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Urges S.C.M. President

IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, MR. GEORGE DAWSON, B.A., SUGGESTED THAT THE TIME WAS NOW RIPE FOR A LARGE-SCALE RAG WITH U.C.D.

SUCH an idea must not assume gargantuan proportions and must keep in touch with the humanities. It was intolerable that U.C.D. should be permitted to maintain a monopoly in raising money for charities. Trinity could, if given the chance, play its part in alleviating the disgraceful poverty in this fair city.

At the same time, such a rag must not be made the excuse for outrageous conduct by modern students in an ancient university. For instance, in the S.C.M. President's opinion, the overturning of a Cambridge bus caused inconvenience to the passengers. Thus, a sorrowfully unchristian spirit was shown. Blood oranges were "fired" all over the place and immediately pounced upon by undergraduates who were never seen again. The police were alerted and unnecessarily baffled. Such events in Dublin defy contemplation and could only cause disorder. It could not be permitted even on the eve of An Tostal, in view of the recent statement by the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

Commenting on all this, Dr. R. B. McDowell, F.T.C.D., intimated that now, as never before, there was an urgent need for a spiritual and temporal revival. The forces of Mammon are opposed to charity and a new and more stupendous rag must be organised. This rag, the learned doctor felt, must occur on Trinity Monday, and must be confined to the College limits. Thus, a paradoxical situation could easily be resolved and the Provost could announce the list of new scholars.

With delight and serious anticipation, these radical and sober views from distinguished members of the College are heartily endorsed by many of the other intelligentsia among their colleagues. The suggestion that these activities should be held in conjunction with U.C.D. is the wisest and most constructive that has been heard for many a year. The irresponsible banning of these activities by the authorities many years ago has caused much hardship among the less salubrious quarters of the town. Soon, a welcome change of heart may well become evident, as a less Victorian atmosphere is already making itself felt. What is needed is a sterner cultivation of the old fighting spirit which dis-

tinguished this university in the golden days of yore.

The missionary spirit must not be confined to the foreign fields. Much can be done in Dublin. Let the lustful egoism of the undergraduates be diverted to the creation of good will, good health and good work. All owe a debt to this city and this debt must be made good. What does it matter if a national characteristic is aggravated by a few minutes' delay? Much bar room chatter would be caused by the diversion of traffic round students and floats.

The organisation, stated an anonymous Staff member, must be entrusted to a joint committee. Such a committee

would be drawn from volunteers conscripted from representative bodies of mixed students in both Colleges. There is no earthly reason why Fogra Failte should not subsidise a worthy cause rather than the usual financially dubious ventures that have been so successfully bolstered up in recent years.

Perhaps some or all of the funds could be donated in a public ceremony by the Lord Mayor to the usual institutions of mendicity. Thus, indeed, student frivolity could be put to a purpose worthy of national acclaim and the further glory of the aspirations of those whose political advancement is so essential to their own nest feathering.



WILDE AGAIN

The second play produced by John Jay was Act II of "The Importance of Being Earnest," not such an original choice as his first production, but topical in view of the recent Wilde Centenary. Congratulations must go to John and to Audrey McTigh for their set, which with its clever use of lighting was probably the most effective part of the play. Unfortunately, in spite of good individual performances, pauses and bad prompting were noticeable. As Gwendolyn, Deirdre McClenaghan's delivery of her lines was far too slow, and even the six muffs which Algernon (David Miller) consumed failed to hide the fact that he did not know his lines. But Phoebe Burn-Murdoch showed just the right combination of pertness and

naivety as Cecily, and Louis Lentin, playing the doddering Canon Chasuble, promised well as a character actor. On the whole, however, the cast captured both the atmosphere of the period and that lightness of inconsequential repartee which is so typical of Wilde at his best.

LATE DATE

"Walking On Air" is the name of a new late-night revue opening next Tuesday at the National Arts Theatre in Westland Row. John Molloy heads a cast of seven, which includes three Trinity students. It begins at 10.45 and, from what I have heard, it promises to provide an hour and a half's rollicking entertainment.

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."
OLYMPIA.—8 p.m.: "The Belle of New York."
NATIONAL ARTS THEATRE, Westland Row.—
10.45 p.m.: "Walking On Air."
THEATRE ROYAL.—Saturday, 3 p.m.: Arthur
Rubinstein.

Cinemas

ADELPHI.—"Rose Marie."
AMBASSADOR.—"Elephant Walk."
ASTOR.—"Paradise Case."
CAPITOL.—"Living It Up."
CARLTON.—"Man in the Dark."
GRAFTON.—"Algiers."
GREEN.—"Caged," also "Park Row."
METROPOLE.—"The Belles of St. Trinian's."
REGAL ROOMS.—"The Stranger's Hand."
SAVOY.—"Night People."

THURSDAY, 11th NOVEMBER

4 p.m. "Beauty Culture," by Miss Fisher.
D.U.E.S., No. 6.
8.10 p.m. Gaelic Society (Musical Evening,
No. 2).

8 p.m.—"The Case for Enosis." C. A. David.
Philosophical Society.
8.15 p.m.—History Society Opening Meeting.
"The Dilemma of the Liberal." D. Thornley.

FRIDAY, 12th NOVEMBER

8.0 p.m.—"Smaointe nua in nEireann nua."
Talk by Risteard O Glaisne in No. 2.
10.30 a.m.—D.U. Commerce and Economics
Society: Coffee Morning in No. 25.

SATURDAY, 13th NOVEMBER

Hop in Dixon Hall.
MONDAY, 15th NOVEMBER
2.45 p.m.—Opening of "Icarus" Art Ex-
hibition.
8 p.m.—Theological Society, G.M.B.

TUESDAY, 16th NOVEMBER

1.10-1.30—College Chapel. Rev. Brian Harvey.

WEDNESDAY, 17th NOVEMBER

8 p.m.—G.M.B. Hist.: "That Modern Art
Represents a Decadent Age."
8.11 p.m.—Céili, West Chapel.
Racing at Navan.
Gaelic Society—Musical Evening.

NEWS FROM LONDON

Peter Reynolds, who studied Economics, Mod. Lang. and History here last year, has recently opened up "Bunje's," a new coffee-house, in London, his many friends here will be pleased to know. Backing the project is the family of Keith Banks, late of the Phil., who is now acting for the New Lindsey Theatre Club and for various associated British films. Both men have fiancées these days.

We hear from Charles Sweeting (who is now living in Torquay) that the T.C.D. London Club had a "Guy Fawkes" party on Friday night at the Abingdon Arms, W. 8. Many members and guests were present and a thoroughly good time was had by all. These parties are becoming such a success that they have organised two more shin-digs to take place before Christmas — on Thursday, December 2nd, 8 p.m., at The Clarence, Whitehall, and their second annual dance on December 17th in the London University Union Hall, 7.30 to 11 p.m. Tickets, 5/-, can be had from Susan Power, 18 Chesterfield Gardens, N.W. 3.

VARIETY AT "BI."

The first general meeting of the session was opened by Edgar Ritchie, B.A., reading a paper on "The Nature and Production of Antibody." The essayist first explained the importance of tissue immunity, phagocytosis and antibodies in the resistance of the body to disease. He then dealt with the nature of antibodies and continued with a description of the antigen-antibody reaction.

Under the heading of the production of antibodies, he described the interesting theory put forward in 1949 by MacFarlane-Burnet and Fenner in Australia. This very complex theory was explained in a clear and intelligible manner, as was the rest of his paper.

After the usual excellent tea, John Nolan, B.A., read a somewhat more light-hearted paper, entitled "Quacks and Quackeries." This paper was particularly well constructed and read, keeping a very fair balance between humour and the more serious aspect of "quack" medicines through the years.

The main characters he dealt with were Don Lopus, the Earl of Rochester, and Mad Sally Mapp. The paper went on to emphasise that it was not only these infamous though colourful souls who used disreputable remedies. The case-history and treatment of King Charles II was cited to show the methods employed by F.R.C.P.'s of those days—and perhaps also the stamina and forbearance of their Royal patient.

In conclusion he said that the only way to prevent the survival of quackery was to advance medical knowledge and to educate the general public.

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COMMONS—GOING OFF

WHILE it is appreciated that in the organisation of so large an institution as Trinity a certain number of regulations must be enforced to maintain some order and discipline, there is a growing feeling that compulsory dining on Commons is sometimes an unnecessary evil. During this term there has been a noticeable decrease in the standard of Commons food and its preparation. The meals are, of course, fairly cheap at the price, and the beer is sometimes an attraction. However, there is no reason to suppose that the mental age of the student would be a bar to his eating wholesome food if he were allowed to go off Commons. Some would find it an opportunity to spend less money; others, more fortunate, might like to spend more, occasionally on a better meal, while all would benefit from being able to choose a time for the evening meal to suit their own requirements.

CALENDAR—GOING ON

THE complaints about the College Calendar are numerous. The intelligent suggestions for improving it are few. There is, of course, good reason to advocate some simplification of its layout. Many an undergraduate, trying to save himself the bother of finding his tutor, has ploughed his way back and forward through the mass of apparently disconnected facts and regulations in an effort to solve some minor problem, but has merely become more bewildered. The brilliant but quite useless suggestions of his "wife" serve only to jeopardise their relationship, and the result is that they both wander around making rude remarks about the compilers for days.

The root of the Calendar's trouble can be expressed in five words (divided into two sub-sections), viz.:

- (1) The Advertising.
- (2) The "Short Index."

(1) The Advertising is insufficient. There are a mere seven or eight advertisements in the Calendar. These should be increased at least threefold and the money derived therefrom put to the task of changing

(2) the "Short Index," which should be made long. This can be done by introducing a thorough and all-embracing system of cross-references, such as is used very effectively by all the best Encyclopaediae and most American textbooks. The system is self-explanatory and can be understood by the most Junior of Freshmen.

IN THE APPOINTMENTS OFFICE

The Summer, 1954, number of "Progress" (Unilever Magazine) includes a delightful article on management training selection boards. You'll like Richard Whittington. . . . The Autumn number has three good articles on the shortage of scientists, National Service, and Training for Advertising.

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J. T. Gaston



Joey Gaston came to College in 1948 from Ballymena Academy (which school produced also Robin Gregg, another Irish international) and is now in his final medical year. He played rugby for the Ulster Schools' team in his last year at the Academy and first represented Ulster when he was 19. Since then he has had numerous caps for Ulster—he says himself he cannot remember how many—and was capped for Ireland in all five of last season's games.

Rugby takes up most of Joey's free time during the winter. In the summer he keeps fit—a favourite and necessary occupation — by swimming occasionally and "relaxing" in the Harriers, sprinting and jumping. The sprinting is, of course, his forte—he has the fastest getaway of any of Ireland's present wings—but he was the College long-jump champion in 1951.

Inclined to be modestly quieter than most of the Rugby Club, he likes nothing better than watching or playing the game he excels in, though he is fond of the cinema and, when he has time for it, the occasional stroll for coffee, over which his conversation will generally revolve around rugby.

It is uncommon to find a wing-three-quarter leading a team, and this is the first time he has ever held a captaincy. About his material for the first fifteen, Joey says that, with looking after, they will make as satisfactory a team as Trinity ever had. What is most important is that they are keen and enthusiastic. With these same qualities in their famous skipper, we can look forward to an excellent season's rugby, and a good performance in the Leinster Championships.

ABOUT THE TOWN

Dance halls abound in Dublin, due to the business-sense of certain Irishmen and the poverty of most tennis clubs.

The desire of these "sports" clubs to amass riches becomes evident each Saturday night, when "hops" are held in Anglesea, Ashbrook and Mount Pleasant. Whilst there is little to choose between these, each providing a typically enjoyable dance, Ashbrook has a distinct advantage for the "night birds," as it continues into the early hours.

The chief competitor to the tennis clubs is Sandford. The popularity of this venue is so great that the hall is regularly packed by 9 o'clock; much of the credit for this being due to the exceptionally good band.

I often frequent Bective on Sunday evenings, it being, I think, the only function of its kind on that otherwise sterile night. Whilst ensuring an enjoyable way of passing the time, they succeed in packing into a space even smaller, the same number of people as Sandford—and usually the same ones.

The best of the commercial halls are the Metropole and Clery's, both of which, though a little more expensive than average, allow comfortable dancing to excellent bands and, more important, have the added advantage of adjacent bars.

Of the others, the Crystal and the Four Provinces are probably the best known to students. These are excellent ballrooms where good, if rather crowded, dancing can be enjoyed.

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COLLEGE EVENTS

Free Speech in College

The learned Senator, true to his tremendous courage, has forwarded a brilliant reply which is published with much pleasure. It is a pity, however, that this otherwise excellent letter is marred by grave misconceptions.

In the first place, your humble scribe never asserted or implied that Dr. Skeffington "had been so silly as to have declared that Mosley should have been prevented from speaking at the Phil." What was stated, and rightly so, was that Dr. Skeffington in the "Irish Times" of 30/10/54 objected "to a speech by Mosley being made a feature of a College public occasion." In other words, as I asserted, Dr. Skeffington clearly resented Mosley being allowed to speak at an Inaugural Meeting. While he would not censor the speaker, he would, apparently, censor the audience. There is little difference in principle between either of these two concepts.

In another publication, the name of which I forget, Dr. Skeffington submitted, with regard to Mosley, "that the College, by the Phil's action, was made to appear publicly to sponsor him." This delightful assertion is not only facile but puerile. This University is, its statutes point out, non-political and cannot possibly by any stretch of imagination appear to endorse any form of political nonsense, be it Mosleyism or Skeffingtonism. However, the good Senator does make a very fine point when he admits that a ban on a speaker would not be justified merely because certain political views might be propagated. This shows a very welcome change of heart since the Senator's initial objection was based precisely on the grounds that Mosley was a Fascist. Dr. Skeffington, with his fine distinctions and subtle evasions, has still failed to deny the main charge that he does not believe in TOTAL freedom of speech. However, it must be borne in mind that lecturers, like their students, apparently find it much more fun to comment crisply than to quote correctly.

Enosis by Bambos

To-day's meeting of the Phil. promises to be one of the most exciting in years. That passionate patriot, Mr. C. A. David, will deliver a violent and lengthy address on Cyprus. An expert in his subject, Bambos David will certainly provide his distinguished visitors with controversial propositions.

Speaking to the paper will be Brigadier General Dorman O'Gowan, who, like Bambos, has long championed just causes. Mr. Manus Nunan, a Crown Counsel in Nigeria, will also address the meeting. Manus is a gold medallist of the Hist. and he will need all his fluency to counteract the fierce Greek nationalism that will be heard in the Phil to-night.

Recuperating?

In spite of persistent rumours that the Commerce and Economics Society was no longer with us, a meeting was held last Monday.

Long-memory men remember that the previous meeting took place some time last February, when only seven members attended. It was then, as well as on subsequent occasions, suggested to kill this sick man of the societies. However, it survived, at least in name, for there was nobody interested enough even in killing it.

Fortunately or unfortunately, two young members of the staff of the School of Economics, Dr. Ryan and Mr. Thornton, have undertaken, together with the new Auditor, to cure and revive the Society. The ingenious method of free morning coffee on certain days of the week is being used, thus hoping to get economists interested.

The interesting paper of the last meeting, entitled "Recent Theories of Bilateral Control," was read by Professor Shackle, the first external examiner in Mod. Economics. The chair was taken by Professor Duncan. Three other lecturers were also present and they contributed to the intelligent discussion which followed.

An Fear Cruaidh.

"OLD NICK" A DAMP SQUIB

Last Friday, the intriguing motion "That the Devil would be at Home in Ireland," provided the Phil. with a mediocre and uninspiring debate. The attendance was negligible. Mr. Oladitam made an excellent maiden speech. The rest of the speakers were not in any way impressive. Due to the fact that none of them had prepared speeches, they waffled in a manner unsurpassed in the history of the Society. Even the President, in his summing up, was to a certain extent guilty of this charge. The motion was lost by 11 votes to 9 and all departed not a bit wiser about Old Nick or Ireland, or the President.



SOCIAL CIRCULAR

The following students have announced their engagements:—
Mr. John Molloy to Miss Yvonne Voigt.
Mr. Dave Flanagan to Miss Kay Williams.

The following have honoured the University with a visit:—
Lieut.-Commander Eoghan O'Brien, D.S.O.

Miss Yolande Donlan.
The O'Coilman.
The Rt. Hon. Sir Thomas Copley (begob).

The Pearse Street Squad Car on a mission.
The Rev. Michael Fisher on a different mission.

A person describing himself as Lucifer attempted to enter into the Phil. Freshers' debate.

Mr. David Brown is to have a haircut, if he can find the time.
Mr. Barry White shaved last Tuesday.

AN EARNEST

The number of organisations looking to the universities for recruits is likely to increase yearly, and it is clearly to the advantage of both the employer and the student that they should get to know each other better. The employer who has not recruited a graduate may be hesitant and want to examine this rare species before buying one; the student will want to know what he is taking on before committing himself. Vacation courses provide an introduction for both sides. In America, such courses have been run for some years, and in most cases are said to have worked to everyone's satisfaction. Of recent years, many British firms have started to offer the same opportunities. Not many firms in Ireland are ready to make formal arrangements, but it seems likely that students who are particularly keen to take on such work during a vacation in Ireland would do well to apply to some of the larger concerns and propose the idea.

It is, perhaps, as well to differentiate clearly between vacation work sought primarily for money-earning, and vacation courses or work offered with the main intention of showing you what business or a particular career is like. Most employers go to some trouble to pick men and women who are likely to be serious candidates for the following year. There is a good deal of competition, mainly from penultimate year students, and those who want to try such work during either the Easter or Summer Vacation should apply soon.

Chemists, physicists, engineers and mathematicians are well cared for, and I have a list of firms prepared to consider their applications. Geologists, zoologists and botanists must needs be somewhat earlier birds. The good arts man can usually expect to find a number of companies who will consider his application, although the competition is fairly fierce. Young women arts students have a more difficult time, but the opportunities are there.

Students must expect to find their own travelling expenses, but the better firms often pay an allowance which enables you to afford good accommodation, or put you up in their hostel and allow you out-of-pocket expenses.

A. H. B. McCLATCHEY,
Appointments Officer.

P.S.—Thomas Hedley & Co. of Newcastle, soap and detergent manufacturers (Proctor and Gamble in the U.S.), will be visiting College this month to discuss such vacation work with likely candidates.

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Boat Club Batter

Even now the Metropole is still re-echoing to the Boat Club Ball and many miscellaneous garments remain to be collected. Rea and Joy led the dancers to more and merrier revels. Happy Hugh Holroyd floated nonchalantly in the arms of a charming Daphne Gilpin. Each waltz saw Hilary Palmer and Peter Shanks doing their piece de resistance before awed onlooker Ernie Irwin. Ernie was accompanied by Daphne Ryan, who was fresh from her Phil. caper. Gay Dog David Hodgins was also to be seen perambulating around the ballroom with Judy Oliver, whose sister, Alison, noticed that David had had a haircut. A wonderful time was had by all and the spot prizes were won by the usual people.

The Night of Elegance

The Boat Club Ball was to all intents and purposes continued at the lavish



Messrs. Bernstein and Rolfe at home.

entertainment provided by Roger Rolfe and Len Bernstein in their beautifully-appointed flat in Northbrook Road on Friday night. Party-chronics will remember this flat as the one around which Guy D'Olier rigged up a several-hundred-volt circuit to discourage crashers some time last year. Roger and Len had no disturbances worth recording. Simon Webley goggled as Sean McSharry appeared behind, in front of, over and finally under the magnificently stocked bar. Dr. McDowell, with remarkable aplomb, was demonstrating how to manipulate three glasses and a conversation simultaneously. Dermot Owen-Flood was plying the ladies, the carpet and his shirt front with "coked" Kummel. Jill Booth, John Leather and John Jay were dominating the centre of the room until the gin ran out. Altogether, the most appreciated party in years.

So Sweet

Miranda Hamilton put on a Sunday picnic-supper for a few well-chosen friends. Not a catty remark was made all evening. Dan Rogers and Jill Robbins became epigrammatic in the firelight, which also shone on the pale face of Deirdre McClenaghan as she discussed Socialites with a group of politely admiring young choirboy-faced men. A grinding gramophone squeaked in the background, and when everything was Sundayish, we went home to an early bed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NUMBER FOUR

Dear Sir,—The other evening as I stood at Front Gate, an American came up and asked, in a way peculiar to his race, where the gentlemen's lavatory was. As soon as I had ascertained his meaning, I directed him—what else was there to do?—to the amenities in Number Four. It made me sick to have to do this. So ashamed was I that I remarked and apologised for the condition of this place as I gave him the directions for finding it. Had he no nose!

It is, perhaps, a commentary on the attitude taken to such things by authority here that "Number Four" (and all that is meant by this oft-disinfected phrase) and the Moyne Institute of Preventive Medicine are both within the College walls, but situated in opposite corners. Drains, we are told, are no measure of civilisation.

What I would like to know is why the filthy state of "Number Four" and the College staircases, for that matter, is never remedied. There is not even promise of any comprehensive change. The extremely tacit, uncommunicative attitude of the authorities concerned with these and other matters of painting, furnishing and building inspires always in my mind distrust and caution. True, some few conditions have been improved recently, a stairway or two and a lecture room; but this great blot still remains. The vast majority of people who do not live in College, many who do, and all from outside who are compelled to make use of this shameful spot would be horrified if any friend or person of authority saw it. A view of it would modify the praise of the most ardent admirer of this College.

Yours sincerely, P. Soir.

P.S.—Incidentally, some evenings, on Commons, Alan Brook, President of the Evangelical Union, gives us a peculiarly professional recital of the speaking of Grace. If we are to endure another season of "lieder," such voices as this should be trained. Make the chant less plain.



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Dear Sir,—I write about the remarks of your correspondent, "High Flyer," on the subject of the changing rooms in the gymnasium.

The facts are these. The men's changing room is closed not only because the boiler is not yet assembled but also because the job of improving the changing rooms by installing new lockers and laying plastic tiles on the floor is not yet completed. Until it is, the changing room is almost unusable. The work on this changing room and the women's changing room was approved by D.U.C.A.C. early in the year. The lowest outside tender was for a price some 50 per cent. higher than the price quoted by the Clerk of Works, but the condition on which the Clerk of Works was allowed by the Bursar to do the job was that it should be fitted in with other College work. In view of the amount of work waiting to be done in College, we should be grateful that he was allowed to undertake the job at all. It is true that the work has not been done as quickly as we had hoped, but at least it will be done for some £400-£500 cheaper than by any other contractor. Since D.U.C.A.C. has had to borrow the necessary capital and has to pay interest on the loan, those of us who conduct D.U.C.A.C.'s affairs did not feel justified in going outside for a quicker and much more expensive job. When an organisation is subsidised as heavily as D.U.C.A.C. is by the College, it has no option but to seek the very cheapest solutions. The alternative is clear. Students can pay more for their sport—much more.

I shall be grateful if your correspondent will in future take the trouble to ascertain all the facts. Moreover, I would point out that the statement that "the authorities sleep on" and the doubt whether they consult the students' "pressing urgent needs" cannot be inferred either from the facts your correspondent adduces or from the full facts he could so easily have obtained.

Yours faithfully,
Basil Chubb.

"High Flyer" replies—We quite agree with Dr. Chubb that the work in the gym. has not been done as quickly as was hoped and we admit that the cheapest solution is necessary, but we still maintain that the changing room could be used in its present condition. (The plastic tiles, incidentally, could be laid in twelve to sixteen man-hours.) The lockers could be installed ad lib. and the showers could remain temporarily cold. That "the authorities sleep on" refers to the fact that they appear never to have considered opening the practically completed changing room.

S.R.C. CHAOS

Sir,—A few days ago, I paid a visit to the S.R.C. rooms in No. 4 College. The door was open and on entering the untidy room I could find no person in charge there. In front of me on the table lay a 2/6 coin. I tossed it—heads to stay, tails to go. Tails, and I left the room, disappointed.

Is it any wonder that the S.R.C. receives only a lukewarm support, if any support at all from the students?

Yours etc.,
Y. H. Foo.

WHO'S WHO ON THE STAFF



Dr. D. A. Davie

The Yorkshire-born Lecturer in English came to Trinity four years ago from Cambridge, where he took his M.A. and Ph.D.

A young, earnest-looking man, his main interest outside his work is writing poetry. His excellent treatise, "Purity of Diction in English Verse," was published in 1952.

Though much of his time is taken up in looking after his young family, Dr. Davie manages to play an active part in College affairs. His popularity and his pleasing personality are two of his greatest attributes.

He is the newest Fellow, his election having been announced last Trinity Monday.

FREE SPEECH IN COLLEGE

Dear Sir,—If, as your correspondent, An Fear Cruaidh, implies, I had been so silly as to have declared (a) that Mosley should have been prevented from speaking to the Phil., and (b) that such a ban would have been justified because he might "propagate Fascism," your correspondent's spirited attack upon me would have been entirely justified. Since, however, I said, in fact, that I would "defend the right of the students to hear anyone they wanted" ("Irish Times," 30/10/54), and would "defend the Phil's right to invite and hear anyone, without exception" ("T.C.D." 5/11/54), I should be grateful if your correspondent would now correct the erroneous impression left by his article.

I know how busy the student journalist must be, and how much more fun it is to comment crisply than to quote correctly. If, however, your correspondent still feels that, having found out the facts from the reliable sources quoted, and submitted them, unexpurgated and unparaphrased, to the judgment of your readers, he would like to argue also about what I actually did say, I shall be happy to hear his views, and, if need be, reply.—Yours truly,

O. Sheehy Skeffington.

An Fear Cruaidh replies in "Current Events" on page two.

WIFE OR CAREER-GIRL?

Dear Sir,—I was quite disgusted to read the pernicious attack on College women in your last issue. No doubt, conscious of his own intellectual limitation, "Hermanbrodite" gives vent to an appalling flood of abuse against any girl with intellectual aspirations. Does he expect us all to be dumb blondes who will go to College dances with him? Frankly, I would prefer to sit in the reading room than tolerate his venomous tongue for an evening. "Hermanbrodite" should step off his high pedestal and remember that a girl is not just a machine for producing children and washing up dishes, but a human being with a fertile mind, which (to use his own phrase) will be frustrated if not allowed to develop. I might further add that there are many slovenly-dressed men about College who would do well to cast the beam out of their own eyes before they start ridiculing us for our low-heeled shoes and haggard hair. Red lips are no substitute for a wan brain.

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BELFAST LETTER

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Literary and Debatable

"Qubist," the Queen's University news-sheet, has been recently described in the local press as "a rather scruffy and ragged-looking publication" and "a pathetic little broadsheet." The interesting suggestion has been put forward that there must surely "be room for a student paper produced at Queen's and circulated throughout the province." Alas, the remedy proposed is not that of student initiative and enterprise, but rather an appeal to the University authorities for financial aid; a remedy symptomatic of the trend in this new Brookensalem where the "Government" is regarded as the "Alpha and Omega," the "Great Giver" and where benefits are demanded rather than deserved.

The Mosley affair has caused a certain stir in University circles here. The question most often asked is: "Why did the Trinity authorities act with such bad taste once it had become certain that not only would Sir Oswald speak at the meeting but that he would be received at a College function?"

In an exclusive interview with J. Alexander Kilfedder (ex-auditor of the Hist.), recently defeated candidate for official University nomination for the constituency in the coming by-election for the Co. Armagh seat in the Imperial Parliament, he stated that he not only intended to stick to politics but that he intended to be successful. Certainly he has creditably survived a baptism of fire in the traditionally sordid tactics of Northern Irish electioneering.

Conduct and Censorship

"The Wages of Fear," greeted, I read, with "crude laughter" (pace Miss de Renzy) in Dublin, has been replaced here at the progressive Mayfair American by "Le Plaisir." Strangely enough, I missed the first night. Remedying this misfortune some few days later, I was horrified to see two large orange eyes glowing in the darkness of the auditorium beside me—Vass Underwood again, although I could have sworn that the posters plainly stated "Adults Only." "Le Plaisir" (this dainty, naughty film) will not be seen in Dublin.

Social and Sporting

Recent visitors have included the widely-travelled Professor Moran, speaking at the Ulster Branch Association dinner; the prospective solicitors, Miss Sheelagh McKee, Mr. Don Clarke and Mr. David "The Admiral" Gilliland; Mr. T. O. Maginness "of the famous Uncle." Irish golf international John Glover tells me that he will be taking his finals in June next year. Paddy N. Ross called at these offices on the first day of his Army career.

Jack Kyle, before leaving for his match against Wanderers in Dublin on Saturday, said that he had been training since August and that he was fitter now than at any time in the past year; certainly his recent performances in the North have been brilliant. The choice of Joe Gaston as Ulster winger for the coming interprovincial match has been both popular and expected.

Footnote

The preparations for the return of the Belfast policeman from Idlewild are nearing completion; it is expected that Uncle Harry will be present, together with the Legion of Mary and the massed Ballyhackamore, Ballynafeigh and Ballynure (L.O.L.) flute bands.

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Six Points Above Zero

This is how the weatherman would have described the climatic conditions during last Saturday's game between Trinity's 1st XV. and Old Wesley, and how Trinity fared in the final scoring honours compared with their opponents.

The 150 spectators present were well rewarded for their tenacity by a fast, open game of football, which at times brought brilliant displays of teamwork from both the College pack and backs.

Trinity attacked from the outset and throughout the game continued to see much more of the ball both from the set-scrams and the line-outs. After ten minutes' play Old Wesley came near to taking the lead through a penalty kick. A few moments later the Trinity pack, under pressure on their own goal-line, combined in a great forward rush which brought play right up to their opponents' goal-line.

The first score came 20 minutes through the first half when Dick Todd kicked a beautiful penalty from five yards outside the 25-yard line, to make the score 3-0 to Trinity.

C. G. Mostert made some determined runs on the wing, and always kept the

game alive with masterly cross-kicks when smothered. Fullerton at full-back was always in position, excelling in his sure catching and touch-kicking.

Shortly before half-time the ball came to Fitzsimmons on the half-way line; he made a lot of ground before passing to Joe Gaston, who, showing his remarkable turn of speed, beat several men before passing to wing-forward Williams, who was well up in support, to finish off the scoring of a picture try at the corner post. The kick was too difficult for Todd to add the extra points.

The second half contained some good football, with honours shared, the main highlights of which were the grand tackling of Williams which undoubtedly saved a Wesley try; the countless and exciting sallies of Joe Gaston down the right wing, and the fine finishing form of the Trinity forwards, among whom Dowse, Williams, Prozesky and Clinch were specially prominent.

What marred an otherwise enjoyable game was that terrible 10-minute delay. The players should show some consideration for the freezing spectators, whose reactions tend to become numb!

SOCCER

U.C.D. Again the Bogey

Trinity XI suffered their first defeat of the season when they were beaten by U.C.D. II at Belfield last Wednesday week by four goals to one in a poor game. Despite the fact that two of the regular team were off owing to injury and illness, McAuley ('flu), Sainsbury (pulled muscle), the display of the team was far from impressive. On a pitch bumpy and heavy, the Trinity team relied on short passing which proved fruitless against a strong tackling U.C.D. defence.

In the second half the ball was kicked around rather more vigorously, but the forward line was most disappointing. They worked more as soloists rather than as a combined unit. Hannigan at centre-forward, though admittedly getting little support, showed none of his shooting power of previous weeks. The score at half-time was 1-0 for U.C.D. Despite a number of positional changes, the team in the second half gave a rather lifeless display. There were a few promising moves started by Bernstein and Cohen, who were efficient full-backs, but these faded out in front of goal.

U.C.D. scored a second goal which was, I thought, from a blatantly offside position, and despite a late Trinity rally in which Wheeler got a goal, U.C.D. scored twice more. Hyland, the captain, had the unenviable job of playing in four positions during the match and was obviously not at home, except when he went to his usual position at outside-left. Trinity were best served by Cohen, Prendergast, Wheeler and Bernstein in defence, and Bello in attack.

WOMEN'S SQUASH CLUB

A Promising Year

This year the Women's Squash Club has started enthusiastically with a greatly increased membership. There are over 50 at the moment and it is hoped that more will join later. The captain of the club, Miss Eileen Whipp, has been in hospital for an operation on her left foot which may prevent her from playing this term. She has, however, been supervising the formation of the teams, and giving much help to the less experienced members. Her absence is a great loss to the first team, who have only three members from last year. One of these, Miss Biddy Acheson, played for Leinster earlier this year. The team at present consists of the Misses B. Acheson, Ruth Harris, Rose Fisher, Gilda Horsey, Alison Kingsmill Moore and Alison Budd. They have played two matches against Jaguars, the women's team from the Guinness Brewery.

At the end of the month, the team hopes to travel to Belfast to play against Queens University and Crawfordsburn County Club. By that time, the team will probably have settled down better and will prove strong opposition for the Northern clubs, as they have lost only their first two matches by a small margin. The second team is now playing regularly against another team from the Brewery, and last Monday a combination of the first and second teams played a newly-formed club called the "Gypsies."

WEBLEY'S RACE

In the second Handicap for the Parke Cup, run over the long course in the Phoenix Park, there was, possibly, more interest and keener racing than on the Saturday before, though the times were slower than expected, on account of the mud.

Webley was the winner but he had to run hard over the early part of the course to catch MacKav and Barnes, who were second and third. Hawtin again ran well to finish fourth in front of Brewster.

Barnes is in the lead for the Cup, followed by Webley, Hawtin and Brewster. The final race for the Cup will be next March.

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AROUND THE CLUBS

Come swimming? Not on your life! It is bad enough to go paddling at Killiney during the summer term. However, the Swimming Club seemed to have overcome any reluctance. At the Iveagh Baths they displayed an impressive performance in the indoor water polo leagues. Despite a temporary shortage of members, they were able to play with a formidable team, a combination to be watched and reckoned with during the season. Last week they showed their potentialities in their match with Dublin S.C., whom they easily mastered. In their 6 to 5 win over Clontarf, Trinity played an outstanding game, pleasing in their tactics and teamwork. W. Pollard was in good form, scoring three of the goals, including a splendid last-minute shot to put Trinity ahead.

In the first round of the Mills Cup the D.U. Hockey Club admirably showed their excellent form in their 3-1 victory over Monkstown. From the start Trinity took up the initiative and the attack in a vigorous manner. With this thrust they commanded the play, while Monkstown were unable to settle down until after the second goal had been scored against them by Hopkins in the ninth minute. Fitzsimmons had a good game, an able member with his skilful performance whenever in control of the ball. Always in an accurate and hard-hitting mood, he gave Trinity the lead after only seven minutes' play from a well-timed pass from Hopkins.

HOCKEY

Ladies' Battle

On Saturday, the Ladies' 1st Hockey Team played the Ling 1st XI at Trinity Hall, where the ground was heavy and made for slow play. The Ling 1st XI was a particularly strong and well-trained team: so it was an achievement for the Trinity girls to do so well against opponents theoretically more formidable. They carried the ball into the Ling circle many times but on only two occasions were they able to score, both goals the result of swift strategic rushes by Miss Irene Hurst. Miss Ruth Harris, playing a fast and open game on the right wing, was a model of skill. In defence, Miss Janet Smiley brilliantly stemmed the onrushes of the Ling forwards, substantially backed up by stalwart goalie, Miss Ruth Kingston. The result was a draw, the final score being 2-2. I hope that the team does not rely too much upon its quick sallies to surprise their opponents. The forwards must remember that the control of the game can only be maintained by knowing where the ball should go and then hitting it there hard and accurately.

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"SPORTING THOUGHTS"

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Last Saturday an elderly gentleman of tweedy Anglo-Irish stock walked sadly and slowly away from the rugby match then in progress in College Park. He was muttering to his companion on an old theme, the degeneracy of the youth, making for a limp spirit in the University. But regretfully it is all too true. From a survey of the small, apathetic, disinterested groups watching the game, it could only be surmised that the causes for "The Vanishing Irish" are also affecting Trinity. Save for a quixotic support for the Old Wesleyans, not a cry was raised by Trinity to spur on the tiring home team. The same softening soporific effects are visible in College. The balmy Irish atmosphere, the hard drinking, the wide yet unresponsive interest in sports and the leaning towards the mass entertainment are all too pervading. Are they, these cantankerous growths, eating into the citadel of the young and vigorous? It is to be feared so. Spontaneous enthusiasm is hard to find, even at bottle parties. The College is becoming subdued and tamed.

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From last week's two runners, Little Yid impressed me once again by his clear three-lengths win; obviously worth following during the season.

On Saturday, the tricky Manchester November Handicap will be run. To select is to gamble. The inevitable soft going of the muddy Manchester racecourse, the uncertain condition of the horses and the large field renders the task a lottery. Nevertheless, King's Courtier can be given a sporting chance. It is to his advantage that he is still in good condition, he revels in the mud, as was shown by his win at York last month; and, moreover, he has won over the distance. Also at Manchester on Saturday, Stormhead ought to be prominent in the Emblem Chase, which this able jumper has won for the last two years.

The soft conditions please Hallowe'en, who should easily master the slight opposition in the 2.45 at Manchester on Saturday.

To-day, at Cheltenham, that top-class chaser, Four Ten, the winner of this year's Gold Cup, makes his first re-appearance. And despite the stiff competition from Arctic Gold, Four Ten is my selection for his turn of speed and skill over the sticks. Turk's Blood would be well worth considering at Leopards-town on Saturday.

Colonel Tottering.

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