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WORK, OR GET OUT

—Minister of Education

SPEAKING at the opening meeting of the D.U. Biological Association, General Mulcahy pointed out that "Work or get out" was the motto inscribed in Latin over the portals of Glasgow University. He felt that this aphorism could be applied with profit by the students of to-day. The Minister further referred to the fact that the secondary education system in Ireland gave students a good and broad general education.

"I do not find medical students inferior to other students," said Professor R. A. Q. O'Meara, the President-Elect of the D.U.B.A., in his opening address, entitled "The First Four Years."

Professor O'Meara's theme was on the need for a clarification of the medical education in the University following a firm basis of the humanities learnt at school "to make the student a well-educated man — that he might emerge with an adequate knowledge of art and the Science of Medicine."

"A change in outlook is necessary with the advent of State Medicine. The student must remember that it will be others who will select or discard him when qualified. There was developing a growing specialisation in technical subjects, with no room for a broad general education."

He went on to remind his listeners that, unlike the Government in Great Britain, the one in Ireland has made no provision for training future doctors — "a very serious defect. It is necessary for Medical Schools to receive large grants, which should be specifically earmarked, if they are to survive."

"Is it possible to give students a broad general education and a high standard of medical knowledge in the time available? I believe it is."

"Schoolboys do not learn how to learn — and they are thrown upon their own resources for their first College year."

Dr. O'Meara went on to advocate the re-writing of certain text books, with a good deal of the cumbersome, out-dated parts omitted from them, and also medical tutorials to small groups of

students, with a primary object of teaching the students how to learn, what to learn and why.

Dr. O'Meara said that he would correct the old adage that a Medical School is to make the student think for himself —

gave students a good and broad general education.

Professor Biggart said that the address looked into the future. "Each generation adds to its heritage, which it should earn for itself."



Photographed at the Eightieth Session of the D.U.B.A.: Miss P. A. Bailey, B.A., Hon. Record Secretary; Messrs. E. T. Freeman, M.D., F.R.C.P.L.; T. F. Fox, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.; Dr. V. O. McCormack; General Mulcahy, Minister for Education; Dr. R. A. Q. O'Meara, M.A., Sc.D., P.H.D., F.R.C.P.L., President; E. H. Ritchie, B.A., Hon. Corresponding Secretary.

—Courtesy of Evening Mail.

he should be able to think correctly for himself on leaving school. He ended his excellently prepared and delivered address by saying that "we should ruthlessly cut the dead wood from the tree and prune the branches."

Dr. Fox, in a brilliantly witty and observant speech, likened the Medical course to a dark corridor, starting with hope at one end and a degree at the other, six years being in between, with numerous emergency exits along the way, and various hurdles representing the exams. What was needed was good lighting in the corridor and a good catalogue of its contents to aid the student.

General Mulcahy explained that the Secondary Education system in Ireland

"I would admit (to a Medical School) any student who REALLY wanted to be a doctor. We don't want to turn out specialists or G.P.s — we want to turn out generally educated men with some embellishment of culture and some knowledge of the vast number of scientific facts."

Dr. Freeman found himself in complete agreement with Professor Biggart. He stressed the importance of a broad general education, and not least the art of handwriting and an ability to express oneself clearly in English. His concluding remark was that we were producing a vast number of technicians without judgment or vision to see beyond their own limited groove.

PEACE IN THE JUNGLE

Last Thursday's meeting of the Elizabethan Society was well attended, when Dr. George Seaver, Dean of Kilkenny, gave a very interesting talk on Albert Schweitzer. He confined himself chiefly to Schweitzer's life and work, and emphasised his great love of, and zest for, all living creatures. Schweitzer believed that as he had been endowed with so many gifts, which before the age of thirty had attained for him doctorates in Music, Philosophy, Divinity and Medicine, he in turn owed much to humanity. This had led him to build, mainly with his own hands, his first hospital at Lambarene in 1913. Since then he has ceaselessly devoted himself to the Africans, and this has culminated in the recent award to him of the Nobel Prize for Peace.

The speaker has an intimate knowledge of Schweitzer, having corresponded with him regularly. Here, indeed, he said, was a man to whom the much overworked title of "great" can be readily applied.

NEW AFRICA

Mr. P. A. Atilade had a distinguished and diverse team to speak at the 18th Inaugural Meeting of the Association of Students of African Descent at the Gresham Hotel last Saturday. His most interesting address, entitled "New Africa," stimulated a high standard of debate.

Following the President, Miss Marjorie Nicholson, true Fabian that she is, spoke in friendly terms. Dr. Roger McHugh, of U.C.D., chose his clever quotations from Trinity alumni. Dr. T. O. Elias, a well-known Nigerian in the legal world, disagreed with Dr. McHugh, who had earlier urged the Africans not to follow the Irish example of criticising their Government unnecessarily often. J. V. Luce pleaded ignorance, yet as he went on he displayed excellent knowledge of the subject, and his wit was enjoyed by everyone.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alderman Alfred Byrne, summed up the debate, and the meeting adjourned to a scrumptious tea.

TEACHERS BLAMEWORTHY

Christianity Begins At Home

"God-parents are chosen only too often for the size of their bank-balance," declared Mr. A. R. M. Seaman, Auditor of the Theological Society, in his address last Monday. The address, entitled "Youth and the Church," emphasised the part of ordinary men and women rather than mere organisations in bringing before youth the purpose of life. The Bishop of Killaloe demonstrated this point by quoting a letter he had received from a student which ended with the words: "We want to believe." Yet teachers and other responsible people openly treated Christianity with irreverence and disgust. A few intellectuals had come to agree with Toynbee who confessed after a lifetime's study of History that it was meaningless without God. Intellectual problems had to be borne with and explained patiently and charitably.

At this the Dean of Bristol, the Very Rev. Evered Lunt, suggested that over this question there were two problems. It was easy, in explaining Christianity to be irrelevant; by living according to the Gospel could those outside come to know what the Church was really like. Even greater was the problem of intelligibility. For many, "Church language" was an unknown tongue. "If the Gospel is worth anything it is worth being articulate about."

After the Dean's great wit and charitable commonsense, Mr. C. R. Allison, Headmaster of Brentwood School, spoke as teacher and parent. In presenting Christianity, the teacher must be prepared to use even ever-popular methods. Modern parents shared the blame by saying: "We don't want to influence our child. Let him please himself." This attitude influenced their children as much as any indoctrination and saddled them with a heavy responsibility.

Dr. J. E. L. Oulton, in the chair, read prayers, and the Archbishop of Dublin pronounced the Benediction before the meeting disbanded.

LAWYER'S FOLLIES

The Law Society last Friday debated the somewhat puerile motion that "The State is becoming too strong for the liberties of the people." The motion was adequately proposed by Mr. Temple-Lang, who over-emphasised the deficiencies of the Welfare State and the so-called evils of delegated legislation. The Treasurer, apparently opposing, talked about State evils. Mr. P. Knox-Peebles gave a brilliant little sermon on bureaucracy. Mr. J. O'Connell, a maiden speaker, made the best effort of the evening with a speech that clearly portrayed a comprehensive grasp of the motion.

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We would mention to our readers that it was not Mr. Kevin McCourt who collapsed after speaking continuously for only 127 hours.

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SETTLING DOWN

THE Michaelmas term is now a month old and lectures have been in progress for a fortnight. The Junior Freshman has begun to settle into the ordinary routine of Trinity life. He has made a few acquaintances, some "good chaps," some definitely unusual, and some who will never even acknowledge him again.

It is hardly necessary to point out the advantages, which a University education offers, of meeting and becoming familiar with a very varied cross-section of human types. Such an opportunity will scarcely present itself again, and, obviously, the best use should be made of it while it lasts.

In the undergraduate who is attached permanently to a particular clique, one is reminded of the fable of the financial genius who worked so hard and unceasingly that he knew nobody outside his own office. When the inevitable nervous breakdown came, he was ordered complete rest and was sent away to a quiet village. Unable to fit into the pattern of friendliness of the villagers, he tried, without success, to buy their friendship. Failure in this so depressed him that eventually he shot himself. This, of course, is an extreme case, but it might be as well to remember it, all the same.

The average undergraduate is, or soon will be, able to choose his own friends from among the other students. It is surprising though, how many students spend here four years or more without being able to recognise—apart from the obvious few—any more members of the staff than those whose lectures they attend. Certainly, those students at the Science end of College are quite unaware of the identities of a good many of the Front Square staff, and students of the humanities have often mistakenly supposed several members of the Scientific staff to be elderly post-graduates.

Accordingly, we are embarking to-day on a new feature, introducing the University staff to the pensioners. Those at the far end of College will be alternated weekly with those at the front, and the first of the series will be found on page three.

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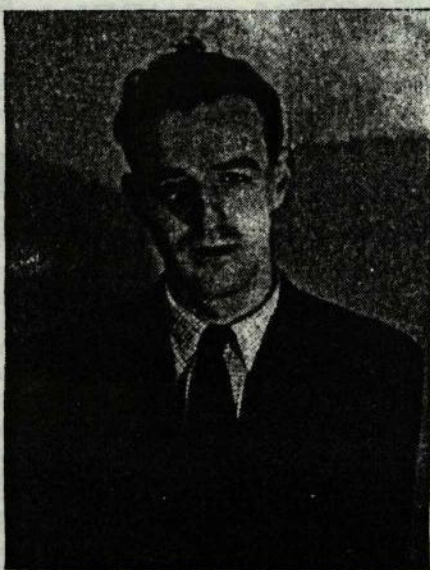
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Profile:

THE AUDITOR OF THE
COLLEGE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

R. D. F. Kimmitt



Desmond Kimmitt comes of the best Anglo-Irish stock; he admits relationship to Rebel Robert Emmett.

After Lancing (surely an unusual choice for anyone from Ireland), Desmond came to Trinity to study Modern Languages, or, more precisely, English, at which he was brilliant, and Spanish, at which he was not. Last year he was President of the English Group and he has written for a College periodical. After completing the customary period in College, he followed the example of his friend and hero, another old Lancing man, Evelyn Waugh, by teaching in a prep. school. This was a decline and fall period with a vengeance; during it, the College only caught glimpses of a mundane Kimmitt as he hurried to display his unfailing oratorical superiority in the College Historical Society. Then followed a series of surprising events. After an exciting and close election, he found himself Auditor of the College's oldest and most famous society, and he had discovered also a vocation for the priesthood of the Irish Church.

This latest adornment to the Divinity School will be no time server nor conventional evangelist. Not merely a man of ideas, he has a rich and charming personality. However, in the "Hist," with its bores, hangers-on, and troops of honorary members threatening to sweep down from Belfast in a body, much more than this is required. Strong and quick action and planning is needed to clear the Ancient Society from the web of custom in which it has enmeshed itself. We hope Desmond Kimmitt will be the man to do this.

ABOUT THE TOWN

Dublin is as abundantly supplied with pubs as it is with chemists. This is, perhaps, appropriate.

The Waterloo House, in Baggot Street, is as well stocked with all normally required beverages as it is with the numerous Trinity students from the Waterloo Road ghetto and Baggot Street Hospital. Of similarly pleasant and bright atmosphere is the Cumberland Lounge, Westland Row.

The Lincoln's Inn, hard by back gate, is the rendezvous of the Rugger and Boxing Clubs in particular, and the Medical School in general. Here, one can drink some of the best beer in Dublin and be assured of seeing but few strange faces on a Saturday night. Of similar genre is Conway's of Parnell Square, generally treated as an annexe to the Rotunda's Residency. Here, on the sawdust-covered floor, one can while away the hours admiring the loving tenderness with which their excellent stout is drawn.

The Long Bar in the Metropole is one of the most popular venues in Dublin—and justifiably so. I have spent many a hot summer's day slaking my thirst with their excellent selection of 2/6 cocktails—the "Long-Bar Special" with its gin base and citrus impedimenta being the most pleasant. Toby.

COLLEGE EVENTS

Free Speech in College

The "Phil's" invitation to Sir Oswald Mosley caused a great deal of tension and excitement. The Vice-Provost expressed his personal abhorrence, and the Junior Fellows by ten votes to six passed a resolution indicating disapproval. Dr. Skeffington read with dismay the posters advertising the meeting. These objections were apparently based on Sir Oswald's political past.

Dr. Skeffington, who once so ably criticised censorship, objected on the grounds that a College public occasion was being used to propagate Fascism. With all deference to the learned Senator, this objection is nonsense. The whole point of an inaugural meeting is to have a controversial platform and the mere presence of a speaker at a Society does not indicate that his views are being endorsed. In fact, it usually indicates quite the reverse.

Further, he clearly stated that the Phil. had forfeited its right to respect by abusing freedom of speech. As Victor Gollancz has so succinctly pointed out, there is no such thing as an abuse of freedom of speech. You either believe in freedom of speech or you believe in Dr. Skeffington's censorship. There is no via media. The Phil. believes in freedom of speech.

It is a pity, therefore, that an occasion which, as Mr. William Teeling pointed out, was in accordance with College's great tradition of controversy was marred by Mr. Hector Hughes' refusal to speak because he claimed that he did not know Mosley was to be present. This objection is a little peculiar as it was Mr. Hughes who at least a fortnight beforehand informed Mr. Teeling that Sir Oswald would be speaking. It is difficult to understand how Mr. Hughes, if he did not know about Mosley, could have been forbidden to appear on the same platform. The Labour Party is worthy of a better standard than this. Once again the Phil. is to be congratulated on asserting the right to free speech and, above all else, its right to hold meetings without interference.

The Law Society

When this institution was founded the Regius Professor of laws objected on the grounds that it would serve no useful purpose. While I do not wholly agree, it is unfortunate that this preliminary objection is proving to be correct. At the moment the Society appears to have reached a particularly low ebb. In its heyday its proceedings were of a serious and inspiring nature as befitted a distinguished faculty. To-day it apparently contents itself with the inadequate discussion of somewhat puerile motions. It is merely functioning as a third rate debating society and is thus encroaching upon the major societies.

In the choice of chairmen it has of late become uninspired. Recent "distinguished" chairmen have included Messrs. Studdert, Exshaw, Van der Lee and Clive Nicholls. This is especially to be deplored when it is considered that at one time none but the most learned counsel were invited. In the past to take the chair was an honour. To-day it is an insult.

This Society has clearly fallen on evil days and it is failing to stimulate an interest in law. It should either reform or disband. As it stands it is a disgrace to the law faculty.

S.R.C. Election

I understand that the S.R.C. is holding its elections to-day, and I am looking forward to the formation of a new Council next week. It is a pity that the S.R.C. tends to be dismissed as an unimportant factor in undergraduate life; it has achieved a great deal in face of much opposition and many difficulties.

There are probably more grumbles and grouses to be heard in this College than in any other university of its kind. Possibly there are more reasons for dissatisfaction. But the S.R.C. is here to discuss such matters and make representations accordingly. It is the only body which appears to care, and if our lot is to be improved (as undoubtedly it could be) we should support this election and make the best possible use of the representation so secured.

An Fear Cruaidh.



SOCIAL CIRCULAR

The following students have announced their engagements:—

Miss Paula Lacey.
And Mr. Pat Robey to Miss Sally Dillon Weston.

The following have honoured the University with a visit:—

General R. Mulcahy, T.D., Minister for Education.

Lady Diana Mosley.

T. F. O'Higgins, Esq., T.D., Minister for Health.

The Viscount Halsham, Q.C.

The Metropolitan Laundry.

The Lord Bishop of Killaloe.

The Gardaí Síochána.

Pastor Hedenquist, B.Ph., B.D.

Ruistead O'Tottenochone.

Mr. R. Hinds paid a brief visit to Dublin, and Miss Joyce Maine.

Larry Warke, Esq., is still in Switzers.

The Junior Dean smiled yesterday.

PLAYERS' MELODRAMA

While spring-cleaning his attic Christopher Moriarty found the script of "Wrecked By Love," which he adapted for Players and produced last Thursday and Friday. Packed with humour and well sprinkled with obvious but amusing puns, this delightful melodrama reached its climax when the prostrate heroine, firmly tied to a railway track, was run into by a toy train.

The play was, on the whole, well cast, although it is a pity that all the actors did not reach the high standard set by Joy Hartford. As Lady Diana, the villain's accomplice, her careful poses and over-acting necessary for this kind of drama caught the spirit of the play. The villain himself, played by David Neligan, looked the part, but his voice and expression were not sufficiently sinister. Phoebe Burn-Murdoch was a coy and naive heroine and Chris. Raphael a conventionally gallant hero. Good touches of local accent were provided by David Nowlan as the oldest inhabitant, and Patricia Ball, who took the part of Sarah Judkins at a moment's notice on Friday.

Although not a play of lasting value, this little melodrama provided a very enjoyable twenty minutes' entertainment.

"PINKS"

D.U.C.A.C., as empowered by the Captains' Committee, awarded the following "Pinks" on 30th October:—

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Lucan Follies

The eve of Hallowe'en was celebrated by a "hell of a binge" at the Montague Williams pied-à-terre. The guests were many and varied. Rea was there dancing with joy. Happy Holroyd, the "Birds" representative, was present with Daphne Gilpin, who was looking very well.

Further along the road, the Dead Man Murrays, which is also very fashionable, was doing a roaring trade. Inside, Paddy Shortis was to be seen stoking up for a long journey.

Stock's Return

Early on Sunday, Guy Stock fell into Front Square with Sadhu Jetha. Guy had just left Jill Robbins (poor Jill) and was on his left ear asking the porter to untie his laces—a thing he would have found it difficult to do, as Guy wasn't wearing shoes. The air, like Guy, was full of alcohol. Sadhu was last seen climbing over a cobbler on his way to the Bay; one of the College cats sniffed tentatively at the prostrate Guy, and ran, apparently very agitated, into the darkness.

Much Roaring in the Rota

Parnell Street was shaken by a tremendous bellowing on Saturday night. There was a party on in the Rotunda. Ron Piggott, Peter Sang and Leon

Prozesky were among those clamouring unsuccessfully to be let in. Towards the climax of the party, the hospital began to rock alarmingly on its foundations and the bar was closed for several reasons. The Chris. Orr, John Terry, John Page trio were informing a person described as Jack that they were all right, as they had been invited to the Assistant Master's private drinking party.

Vince Byrne, the Lancashire Gael, was inside, bearing down on the drink and labouring under numerous impressions.

Haec Olim Meminisse

Pushing my way past the policemen and jeering onlookers, I strayed into the Nine Arts Ball. While condoling with failure of Trinity to win any prizes, I will, at the same time, make the following special awards: For the best group, to Pat Melia and his gang for being "the Trinity Indifferents"; for the most inseparable consistent couple, to that lucky boy Pat again, and Pauline Bewick; and for the perfect lovers, to that pseudo-intellect, David Brown, and his capricious, tangle-haired elf, Una Farrington. The most handsome couple was obviously that Bath-house crooner, Graham Williams, and Miranda Hamilton, that chorus girl from Players. Also in Pat's party was Mike Dawes, costumed as a gentleman.

Focus: The Engineering School

The building itself, it is said, was originally constructed as a museum, and hence its name and the extravagance of space which is the most striking thing about it internally. Apart from eighty to one hundred engineers, it contains several years of Geographers and Geologists, a small museum, and five large lecture rooms and a library on the ground floor.

The Engineers themselves have a name for being an unruly lot. This is probably because the absence of women in the school makes room for the last remains of the natural lusty boyishness in all those entering a University.

The course in Civil Engineering is packed into three years, and as a result the students have a crowded week, in fact the fullest lecture schedule of any course in College. In the first year a thorough groundwork is provided as a basis for the "real engineering" to come. Some students complain that the extensive lectures in Physics and Chemistry are not entirely necessary. In fact they are essential not only academically but also as excellent training in assimilating a large amount of knowledge and, therefore, of learning to work hard and long.

The middle year is probably the most difficult hurdle as it involves lectures in ten different subjects. It has also the psychological disadvantage that several lack the appearance of being actual engineering subjects and, therefore, tend to be neglected or at least under-rated by many students.

The final year, of necessity, involves such a volume of work (and a large variety of subjects) that there are seldom more than two or three first-class degrees obtained annually, and it would appear normal that a little over half the students complete the exam. successfully at their first attempt.

An extension was added to the workshops and was opened officially last year, much modern and some elaborate equipment having been installed for Hydraulics and Soil Mechanics. Until then, these two subjects had presented a certain amount of difficulty, which has

now been mitigated as practical experience is possible.

The Arts course for Engineers is relatively easy. It is difficult to understand why such a scientific subject as Astronomy is included with Geography in the normal course of B.A. lectures—possibly because it is easier to attain pass marks in a scientific subject than in an arts subject. A little elementary Astronomy is dealt with as part of the Surveying lectures, and as this amply satisfies the Engineer's needs, a course of lectures in Economics would be of far more use to the graduate later on.

As Mr. Justice Kingsmill-Moore pointed out in May, the T.C.D. Engineering degree has always had a wide reputation as a very thorough grounding in the principles of Engineering, and in a world tending to specialisation, nothing better could be desired.

THE DIXON HOPS

Authority has seen fit to make regulations of a strict nature regarding the Saturday Dixon Hops. Hitherto, it has been easily possible for anyone who so decided to go directly to the "Dixon," buying his or her ticket at the Lincoln Gate on the way. The new order, however, forbids the use of this method of entry. It is required that tickets should be bought beforehand during Saturday morning or Friday from the official vendor at Front Gate. This will, no doubt, seriously affect the finances of many minor societies, perhaps a matter of no importance to the law givers.

The roué classes will now have to buy tickets in advance and the steeplejack classes will have to exert the full force of their art. "Trinity News" can offer no reasonable explanation for the new rule which will surely cause so much inconvenience.

Correspondence: Why Dwindle into a Career Girl?

Dear Sir,

We men who have the perpetual worry of finding a job, feel envious of the women whose job is provided for them by nature. It is no use to deny the great benefits of nature, who has ordained that women should bear children. But many girls to-day deride their natural function and try to make themselves pale imitations of men. The career girl is one of the abominations of the present-day materialist age.

Time has ordained that man should be the breadwinner and woman the keeper of the home. Time has ordained rightly, as the idea of a man bringing up children, for very obvious reasons, cannot be entertained. Therefore, he has been assigned the inferior task of bringing in the money to make the woman's task possible.

The woman is jealous of the man, and in order to counteract this she leads a life of frustration and dowdiness. Many claim that an unmarried woman who leads a useful life in some career is not frustrated and that it is the woman at the sink who is to be pitied. But there is no woman who does not yearn to have children and a home of her own, however much she may argue with herself that this is not the case.

There are many girls in College who think they are justifying their existence in academic assiduity. The girl who buries herself in a book and dresses in dowdy clothes and low-heeled shoes, whose hair is haggard and whose lips

are wan, is sacrificing the pearl of great price which is there for any woman who works for it.

It is untrue that any of these girls have not the potentialities to be attractive. All cannot be beautiful, but all can be presentable. The fact that every girl cannot be a Marilyn Munroe is no excuse for looking positively disreputable. Just as it is no excuse that because one has not the brain of an Einstein one should sleep through lectures. Nor is it to say that beauty of the heart is sufficient. Beauty of the heart is no excuse for going to a ball in tweeds or to the reading room in sack cloth. The University girl of to-day who shuns male company and make-up, who dresses inartistically and fails to make the most of her physical potentialities will find herself shelved.

A woman, of course, must have an interim career to keep herself while waiting for the right man. For this reason Mr. McClatchey's article last week is most useful and should be read. He did not mention marriage, because that was outside his province as a careers expert. But the fact that there are lucrative careers for women should not be an excuse to waste countless hours in the reading room that should be spent at College dances, or wearing clothes that appal the eye, or to aim at being a careers' girl which is no more than an abortion of the true goal of womanhood.

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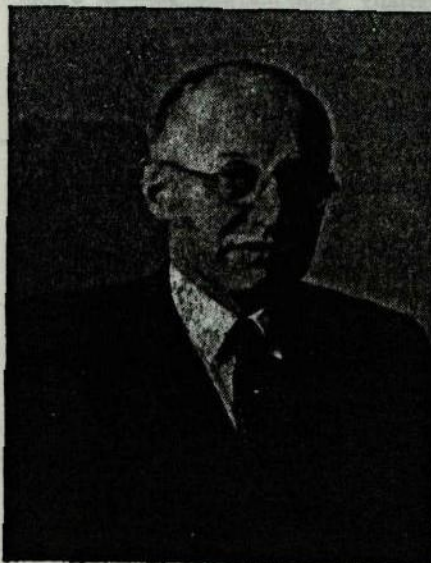
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WHO'S WHO ON THE STAFF



Professor E. T. S. Walton

Officially known as the Erasmus Smith Professor of Natural and Experimental Philosophy, fifty-one year old Dr. Walton is known by his students as a rather quiet, retiring man who gained world recognition in assisting Sir John Cockcroft to split the atom, and who shared with him the 1951 Nobel Physics Prize for so doing.

Educated at Methodist College, Belfast, T.C.D. and Cambridge, he was awarded several scholarships and joined the staff of Trinity in 1934. He was awarded the Hughes Medal by the Royal Society in 1938, and has written papers on hydrodynamics, nuclear physics and microwaves.

Now living in Dartry with his wife and four children, Professor Walton says that his work in College prevents him from devoting much time to hobbies or relaxation.

MISS YOLANDE

"You will interview Miss Yolande Donlan to-day at 11.30. I shuddered. My watch said 2 a.m. No sleep! Think of the sacrifice I would make to be there in time—not that I wasn't missing two lectures either way; of course, my wife would mark me present."

Came 11.30; I was at the Olympia, feeling dead, but encouraged by the thought of a free drink. I paced nervously. A small attractive woman staggered in at the stage door. "Honey, am I tired?" Miss Yolande murmured as she lent against the banister. A fellow sufferer! "I was that damned coffee last night. These stairs sure go on. I just didn't sleep. That Gaelic coffee sure is potent."

"Please sit here!" said Mr. McCabe, waving her to an imperial chair behind a long, low table. The star looked around for moral support, her eyes pleaded, "It makes me frightened—I would be all of a tension, like being executed." She fled to the comparative safety of a settee, not next to me. ("Would you like a drink?" "Irish please.") Feeling better, I listened as the usual questions were asked. In this simply fascinating social survey, I gathered: "Born in San Francisco. Donlan an Irish theatrical family. Yolande because my mother's French." Here's a mixture of those two emotional races. "Play in dumb blond parts, in the 'Red Headed Blond' wore a wig, dyed my hair." I noticed her blond horse tail with ringlets on the forehead, following College fashions. "Like cooking, loathe the work. Don't ape the fashions." Yes, I surmised, observing her plain simple black frock. "Does your part in your play, 'It is Different for Men,' as a siren suit your nature?" No comment, and unable to delve further into this interesting side-track, I murmured my excuses, and escaped. I left Miss Yolande patiently resigned to giving a woman's point of view on Ireland, men, and cooking.

ITALIAN GROUP

Last Thursday the Italian group held its first meeting this term. Although the group is small, Dr. Gaidoni's colourful and artistically illustrated lantern lecture, "Off the Beaten Track in Central Italy," was well attended. McKenzie Scott, in thanking Dr. Gaidoni, expressed the appreciation and interest of all those present.

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First Fifteen Excel

The cold October afternoon set the spirit for the game in College Park last Saturday, and we watched a vigorous, fast match between Trinity's first XV and Old Belvedere. Both teams were evenly balanced, though theoretically the visitors, with their three internationals, were stronger. Trinity pleased in beating their opponents by 15 points to 8.

The play opened with Old Belvedere in an attacking mood; however, the home backs were able to smother the few good, swift wing movements, keeping them out of their own twenty-five. Fighting back, Trinity soon began to take the ball into their opponents' half. After 15 minutes, a set scrum was given in front of the posts in the visitors' own twenty-five. The Trinity forwards packed well down and heeled quickly. G. P. Moss passed surely to Peter Smyth, who cleverly gave Trinity their first points with a drop-goal. Five minutes later we witnessed a determined break by K. Quinn, who scored after a quick foiling pass and return; it was converted. Although Trinity pressed, no side had the complete initiative. From a good forward movement N. White touched down. We would like

Trinity to attempt these forward sallies more often and with more of a polished technique. Later we saw Joe Gaston, from a pass from J. R. Fullerton, give a good display of his outstanding attacking speed, a run from his own to his opponents' twenty-five; a pity that none can equal him on the wing. Just before half-time Dick Todd kicked a penalty to make the score 9-8 to Trinity. Old Belvedere were unfortunate in having their out-half, Hackett, injured.

The second half proved as spirited, despite the visible tiring of both teams. Trinity's wing movements were, however, all too often stopped and they must improve the elementary role of the backs and aim for a surer driving mobility. Five minutes before time, C. G. Mostert showed what could be attempted by skilful running, with an able sprint to touch down. Dowse and Taylor were outstanding among the forwards, while Todd, especially with his two penalty goals, was noticeable for his kicking.

Trinity showed one of their best performances of the season, despite a certain lacking control of the play. Given time, we feel certain that Joe Gaston can give Trinity a fine sense of teamwork.

BULLY FOR LADIES

The first XI of the Ladies' Hockey Club had their first match of the season last Saturday when they played Bray Marions in the Senior League. Trinity won by 3-1. The conditions were good and made for a fast game. The match was open and well contested by the two evenly balanced teams. Trinity attacked from the start and, with forwards pressing vigorously, had the ball always well under control. They swept past their opponents, leaving them standing. Irene Hurst scored with a well-aimed shot and Trinity were one up after only a minute's play. The standard of hockey was encouraging, and promises well for the rest of the season. The girls should be complimented on their ability in passing, trapping the ball, and above all, their excellent teamwork. Aileen Redman and Liz. Benson were the other scorers for Trinity. We noticed also Janet Smiley, outstanding for her brilliant defence work. With her hard hitting and able tackling, she is an invaluable member of the team. On the whole, it was an excellent beginning to the season.

ANOTHER WIN FOR SOCCER

Making their second appearance in the Universities and Colleges League, Trinity had a most convincing win over a strong R.C.S.I. side by 4 goals to nil. Trinity were superior in every department and despite an obvious lack of fitness by some members of the team, lasted the pace quite well. Clements, last year's 2nd team goalie, gave a very competent display, as did the whole Trinity defence, in which Cohen gave a very good performance at right back. It was pleasing to see the forward line, which in the past has so often been rather poor, combining well. Hannigan at centre forward was in grand form and scored three very good goals, two being solo efforts, the other a brilliant shot from a narrow angle. He got good support from the two wingers, Elder on the right, and Hyland, who scored the fourth goal, on the left. Altogether, it was a very promising display, which augurs well for the future. Others in the team are: Bernstein; Prendergast, McAuley, Wheeler; David, Sainsbury.

SQUASH CLUB A.G.M.

One of the most vigorous of College clubs held its Annual General Meeting last Friday, October 29. While the numbers present could have been more numerous, most of the veterans were there, the rest of the club, no doubt, having important business commitments. The retiring Secretary, J. P. Quigley, opened proceedings by reading the Annual Report, which concluded with the wise, though doubtless unpopular, suggestion that subscriptions be collected more rigorously; too many "honorary members" had been seen on the court's whose names rather inexplicably did not appear on the club's subscription list.

P. Knox-Peebles was then appointed Captain, in succession to D. Hyde, and P. Smyth and P. Carter were elected Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. This was followed by a proposal that the subscription be raised, the figure being eventually settled at 25/-.

WATCH MASTER MOP

Saturday will see the second leg of the Irish autumn double, the Cesarewitch, run over two miles at the Curragh, the main attraction at home this week. With a field of twenty-five, the race seems open. From a choice of Whirlwind and Master Mop, I select Master Mop, who is difficult to beat with his speed and ability to stay.

There is also an interesting three-day meeting at Aintree, despite the small fields. Owners nowadays are more inclined to favour the easier Park courses and the equally good stakes to be found there. On Saturday, Little Yid is recommended for the Molyneux 'Chase, the winner of the event for the last two years. His excellent timing over the sticks and his grit should see him home again. John Jacques is Little Yid's main opponent.

The Grand Sefton 'Chase on Saturday should go to that course specialist, Irish Lizard, second to Coneysburrow in the race last year. His past successes on the course should be remembered, especially his consistent performance in the last two Grand Nationals. Bar Point is the danger in this race.

Colonel Tottering.

FAST GOING

The first of three Club handicaps for the Parke Cup was held in Phoenix Park over a 4i-mile course on Saturday. This year support was enthusiastic and since the handicapping was clever, there was good competition and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Conditions were soft underfoot, but atmospherically encouraging, admirable stimuli for the keen racing which occurred. The winner was P. Barnes, who ran a well judged race and also produced a fine corrected time. K. Hawtin, finishing second, did well. The next three places produced a tussle between P. Ross, running his last race as a Harrier; C. Bamber and S. Webley, places resulting in that order. Then came B. Brewster, making a very welcome and surprise return to College activities.

Last Saturday, P. N. Ross made his last appearance in the Harriers. Not only has he been the leading cross-country runner in Trinity for the last six years, but his help and enthusiasm have kept the Club going through some difficult times. He was the first Trinity runner to gain a full international vest for cross-country and the first to complete a marathon. We would like to thank him and wish him the best of luck in his new career in the British Army.

SPORTING THOUGHTS

By "High Flyer"

Wanted! A more reliable standard of College Rugby. This, surely, is the time of year when the teams can be reorganised, and improved by training. The work and thought behind these early months of the Rugby season will show its rewards later. So I hope that Joe Gaston is carefully considering the faults and possibilities of the first fifteen. I will follow any developments that are made with interest.

Sometimes I wonder if the mythical College authorities ever consult the pressing urgent needs of the students. Is it really necessary that the newly decorated changing-room in the gym be kept locked? Why should the sporting enthusiasts be forced to change in the distant pavilion. This unnecessary inconvenience is due merely to the loss of a small part of the new boiler some two months ago. Why is there this delay? Why should the changing-room be closed for the sake of something missing from the boiler? In fact, it is done just for the sake of hot water. The not inconsiderable body of students who use the gym for training, boxing, fencing and playing squash rackets were better off last term, when at least they could use the old changing-room with its cold running water. Two months have passed; nearly half the term has gone by, while the authorities sleep on.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be held on Friday, November 5, in D.U.C.A.C. rooms (No. 5). It is hoped that all members and intending members (ladies and gents) will attend.

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FENCING CLUB

The club had a successful year and gained much respect by retaining a consistently high standard. Wolfgang Somary has been elected Captain, and Margaret Thomson is Ladies' Captain.

The well-known Olympic and international fencer, Patrick Duffy, Esq., gives fourteen lessons each term, and as first-class fencing instructors are much in demand, the £1 annual subscription is a remarkable concession.

Meetings are from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Gym. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and tea is served as a reviver.

Intending members are welcome, and Freshers are reminded that most of the present members started without any knowledge of fencing.

AROUND THE CLUBS

We are able to announce the new winter fashions for the Ladies' Hockey Club. A drinking motif prevails in the white (kummel) blouses, bottle green shorts and black (stout) knee socks. Incidentally, this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of this active Club, and aptly for the occasion the first XI, captained by Ruth Harris, are once again playing in the Senior League after an absence of a number of years. We wish them luck and don't doubt that our male faction will support them.

The Ski Club's holiday at Zurs from the 7th-22nd of December sounds ideal, for those who have the time and, of course, the money; yet I believe at £36 all inclusive from London it is most reasonable. Those members of Trinity who went skiing there two years ago enjoyed the charm and atmosphere of this friendly Tyrolean village. The free easy life, in fact a College spittit without its worries. For those interested, there is the annual general meeting to-day at 5.0 in the Regent House.

TOWN AND GOWN

Theatres

ABBEY.—8 p.m.: "Is the Priest at Home?"
GATE.—8 p.m.: "The Glass Menagerie."
GAIETY.—8 p.m.: "Bless the Bride." Sat.
2.30 p.m.
OLYMPIA.—2 p.m.: "It's Different for Men,"
with Yolande Donlan.

Cinemas

ADELPHI.—"Calamity Jane." Friday: "Rose Marie."
AMBASSADOR.—"Knock on Wood."
ASTOR.—"The Paradine Case."
CARLTON.—"Gun Fury," also "Mexican Manhunt."
CORINTHIAN.—"Captain Kidd and the Slave Girl."
GRAFTON.—"The Magic Town."
METROPOLE.—"The Belles of St. Trinian's."
REGAL ROOMS.—"The Purple Plain."
THEATRE ROYAL.—"Black Horse Canyon,"
with Royal Variety 10th.
SAVOY.—"The Wages of Fear."

THURSDAY, 4th NOVEMBER

S.R.C. Elections.
4 p.m.—Physiology Theatre, "Medical Work in North India." Dr. B. Bohr.
9-2 a.m.—Boat Club Ball, Metropole.

FRIDAY, 5th NOVEMBER

5 p.m.—Choral Society A.G.M.
8 p.m.—No. 2: "Openings for Graduates in Ireland." A. H. B. McClatchey.

SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER

8 p.m.—Hop in Dixon Hall.

TUESDAY, 9th NOVEMBER

1.10-1.30 p.m.—College Chapel, R. K. McGuire.
8 p.m.—Debate with U.C.D.: "Irish Newspapers are not fulfilling their obligations."

WEDNESDAY, 10th NOVEMBER

8 p.m.—G.M.B.—Paper in U.P.S.: "That the Devil would be at home in Ireland."
8-11 p.m.—West Chapel Céli.

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