 with 6 abstentions, but following a visit by S.R.C. President Paul Tansey to the auditors to ascertain what exactly Mr. Baxter had or had not produced for audit, a special Council meeting was held on Tuesday which passed an emergency Executive motion based on the information supplied by Mr. Tansey.

TRINITY BALL CRITICISED

Last Tuesday's S.C.R. meeting passed two motions on next week's Trinity Ball. The first asked for the usual facilities, such as catering, library, common rooms and access to rooms, will be provided for students during the evening of the Ball.

The second motion regretted that Trinity Ball "has ceased to be an occasion primarily for the entertainment and enjoyment of the student body. It would now appear that the Ball is being run as a commercial venture at a price and in a manner that is not attractive to the majority of students in College."

Double tickets cost 6 guineas this year and the event has been advertised in the national press. It is expected that the majority of those attending the Ball will be from outside College. Speakers at the S.R.C. meeting pointed out that students cannot afford the cost of the tickets and the other expenses such as drink, dress-hire transport and meals, and that it is doubtful if the Ball offers the type of entertainment demanded by what is now a predominantly Irish student body.

ISETA BANNED

ISETA, the commercial student travel company, is no longer to be allowed use of the SRC's facilities in Trinity. This was decided at a recent Council meeting and is in line with a motion passed at the last USI Congress when it was decided that SRCs should solely support USI/USIT services wherever possible.

Rory Hamilton, speaking against the motion, said that students should have a free choice to select whatever travel service they wished. Jim Hamilton said that nobody was attempting to do this as ISETA could set up their own facilities in T.C.D.—just as they had done in U.C.G. He said that Trinity SRC was an integral part of USI and hence couldn't be expected to encourage competition against a student enterprise.

The Deputy President of USI stressed that ISETA was a purely commercial concern and was only interested in making profits, while USI put their profits back into the student economy to subsidise other non-profit making, student facilities and services.

Speakers also criticised the proximity to many students' exams, but on the other hand it was pointed out, that the Week is intended to subsidise DUCAC. Trinity Week ran at a loss last year.

The Republican Club is intending to run a "Connolly Week" as an alternative to "Trinity Week," but has been denied the use of College facilities.

FULL-TIME CHAPLAIN

A resolution authorising the appointment of a full-time Presbyterian chaplain for Trinity and the other higher education centres in Dublin will be proposed at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland when it convenes in Belfast on June 1.

The motion passed by the Council on Tuesday was as follows, "Council calls on the Board in consultation with the student representatives on it, to investigate, or have investigated, the S.R.C. accounts and to withhold the remainder of the ex-Vice-President's salary until they are satisfied with his co-operation in the production of satisfactory accounts." This motion was passed with no opposition, but with one Councillor abstaining.

COURTROOM

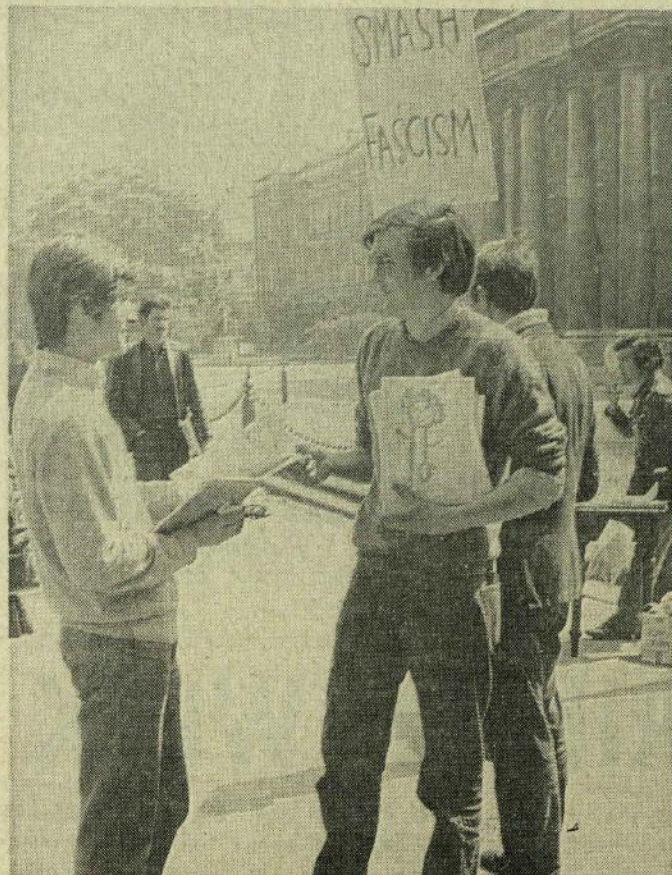
Council adopted a courtroom procedure for the debate on the original motion on Monday night. Speakers in the affirmative stressed that almost nothing had been presented by Mr. Baxter to the auditors dealing with S.R.C. accounts for the period from November 1969 to March 31st 1970. It was said that Mr. Baxter as treasurer in charge of the finances must be held responsible but that he was not being accused of theft or dishonesty.

HANGING MOTION

Mr. Baxter said that the motion was "a hanging motion" which threatened his career. He explained how, under the Council's accounting system it was possible for sums of "up to £65" to be removed without his knowledge. His supporters, led by Adrian and Henry Bourke, Rory Hamilton and Shane Ross eloquently talked about the ruin of Mr. Baxter's career and how Council was trying to make him into a scapegoat.

IMPOSSIBLE

The S.R.C. currently has a deficit of income over expenditure in the region of three to four thousand pounds. At Tuesday's meeting Mr. Tansey enumerated documents which had not yet been presented to the auditors—balance sheet and list of stock for last September, bank statements from November to March 69/70, stock sheets for March 31st and a full list of creditors. Mr. Baxter is currently compiling more documentation for the auditors as they say it is utterly impossible for them to produce accounts with the information already submitted.



PICKET PLACED ON "T.C.D."

The sellers of "T.C.D. Miscellany" were picketed by students last Friday. The protesters accused the publication of having racist and Fascist tendencies, one example of which was said to be the issue containing the "Paki Poem," which implied that Pakistanis emigrate to England with the express intention of living off the dole.

The poem was supposed to have been written by a Pakistani living in London; the editor accept it as such, but it has since been alleged that it was written by a Trinity student. The protesters also felt that "T.C.D." was the "refuge of an upper class clique who were not representative of students in College and as such shouldn't be getting grants from the Capitation Committee."

A spokesman for "T.C.D." said that the picket had not an adverse effect on sales as they had in fact increased by 100. Attempts are being made to make "Miscellany" into a more representative inter-varsity magazine.

ACCOMADATION BUREAU

Trinity S.R.C. is to establish an accommodation bureau to supplement the services offered by the Deans of Residence. The Welfare Officer, Tommy Hamilton, is currently compiling a list of flats, digs and hostels from information supplied by students. It is hoped that the bureau will form part of a city-wide service run by U.S.I.

BOARD ACCEPTS PROPOSALS

The Board has accepted the proposals of the N.U.I./T.C.D. negotiators on the "future organisation of university education in Ireland." They feel that the joint proposals "are the best that can be reached by agreement" between the universities, and have created "the circumstances necessary for future co-operation."

The proposals are the universities' own alternative to the Government's Merger plan. They stress that there should be co-operation between the various universities, but that they should not be put in a position where they lose their identity. The joint proposals allow for some rationalisation by the avoidance of duplication of courses—however, they are not as radical as the Government's original proposals.

The Board in a statement said that they had considered views from all the faculties and from all the other bodies in College in making their decision and concluded that they think that the decision is acceptable to most of College, although they realise that there are "reservations among the staff in specific areas."

These proposals have yet to be accepted by the Government—in fact the Minister for Education referred to them as being only "one of many sets of proposals." Trinity S.R.C. has yet to issue a statement, though it is believed that one will be forthcoming in the near future.

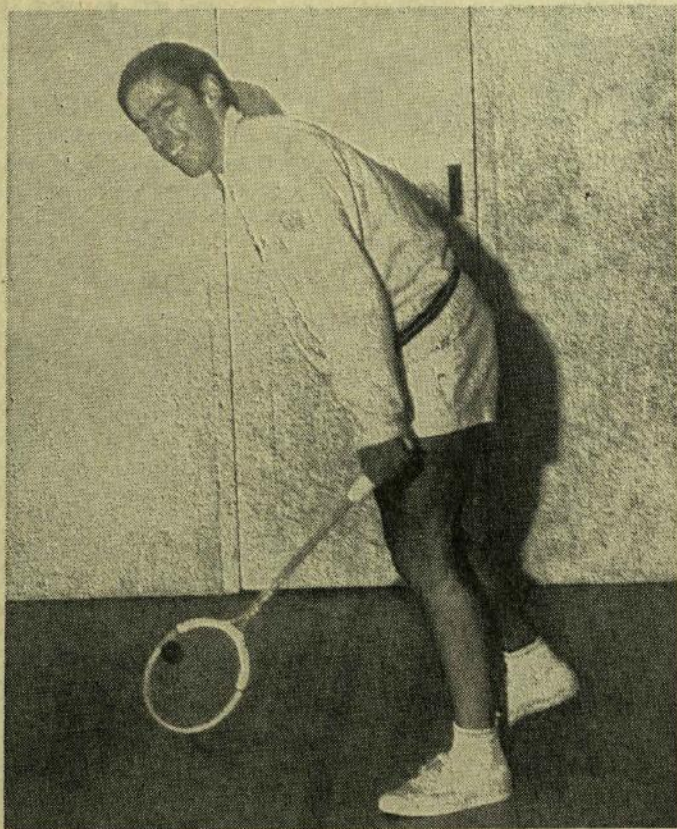
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Jonah Barrington, the world's No. 1 professional squash player, who will take part in an exhibition match in the Gym next Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

CRICKET

TRINITY CRUSH PEMBROKE, BEAT MALAHIDE TO HEAD LEAGUE TABLE

Trinity faced what were generally considered their toughest two matches last week-end, and in two magnificent games of cricket they gained two excellent victories. Few people could ask for a more exciting finish than the last over of Sunday's match at Malahide, which Trinity won by just one run!

On Saturday, College Park was the scene for what promised to be the match of the season. Pembroke—league champions for the last three years, and as yet unbeaten this season—against Trinity, also unbeaten and threatening to be the most dangerous challengers to Pembroke's monopoly of the league.

Rather surprisingly, Trinity were put in to bat after losing the toss, and scratched around against the bowling of veteran Joe Byrne, despite a speedy if rather edgy start. Having lost seven wickets before passing the 100 mark, things were looking very black for Trinity, but another aggressive innings of 29 from Halliday,

supported by Nixon with 16, brought the total to 145 all out.

Observers were dubious as to whether this total would be enough against Pembroke's strong and experienced batting side, who were given 135 minutes to get the runs. McCarey, however, donned his Agro boots and bowled flat out for 15 overs at his inspired best, finishing with figures of 7-41. At times, in fact, he was just too good to find the edge, and nobody would have begrudged him all ten wickets.

Halliday was also in good form with the ball, taking the other three wickets for 17. Mention must be made of Ken Hope's superb innings of 50 out of his

team's total of 84, their lowest for four years. At one stage Pembroke were 67-3, losing their last 7 wickets for only 17!

Sunday's match against league leaders Malahide will hardly be forgotten by players and spectators alike. Trinity batted first on a wicket of irregular bounce against the best bowling attack they have faced to date, and after McKenna was run out for 17, wickets tumbled until Nixon held up the innings with a great knock of 32, the highlight of which was a wristy straight six off Goodwin. Harte's 35, along with Nixon's innings, brought the total to an unimpressive 135.

Malahide seemed well on their way to winning with an opening stand of 68, helped by some rather poor bowling in the opening overs. Frankland at last broke the stand, and Malahide collapsed to 77 for 6. A good recovery brought them to 134 for 7, needing just two runs for victory with five minutes to go before close of play.

McCarey, who had replaced Frankland the over before, quickly removed two men in successive balls, assisted by catches from Frankland and Harte, and two balls later Ward was left gasping as his leg stump was sent hurtling in the direction of fine leg, and the entire Trinity team erupted in ecstatic delight.

This fantastic win put Trinity on top of the world and the league, and with three matches to go their hopes for the championship are very high. Congratulations to Mike Bryce and Mike Halliday on their selection for North Leinster against Ulster Town at Woodvale this Saturday.

Scores:
Trinity—145 (Halliday 29, Bryce 23). Pembroke—84 (Hope 50, McCarey 7-41, Halliday 3-17).

Trinity—135 (Harte 35 n.o., Nixon, 32). Malahide—134 (Frankland 5-30, McCarey, 3-26).

In their vital league match against Clontarf on Tuesday in College Park, Trinity gained another almost incredible one-run victory by 120 runs to 119, when the visitors' No. 11 was run out going for a run that would have made the scores level.

Some inspired fielding and bowling enabled Trinity to claim the last three wickets for less than ten runs, and a magnificent throw from Hewson brought a dramatic win with only four minutes before the close.

TRINITY WEEK PREVIEW

From the sporting point of view at least, this year's Trinity Week should be the best for many years, for participants and spectators alike, with many top-class sportsmen taking part in our annual "Festival of Sport."

The Week begins to-morrow at Islandbridge with the Boat Club Regatta, incorporating 90 races stretching over two days. Tomorrow's racing is from 12 noon to 8 p.m., and Saturday's from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Sunday the 7, 6 and 5-a-sides in rugby, hockey and soccer, respectively, takes place at Santry, starting at 11 a.m. and continuing all day.

College Park sees its first activity on Monday and Tuesday with the Cricket Club's match against T. T. West's Invitation XI; play is from 11 to 7 on both days. Also on Monday, the D.U.S.C. Regatta starts at 10.30 a.m., while the Golf Club play D.U. Golfing Society at Royal Dublin, and the Swimming Club take part in a match in the Iveagh Baths at 7.00 p.m.

The cricket match continues on Tuesday, and in the evening the choice is between a boxing display in the Gym and the D.U.M. and L.C.C. Treasure Hunt from the Cuckoo's Nest, Tallaght, both at 8.00 p.m.

The Tennis Club finals are on the Medical Courts on Wednesday (2.00 p.m.), and the College Races see a match between Trinity and Mainz University from Germany (2.30 p.m.).

Cricket again on Thursday, with Trinity Ramblers against the Leprechauns (11-7 p.m.), and there is a fencing display in the

Exam Hall at 1.15. Jonah Barrington takes part in an exhibition match in the Gym at 7.30 p.m., for which the Squash Club have erected special scaffolding for spectators' seating accommodation. Tickets are available from rooms No. 13.1.1.

On Friday at 2.30, the Hockey

Club play against an Irish Panel XI, a match which the latter are treating as serious preparation for the European Championships. At 4.00, the Soccer Club play an International XI containing many top-class footballers. Both matches are in College Park. Then on to Trinity Ball....

Horse Racing

By "LORD FORM"

Decies and Great Heron fully underlined my faith in NIJINSKY for the Epsom Derby (June 3rd). I have no doubt that he is the best three-year-old colt in Europe, and even if he doesn't quite stay 1½ miles (and there is a 50/50 chance that he does), Piggott's expertise and the horse's superior class can see him through. After all, Piggott always insisted that Sir Ivor never truly stayed 1½ miles. **FRENCH SCORE**, only just behind Decies and Great Heron last year, had hopes similarly encouraged for the Oaks (June 6th), which I believe she will win. This week I fancy **HRIMFAXI** (3.15, Haydock, Friday), who was only just headed twice last year on this track, and **HONEST ROBERT**, who is likely to continue his winning run in the 4.00 at Dundalk on Saturday.

LADIES' TENNIS

In Saturday's Colours match at Belfield, Trinity ladies defeated U.C.D. for the first time in five years, and for only the eighth time since the cup was first presented in 1945.

Singles

E. Visser lost to P. Mullen—3-6, 5-7.
C. Gibson lost to A. Furlong—4-6, 6-2, 3-6.
S. Bellville beat M. Kenny—6-3, 10-8.
G. Geoghegan lost to P. Fitzgerald—5-7, 2-6.
S. Deans beat F. Maher—6-3, 6-4.
Y. Patton beat E. Hackett—6-3, 6-1.

Doubles

Gibson and Bellville beat Mullen and Kenny—6-4, 7-5.
Visser and Patton lost to Furlong and Fitzgerald—2-6, 6-2, 2-6.

Deane and Geoghegan beat Maher and Hackett—7-5, 6-4.

The team have just returned from a highly successful tour in England, having beaten Birmingham University 4-2, St. Hugh's College, Oxford, 9-0, and Newnham College, Cambridge, 9-0. The match against London University was cancelled due to rain.

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TRINITY NEWS REVIEW OF THE YEAR

This is our last issue of the term and gives us an appropriate opportunity to look back over some of the major events and non-events that have filled our news pages since last October.

A lot of the major issues have involved head-on collisions between the Authorities and students on academic issues, in some cases concessions were made to students, but each case showed us that the Board is not yet ready to accept fuller student participation in the running of the University.

The case of Ann Marie McCall's exam papers was the most protracted issue of the year. Miss McCall claimed that she had been failed in her Pharmacology exam by Professor Wilson because of her political views and demanded that the papers be released. This request was constantly refused. She went on a hunger strike and Wilson was many times confronted by her supporters asking him to "explain his actions." Finally at the end of the Michaelmas term a group of students disrupted one of Wilson's lectures, David Vipond, one of the students involved, was accused of having obstructed Prof. Wilson and having prevented him from leaving the lecture hall. The case came up before the Disciplinary Committee the next term. Vipond objected to the proceedings as he said that the authorities were separating his case from the issue of the exam papers. Notwithstanding this he was suspended from College for a year.

During the initial issue the authorities said that students would be allowed to go over their exam papers in private with their

tutors. This is not what the Internationalists were asking for, but at least it was some concession.

Another issue provided a far quicker reaction from the Academic Council. They had rejected a request by the students on the General Studies School Committee for repeats for second and third year General Studies students. Having failed to secure a quite reasonable reform through the normal channels, more militant action was taken. The S.R.C. called a meeting of General Studies students and it was decided that a strike should be held the following week. This was a success. Very few students passed the pickets and on the same day the Academic Council conceded that all General Studies students have the right to repeats.

The details of the Pittion affair are still fresh in most of our minds. The headlines that appeared in successive issues of "T.N." this term, "Pittion Fired," "Pittion Reinstated," tell us a good deal about the story. Students' sympathy were fully behind Monsieur Pittion and had he not been reinstated we could have

expected to see militant action by both the students and the junior staff.

So much for heavy-handedness by the College Authorities. This year has seen a great deal of the same sort of behaviour by the Department of Education. The announcement of a 25% increase in fees has angered a great many students. It will hit Trinity more than the other colleges because the fees were higher here in the first place. No thought was given to students on Irish grants or those who are paying their own way through College, so while encouraging students from lower income groups to come to university, the Department at the same time makes higher education more expensive for them. Next year we can expect a great deal of agitation by the various student bodies for an extension of the grants scheme and an increase in the level of the maintenance grant.

The Merger, which has been worrying us for a long while, turned out to be the non-event of the year. The final proposals are a very watered down version of the original merger plan laid down by Mr. O'Malley.

Crime in the College has dominated our news pages this year. Two important changes took place before the beginning of the Michaelmas term. Firstly, Professors Dawson and Kennelly were appointed to the posts of Senior Dean and Junior Dean. Prof. Kennelly was given a number of

"Deputy Sheriffs," Assistant Deans to help him keep order in College. As well as this a number of security guards were employed to patrol College following an arson attempt last September. In spite of these new Deans and the security men, "Trinity News" has been able to report a number of thefts and assaults, the arson case and a bomb attack during the year. The S.R.C. lost an electric typewriter and a sum of about £60 in cash during the year. £120 worth of belongings were stolen in a bag which had been placed behind the goal during a hockey match in College Park. Thefts from rooms, from the Gym, from the G.M.B. and from other public places in Trinity continue to go along at an alarming rate. The Gardai get reports of thefts from Trinity so often that they are now quite accustomed to them.

No review of the year would be complete without mentioning the Hist Bicentenary celebrations. From the news point of view they were perhaps unexciting, nothing happened that was not expected to happen. Ted Kennedy left Ireland alive, the Internationalists held a demonstration against U.S. Imperialism and flocks of people hung around the Exam Hall hoping to get a glimpse at some of the famous faces. Nevertheless the Hist must be congratulated for bringing such a wide array of eminent people to Trinity.

The S.R.C. provided us with its usual quota of news this year.

Most of the news took the form of scandal, and the main scandal seemed to involve the S.R.S.'s first ever paid officers: Revington and Baxter. Joe's rantings during the U.S.I. conference in Sligo received a great deal of publicity in the national press and a subsequent enquiry showed that several other members of the Trinity delegation were guilty of serious misbehaviour. The failure of Alan Baxter to produce competent accounts was another source of scandal, as a result the S.R.C.'s grant from College has been withheld.

There were the same news stories that crop up every year. The Ban is an old favourite, Dr. McQuaid re-affirmed it. He was re-affirming it back in the days when "Trinity News" was first published. Then, of course, there were elections. The Trinity term is the campaigning season, every year every student organisation elects its officers and every year the election stories are much the same. The only really notable moment this year was when Greg Murphy, having been elected Vice-President, resigned.

All in all it was not a vintage year for news. But we would congratulate "T.C.D." for providing our best news story of the year, and either David Vipond or Joe Revington for doing the most to fill our news pages.

NEIL HOLMAN.

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Preview:

PLAYERS' REVIEW

Perhaps the best way to describe "Just Add Water"—this year's late night review by Players—is in the immortal word of Maupassant—Rhubarb. Since the show

starts at 10 p.m., "Stewed Rhubarb" might be a better description, especially if last year's audiences are anything to go by. Once again the cultural hierarchy

—R. Ferguson.



The perpetrator of this ignoble crime, "Just Add Water" is the one in the cloth cap, with his back to the camera—Richard "call me Spider" Fegen. Also included are Philip Lalley, Susan Slott, Cathy Roberts, James Morris and Andrew Norriss.

Backtrack:

BEATLES, BYE BYE?

Beatlemania might have passed us by, but the effervescent four are very much alive and successfully kicking. They can boast another hit group album plus individual albums from McCartney and Ringo Starr. One often wonders just how long they can stay at the top. Hopefully, Lennon will still be turning out nude lithographs in thirty year's time!

I must admit, however, I found "Let It Be" disappointing. The price is exorbitant—£3 for a single album—and I do not think that the book of photographs supplied merits this. The standard of the material is infinitely lower than that of their last album, "Abbey Road." Many of the tracks are regressive, "Dig It" is reminiscent of their old hit, "Twist and Shout." The rock tracks, "I've Got a Feeling," "For You Blue" and "One After 909," are not much different from what can be heard on any album by Chuck Berry or Elmore James.

Some of this album has even been heard before—"Let It Be" and "Get Back" have already been plugged to death on the radio. The better tracks are "Two of Us" and "The Long and Winding Road." I think that this style would become the Liverpoolian four better. The only thing in the L.P.'s favour is that it is meant to be the sound track of a film (not released yet) and the music might sound better in conjunction with this.

I found "McCartney" (39/-) more to my taste. Tracks such as "Lovely Linda," "Every Night" and "Maybe I'm Amazed" are excellent by any standards. They are original, and arranged well. Paul plays all the instruments himself—I never knew that he was such a good lead guitarist—his style comes over very well on "Valentine Day." Some tracks are not so good, for example, "Junk" and "Singalong Junk," but I found the album as a whole very pleasing and well worth buying. After ten years of success as a group, it is a good thing that the Beatles as individuals are transcending their group identity. I look forward to hearing a good deal more solo McCartney in the future.

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The moving force behind the whole dazzling display is Richard Fegen, who lead last year's abortive coup, known to some as "Nuts in May," and was also instrumental in the Paris riots of the previous year. Interviewed in a west-bound Galway hooker, he had this to say: "By gum, it's cold out here without me woolies."

Interviewed in Players' theatre, during a rehearsal which he conducted from the tea-room, his interpreter said: "I don't believe in—how you say?—close directional involvement. I feel it inhibits the creative instinct in my cast. Nor have I the wish to witness the gorilla baiting that goes on during rehearsals." The President's granny has kindly given Players the use of the family gorilla—Mr. Fegen sees this as the first step towards eliminating human beings altogether from Players' stage; a move which he hopes will place him in the front rank of modern practitioners of Dublin theatre.

The process, we hope, will be gradual, as this year's review has been entirely conceived, written and—with one notable exception—performed by people. There are, however, some gimmicks—every night a different seat will erupt into an illuminated musical fountain, playing excerpts from Handel's Water Music, by kind permission of Dublin Corporation and Mrs. Handel.

For those who don't appreciate the humour, there's always the consolation of the strawberry jam cocktails available in the interval. This is an innovation which, if successful, Players hope to continue next year.

The Review will run, as will the fountain and the cocktails, from Friday, 22nd, until Saturday, 30th May.

Moral Fantasy Film

It is unfair to be mercilessly harsh with "The Mad Woman of Chaillot," for although it often appears mediocre, it is inundated with interesting film techniques, and is dominated by the acting of Kartharine Hepburn, as the incomparable mad woman. She is supported by such well-proved professionals as Yul Brynner, Charles Boyer and Danny Kaye, but their talents are now surely more accepted on television than on the cinema screen.

The story, set in modern Paris, is a complete fantasy, and the director has done well to prevent this irrational angle from running amuck, and turning the whole production into an absurd circus act.

He maintains the balance by paying meticulous attention to creating a convincing atmosphere—one can almost smell the garlic and Disque Bleu at the Cafe Francis.

But the fantasy has been moulded around a very undiluted moral—that money is evil because it sucks at the soul, producing a largely mechanical being, insensitive to war. This, I fear, the film tends to force down our throats, and in the end it is the heartless money-orientated men who are beaten at their own game by our mad Countess. Despite this heavy moralising, the film is enjoyable, and worth a viewing.

B. ELLIS.

IN BRIEF...

The attractions of the Project Art Gallery, Abbey St., seem to be many. Apart from the current art exhibition there, you might consider dropping in at the end of the week for a three-night poetry and music bonanza, organised by Leland Bardwell and Eileen Ni Chuilleanain. Thursday, the programme is Irish, with Pearse Hutchinson, Michael Davitt, Gabriel Rosenstock and Nuala Ni Dhomnaill. Friday, the English poet John Heath-Stubbs will be accompanied by MacDara Woods and Alan Bell. Saturday, Micheal MacLiammoir will feature with Rosemary Rowley and Tony Harrison.

The new Players' Committee which was elected for the next academic year last Friday: Chairman, Philip Browne; Treasurer, Horst Shnitger. Secretary, Barbara-Ann Maxwell. Committee Members: Susan Fitzgerald, Deirdre Keir, Rosemary McCreery, Paul McGuinness, Paul Tullio.

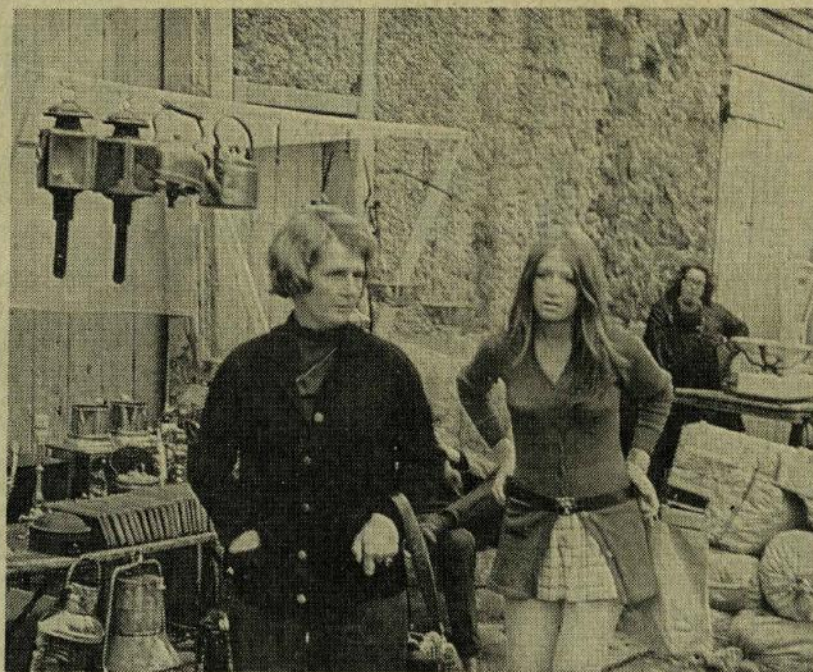
The Flowers That Bloom

"It's what Dublin has needed for over 100 years," so declares the very young and very enterprising Eamonn Cannon, organiser of Dublin's latest attraction—the Dandelion Market. And who can blame him for wearing the satisfied grin of one who has just

been proved right? Open all day Saturday, the Market has already caused hundreds of eager bargain hunters to flock to Baggot Court. Comprising 74 stalls piled high with everything from home-made candles to Indian tooth-picks, the market provides a tempting if somewhat jumbled array of goods.

If that antique bug has bitten you, then don't miss the Dandelion. Few prices are marked, so be careful, you could get fleeced. On the other hand, this does give you the chance to do some shrewd haggling—always the best part of any market purchase. For the clothes-conscious, Dandelion has pitifully little to offer. Nowhere is there a sign of the exciting and trendy clobber one would have expected. Books old and new are in plentiful supply and remember, it is the ideal place to get a few bob for those stacks of paperbacks cluttering up your shelves. Or if you are a struggling artist trying to sell your work, then I won't have to tell you that this new market is your best bet. In fact, I recognised quite a few items from the recent students' exhibition.

Finally, the desire to compare the Dandelion Market to London's Petticoat Lane is difficult to resist, but perhaps rather unfair. However, one soon becomes aware that what makes that London street so famous is exactly what the Dandelion is lacking, and that is—atmosphere. Most of the stallholders generate a feeling of apathy (or is it shyness?) towards their would-be customers; they could learn much from their loud, brash and always cheerful counterparts across the water. However, it is early days yet for Dandelion—perhaps with time it can develop character. NOELEEN MURPHY



—A. Ingram.

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PROMOTION DILEMMA

"The Pittion Affair" has now closed—satisfactorily it seems to all concerned. However, the events which led up to the affair left a number of questions unanswered as to how the promotions system works.

When somebody applies for a post in College he is first taken on for a probationary year. At the end of his second term as a Junior Lecturer, he will then be considered for a further appointment for two years. A Junior Lecturer is eligible for consideration for appointment as a Lecturer, provided that the Board is satisfied as to his capacity both for teaching and for original research. This is quite clear. What is not at all clear is how this regulation is implemented.

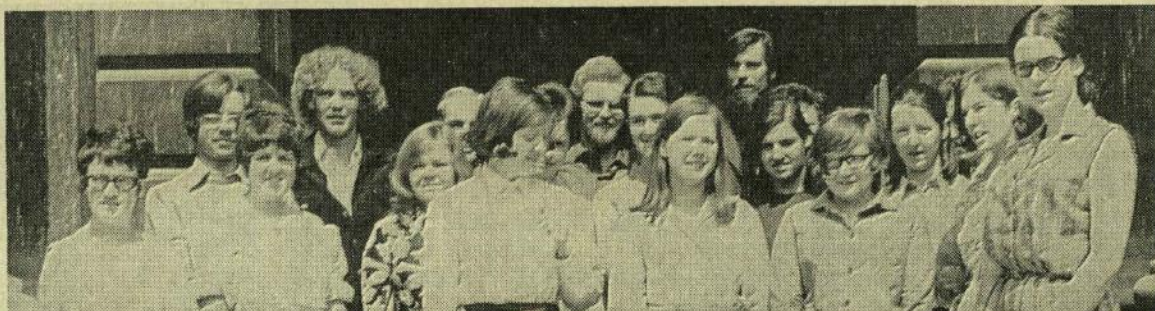
The machinery for promotion rests with the Promotions Committee, which makes recommendations to the University Council which then makes the appointments. How the Promotions Committee arrives at its decisions, however, is a complete mystery. The official position is vague. Mr. Duggan, Secretary to the Committee, refused to discuss the "proceedings involved" on the grounds that in order to do so he would have to discuss individual cases, which he was not prepared to do. Promotion was based on the "evidence available," though the nature of this evidence is not very clear. The only thing that is certain is that there is no set procedure and (to quote Mr. Duggan) "No formal procedure at present exists for obtaining student opinion on the quality of lecturers."

The problem, however, is merely one of consulting students on their prospective lecturers. The

promotion system, after all, reflects on the University in that it is important to know to what extent emphasis is placed on teaching ability and to what extent on other matters such as academic ability and research. One unfortunate aspect of the problem is that brilliant academics sometimes make atrocious lecturers. To dismiss them on the grounds that they cannot teach would be to impoverish the University. Student opinion, too, may vary with time and this must be safeguarded against. But the fact remains that in the "Pittion Affair" several members of staff were not even consulted. There may be a perfectly valid reason for this, if so, where is it?

On the 2nd of March the Faculty of Arts expressed its "lack of confidence in the procedures currently employed by the Promotions Committee and the University Council when making recommendations concerning promotions or reappointment." What these procedures are, or whether in fact they exist is still open to question. What is needed is some immediate clarification of what exactly are the criteria for promotion, so that these "procedures" can be assessed. The current confusion can only lead to lack of confidence in the promotions system in College and thus indirectly in the University itself.

FRANK BANNISTER.



The Chapel Choir

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing?

Perhaps some Wednesday afternoon during this term you may have found yourself wandering across Front Square around five o'clock when your ears picked up ethereal sounds drifting from the general direction of Chapel. If on enquiring further into the source of this you went into the Chapel you would have found that small but dedicated group of singers generally known as Chapel Choir.

Chapel choir has always tended to go rather unnoticed in the "musical scene" in College. As a

choir it has always lived under the shadow of Choral and College Singers, mainly because their main function is the somewhat mundane (if mundane is the right word!) duty of providing music for the church services in College. Their recent performance in the Feis, however, leaves no doubt as to their singing ability. They won two first prizes, the Stanford Cup, which they won with 85 marks, and the Lennox Braid Memorial for church choirs, which they won with a spectacular 90 marks, and

the adjudicator, David Lumsden of New College, Oxford, in his remarks described their performance as "mature and well conceived."

The Choir gives three "performances" a week. Two services on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., the latter being ecumenical. On Wednesday at 5.10 they put on a full service in what choirmaster David Milne claims is Cathedral Tradition. The choir is currently 20 strong, but new singers are "always welcome." F.B.

WHO CARES?

You probably haven't heard much recently about World University Service, which isn't surprising, because they haven't been in "Trinity News" for quite a while. But their new Chairman in College, John Quigley, who is also their National Secretary, plans to change all that, with the help of his committee, Charlie Price, Bruce See and Richard Nairn. They feel that W.U.S. has been dormant for long enough, and are planning activities for next year to liven up College life.

There will be an intensive publicity campaign during Freshers'

Week, with a sherry party thrown in ("I believe in bribery if it's for a good cause."); some soup-and-roll lunches, and as many meetings as possible, with lectures, seminars or discussions. It is also hoped to run a few dances, but that remains to be sorted out.

At the last meeting of the National Committee, Richard O'Toole, President of U.S.I., agreed to do what he could to co-ordinate all colleges in Dublin into a single Rag Week, to replace the present unsatisfactory situation in which Rag Weeks are too close together to be really successful. W.U.S. would gladly help by co-sponsoring such a move which should benefit all.

There seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding of W.U.S. among even the few who know what it stands for. Its aims are simply co-operation between staff

and students both within and between colleges, towards a better understanding of university problems at all levels. To some, it appears merely a fund-raising organisation. Certainly, fund-raising is an important activity and projects in many parts of the world, such as building student hostels, libraries and health-centres, and keeping them stocked with bedding, books and medicine, are financed by W.U.S. But even without any fund-raising, W.U.S. could, and, says John, should be an important organisation in bringing students and staff to a mutual understanding of their problems and to co-operation in solving them.

And John wanted me to tell you about a work-camp which is being organised at the Nsukka campus of the University of Nigeria. The campus was under siege in 1967, and almost totally razed. Volunteers are urgently needed to go as carpenters, painters or bricklayers to help rebuild the university. If you're really interested, contact John Quigley, c/o Regent House, or write direct to Mr. Taiwo Irele, World University Service, c/o Tedder Hall, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. He'd love to hear from you. But as John said in parting, Who cares?

FREE LEGAL AID

Peter Mayne describes an enterprising organisation set up to help those neglected by the Legal Aid Act, at the same time giving valuable practical experience to Law Students.

The system of legal aid in this country is unsatisfactory, as most lawyers and accused persons would agree. The Criminal Justice (Legal Aid) Act of 1962 introduced legal aid into Ireland, and the system that the Act sets up covers only criminal cases. However, legal aid is granted by the courts only when the means of the accused are insufficient to pay for his own legal help, or when the Court considers the offence serious enough to warrant legal aid in the interests of justice. These provisions leave the majority of poorer people without legal assistance when they are accused of a crime; statistics back this up—in 1969, in the District Court only 20% of applications for legal aid were granted.

It was because of this situation, and in order to gain valuable experience for Law students, that the Free Legal Advice Centres were set up in April, 1969. This organisation is run entirely by students, who operate various centres in Dublin one night a week. F.L.A.C. was the brain-child of a number of final year Law students in U.C.D., who contemplated setting up a system of free legal advice after the Congress of Legal Education which was held in Dublin in 1968 to discuss the merits and demerits of free legal aid. So F.L.A.C. was born.

The purposes of F.L.A.C. are two-fold: firstly, to provide free advice on legal matters to poor people who cannot afford to consult a solicitor; secondly, to provide Law students with the opportunity not only to put what they have learned into practice but also

to come face to face with social realities and to allow them to see Law in its true social context.

F.L.A.C. is made up of an executive committee and the students who run the organisation. The executive committee consists of the Chairman, the directors of the five centres, a publicity officer and four advisors—one from each of the Law teaching institutions. This is the policy-making body, and the presence of these four men on the committee ensures that the F.L.A.C. does not come into conflict with the existing legal bodies, and that the policies are formed on a sound basis backed by experience.

F.L.A.C. now has five centres operating in Dublin—Mountjoy Square, Crumlin, Walkinstown, Ballyfermot and Molesworth St. Each centre has a student director and a number of students who do the interviewing and advising. The director is in charge of the centre, and helps the interviewing student in difficult cases. Each evening that the centre operates, a qualified solicitor attends to advise the student if necessary. He will also follow up all the cases that need the professional help of a solicitor, and this he does free of charge. If a barrister is needed, he will be briefed by the solicitor in question, and again no charge is made. The student who interviews the client follows the case right through to the end, writing letters and doing whatever is necessary. At the end of the case, all details are entered in a "case sheet," which is filed and can be used for reference in another case of its type. Eventually, it is hoped that all the filed cases will be used to

provide statistics to press for reform of the legal aid system.

The types of cases covered are usually Social Welfare, landlord and tenant, and interpersonal relations (e.g., separations or maintenance orders). These are all problems in which the client is incapable of helping himself, unable to afford a solicitor and unable to get legal aid. So F.L.A.C. is without doubt fulfilling a social need.

Students' legal problems are also catered for by the F.L.A.C. It was agreed recently that students in Trinity with legal problems should go to the Molesworth St. centre, which is open at the I.S.P.C.C. offices on Wednesday evenings. If the case is urgent, and cannot wait until Wednesday, the student should contact one of the members of the organisation or his own tutor. If the Molesworth St. centre is swamped by these problems, a separate centre will be opened in Trinity at a later date.

F.L.A.C. have now been in operation for just over a year, and the number of cases dealt with each week is increasing. The success rate has been outstanding, the students getting extremely good co-operation from Government departments and other bodies. The first executive committee is now retiring, but enthusiasm for the scheme is in no danger of decreasing. Let us hope that this success continues, and that the F.L.A.C. will eventually be instrumental in the formation of a comprehensive system of free legal aid in this country.

BARTLEY DUNNE

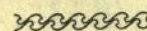
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JOHN TAYLOR APPEARS AGAIN

John Taylor, Parliamentary Secretary to the Stormont Minister of Home Affairs, became the first member of the Stormont Government to speak south of the Border for some time when he attended the 1964 Committee dinner last Thursday.

In his speech, Mr. Taylor urged support for the Church of Ireland Synod's motion calling for mutual respect and understanding. He said: "It is upon this basis that the reality and fact of the political situation within our island will become accepted." He praised the Church of Ireland as being the least biased of the cross Border organisations.

Taylor also criticised the intolerance of students regarding free speech. The Secretary of the 1964 Committee, Jonathan Peel, said: "By inviting Mr. Taylor to speak, it does not mean we condone his policies, but unlike other political cliques in College, we feel he has a right to be heard and for his views to be given mature consideration."

Also at the dinner were the veteran M.C.C. cricketer, Sir Philip Newman, O.B.E., and Lady Constance Newman.

There were no incidents.

Engineers Elect

There was an 85% poll in the Engineering School Committee elections held last week; 152 Engineers voted for the 10 candidates for three seats. After a long count under the P.R. system, Kane Martin (2nd year), Brian Carson (3rd year) and Kevin Byron (1st year) were elected.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor, — I write in reference to Mr. Baxter's letter of last week concerning his resignation from the Capitation Committee. This, Mr. Baxter says, was due to "intense personal enmity displayed by certain members of the Committee, notably Dr. R. Browne and G. Murphy." In my own experience on this Committee, there was never any suggestion that a personal animosity existed between Dr. Browne and any other member of the Capitation Committee. In fact, Dr. Browne was one of the quieter representatives. Mr. Murphy, on the other hand, only asked questions of Mr. Baxter which, as Vice-President of the S.R.C., he should expect from any College student. — Yours sincerely,

IAN T. ASHE (Central Societies Rep. on the Capitation Committee).

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The Professor of French, M. E. J. Arnould, who last week was made an "Officier de la Legion d'Honneur" by the French Government.

Human need week

Human Need Week collected a total of £1,368 last February. According to the accounts recently released, this means a clear profit of £1,275 after expenses had been paid. The flag days yielded £296, the O'Connell St. Fast £237 and the 2,000 miles walk around St. Stephen's Green yielded £110. The income was received from 21 different events.

Gorta and Christian Aid each received 30% of the proceeds, Africa Concern got 10% and the remaining 10% was divided up amongst seven Irish charities. Last year's Famine Relief accounts had been the subject of controversy in the press.

Student Elections

Rory Hamilton, James Hamilton, Donnell Deeny and John O'Brien were elected as SRC representatives on the Disciplinary Committee at last Monday's meeting. There were nine candidates in all. The Capitation Committee elections will be held on Tuesday, 26th May, but in this case the student representatives will be elected by the general suffrage of the student body.

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S.R.C. ACCOUNTS

There has been much discussion about the S.R.C. accounts, or lack of them, over the last few months. It is imperative that the last Vice-President be compelled to produce accounts before he departs from the S.R.C., as he has been the man who has been responsible for these accounts for over two years. He is the only man with sufficient information to produce them.

People generally don't realise the enormity of the debt that the S.R.C. has incurred since September. The deficit was then £1,700 and it is now in the region of £3,700. With an allowance for stock on hand of £700, the S.R.C. is now £3,000 in debt.

It has been suggested that it is unfair to condemn the ex-Vice-President, as it would prejudice his career in the future, that it was all his fault, that last year's Council and Executive were also responsible. However, it must be pointed out that:

(1) As Vice-President, Mr. Baxter was taking on certain responsibilities, and that he was quite aware of this. He was the man constitutionally in charge of, and responsible for, finances.

(2) The Council, although responsible to a certain extent for the financial position, cannot be held fully responsible. Several motions of censure were passed, motions calling for the production of accounts were passed, motions rejecting the incomplete accounts were passed. The only motion that was not used was the ultimate sanction of impeachment.

To understand why an impeachment motion was not introduced, and why it was not passed, it is necessary to understand the environment of the Council. There is a certain feeling in the S.R.C., no matter how wrong that "we're all together." It is a clublike atmosphere and no matter how inefficient a member is, he is not going to be impeached because "he's one of us." Nobody has ever been impeached in the S.R.C. This regrettable though it is, is a fact of life—the personality element is too strong. In the future, it is quite obvious that any impeachment must come directly from the students, as students have a direct right of recall over their councillors.

It is imperative that some motion be passed that would compel the production of accounts as, if accounts are not produced, there will be no further grants from the Capitation Committee—this in effect would mean the end of the S.R.C.

In setting this precedent, the present Executive and Councillors put themselves in a precarious position. If their work is deemed unsatisfactory, the same sanction would be applicable to them.

In all this, there was no implication that the previous Vice-President was dishonest. His honesty and integrity were not called into question at all. The motivation behind the S.R.C.'s action was simply to have accounts produced as soon as possible.

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