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BOARD BANS WOMEN

THE membership of women to the U.P.S., which was voted at the end of last session, was recently vetoed for the current year. It is understood that they were influenced in their decision by recent suggestions both from the staff and the undergraduate body that the two major societies should be amalgamated. This decision does not affect the recently granted right of women to attend Phil. public meetings as spectators.

The President, Mr. David Hodgins, was informed that the proposals could be renewed if the Society was insistent.

COMMENTS

In an exclusive statement to "Trinity News," Dr. O. Sheehy-Skeffington observed:—

I strongly favour the admission of women to the "Hist" and "Phil", which both represent valuable aspects of extra-curricular life in College. One learns in them to mix with many whose outlook one does not share, to appreciate and value one's fellow students, or, alternatively, to loathe them strictly within the rules of Standing Orders, and with a full knowledge of the facts.

Women form half the society with which one has eventually to come to terms. The sooner, therefore, the undergraduate—male and female—gets to know normal human society, the better. Both men and women students will benefit from the more adult approach to University life implied by this proposal. The sniggering medical student, the gangling engineer, the simpering recent schoolgirl, the conscientiously crabbed Public Schoolman, the unscrubbed denizens of the slummiest residential sections of Trinity, all will benefit from everyday social mingling with all their fellow students, irrespective of sex.



In time, they may well, all of them, become as good-mannered and as well-adjusted as Mod. Lang. students to-day, or Players.

In short, justice, commonsense, and the enlightened self-interest of all students, argue for this change. I realise, of course, that it may at first lead to a certain spiritual softening of some of our more robust women students, and to a certain intellectual toughening of some of our feeble males, but that, I think, will be all to the good.

In the inevitable interim-period of adjustment, the genuinely frightened male, and the resolutely anti-masculine female, might in charity be allowed to wear some kind of warning arm-band, so that more normal students might carefully avoid them—like, one is tempted to add, the plague.

Professor H. O. White, a past-President of the Phil., stated that in suspending women from membership for one year only, the Board was being non-committal. While he fully endorsed their views, he put out tentative feelers about a union between the Phil. and the Liz.

"Chacun à son gout" was the terse comment of Dr. B. Chubb. The matter, he submitted, was simple. Women should be admitted to membership, if the Phil. wanted them.

"GO BACK TO YOUR LOLLIPOPS"

Such was the advice of the Professor of Psychology at Tulane College, New Orleans, to five hundred men students who, without an invitation, had conducted a "Pantie-hunting raid" through the women students' resident quarters. "I thought you were gentlemen," continued the professor wisely. "you are acting like three-year-olds. Go back to your lollipops." These admonitions were greeted, appropriately, with a bucket of water.

The occasion was attended by all available police cars, which were met with a barrage of stones and other missiles, to the tune of encouraging yells from the girls. In an inexplicable attempt to justify their conduct (they had very sensibly offered no resistance to the raiders), they stated that it was essential to maintain the school spirit. Order was restored only when the police produced tear gas bombs, which were doubtless interesting but superfluous.

In an official statement, President Hodgins said:—

"Notwithstanding the fact that the members of the Philosophical Society voted at the end of last session to admit women to membership of the Society, I now find that due to difficulties beyond the control of the Society it will not be possible to admit ladies to membership of the Society during the present session. However, ladies are welcome to attend and speak at all our meetings."

Our Correspondent comments:—In view of the Board's declaration, the Phil's offer of associate membership in its October brochure was somewhat precipitate. Despite this, it is technically very doubtful whether or not the College authorities have any inherent jurisdiction over the U.P.S. Traditionally, the Phil. has always been recognised as enjoying complete self-autonomy. Thus, its constitution, unlike that of the Hist., contains no provision for any right of interference by the Board. While any constructive measures towards a union of the major G.M.B. societies would be most welcome in many quarters, it is to be hoped that the pressing claims of the women students will receive a fair and impartial hearing.

"LAW RIDICULOUS"

J. Gibbon, of Sandycove, Co. Dublin, a graduate of Dublin University, was prosecuted recently in London for offences under the Dangerous Drugs Act. In his defence, he told the Court that he used opium as a stimulant for his work. He gave it to the Court as his opinion that the Act under which he was charged was ridiculous. "Why should not people smoke opium if they wished?" he is reported to have stated.

LEARNING THE HARD WAY

The changes in Littlego have brought to mind the mishap to Dr. Oulton in the Choral. Seated on one end of a bench was Dr. Oulton. The only other person on the bench was Dr. Stanford, who inadvertently got up, the bench tipped over and Dr. Oulton fell sprawling on the floor. Dr. Stanford, by no means at a loss, asked the learned professor if he had failed his mechanics in Littlego.

WELCOME HOME

The Provost returned from his two-month U.S. visit on January 2nd. While the primary purpose of his visit was to attend the bi-centenary celebrations of Columbia University, he also investigated the possibilities of interesting the American foundations in the projected \$450,000 new library building.

Dr. A. J. McConnell could not yet report any definite progress because the foundations were the subject of two Senate investigations for improperly using tax-free money abroad.

The Provost told Americans that they were more concerned with Communism than we in Europe, and that they would be driving the Communists underground, but he had a word of praise for President Eisenhower's liberal tendencies.

Dr. McConnell compared Trinity's \$50 tuition fees with Harvard and Yale's 1,000 dollars (£350) and lamented the fact that the Irish take their education too much for granted. He went on to say how these two Universities have capital running into several millions, mostly from endowments from alumni, while Trinity received only £250,000 in the last 25 years.

There is no definite plan of action as to how the library funds are to be raised, but an appeal to the 11,000 or so living graduates is being considered.

The Provost was impressed by the grandeur of the Columbia celebrations. He was also pleased to attend Trinity alumni dinners in New York, Boston and elsewhere. His visit received good publicity in the American Press and several impressive headlines like, "College Provost Attends Alumni's Play Premiere," were published.

YOU CAN'T MISS IT!

This is Mission Term. Just in case, by some peculiar colour blindness, you have not noticed the posters which are prominent at the farthest ends of College, Mission Week is February 21-27, the fourth week of term.

A team of missionaries will practically take over College for that week. All of them are as provocative as Mrs. Margaret Knight and quite as likely to create a sensation.

For the time being, however, preparations are going quietly ahead and those preparing meet every Friday at 8 p.m. in the Gallery Chapel and afterwards in the McGuire suite in No. 9.

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TIME FOR A CHANGE

PETTY rules and prejudices are often puzzling, especially in a University with a tradition of academic liberalism. Thus, the College Calendar, a tribute to the most pudding headed of bureaucrats, could well have been executed by George Orwell. In it are the shades of the past when this College was almost a monastic institution. The Elizabethans commenced their college careers at a much earlier age. Accordingly, every hour was carefully ordered by an excessive inculcation of discipline and the classics.

By the beginning of the Twentieth Century much of this had changed. A freer atmosphere was gradually prevailing. In the life of the College, women were admitted to part of their rightful place. As yet we have not seen a woman Fellow or a woman member of the board, but at least there has been improvement. However, many of the prejudices remain and some are quite unsuited to the modern environment. Accordingly, women are forbidden in the Hist. and the Phil. They are forced to contend with a society of their own, which is but a mockery of the larger institutions. If they avail of the Reading Room, they are made to suffer the indignities of time sheets. The unfortunate blue-stockings are labelled as non-Foundation Scholars.

The malevolence of antiquity infects other facets of College life. Thus, not a few consider the element of compulsion in the keeping of lecture term as tending towards the archaic. In the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge it has been abolished, and rightly so. It belongs to the days when books were not readily available and the use of the library was a privilege. To-day this is not entirely true and in the majority of arts, personal tuition is no longer essential. The tragedy of compulsion is that it can do more harm than good, both to the lecturer and to the student. A proper lecturer gives an insight of his subject, which can never be gleaned from any text books. Alas, this is not always the case, for a small but ineffective minority are content to murmur year after year quotations and even mis-quotations from the standard texts of their forebears. At times such readers may find themselves inescapably in sympathy with the Victorian error of complacency. With a good lecture, the student loses by non-attendance. Poor lectures stifle interest in a subject, and an enforced attendance only deprives the lecturer of a practical standard of criticism.

Many will note that it is the mediocre lecturer who takes the keenest interest in attendance. Perhaps it is his only protection.

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Where is Irish Literature?

I have no intention of writing a political article but, to make my position clear, I will state at the beginning that I am now, and have always been, a strong supporter of self-government for Ireland. In my lifetime, self-government has been achieved and I welcome it. Yet we have to face the fact that, in spite of political freedom, a far smaller contribution to the world's literature is being made to-day by writers of Irish birth than was the case in the first decade of the century. In the first decade of the century, Irish writers were contributing far more than their proportionate share to the world's literature. To-day, they are contributing less. Why is this? Sinn Féin started largely as a literary movement. Before its political success, it made a large literary contribution. Since its political success, its literary contribution has been small. Perhaps it was inevitable that in the period of the birth-pangs of Irish freedom, energies should be so largely expended on the sad controversies of the supporters and opponents of the Treaty. But, if inevitable, that interminable argument was certainly disastrous for creative art. Now the generation that fought out these controversies is passing away, and it is for the new generation to turn to new and more universal themes. The case for Irish freedom is that here is a nation which has a special way of life—a nation whose men and women are able to grow up in an atmosphere where fundamental truths, to-day so desperately challenged both in England and in almost all other countries, are still taken for granted as they are no longer taken for granted elsewhere. That is the sort of country that Ireland is and the fact that she is that sort of country is ample justification for her claim to freedom. But national freedom cannot be an end in itself. Our service must be to the world, and national freedom is only justified so far as it is used to serve the world. A generation of preparation of the base was, perhaps, necessary and not excessive, but, if the Irish have their

special contribution and their special way of life, the time has now come for them to advance from their base to the counter-attack against the secularist and materialistic philosophies which they are uniquely qualified to combat. I do not speak of political measures. I speak of the more important need for a great Irish contribution to the world's literary and artistic life.

Christopher Hollis, M.P.



During the coming term, "Trinity News" will be presenting a series of special articles by well-known literary personalities. The first of the series is by Mr. Christopher Hollis, M.P., who is also chairman of a publishing company and an economist of note. Mr. Hollis is a welcome visitor to Trinity and is well remembered for his speeches at Inaugural Meetings in recent years. Amongst the other guest contributors to be featured in forthcoming issues are: Sir Compton Mackenzie and the Rev. Michael Fisher.

U.C.D. LETTER EARLSFORT TO STILLORGAN

Once again, "St. Stephens that is my green" begins to show the buds as the students pass through it to their lectures in Earlsfort Terrace. The Green has always been the College park for Dublin's other University. Joyce spent many thoughtful hours there, and in the early years, Newman and Thomas Arnold used to walk up and down, their gowns flying behind, in earnest dissertation. Near the centre, Tom Kettle's bust broods over the passing scene. How many students to-day stop to hail his memory, the most brilliant "National" man of his era. Politician, Don, orator and poet, he believed in an ideal which was shattered, when the Post Office was occupied in 1916. Soon after, he was killed in Flanders, and remembered more in England where greatness is accounted at its worth, than in the Ireland he had served so well. Other Colleges have cherished less noble epitaphs than Kettle's, written by himself:

Know that we fools now with the
foolish dead
Died not for flag nor King nor
Emperor,
But for a dream born in a herdsman's
hut
And for the secret scriptures of the
poor.

Kettle was the centre of a distinguished group in the early University College: James Joyce, Sheehy Skeffington, Marcus O'Sullivan and Fitzgerald Kenny, Hugh Kennedy, Felix Hackett and, a year or two later, Tom Bodkin.

Ten years after, another harvest included Kevin O'Higgins, George O'Brien, Patrick McGilligan, Eimar O'Duffy and others. The incidence of greatness has been less high of late, and those who

seek to gather glory from the recent past must, perforce, reach to the thirties when the era of Myles na gCopaleen and Donagh McDonagh were in full swing.

The link with the great Cardinal is tenuous at best, but one Society holds unbroken in the line of descent. In 1855, the Literary and Historical Society was founded and has continued with unusual licence, and at times ferocity, to the present day. Here Young Ireland met, and because Irishmen are good at that sort of thing, the society has always produced orators, rather than logicians. Spell-binders they had to be, for their audience were turbulent youths, liable to the most violent sorts of reactions if their attentions wandered. In 1858, a report to Newman of a meeting stated "that despite the attendance of the Lord Mayor there was a riot in which students were knocked down, and handkerchiefs knotted and used as flagella," and that during the meeting "there was a rumbling sound of voices, mocking the inflexions and emphasis of the lecturer's voice." These rumblings have continued down the years. In 1901, we read that Francis Sheehy Skeffington was ejected forcibly; in 1913, the Society was forbidden, and met outside the precincts; and in 1931, Myles na gCopaleen and Co. entered the Society with the door and its hinges in their hands, other means of ingress having been denied to them. Now it is said that 86 St. Stephen's Green and Earlsfort Terrace are to go to the Civil Servants — one the most splendid 18th-century house in Dublin and the other described by Professor Richardson as one of the finest neo-classical buildings of modern times.

With their passing will vanish many shades and associations, which some have liked to think of as tradition, and which will be hardly gathered in the new buildings on the Stillorgan Road.

Ulick O'Connor.

FOLLOW THE LEADER?

Dear Sir,—Last term's Mosley controversy is as dead as mutton. Nevertheless, the following facts may still interest some of your readers.

In November, the "Leader" published an effective article entitled: "Free Speech—For Whom?" in which I personally was challenged to defend my view that Mosley should not be done public honour in College. This I did—in time for their next issue—in a letter which I sent simultaneously to "T.C.D." and "Trinity News." Both of these published it at once, in full. The "Leader" did not; but replied, privately, asking me to water down some paragraphs. This I refused to do. So they refused to publish.

In so doing, they were unquestionably within their rights, but they also would seem, inadvertently, to have answered their own question: "Free Speech—For Whom?"—Yours truly,

O. SHEEHY SKEFFINGTON

"ILL MET BY MOONLIGHT"

College must be one of the most frequented but most badly-lit of all districts in Dublin. Not only are there insufficient lamps on the main thoroughfares of College, but most of these remain either permanently unlighted or out of order. The stretch of Front Square between the Reading Room and the lawns is decidedly dangerous after dark. Bicycles without lamps are a menace there and ladies wearing high heels on their shoes find the cobble-stones very difficult to negotiate. A lamp bracketed to that corner of the Examination Hall building would remedy these dangers.

College Park, between the Museum Building and the Medical School, is completely void of any form of illumination. This path is traversed by many people after dark and something might well be done to improve the situation there. The Medical School Buildings themselves are badly lit and whilst it may be a consolation to some on their way home from the Dixon hop, it is a continual nuisance to others who find their path so obscured.

COLLEGE OBSERVED

Poor Relations

This evening, the "Phil." inter-debate takes place. Delegates will speak at it from "English, Irish and Scottish Universities," including the finalists in the Universities' Debating Competition! Amongst this indefinitely advertised platform, it is confidently expected that there will be a delegate from Oxford.

Constantly, men from Oxford come over to speak at the "Phil." inter-debates. Moreover, at the "Hist." biennial inter-debate, delegates from both Oxford and Cambridge speak. Their presence adds greatly to the success of these occasions and sometimes their speeches are outstanding. The friendliness of these debates is not marred by the fact that it is years since either the "Phil." or the "Hist." received an invitation from the Unions of Oxford or Cambridge to send representatives to an inter-debate. It must be mentioned at this stage that speakers from Trinity are heard in many other debating societies and unions.

Naturally, one does not invite in order to be asked back; we value the regular acceptance of the invitations of our two major societies, by the Oxford and Cambridge Unions. None the less, it is more than a decade since such meagre hospitality and debating opportunity as Trinity often affords them has been returned. A few years ago, an Auditor of the "Hist." accepted a private invitation from Cambridge, where he made a famous speech which was broadcast.

This incident, however, helps in no way to support our pride, particularly when it is seen that the Belfast Literary and Scientific Society (a society which is less than half as old as either of ours) received an invitation from Cambridge recently. No doubt, no insult was intended here, but the general attitude of the Oxford Union in particular with reference to these matters is, in my opinion, peculiarly gauche.

... Carmo Conservatore ...

But then, the state of mind at our sister Universities is so different. Charles the Martyr's Day passes off here without incident (it was last Sunday, in case you didn't know). By way of contrast, at Oxford and Cambridge there were special services well attended; coaches and trains facilitated special pilgrimages to Whitehall for those who care for that sort of thing, and we learn from Oxford that the wreaths at Charing Cross actually held up for the traffic. Ironically, Charles did more for T.C.D. than either Oxford or Cambridge.

Irish Chemicals

On Tuesday, D. H. Jenkinson read a paper to D.U.E.S.A. entitled "The Present and Future of the Irish Chemical Industry." He followed a survey of the present situation of this industry with suggestions for future development. Further, it would seem from this paper, with the exception of Sir R. Kane in 1844, that no one in the past has unduly exerted themselves with the treatment of this subject. The bibliography is extremely scant. Moreover, the effort of the Government, the Government companies and the professional body concerned towards development is almost dilatory. Important to every student is the fact that at present the industry utterly fails to support any University research, nor does it give any scholarships. The Irish Chemical Industry compares very badly with countries where similar conditions exist, such as Denmark.

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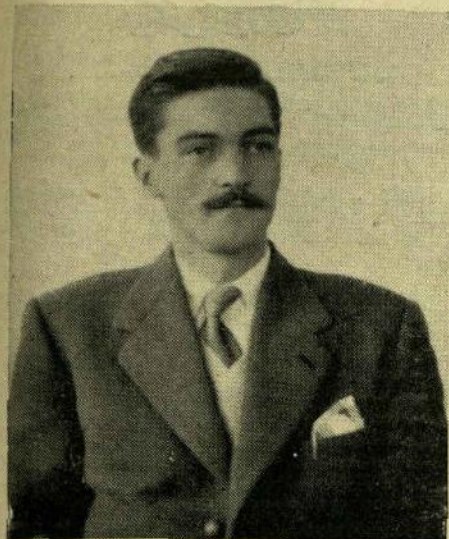
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A. J. Jennings

The commencement of the thirties for Anthony Joseph Jennings marked his birth in Nyasaland. It is, perhaps, because he was born under the sign of Aries the Ram that he has had a varied and exotic life. Educated in Southern Rhodesia, South Africa, his first vocation was that of an Agricultural Officer in the Colonial Service. In 1950, he arrived in Ireland to study agriculture and four years later graduated in Arts and Engineering—a development that caused not a little consternation among his kinsman.

During his Freshman years, he frequently managed to make the rugby field. He confesses to having played for what he imagines must have been a third C team. Alas, his appearances became less and less frequent, for anno domini was slowly taking its toll. As his strength began to sap, he gradually started to confine his sporting activities to the hostels of the South Bank of the Liffey. In 1954, he captained the "Trinity News" Rugby Team in what "I.U.S. News" termed "the match of the year." Unfortunately, this startling come-back turned out to be but a swan song, for he was never seen again in College Park. Undeterred, he apparently wandered down to the gym, where his boxing career was, unfortunately, halted by the over-pugilistic fists of an impoverished barrister.

All in all, it would be a mistake to judge Tony as an entirely ribald character. His Christmas Editorial portrayed the inner Jennings. It revealed his profundity and strength of Christian purpose. Though capable of enjoying a joke, his serious approach to life will be eagerly recalled by his "Trinity News" colleagues. The paper owes much of its present strength and success to Tony's capable chairmanship. A truly loyal servant of the paper, his assistance and advice so readily given will be treasured by Editors for a long time to come. During his coming career in Iraq, he will surely meet with much success and we wish him well. His departure will be a great loss to his friends and to his College.

LUTHERAN CONTROVERSY

In the "Theo" on Monday next the speech which Pastor Göte A. V. Hedenquist intended to deliver at the Opening Meeting will be read and debated. It is a very controversial paper, which tackles the subjects of Baptism, Confirmation and Church finance in a very practical manner.

FOUR & SIX

Under the Table

The Members' Party at the Boat Club last Friday evening was unusually alcoholic, and unusually tame. Rea, of course, presided over the festivities with Joy, who had left her sick bed in London and flown specially over for the occasion.

Mr. Vincent Wrigley managed to spend a good deal of the time behind the bar, thereby causing a flutter in his partner's pretty bosom. Philip Wall-Morris was having a whale of a time with Ioanna (Jean Gina?) Pata...s and Mike Murray-Alston towered over Kay Ansley of the Adelaide. Paul Harrison was handing drinks to Kay Wilson, who was handing them to someone else who was drinking them. Roger Rolfe was very quiet with dark, flashing-eyed Marie, as was Sam Logan with Gertie Crawford.

Tony Garrett-Anderson, who is said to have brought Valerie Craig, was subtly stealing chairs for his table. This positively riotous behaviour did not disturb Karl Hein, who was drinking there, or David Hodgins, who was whispering sweet nothings into Judy Oliver's ear, which was turned the other way. A Nicholls twin brought Judy's sister, Alison, and Mike Peszke had fun quietly in a corner.

Eric Allen was his usual happy self, naturally enough, as he was with Carmel Gilmore, who is not in College.

Out on the balcony somebody was roaring obscenities at Bambos, and a girl was looped over the railings, singing Psalms to the stars. The usual gambols in the grass were curtailed owing to the rain, and no more than half-a-dozen glasses were broken during the whole evening. Members were still drinking at six in the morning, when Jimmy Brownlow went shouting happily off into the darkness.

The Hair of the Dog

On a recent Saturday night, Bambos David and Jimmy Christo decided to hold a party for various reasons of their own—celebrating the odd birthday, the beginning of term and Jimmy's return to the social whirl.

Possible police intervention prevents the revelation of the area in which this party was held, but on the whole it was perfectly respectable, especially as Moira Fann was there.

Brian Gallagher was behind the bar, which was probably the safest place to be once Ivan Hill began to make his presence felt, and when Deirdre Crawford started trying to get rid of some cake.

The silence of the evening was shattered by the arrival of Hugh Holroyd

LADIES OF THE CAFETERIA

Our correspondent writes:—

Women are presumed to be as intelligent as men, but how many of them wander through College gaining nothing, contributing nothing and ending with a third class B.A.?

Perhaps coffee drinking is your forte? Whether you prefer the new Espresso, the conservative Mitchell's or the ever-popular Switzers, you are seen there wasting your time and money, spinning the prayer wheels of idle conversation:—"My dear, have you seen Iris lately?" "I think Rock Hudson is simply too divine." "Her ear-rings are fantastic." "His father is fabulously rich." "I do believe she doesn't even wear." "Look at the rings round her eyes!"

The Reading Room provides an excellent site, but no less publicity for similarly exhibiting indolence and calumny. Insufficiently hidden behind a pile of unopened books, the chattering spread scandal as obviously as eczema, or read "Tobacco Road," "Forever Amber" or other banned books in brown paper covers.

At the other end of the scale is the quiet girl. She sits meekly in her one society until she leaves here, and finally, an old maid, she retires into oblivion.

This is certainly not exaggeration. If you take an honest look around College, you will recognise these people and many more like them.

Can we women not contribute something more positive to the now sadly-improvised heritage of Trinity life, and make use of those privileges which we have recently been granted?

If you have drifted through the University, are you now going to drift through life? This is the time for New Resolutions.

CHORAL SOCIETY

Instead of the usual Tuesday evening rehearsal, the Choral Society held an unusual meeting this week. Members and their friends were invited to listen to a recording of last term's major works:—Byrd's Mass for four voices, and Handel's Utrecht Jubilate. Although extracts of the Mass had been recorded at rehearsals during the course of last term, it was of great interest and value to all those who had sung at the concert to be able to listen to their own performance of both works.

and John Pearson. Mick Dawson and Peter Sang were smoking some foul Rhodesian cigarettes and eating most of the hot-dogs that Ann Walsh was dispensing from a bucket.

As the last few staggered out of the door, a person describing himself as the Almighty arrived on the scene, apologising profusely for being late. As he fell to the floor, Bambos managed to catch his contribution, which turned out to be a gin bottle containing water.

Noggin'...

The Lincoln was its usual self on Saturday, John Terry and Chris. Orr were back! and even Baby Bruno Brown managed to smile twice.

Paul Harrison tried to look dignified behind the bar whilst selling Dixon tickets. He would have done better trade dispensing beer to Hairy-Chested Chester's 21st. The party was marred, for Harry, by Sadru Jetha, or Roy Clementson, or Guy (what, again?) Stock or even extrovert post-grad. Peter Rutherford "swiping" me gin.

Mike Elder and Dennis Duncan were in full fighting trim, as was Brian O'Regan. So much so that Pat Hallinan and Brendan Maxwell left before they had entered. They were raced to Davy Byrne's by Jan Imich and Colin Clementson, the most widely travelled Medic in College.—Bernard Mather brought up the rear, amongst other things, half a length behind.

Alan Smith was also much in evidence and even That Jones Boy couldn't restrain him. However, as Marvellous Maeve McG. is back, this was only to be expected.

... Snoggin'

Darkness ruled for the better (or worse) part of the night at the Bi. Hop on Saturday. Amongst those enjoying the exotic night-club atmosphere were Billy (Humpty) Trail, Cyril Simpson and Davie Torrens.

Illumination was soon provided in the form of the Rugger Club, who were all well lit up—as per usual.

Molly Elland looked lonely without debonair debutante Ronnie Snow, and poor Anne Hodson had to make do with Leon Prozesky, and mend.

Afterwards, Mickey Dawson, Dave Todd and Jake Brown arrived at the wrong party, aided and abetted by Ronnie. The very happy throng arrived just in time to finish the last of the cheese sandwiches. The drink and women having, by this hour of Sunday morning, long departed—the Boys did likewise.

(P.S.—Dick Kellet performed his usual act.)

FOOD FOR BOOKWORMS

Day after day, many sophisters and graduates who wish to spend their evening working in the Reading Room are turned away from the first sitting of Commons. Many others are bending over their books at 6.00 p.m., realising the hopelessness of attempting to find a place at dinner until 7.00. Emerging from the Dining Hall at 8.00 p.m., they find themselves with only one hour and forty-five minutes wherein they can make any profitable use of the Reading Room.

It is time that the Commons' arrangements were reversed. No longer do Sophisters wish to dine late. Furthermore, Freshmen would then be able to visit cinemas before they have dinner on the nights they must attend night-roll. Very few Freshmen have permission to use the Reading Room after 6.00 p.m. but if Sophisters were at early Commons Freshmen could be in the Reading Room until 7.00 p.m.

The majority of Sophisters and Graduates in College rooms would prefer to dine on first Commons. Perhaps the authorities would consider this suggestion.

"SNOW FUN"

The playground of the five hundred odd ski-ing enthusiasts from Dublin, Oxford and Cambridge was Zürs-am-Arlberg. The resort is famed for its powder snow and good, fast running conditions, which we experienced, or should I say survived. Despite the high casualty rate, the party had good fun. Our hotel, the Eidelweiss, was an excellent setting for our amusements, excepting, of course, the gentleman who slept in the bath.

The club, despite its few members, did enter the various races. Gerry Shepherd came high up in the list for the open novices' race, winning the D.U.S.C. Novices' Cup, and was followed by N. Beelenberg and N. Bailey, while John P. Kevany and Cedric Sheppard beat the Oxford and Cambridge thirds. The D.U.S.C. Open went to Kevany, with John Leather second. It was an enjoyable, packed two weeks for the sporting and non-sporting undergraduates.

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AN HOOLY

Gaels, Sassanochs, Chinese, Nigerians and even a few Northerners danced to the music of the Kincora Band at the céili last Saturday week. A paternal Tommy McGloin was M.C. Among the Fear Gaels, glimpses of David Toogood were occasionally seen. Michael Reidy's brave laugh and stiff upper lip were in evidence, but Mary Daly did not go home with David Simms, Josie McCarthy was in bouncing form. Vince Byrne sang a sad song, and Fergus Pyle was running around like a mad thing. All in all, a very enjoyable evening.



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Focus: School of Economics

"She lies in a fen of stagnant water." The poet was not speaking of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, but the same quotation could well have been applied to this Faculty three years ago. However, the introduction of young, energetic lecturers, together with the return of the Professor of Theoretical Economics in 1951, has done much to raise the interest of the students in their subject, and has increased their knowledge. Perhaps it is a pity that this statement is not true of all Arts Faculties in Trinity which, no doubt, will receive from their Focus team* a courageous appraisal of the sad lack of either intelligent lecturers or of any foresight of the professors of these same Faculties.

Fresh changes in the syllabus and in method of teaching have been introduced this year. These changes are welcomed by all members of the Focus team. The changes chiefly have consisted of a regular tutorial system in both Applied and Theoretical Economics. This has been made even more advantageous by the redecoration of the West Chapel's lecture rooms, which are now used by the Faculty, and by the regular coffee mornings held under the auspices of the Commerce and Economics Society.

The Focus team also are fully in agreement with the changes made in the second part of the moderatorship course which has eliminated the useless task on the part of the student in preparing a 20,000-word thesis, and in its place substituted specialisation courses. However, even in this state of eulogising, the Focus team would criticise the school committee on at least three points.

Firstly, there is little or no research done in this Faculty. Whilst this may be partly the blame of the University and the Government of Eire in not allocating monies to this vitally important branch of academic work, the result cannot help but reduce the status of the Faculty in comparison with other Economic Faculties in the U.K., nor can there be any attempt made by the Faculty to retain at least its more brilliant students, which would enable them to continue their academic work at Trinity. Our main criticism under this

head is directed towards the lecturers in Theoretical Economics who have not as yet produced any piece of original research—unlike the students, who are continually doing so under the duress of examinations.

We would respectfully point out that the status of a Faculty depends on the professors and lecturers of that Faculty. No amount of down marking can raise the standard. The "name" and fame of the Faculty depends completely on the professors and lecturers at the helm of the Faculty.

We would further point out that until the arrival of Mr. Ryan and the return of Mr. Byrne from his position as Secretary to the Emigration Report, there has been a grave shortage of both lecturers and interest in this important aspect of economic teaching. This era of stagnancy has now ended, but the fact still remains that the Professor of Theoretical Economics is forced to couple his duties as professor with the more onerous duties of Bursar of the University. Indeed, he has proved himself a good Bursar, but no man could fulfil his proper duties in both these fields.

Thirdly, there has been, until recently, no personal contact between staff and student. Changes have been and are being made, but even more effort is needed on the part of the staff.

Another important aspect of the Economic School is the Commerce Pass Course. This, superficially, seems excellent. Outside lecturers do lecture in their fields of work, yet sometimes, unfortunately, they are men of a poor standard. This school urgently requires a Professor of Commerce to look specifically after it. Maybe in time, a course of Post-Graduate Business Administration could be introduced.

As it stands, the Faculty has made great improvements in recent months, indeed, the Faculty is well ahead of others in its group at Trinity, but whilst many of the more glaring faults have been ameliorated, refinements for a first-class Faculty are still needed.

* The Focus Team consists of two graduates and three undergraduates.

THE OTHER END

Grub . . .

Bureaucracy seems as prevalent in College as elsewhere—and often much more so. Tradition, it appears, hath decreed that none may sign on for Commons after mid-day.

Though this may be convenient for most students out of Lecture Term, Medical lectures are already long in progress when Artists are still skiing up around the Alps. The only way for "Blood and Brains" men to sign on Commons is to make a friend of one who will perform these duties on their behalf. The alternative to this is to receive the J.D.'s compliments, and a fine of 7/- for the pleasure of same.

It should not be beyond the wit of man or, for that matter, of the College Administrative Staff, to devise a method of co-ordinating the Office and the Kitchen to eliminate much unnecessary unpleasantness.

. . . And Scrub . . .

One of the most frequently heard complaints among the Resident Undergraduates of the School of Physic is concerned with the perennial "bind" of all College men.

This concerns the situation in the Bath House before the beginning, and after the end, of each Arts Lecture Term. One realises, of course, that hot water cannot be supplied all day, but it seems somewhat unreasonable to suppose that "Medics" can manage to take their dip between the hours of 8.30 and 10.30, in the morning, and 3.30 and 5.30, in the afternoon, when there is no chance whatever of the water being hot, except, possibly, within the first half-hour of "Opening Time."

This is the more unfortunate as most Medicals have either Lectures or Hospital Instruction at 9.00 a.m. and most have Lectures or Practical Classes in the afternoon.

Though no complaints about his personal characteristics—at least those which could be remedied by bathing—have reached your columnist, nevertheless he feels that it is putting undue strain on others' good taste to expect them to bear with his grimy appearance for much longer.

Can no one ensure at least a reasonable supply of hot water during and out

of Term? Even if hot water were available during the advertised times, all would be well—or at least better than at present.

. . . Etc.

To most Medicals, it was indeed a pleasant surprise to find that they could ascertain with unaccustomed ease which lectures they had this Term—even if they had no inclination or intention of ever going to them.

We should like to take this opportunity, albeit belated, of praising the authors of this year's Medical Handbook.

No longer is it necessary to be a Baccalaureus in Utroque Jure (LL.B. to you) to comprehend the rules pertaining to the Medical School. Anomalies and anachronisms have at last been expunged.

The Office of the Dean has set a fine example to College Legislators in general, and it is to be hoped, though probably in vain, that it will be followed in the near future.

"SKIFANTASIE" By PAN

Did it really happen? I don't know. Fact and fiction have been woven too securely to unravel them. It all started on December 7th. The effect of wearing red ski clothes and leaden weighted boots amidst the suburban shoppers was surprising. Ann Lucas said: "I was quite the rage in Piccadilly." Also near Piccadilly was Lilly White's model, displaying herself and ski clothes. She would not come with the party. I know. I tried. John Kevany and his 50 ski shirts invaded Victoria. Chaos ensued, skis and sticks to the fore. A milling, harassed, beladen mob hunted down Cedric Sheppard and the tickets, all save the two lost sheep, Laurens Otter and Deirdre Crawford. "Surely it was Waterloo," I overheard. Kindness prevented us from sending Laurens home, when he arrived without his bottle.

At Folkstone the Customs hoped we might have more than £5 with us. On the crossing, Olivia Swanton stayed on deck the whole time. Was she feeling green and greasy? We shouted for Porteur and Vin at Calais. Both came.

Have you ever tried to sleep in a French third class compartment? I did, and failed, trying a hundred different positions. Graham Williams' big feet were always in the way. At Basle, Anstice Parke gave a fine welcome to the weary and thirsty party that rushed by to board the Airlberg Express. The Swiss carriage was hygienically safe and hard. Elizabeth Horn was lucky to have a manly shoulder to lean upon.

At Langen, Paddy Moss was nearly lost in the deep snow on the platform. Eventually we arrived at Zurs, greeted by sunshine, glistening powder snow, and the warmth and food of the Eideweiss, pronounced "Idlevice." Was

LUCKY ST. LAURENCE

Some two years ago, there was founded in College a sort of Club. Named after Dublin's Patron Saint, it was unique for two reasons. First, its membership was open to both sexes; and secondly, it was confined to Catholics. Its object was to enable the 400 odd Catholic men and women in Trinity to get to know one another and to have social intercourse. This object it has achieved to a certain extent through the medium of occasional teas, rambles and picnics, and by generally concentrating on the world and completely ignoring the devil and the flesh.

At some of its irregular meetings, well-known personalities have delivered laudable addresses and drawn large attendances.

The Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev. J. C. McQuaid, is well known to regard this Society with a certain amount of disfavour, as he considers there is a mere handful of his flock in Trinity. This cautious view is apparently endorsed by well over half the College Catholics, who either refuse or are too indolent to join.

The Society has a warm little room, overcrowded with good furniture, though seldom with members. A library is being built up and it consists mainly of books by Catholic writers. One or two of the more innocent members of the Society are thereby in danger of being indoctrinated with anti-Communist propaganda. Possibly due to some misplaced enthusiasm, a magazine known as the "Christian Democrat" is also taken. Although this is edited by a well-known Jesuit, it has occasionally been labelled Fascist and is thus a potential cudgel for the odd serious-minded person who considers freedom of speech a necessity.



It is quite clear that when the present founders, officers and interested members are gone, the possibility that the Society may be turned into a Sodality will be only too imminent. The atmosphere may well begin to resemble that of a pre-Reformation Convent, and the more hot-headed members may easily tend to raise social barriers and create rifts in our undergraduate life. Too much holiness surrounding adolescent minds which are unprotected from the evil world can have disastrous consequences.

Esquire Calendars, books by Peter Cheyney and Mickey Spillane, with other interesting modernities, would bring the Society nearer to earth, and thereby help to insulate the younger members against the terrible trials awaiting them in the world outside.

It just? I know the party enjoyed themselves. There were two groups, the skiers and the non-skiers. Among the former were many beginners, experiencing that intoxicating feeling when the mind can no longer control the limbs, as is the case when one's feet are strapped on to two planks of wood. Ann Carlos and Olivia Swanton clearly shared the prize for the greatest number of falls. I remember Olivia on the road down to Lecht saying in a tiny voice: "I can't stop," as the mountain bus came up the narrow pass. The bus swerved and Olivia crashed into the bank. Susan Clarke's speciality was how many people can you knock down in one fall; while Ian Bamford had a predilection for diving head first into snow drifts.

The non-skiers just idled. "I bruise too easily," protested Heather Shackleton, while John Garvey smiled at her. Ann Lucas changed clothes, "So tiring."

There was a third group of varying alarming numbers called the "old crocks," and led by the indefatigable Tony Wilson. Idlevice! Are you joking? With that band, the soft lights, the never-empty bar, etc. Deirdre and Ann Fryer led the competition of how many men can you dance with in two weeks; the rest of the women followed.

The three Boat Club swells, John Leather and the two "Shepherds," were always muzzling into a glass in the bar. Have you ever seen Cedric looking politely interested when a charming Belgian girl croons French love songs to him, or heard the tongue-tied utterances of an unsoubered John Kevany or a mournful dirge of "one green bottle" from Nick Bielenberg? You would have if you were there. Battered, bruised, exhausted and suffering from D.T.'s, I survived. Am I going next year? Certainly!



SOCIAL CIRCULAR

The engagement has been announced between Mr. Max Kilroy and Miss Margaret McMurray.

Miss Anne Deeves has arrived in College and has already attended several Hunt Balls which were all "jolly good fun."

Mr. Ernest Irwin, B.A., B.A.I., has left town.

Mr. P. Gildea-Evans would like to point out to Freshmen that he is not a Lecturer in History.

There is no truth in the rumour that "Trinity News" will be publishing a Cambridge Issue this term.

Hereby take notice that I, Hakim T. Adamjee, of No. 16 T.C.D., will no longer hold myself responsible for any debts that may accrue or be due to my wife. Dated as from this the 23rd day of February in the year of Grace 1955. Solicitors for the deponent: Messrs. Thomas, Thomas, Thomas and Sons (Thomas).

PROSPECTS THIS TERM

Employers intending to recruit this year's graduates have already started to visit the University and hold interviews. Companies such as Lever Bros, Pepsi-sodent, Pears and Batchelors' Peas of the Unilever Group have a representative here this week. During the next fortnight, we shall have visits from Trinidad Leaseholds (petroleum products) (see the article on Trinidad in "The Times" 28th January), and the Mullard and Phillips Groups (radio and electronic devices). Before the end of February, Thomas Hedley (soap, detergents and edible fats), the Distillers Co., and a number of I.C.I. divisions will have visited the University.

February 28th is the closing date for the British (and N.I.) Civil Service competition in July.

Among others in March, British Petroleum Company (erstwhile Anglo-Iranian), Pilkington Bros. (glass products), British Insulated Callenders, Courtaulds, Albright & Wilson (general chemicals) and Esso Petroleum Company will be recruiting, mainly scientists.

There are signs that more firms here in Ireland are interesting themselves in the recruitment of graduates. These include insurance companies and advertising agencies, and there may be a number of vacancies available for representatives with firms maintaining a sales force in this country, e.g., Burroughs Adding Machines, W. & T. Avery and Fison.

Judging from my correspondence during the last two months, the opportunities for both arts graduates and scientists in 1955 are at least as good as they were in 1954. So far as I can tell, more graduates went into business last year than in 1953 (my figures show 40 against 21), and academic work, both in universities and schools, showed an increase. We were more successful in the number of candidates accepted in Government service at home and abroad, and more men joined the Overseas Civil Service (one-time Colonial Service) than during the previous year.

It is, of course, impossible to invite to Dublin many of the employers who will have vacancies this year, but it is usually a simple matter for individual graduates to visit, say, eight or so firms in a few days during the early part of the Easter vacation.

From what I hear from my colleagues in British Universities, the competition on the other side is likely to be fairly brisk: the number of candidates has not increased but they seem to think that there are less vacancies and that the standards required are higher. Even though this prove to be so, those who take action early in term will still have a wide range with which to start, and will have gained confidence from the number of interviews they have had.

I am now issuing a short bulletin of post-graduate awards and scholarships available during 1955/56, and those interested should let me have their names for my mailing list.

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RACKRENT HALL

Or "Of Rats and Rubrics"

"Trinity News" has conducted a full-scale investigation into the condition of College rooms. It would be impossible to quote here all the complaints we have heard but we feel it is in the interests of the students to publish some of our findings.

Q.M.s Stores?—We were particularly alarmed to find so many instances of rats and mice in College rooms. They are particularly prevalent in the vicinity of the co-op. Guy Stock told us he has gassed close on twenty mice, and a pupil of Dr. McDowell was alarmed one morning to find two mice sitting undisturbed on his table.

Gallows Meat.—If you want to hang yourself—use the College fire appliances! If there's a fire, you will find the escapes, so called, of little avail. The thought of students dangling in mid-air with flames on all sides is horrifying! But if there is a fire, there is no hope at all for people living in the higher floors of escaping.

Draughty Tombs.—While talking of fires, another recurrent complaint is of the draughtiness of rooms. G. G. Williams exclaimed with horror how every morning before he got up he read

the obituary notices in the "Times" to see if he was still alive. Apparently he was.

Those High Windows.—The dustiness of windows was high on our lists. Brian Gallagher complained that his bedroom windows were never cleaned and that they didn't open. Many students complained that their windows were nailed up and, therefore, they were deprived of fresh air. Brian also complains of a rotten floor.

Caveat Emptor.—In this age of rising costs, the charges for dilapidations are very alarming. Students new to rooms complained that they had been charged for what was done before they went into rooms. Of course, it can be claimed that students going into residence receive the benefit, but this is no justification. It is the responsibility of the College to keep rooms in good repair, not a privilege requiring an extra charge. These repairs ought to be covered by rents. If these are not high enough, they should be raised so that students would share the burden equally.

People were generally satisfied with their skips. Typical is the view that skips do what they are told satisfactorily but they do not act enough on their own initiative.

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Mr. Guy Stock



PRETTY large, long-haired Mr. Guy Stock is a well-known apparition in Front Square night life. For many years this famous man has held an unknown Beer Swilling Meet in his kitchen midden. Almost completely behind shutters in his outlook, Mr. Stock is a frequent race-goer and is constantly engaged in a battle of wits with the Macabre rodents in No. 9. The gravitational pull of his bed has frequently been known to upset his mental equilibrium in the starkness of his morning lectures.

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FUGE ATTACKS WESLEY

"John Wesley and His Day" was the subject of Mr. R. W. Oswald's paper in the "Theo" last Monday. The paper traced the life of Wesley, stressing influential changes made by his conversion, and examined some of the abiding qualities of Methodism.

Mr. William Fuge severely censured the essayist for placing such great importance on this experience of conversion, and claimed that Wesley's work was the result of his spiritual evolution. Mr. Fuge also pointed out that it was neither Wesley nor the Church who caused the scism, but Wesley's followers. Mr. Wilkinson spoke of the way in which Wesley insisted upon his followers' regular attendance at the Holy Communion and other services of the Church.

Mr. Rudd drew a lesson of discipline from the example of John Wesley, and the Hon. Secretary compared his Movement with the Oxford Movement which followed it.

S.R.C. NEWS

The S.R.C. has been asked to publicise the "Daily Express" Young Artists' Competition. In view of last term's successful Art Exhibition sponsored by "Icarus," it is possible that the competition will interest some of the artists in College. Prizes amount to £3,000, and an exhibition will be held in the New Burlington Galleries, London. Details will be found on the notice board near Regent House.

Vacation Activities
Information has been received about vacation work in England for the Easter and Summer vacations. The majority of the jobs are concerned with the tourist industry, but some are unusual and might appeal to those in search of something new.

For those who wish to combine study with pleasure, there are many vacation courses organised at universities on the Continent. Particulars of these may be obtained from the S.R.C. office.

"FABIAN, NOT SHAVIAN"

Says Chopra

"I found that I was not in sympathy with the pro-Communist tendencies of the Fabian Society, and as such I resigned both the Secretaryship and the membership of the Fabian Society."

It was because he thought that the Fabian Society upheld the Shavian tradition that he accepted the Secretaryship. However, he has now decided that this is not so and he feels it a pity that his name should be mentioned in the College Diary, which went to press before he resigned. Mr. Chopra is an M.Sc. who is doing post-graduate work in the Chemistry Department.

CUP-TIE CULTURE

In the Irish Students' Association debating competition, the "Phil" representatives, D. Hodgins and A. Garrett-Anderson, were surprisingly defeated at Galway. At Cork, the "Hist", for whom Messrs. R. D. F. Kimmitt, Auditor, and P. D. H. Riddell competed, came a narrow second to U.C.D. after an excellent debate.

The winners and runners-up joined issue in the final at U.C.D. in the second week of December. From this event, part of which was later broadcast, U.C.D. (Messrs. A. McArdle and R. Ryan) emerged as somewhat fortunate winners over Queen's.

Our Correspondent comments:

While it is yet too early to make a clear judgment, one must have reservations as to some features of the competition. The rules seem to have been ill-defined and loosely interpreted, while all competitors do not seem to have been fully informed as to the conditions under which they were to speak. For example, the poor showing of the "Hist" in the final was partly due to the imposition of a straight time-limit of which they were not informed until just before the meeting.

In addition, at the final as well as in Galway, the judges seem to have been unrepresentative, and no standard method of marking was used. Also—and this applies to the British section of the competition, too—no age limit, or even one based on academic status, was made. Thus, one of the U.C.D. delegates was the equivalent of an honorary member of the "Hist" or "Phil." But, more fundamental than these faults, which experience will no doubt eliminate, one has yet to be convinced, and this was made clear to most people present at the final, that the competitive atmosphere does not detract from the art of debating. The "cup-tie" spirit seems to ill accord with something which is, after all, essentially cultural activity.

CANADIAN CAPERS

Mr. Ross M. Winter of the Settlement Division, Canadian Immigration Service, will be visiting Dublin on Friday, 4th February. He will give a talk on opportunities and prospects in Canada at 8 p.m. in the Physiology Lecture Theatre. His talk will be illustrated by the showing of the film, "Canadian Pattern" (40 minutes), and both Mr. Ross M. Winter and Mr. J. P. Bannon, Attache at the Canadian Embassy, Dublin, will be glad to answer questions and discuss matters of interest with individuals.

LITTLE-GO — "WEIRD RELICT"

Interviewed by our correspondent, Mr. D. Hodgins, President of the U.P.S., made the following statement about his passing of Little-Go:—"As an authority on this examination, I would like to say that my passing, however belatedly, of this weird relict of the older, more incomprehensible form, leaves me with no feelings of Academic Glory. I merely feel relieved, and I am quite cynical about the value of the examination in its present form."

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Delegates from Commerce and Economics Societies of all Colleges in Ireland took part in a conference which was held by the Economic Society of Queen's University in Belfast on January 13 and 14.

Papers were read by delegates from Q.U.B., U.C.D. and T.C.D. and the conference was concluded by a debate.

A comparison of the contributions to the discussions and the debate, shows that the study of social and economic institutions and the interpretation of statistical inquiries seem to predominate the approach to economics in the Colleges of N.U.I., whereas greater stress is laid on the theoretical aspects of economics at Q.U.B. and T.C.D.

Although the academic and intellectual standard of students of economics at Q.U.B. is indubitably high, the disadvantages of "Red Brick" are sadly apparent to one who has spent some years at Trinity College.

All College Authorities have supported this conference very generously and its organisers should be congratulated on their initiative and enthusiasm. It has been decided that similar conferences shall be held in the future and that the next one is to take place at Trinity College in Michaelmas Term, 1955.

THE BELL TOLLS

Last Friday, the Law Society attempted to debate the motion "That the time has now come for the jury system in Ireland to be abolished," with Mr. Justice Teevan in the Chair. In proposing the motion, Mr. Calvert showed that he had misunderstood the history of the jury system, and urged that, since it was of English origin, it should be abolished. Mr. O'Kane opposed the motion, saying that Ireland is a Christian country and every Irishman has a conscience. Mr. Pike argued that since no Irishman is reasonable, the jury system is not reliable. Mr. Nicholls was erudite, modest and lengthy. Before the chairman was allowed to speak, it appeared that everyone present would have to be heard, and it was a pity, therefore, that by the time his lordship rose to sum up the defeated motion, the hour was late and his remarks were necessarily brief.

Our Correspondent comments:

One is forced to wonder whether the Law Society can possibly justify its continued existence in College after this rather sad performance. It is certainly true to say that it has ceased to serve any useful purpose in the undergraduate life of this College, if, indeed, any such purpose ever existed. One can only look forward to the day when the society debates the motion, "That the time has now come for the D.U. Law Society to be abolished."

LULLABY IN DUO PARTIA

Trinity was represented by Messrs. Hodgins and Garret-Anderson at the Inter-Varieties' Debate held to commemorate the centenary of U.C.D.'s Literary and Historical Society. The motion, "That there is no place for the small nation in the modern world," was lost by a large majority in spite of Mr. Anderson's sarcasms about Irish Nationalism, Irish laziness, and the Irish hospitality extended to Oliver Cromwell. This was received by the audience with what an eye-witness described as "frightening seriousness." Mr. Anderson claimed that only great nations could wield great political power, which was dependent on their military and economic strength, a rather sweeping generalisation which leaves several historical phenomena, such as the concept of the balance of power, unaccounted for. Perhaps Mr. Anderson wished to remind us of that drover who must, proverbially, be equal in girth to the fattest of his herd.

After the audience had been lulled into a peaceful doze by the drowsy tones of a speaker from Wales, they were rudely re-awakened by the Strident voice of Mr. Hodgins denouncing the motion as "blatantly Fascist." After holding a brief duet with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Hodgins concluded by informing the audience that they were dense.

Professor G. O'Brien was in the chair.

Stop Press:—

WICKED EXPLOITERS

Speaking in support of the motion, "That this house favours moral censorship in literature and films," at the College Historical Society meeting last night, the Auditor, Mr. R. D. F. Kimmitt, said that in an age when unscrupulous and unprincipled persons are willing, for financial advantage, to undermine the eternal values on which civilisation is founded, then society must, in its own interests, take steps to protect itself. These included the outlawing of books and films where any appeal was to that which is degenerate in mankind.

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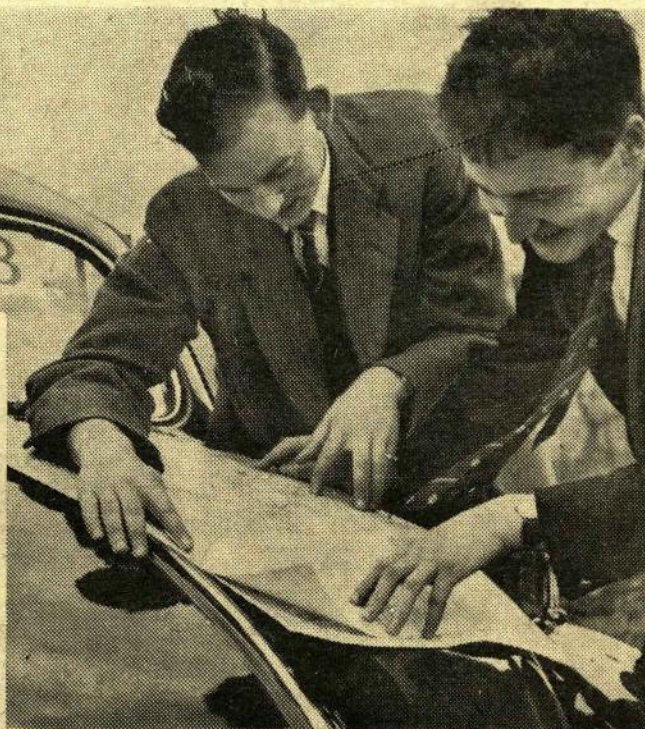
It was almost "numbers up" in the D.U.M.C. and L.C.C. Winter Rally for Paddy Hopkirk and John Garvey—pictured here before the start—when they were only just beaten into second place by Raymond Laird last Saturday.

The event covered a route of about two hundred miles and took the competitors about eight hours to complete at varying speeds. Near Dublin Airport the twenty-eight starters set off through Swords to Trim, where there were two driving tests. (At one of them, College motorist Sam Logan was seen disappearing rapidly over the grid where he was supposed to stop!) The route turned south then, through Edenderry to Kildare, and south-west to Stradbally, where a difficult test was held in the dark. This test proved to be rather a bone of contention and was finally omitted from the results.

On leaving here, the competitors went to Baltinglass by way of Athy, where Club Secretary Alec Malcolm managed to break a stub axle on his Buckler in the main street. On again over the tortuous Sally Gap to the finish at Kilmacanogue, where it was found that only twenty-three drivers had survived the severe ordeal.

The final results showed that Raymond Laird in his Triumph Sports car had

beater Paddy Hopkirk in his Volks wagen b. 4.8 marks. Sam Loga was a popular winner of the open car class finishing 1 marks behind Paddy. The latter place in this event improves his lead in the Hewson Trophy competition (awarded annually by the R.I.A.C. to the most consistent driver in Irish car trials), and between them, he and Sam Logan have increased the lead of the team representing the University in the competition. There are 3 remaining events which count towards the trophy, and on present form Trinity should be well to the fore. We wish them luck.



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HEWSON TROPHY FOR HOPKIRK?

QUARE TIMES FOR THE NATIONAL

The main talk at the moment is, of course, the recently-published weights for the Grand National, to be run on 26th March next. There have been no surprises in the weights allotted and I would advise any of you keen on getting the largest possible odds to put faith in nine-year-old Quare Times, who carries 11 stone. He finished third at Naas earlier in the season after being off the track for almost seven months, and only last Saturday proved too good for his opposition on the same course. Here, I have no doubt, is a horse worthy of support and at odds which will shorten considerably. For the sentimentalists I would advise Irish Lizard, favourably handicapped at 10 st. 9 lb., he has run so well in this event over the past couple of years. That his luck might change; the only worry I would have is that he is 12 years old.

To-morrow, Friday, at Hurst Park I like top weight Halloween at 12 st. 7 lb.; he is a very strong runner and even at this weight should prove too good for the rest of the field. An outsider, Manicou at 10 st. 5 lb., might prove to be the main danger.

Also on Friday, at Doncaster, I like Little Yid, a most consistent jumper who does not show his 13 years. He can manage quite well his handicapped weight of 11 st.

Local interest on Saturday will be focussed on Leopardstown, where a very big entry has been accepted. In the first race, Slap Happy should carry on his improving form and win. In the third race, Aly Khan's Royal Tan should have sufficient left to win in spite of carrying top weight, being 12 st. 7 lb. against his nearest rival, Iceclough's 11 st. 3 lbs. The best bet at Leopardstown on Saturday would seem to be in the last race, where Waterford should make the most of his chances and win at a reasonable price.

Colonel Tottering.

SPORTING COLUMN

"Promising, But Not Competent"

Last Saturday, I watched a pleasant, promising game in College Park, when Trinity beat Monkstown by 13-6. Yet it seemed as if it was a game from the beginning of the season, all dash and no skill. The team had clearly forgotten some of the finer points of the game: They definitely ought to practice and play more during the vacation. How else can they hope to remain in form? Trinity were playing, however, as a co-ordinated group; but, nevertheless, they were not getting the ball out enough to the wings, who rarely managed to start a movement. Any such efforts were usually individual sallies by Gaston or Mostert.

From the start, Trinity dominated this scrappy, fast game. They were the superior side. Most of the play took place in their opponents' half. In the first half of the game, there was little constructive play. Gaston was given too few opportunities, and at the same time he was too well marked to make much ground in his solo runs. Todd played hard, and was behind Trinity's two first-half tries. The first was a corner run, Todd passing to Mostert, who made a fast sprint to touch down. Todd only just failed to convert from the difficult angle. The second try displayed a neat tactical run and cross kick which was intercepted by O'Connor, who scored for Trinity, and it was converted by Moss. For once, the forwards were up with the wings.

The second half was harder for Trinity. The Monkstown forwards had settled down by now, and were attempting several determined sallies, led by Walsh and Lydon; but they were mostly unco-ordinated. Against this, Trinity continued to be indecisive and uncertain. They were lucky to score again. Moss, with a subtle twist and pass, gave the ball to Smyth, who dived on a few yards to touch down. Smyth easily converted it. The weaknesses of the team were evident during the last few minutes, when Monkstown obtained a penalty goal and a try. O'Connor and Douse were noted among the forwards.

It was a game which should boost morale and confidence, but much has still to be achieved if victory is to be hoped for in the forthcoming matches against the formidable London-Irish and the well-tried and experienced Cambridge team. Last term's standard has to be recovered.

GOLF PROSPECTS FOR 1955

As in recent years, the leading stars of the Golf Club will once again be J. L. Bamford and R. McK. Fleury. Bamford, having attained an international cap during the summer, is now captain of the Club. His influence and ability should do much to encourage lesser and more promising members and improve the standard of golf.

Already this year, an important step has been taken in the setting up of tutorial classes under J. Carroll, the Grange Professional. These lessons are giving some of the members much-needed practice during the winter months. Among the higher handicap players, L. Jackson and S. O'Connell are showing excellent promise, thanks to Carroll.

Prospects for this year's Murphy Cup match against U.C.D. seem very bright, particularly if the members get down to earnest and solid practice. With Bamford and Fleury forming the backbone, and able support from E. A. Fox and E. L. Holland, the foundations are there for a very fine team. It is up to the rest of the members to rally round, practise hard and give support in every possible way to give the Golf Club a prosperous New Year.

"WE DO PLAY GAELIC FOOTBALL!"

The support given to our selection in our recent P. J. Duke Cup game v. College of Pharmacy was heartening to the team, who had to play against a side which included the majority of the "Chemists" side who had contested the 1954 Dublin Senior Championship Final.

The Trinity side led almost throughout the game and were deserving winners of a hard-fought struggle which reached fever-pitch during the last 20 minutes. All the team played like heroes but the four "veteran" members, C. Kennelly, Heffernan, Brennan and Guidon, showed the younger members the great value of experience when confronted with emergencies. M. Hall, B. Kennelly, P. B. Power and J. Falvey also shone when the effort was most needed.

Trinity won by 2-4 to 1-3, while the half-time score was a draw, Trinity 0-3, Pharmacy 1-0. The following scored for Trinity:—K. Heffernan (0-2) (1 off a free), F. Gaughan (0-1), S. Tucker (0-1), M. C. O'Riordan (1-0) and G. Guidon (1-0, after good work by P. Brennan).

Intending members please contact Kevin Heffernan, 2 Turlough Parade, Marino.

SQUASH VICTORY

The D.U.S.R.C. won the Gray Cup by defeating the Stephen's Green Club last Friday by 3-0 in the final. The team—P. Zarb, P. Knox Peebles and D. M. Pratt—had previously beaten Curragh and Fitzwilliam in the competition.

PUTNEY PREVIEW

This week many strange faces will be seen in the Reading Room and in the rooms of College Societies. The Boat Club has started training which, contrary to general belief, drives many people to work in order to fill in the time between exams, and going to bed.

This term, crews from Trinity will contest the Universities' Championships for the Wylie Cup, Chester and Putney Head of the River races.

The Club, being one of the oldest in the British Isles and the senior club in College, has a very high standard to keep up, a very difficult task in these days of more lectures and less free time. At the moment, four trial crews are in training and by the end of the week the best combination for the first boat should have been decided upon. It is good to see that all candidates for the eight have to work for their places. Sometimes in recent years it has been more of a case of filling a position with the only man available. At the moment, hopes are very high and it is hoped that the performance of last year's eight can be improved upon. It was unbeaten at regattas in Ireland. The ultimate aim, as always, is to win the Ladies' Plate at Henley Royal Regatta. The last time that a Trinity crew contested the final of this event was in 1950, when it was narrowly beaten by New College, Oxford.

At the moment the loss of "Rosie," who after many years of service went over the weir at the end of last term, is being felt. At a recent Lady Elizabeth Boat Club dinner many old members expressed their sympathy with the club. Dr. R. Steen suggested that an appeal should be launched in an effort to find a suitable replacement for "Rosie." The response to this appeal has been most encouraging; many ex-members who already donate to the Henley fund have come forward to help. Present members of the Club are also making donations; it must be very encouraging to the captain to find that his members are so keen on their chosen sport, a keenness which each member seems to carry with him when he goes down from College. Many other clubs could benefit from an example like this.

BEATEN BY U.C.D. AT HOCKEY

The fire and punch of a match between the two Universities was lacking at Belfield on Saturday. The Trinity ladies failed to produce their customary pugnacious skill. However, they were not playing their usual team, and the absence of some of their outstanding players must account for their defeat, losing as they did to U.C.D. by 3-5 goals.

In the first half the outstanding feature was the clever, well contested play by both defences. In fact, during the first twenty minutes no forward had a shot at goal. Finally, Miss J. Kirwan scored for Trinity with a well-timed hit. U.C.D. were easily the better team, mastering their opponents. Trinity must improve their tackling and control of the ball if they want to win in future.

HARRIERS

In perfect conditions, the third handicap for the Parke Cup was held in Phoenix Park on Saturday over the six-mile course.

It was the first outing for this team and fitness varied, but the handicappers were able to produce a close finish, the sixth finisher finishing 55 seconds behind D. Hutchinson, who ran well to win. C. C. Bamber was 150 yards behind the winner 2½ miles from the finish, but was unable to catch Hutchinson, finishing only 5 secs. behind. These two fine performances did not prevent P. Barnes, who finished fifth, winning the cup, closely followed by S. Webley and C. C. Bamber.

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