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"HIST." MEN FOR T.V.

Too Intellectual VICTORY IN LONDON

MILLIONS of T.V. viewers throughout the British Isles will watch the team entered by the College Historical Society compete for the final of the British and Irish Universities' Debating Competition, sponsored by the "Observer" in conjunction with the National Union of Students, on 22nd of this month.

The C.H.S. representatives, Mr. P. D. H. Riddell and Mr. R. D. F. Kimmitt, won the southern section semi-final held at London School of Economics on Thursday last. This event was dominated by Dublin, for the individual speaker sent forward to the final was Mr. V. O. O'Doherty of University College.

FIRST DIPLOMA IN IRISH?

The Board is considering a request from Comhdháil Naisiunta na Gaeilge to establish a course for a Diploma in Irish Studies. If the decision is favourable Trinity will be the first University to award such a Diploma.

The proposed course will be directed by a full-time director and will be open not only to undergraduates of the College but also to students from outside. The Secretary of the Comhdháil told reporters that he hoped the studies will be under way by next October.

Professor Green informed our representative that the proposal is still under consideration and, therefore, accounts which appeared in the daily press saying that the course will begin next academic year are not altogether accurate.

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These three speakers had already been successful in the Irish regional final held in U.C.D. at the end of Michaelmas term. In that event, the "Hist" won a narrow victory after a most exciting debate on the provocative motion, "That the English Channel is longer than the Irish Sea," thus winning the Irish Students' Association championship and bringing to Trinity for the first time the shield presented by that organisation.

In contrast, the semi-final in London proved a rather tame affair. Teams and individual speakers from Oxford, Bangor (Wales), Bristol, Westfield College (London), L.S.E., and Trinity. The limitation of a stringent seven-minute time limit, an unfathomable audience and the rather uninspiring motion, "That this house hopes for more from Civil Servants than Party Politicians," made it difficult to rise to any great heights. The "Hist" team, despite being accused by the judges of arguing at a "too intellectual level," won a narrow victory from Bangor, Mr. O'Doherty being nominated as the outstanding individual speaker.

In the final, which will be televised by the B.B.C. from Bedford College, London, on Wednesday, February 22nd, C.H.S. will meet the holders, Glasgow University, the favourites to retain the silver mace awarded by the "Observer," who won the Northern semi-final held at Hull. The other individual speaker to go forward is Mr. Alan Smith of Leeds, the only Englishman remaining in the competition.

Mr. Kimmitt in a statement to our correspondent said:

"We have no illusions about the final. Competitive debating with its time-limit demands a rather different approach than that to which we are used. However, we are looking forward to tackling Glasgow, who, by all accounts, have entered a very strong and experienced team."

Illustrated Italy

Dr. B. Q. Galdoni, who formerly lectured in the Italian Department in Trinity, will give a talk to-morrow at 8 p.m. to the D.U. International Affairs Association in the Museum Building. The talk will be illustrated by four colour films on Rome, Florence, Cortina and Naples, and should prove as interesting and lively as the speaker himself.



Les Parapluies by Renoir.

DUBLIN'S PICTURES

"Les Parapluies," one of Renoir's most famous paintings, is among the thirty-nine pictures of the disputed Lane collection which is at present held in London, although Lane shortly before his tragic death made an unwitnessed codicil to his will leaving the collection to Dublin. Sir Alec Martin, a devoted friend of Hugh Lane, writing for "Trinity News" (see page three) gives a full account of a dispute which for forty years has been the cause of considerable ill-feeling between the two countries. Sir Alec Martin's personal view is that the difficulties could be overcome if there was to be a compromise between the two Governments. He himself suggests in the article that London should give the pictures to Dublin on "perpetual loan," thus surmounting the legal quibble and "see the big sister nation rectify a moral wrong to a smaller sister nation." Our correspondent tried to secure a statement from the Department of the Taoiseach regarding a compromise, but a senior of the Department declined to say anything definite until such time as the British Government expressed its views.

The Strike Is Off

"Skip" Joins Union

THE strike which threatened to paralise the residential part of College as from this morning has been called off due to negotiations which went on, behind the scenes, for more than a week.

The dispute started when six "skips" refused to do the duty of their colleague Woodhouse, who was away ill more than a fortnight ago, because he was in arrears with the union. Following their refusal, the Bursar, Professor Duncan, gave them a weeks' notice.

Accordingly, the union ordered its members to go on strike, which was to be supported "in sympathy" by the porters and also the workers attached to the Clerk of Works.

The Branch Secretary of the Workers' Union of Ireland, Mr. Sean Bourke, told a "Trinity News" correspondent that the dispute as far as he was concerned was settled on the 23rd of last month when the authorities agreed to withdraw the week's notice. However, the "skips" would not agree to do the duty of non-members of the union, an undertaking which was sought by the Bursar.

In the meantime negotiations went on between Mr. Duncan and Mr. Bourke, and a turning

point was reached yesterday when Woodhouse decided to pay up his arrears and rejoin the union. One question, however, has not been answered as yet—or at least publicly made known—and this concerns the "skips" insistence not to do work of non-union employees which was to be discussed by the Board yesterday afternoon.

The "skips" demands may go a step further, according to Mr. Bourke. They intend to ask their union's permission not to work at all with non-members of the union, but he did not know whether the union would agree to this. In any event, no difficulties should arise at the moment as all the "skips" are inside the union.

Trinity Men Knighted by English Queen

TRINITY graduates figured prominently in the New Year Honours Awards of Queen Elizabeth II of England. Knight-hoods were bestowed on Mr. Theodore Ousley Pike, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Somaliland since 1954, and Dr. George North, Registrar-General of England for the past ten years.

Mr. Pike (the father of Theo Pike) is a native of Tipperary where he was educated at Abbey before coming up to Trinity. Like his brother, the Chaplain-General of the British Forces, he distinguished himself as a rugby player and was capped for Ireland eight times, but he never joined the D.U.F.C. because he had already committed himself to play for an outside club.

Dr. George North was born sixty years ago in Blackrock and is the first Irishman to occupy the position of Registrar General of England since the formation of the office in 1836. He went to St. Andrew's School before entering Trinity, where he had a most impressive academic career. He became first scholar, senior moderator, gold medallist, first prizeman in Irish and LL.B. He was later honoured by the University with an LL.D. In the first World War he received an M.C. He was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn. He is an honorary member of the "Phil."

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BASELESS ACCUSATIONS

IRELAND is a member of the United Nations at last. She has now officially taken her full place in international affairs. We in Trinity must take pride in the fact that heretofore the nation's good prestige in international relations was to a great extent due to the respect afforded to graduates of this University abroad.

Yet it is surprising to find that some people in this country have but little faith in what is, in fact, the leading Irish University. In all fairness, however, we must pay tribute to the Government for its efforts to maintain impartiality in spite of the activities of various pressure groups. Religion has played probably the leading part in the disregard the College is held by such groups.

It is the common knowledge of every unbiased observer that Trinity has no such prejudices. The only way it can be criticised, if it can be criticised at all, is that its Divinity School prepares clergymen for the Church of Ireland. These students form but an insignificant percentage of the student body, the number, in fact, being invariably below one hundred. In every other respect the College is non-sectarian, so is it possible for anyone even to imply that the morals of some twenty-five per cent. of the students who belong to the Roman Catholic faith are in danger? Trinity Catholics are the first to laugh at such ludicrous insinuations for they are at least as good Catholics as there are to be found anywhere.

Trinity has also been adversely criticised by some irresponsible elements for alleged anti-nationalism. We need hardly answer such baseless attacks except, possibly, to mention in passing that the greatest of all Irish patriots — Emmet, Tone, Davis, Hyde, to mention but a few — were Trinity men. Such criticisms, however, seem to be manufactured for altogether different reasons, namely, to discredit the good name of Trinity for the sole purpose of advancing the interests of other institutions.

This is otherwise manifested by the way in which certain officials in positions of responsibility have been trying to deny people their right to come to Trinity — a right which many of them would doubtless like to exercise — even by trying to misinterpret British Acts of Parliament.

Profile :

The Ex-Chairman of "Trinity News"

COLIN GERALD CALDER TITE was born into the family of a Civil Servant in the Department of Inland Revenue and the effects of this influence have continuously been visible in his life. Dependability and efficiency are the mainstays of his character, and they have led him from one post of responsibility to another, from the Secretaryship of his House at that hoary old Public School, Solihull, to the Chairmanship of "Trinity News." He has pondered deeply on the perennial subjects of Undergraduate speculation, Religion and Sex, and has tried to make his friends think for themselves, with no conspicuous success.

Not a fiendish sportsman—he avoided games at school by acting as scorer, in the winter for the 1st XV, in the summer for the 1st XI—he nevertheless enjoys to the full skiing at Grindelwald, where he and his family have gone each winter since the end of the war. He agrees that travel broadens the mind, and constantly indulges in it. In the summer of 1954 he went on a tour of Northern Europe, visiting Finland and regretting only that time would not permit a journey into the Arctic Circle. One of his present ambitions is to visit Greece and inspect for himself the remains of her great culture and see at home the heirs of the ancient heritage.

In the career he has planned for himself, Colin Tite has had his efforts crowned with success. He has been elected a Scholar in History, a subject in which it is notoriously difficult to achieve that honour. After serving as Advertising Manager, Secretary, and a summer as an Editor, he reached the top and became Chairman of "Trinity News." His editorials have always made sense, which is more than can be said about those of some of his predecessors. At the moment he has just sat for the examination for



Mr. C.G. C. TITE, Sch.

the Administrative Grade of the Civil Service, as it is here that he hopes to follow in his paternal footsteps.

His guiding principle in life is "Meden Agan": occasionally he is to be seen drinking a cherry brandy in one of the more reputable bars of Dublin; occasionally he goes to a College dance, and occasionally he patronises "the Gods" at the Radio Eireann orchestra's proms, if they have an outstanding soloist. For he is no friend of mediocrity or parochialism, but pursues the broader, more oecumenical way of life.

FOR OUR SINS

In attempting the bewilderingly vast subject of the "Atonement," the Rev. John Martin, Secretary of the Theological College Department of the S.C.M., chose as his basic principle the five words, "Christ died for our sins." He illustrated this formula with reference from Genesis and St. Paul, emphasising the essential link of the Old Testament prophets and the fulfilment of their sayings and the ritual of the temple. Christ brought about the reunion of man and man, and man and God. The prophets saw the inadequacy of the sacrifice of the lamb and the need for the sacrifice of a pure man. Christ became the lamb, the scapegoat, the priest. By Him our sins were remitted and we were retained whole through Grace. The duality of the temple sacrifice was retained by the idea of punishment and sacrifice. By suffering the results of the Fall, humanity shared in the punishment and made its dedication.

The A.G.M. to elect new Chairman and Committee will be held next Tuesday.

Domestic Notes—1

The following was found scratched on a cave in the south of France and has been translated into modern English:

This is the fourth bulletin of the ladies of Lascaux.

Being a good year for buffalo, the men are spending all their time hunting, and, therefore, there has been a perceptible change in women's hair styles. The usual bun pinned up with a Hart's backbone is definitely out. As prowling male fingers are better occupied, hair can be allowed to hang down the back. Some, however, will prefer to tie plaited reeds round tresses which insist on courting over-amorous brambles. This is perhaps advisable as there are many men who prefer not to eat hair with their buffalo-tail soup.

As there will be more time than usual for making clothes this year, especial care should be taken. The latest fashion in women's thonged trousers advocates rabbit skin; this is warm

and practicable as the fur hides the thonging. It has generally been decided that the alluring diagonal line shall continue; a moose skin is draped over one shoulder and thonged under the opposite arm. The best way to vary this is by borrowing a little of the different dyes used in painting the entrance to the new temple; smooth it on to a piece of thonging, leave it to dry and soon you will have a selection of different coloured laces with which to tie your diagonal line mooseskin.

For a wet afternoon: Take a young mooseskin and from it cut a fine thong the size of your throat. Polish six moose teeth well, bore a small hole through each with a sharp flint and thread them on the thong. You will have a beautiful necklace for very little time and trouble.

Cookery Note: Garnish stew made of mammoth heart and pterodactyl tongue with finely grated brontasaurus tusk.

FROM OUR READERS

POOR FRAULEINS!

Sir, — Journalists have their own morals and "de gustibus non disputandum est." But in spite of both these statements I think there is something to be said concerning the last article about German fashions by somebody who must know more about it than the writer obviously does. May I—in typical German style—touch on a few points bearing on this fantastic account?

(1) The "average" German student past school-leaving age does, in fact, use make-up. There are the exceptions, of course, who despise cosmetics. But perhaps the "average" Trinity girl would have difficulty in understanding their sentiments.

(2) Whether the summer clothes are dull I shall not discuss here, because everybody would say I am speaking "pro patria." But I assure you it is pretty difficult to find those silk dresses "cluttered with buttons and bows." In general, there is a dislike of superfluous decoration. Fashion is ruled by the simple line, economy is the keynote for jewellery.

(3) I must disappoint all those delighted by the idea of wearing "briefest shorts for all outdoor occasions." In Germany there is a time and a place for all clothes, and to wear shorts in the street is considered neither "gay" nor "smart."

Perhaps our writer has not realised the fundamental meaning of the word "student," any more than he has realised the meaning of "average German student." For in many cases the student is obliged to earn money in order to keep herself while she is studying. Her clothes may be humble, but they are not dowdy. This is simply a question of means, and not of taste. Even so, colours are well chosen. A discreet smartness is preferred to loud and gaudy dress.

Please do not take this letter as a product of an obstinate patriot—I am too fond of Ireland for that. To see what I mean, however, do take a trip to Germany. So good—with this I agree—for the morale!—Yours etc.,

G. J. (Miss).

BRIDGE

Sir—Societies exist to cater for most of the activities undertaken by students in College. Notable for its absence is a College Bridge Club. The social importance of this game compares favourably with that of any other, albeit the more strenuous. It is the intention of the undersigned to consider the founding of a club to facilitate play for enthusiastic amateurs. Will anybody interested please contact one of us.—Yours etc.,

R. Tomacelli, 22 College.

A. Birmingham, 36 College.

College Observed

Clapperclaw

Even bulldozer tactics sometimes fail to gain a seat in the Reading Room in this cold weather. Hoards of whispering and scented girls, pass artists, eyes-making freshmen and regulars of all ages reading paper-backed novels make it virtually impossible for the occasional genuine honours student to consult books, or for those who have rooms in College to keep warm. The few who are intent on work can hardly do so with the hushed chatter of Divinity students buzzing in their ears, syncoated by the endless opening and closing of the doors.

How tiresome it is to return to a place after a few minutes' absence to find all one's papers and tomes set aside, and in one's chair a man doing his darning or a girl having a change.

The authorities, if such there be, would please many a genuine reader and cafe proprietor if some attempt were made to clear this slum. Only those who actually require books have any excuse to take up space in the Reading Room. Only honours students should be allowed to take out books. Subversive activities should be suppressed. It is idle to comment that all readers take a vow. The majority of offenders are not "readers." Anyway, our memories are short, and the vow is a farce.

How nice it would be to have here a place where it would be an enticement to spend a day at work. Such a room would need to be airy, not suffocated, and with only other workers present. Women would be banned from such a place, for the Reading Room brings out their most primitive instincts.

No doubt the S.R.C. feel that their little contribution to solving this thorny problem lies in establishing a coffee-kitchen in College. They do not understand human nature if they do hold this view — sometimes I wonder if the S.R.C. can do right. They raised the price of their dance tickets last term to collect funds for this purpose—how ridiculous!

I suppose the S.R.C. feel justified in "going ahead" with this scheme in spite of "The Proposed Union," as it is becoming clear that, due to the anaemic weakness of the heads of the bigger (none are big) College societies, not much progress has been made yet. This seems to mean that the S.R.C. do not want a union; rather a continued useless existence.

The ordinary students has no way of telling what, if anything, are the thoughts of the great with regard to mutual betterment. The only trouble with secret diplomacy is that it tends to develop into no diplomacy at all. We have had our chance to act by ourselves. Perhaps it would be better if "what is right" was imposed from on top, by the College Regime. Otherwise nothing will be achieved, our societies will sink deeper into bankruptcy and effeteism.

Tittuppy

The Boat Club went into training early this week, so the party season is with us again. Please send all invitations to me, care of "Trinity News."

Every year innocence is shattered about this time. Our freshmen, who so far have only seen life through the hazy medium of the Reading Room (see above), emerge thence into contact with beautiful reality. What fun for them!

Sans Serif.

"UNESCO COURIER"

D.U. Association for International Affairs has recently entered into fuller co-operation with UNESCO. This organisation is to bring out a new monthly, the "UNESCO Courier," which will be an informative publication on the life of people in different parts of the world. If anyone wishes to take the "UNESCO Courier" will be contract the Treasurer, D.U.A.I.A., 4 T.C.D.; the subscription is 8/- yearly.



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Ski Report

DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWER?

From Our
Secret Correspondent

Last December, as for the past seven years, more than thirty people were induced to join D.U.S.C. and to exchange for the round sum of £50 a fortnight of social life and a little ski-ing.

These conditions being arranged by the Secretary, at last the time came when those who had departed by plane and only arrived a few hours earlier than the less affluent who had journeyed by boat and train. (Delay and accident had, doubtless, been provoked by the evil eye of an envious U. "proletariat.") Suffering from an excess of good spirits, Nick Bielenberg's good start was brought to an abrupt halt when he found that the plane had not waited for him.

"Good form" was firmly established once we reached Albergo Duchi d'Aosta: we paid, we skied, we danced, we drank, we borrowed, we drank, we courted, they necked, we bruised, we paid, they tipped..

As usual, Trinity led the "gay round of conviviality." All the best, largest and most riotous parties were thrown by the pink badged skiers. Charmer Caroline Gaunt captained Dr. Chris.



Petit's group to win the first prize in the now traditional fancy dress Ball. Our boys and girls were always seen to be first to arrive and last to leave the most select night club of the resort, the Diana Sports, otherwise known as Dirty Dick's. They then adjourned to the darker corners of the hotel to seek further amusement, causing distress and a letter of protest from the more prudish Italians.

So, ski-ing or "she-ing" according to the outlook, the last of the fourteen days arrived. Many a languorous kiss was exchanged, addresses were given and promises of early reunion were sworn. The last tenacious couple was disentangled from a tight embrace—was it Val or was it Tony who was last to climb on the bus? The return journey started. But one thing remained a mystery: who was the Captain of the D.U. Ski Club? H. Harmsworth was presented as the Captain at the last Dublin meeting. In Italy, rumour had it that C. Sheppard, who had decided to come, had effected a coup d'etat. Actually, everybody (who was anybody) recognised veteran J. Kevany.

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THE LANE COLLECTION DISPUTE

By SIR ALEC MARTIN

SIR ALEC MARTIN, our guest contributor this week, is the Managing Director of Christies, where he started work at the age of twelve in 1896. He is Governor and Guardian of the National Gallery of Ireland and also sits on the Boards of a number of other institutions. He was knighted in 1934.

SIR HUGH LANE'S wonderful activities in the world of art extended to just twenty-one years. He started with Martin Colnaghi, the well-known picture dealer of the Marlborough Gallery, at the age of eighteen for £1 a week. He was with him for twelve months and then became an assistant to a Mr. Turner in Pall Mall Place, but after about a year he went into business on his own account in the same place and was soon making a very big income. I met him about that time and although there was nothing in common in our upbringing, we soon started a friendship which lasted until his fateful journey to America.

Lane came from a good Irish family and I from a very poor family in London. I had started at Christie's as a boy of 12 and early in the mornings, before anyone else had arrived, I would notice a well-groomed young man examining pictures to be sold by auction. When Lane was in London I saw him daily. He was nine years my senior but we both had an intense love for pictures and works of art. He had no academic training and he never specialised, but in my long experience I know of no one with his flair and appreciation of the quality of pictures, old and modern. He was often right when the specialists and experts were wrong, as in the case of the famous Titian of the young man with a Red Cap. It had been turned down by the experts as a copy, but he bought it and it was proved to be a splendid original. He bought countless pictures, many at big prices. He sold whole collections to such people as Arthur Grenfell in Roehampton, and to Michaelis to form the nucleus of the Gallery of Old Masters at Cape Town.

Making a Fortune

After about ten years in business selling Old Masters, he had made so large a fortune that he was able to give old and modern pictures of great value to his native Ireland, and to spend large sums on modern pictures including the 39 disputed Continental pictures. He paid as much as £10,000 for one of them. He did not sell modern pictures, he bought them to found the Modern Gallery in Dublin, and to encourage living artists. He formed the Modern Gallery in Johannesburg for the Phillips. In 1906 he was presented with his own portrait by Sargent in recognition of his successful and untiring efforts in establishing a Gallery of Modern Art in Dublin.

I was with him in Paris when he acquired some of the pictures that are at present in dispute. I bought many pictures for him and kept him in touch with Art matters when he was in Ireland or in South Africa and America. I went with him to see pictures he was about to buy. I remember going with him one Sunday to Tyttenhanger, near St. Albans, to collect the famous Holbein portrait of Thomas Cromwell, which he purchased from the Caledon family.

I knew of his devotion to Ireland and that he was forming the group of important foreign pictures he called his Conditional Gift which would be complementary to similar pictures he had already given and had persuaded others to give to Dublin. I knew of his great disappointment at not getting the Gallery he wanted built for these pictures, which made him take them away from Dublin. I remember how cheered he was when he was invited to lend them unconditionally for exhibition in Trafalgar Square. It was then that he made a new will, known only to himself and his sister, in which he left practically everything he possessed to Ireland, except the 39 pictures, which were to go to London.

Left to Dublin

Imagine his disgust soon after, when the authorities at Trafalgar Square went back on their undertaking and would only exhibit a limited number of these pictures—among those rejected was the famous "Parapluies" by Renoir, now considered one of the artist's greatest pictures and of immense value—and would only hang the others if Lane would give an undertaking to offer these pictures to the National Gallery, London, if he decided to sell; or would bequeath them to the Gallery at his death.

But he refused to give the National Gallery the undertaking required, although he had already made a will in London's favour and the pictures were taken down and consigned to the cellars even though they had been placed on view and the actual date of the exhibition announced.

As I saw Lane daily at the time, I knew of his intense annoyance. He had been a Governor of the National Gallery of Ireland for a few years and in 1914 was appointed its Director. In June of that year Arthur Grenfell was in such financial difficulties that he was forced to sell at Christie's the important collection of pictures he had purchased from Hugh Lane. In spite of the threat of war, Lane felt in honour bound to support the sale, which he did to the extent of

£30,000, thereby adding to his already large group of pictures of considerable values. Soon afterwards war broke out and Lane, being short of cash, undertook to travel to America for a substantial fee, for an insurance company about a claim Duveen was making for some works of art that had been damaged in transit to America. Shortly before he sailed, he went to Dublin and made a codicil to his will, which he signed three times, leaving the 39 pictures back to Dublin. This codicil was not witnessed.

Thought Codicil Legal

He was leaving from Merseyside and I travelled with him to Liverpool. We talked at great length about Ireland and he gave me definitely to understand that the 39 pictures were to go to Dublin. Although I would have liked the pictures to remain in London, I did not attempt to dissuade him. I knew he worked and lived for Ireland. He talked much about all his affairs. He was very nervous and apprehensive about the journey. He hated having to go and was afraid of the ship being attacked. When we got to Liverpool there was considerable mist and fog, and the ship that should have sailed early the next day was delayed for several hours. There were rumours of German submarines at the mouth of the Mersey.

In the morning, Mrs. Lewis Hind, an American, and wife of the Art Critic, who acted on commission for buyers in America, telephoned from London. I answered for Lane because he was in his bath. Anyhow, he disliked telephones. She wanted to make an offer for the Holbein Cromwell and the Titian Red Cap. After some discussion, I got him to accept so that he could travel without financial worries. He asked me to say that he would be responsible for the £10,000 to be given to the Red Cross which Sargent had made conditional before painting a portrait for this Society. This he confirmed by telegram on his arrival in New York.

About the Conditional Gift. I think it is now generally agreed by all fair-minded people that when Lane made his codicil and signed it three times, he thought it was a legal disposition. With Lady Gregory and Yeats, I took part in the newspaper controversy against MacColl, Aitken and Witt. I knew these three latter gentlemen intimately, and although they knew of my friendship with Lane, they never discussed the matter with me.

"On Perpetual Loan"??

I am not on one side or the other. I am on Lane's side and I want to see his final wishes respected and these disputed pictures go back to Dublin. At the time, I would have preferred the pictures to remain in London because London had no such pictures and they would have been seen by many more people in London than in Dublin. Except for a broadcast over Radio Eireann last summer, I have not been in the controversy for some years because, since the Commission set up by the Government brought in its findings that Lane considered the unwitnessed codicil a legal disposition, I assumed that at some time London would hand these pictures over to Dublin. I do not believe that these pictures can be held for all time in London because of a legal quibble. Lane died by enemy action. Had he been in service dress the unwitnessed codicil would have been legal. Had he been a Scot, even in civilian clothes, it would also have been legal.

I have now reached the allotted span and I had hoped to have seen this dispute, which is causing so much bad feeling between the two countries, settled happily long ago. I still hope that I shall live to see this. As a preliminary, could it not be arranged to send the pictures to Dublin "on perpetual loan"? Originally, 24 of the pictures were rejected when they first came to London and not all of the 39 are on public view in London now. These pictures would, therefore, not be greatly missed if they went to Dublin. Without them, Dublin will be very poor indeed in its representation of such pictures, whereas the Tate Gallery now have the much bigger, more comprehensive and magnificent Courtauld Collection. These Lane pictures were valued in 1912 for at least £60,000. Since that date, French 19th-century paintings have gone up enormously in commercial value and to-day these Lane pictures would be worth at least five times that amount, and some of them even very much more.

I have always striven for friendship between our two countries and nothing would please me more than to see the big sister nation rectify a moral wrong to a smaller sister nation even though she is legally right. I wrote some years ago that as North and South are united in this Lane dispute if it were settled and the pictures back in Dublin, it might well be the commencement of friendship all round.

University of Dublin Appointments Office

EMPLOYERS' VISITS, HILARY TERM, 1956

This term, representatives of companies from the United Kingdom will visit College to meet and interview men and women seeking permanent jobs and vacation work in the United Kingdom and overseas. Those graduating in 1956, who are already on my active register, will receive notification of each visit of interest to them. For the benefit of those who have not yet registered, the companies and dates are listed below. But I must emphasise that if you wish to meet any of our visitors, it will help if you register as early as possible with this office. Only if you do this can I fully support your applications and arrange interviewing times.

There is much to be gained from coming to see as many as possible of these visitors. Interview experience must be won the hard way, and it is best to have two or three "dummy runs" before going for the job which attracts most. (This is not a point to make to any interviewer!) It is also wise to see several openings before choosing. Then for both the companies and candidates the cheapest way—in both time and money—is to meet here.

Finally, by helping to make these visits worthwhile, you encourage present companies to repeat them, and others to start. This in turn will widen the choice of jobs available in future.

J. K. HUDSON,
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SATURDAY, FEB. 4th.—Law Society Hop, 8.0 p.m., Dixon Hall.
SUNDAY, FEB. 5th.—Holy Com-

munion, 8.0 a.m., Chapel. Morning Prayer, 10.0 a.m., Chapel.
MONDAY, FEB. 6th.—The Theological Society, "The Evangelical Party in the Church," 8.0 p.m., G.M.B.
TUESDAY, FEB. 7th.—S.C.M., Annual General Meeting, 8.0 p.m., No. 7.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8th.—History Society Congress, 7.0 p.m., Lecky Lib. College Hist. Society, Inter-Debate, 8.0 p.m., G.M.B.

A WEEK'S VISITS

Colonial Office: To-day—Administrative posts, overseas.
Simon-Carves Ltd.: To-day—Engineers.
Pilkingtons Ltd. (Glassmakers)—3rd February—Hons. in Chemistry. Also vacation work (Scientists).
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BRITISH UNIVERSITIES—1.

ST. ANDREW'S

Scotland's Oldest

Strangely few people, it appears, know that St. Andrew's is neither at Edinburgh nor Aberdeen; actually, it is forty miles from Edinburgh, on the other side of the Firth of Forth. The Encyclopaedia Britannica informs us that St. Andrew's is the oldest University in Scotland, and owed its origin to a society formed in 1410 by Lawrence of Lindores, Abbot of Scone, and others. By 1413 it had been constituted an University by Benedict XIII. In 1897, University College, Dundee, twelve and a half miles away and founded in 1881, was affiliated to the University, and now contains the Dental and Advanced Medical Schools.

Like us, St. Andrew's University has a quite incomprehensible calendar which, after much research, shows that there are about 1,900 students, of whom 100 are women, thus exploding an apparently common myth that there are only fifty more men than women.

Term Exams.

Students there are inflicted with minor exams, every term, which earn them a "duty-performed" certificate allowing them to take the big exams. In the summer, but they can have two attempts at these, first in June and then in September. Worse than Littlego, they must take "general" subject to a very high standard, as well as their special ones. One may meet an unfortunate Mod. Lang. student with a choice of Moral, Philosophy or Logic and Metaphysics. Lecture there must be more exciting, as a late lecturer may be greeted by a measured stamping, or his statements be received by prolonged shuffles.

Life goes on in a series of rather larger Trinity halls. St. Salvators, St. Regulus and Hamilton Hall are the main ones for men, and University and Macintosh halls for the women. There is a Union with Society rooms, coffee, and recreation facilities, run by an efficient S.R.C. Being a small town, and fairly inaccessible, student life is self-contained, societies flourish, and many of the students who live in digs, called "bunks," are attached to the halls.

Historic Remains

The tourist who "does" St. Andrew's by whizzing down the main street with a cine camera and hoping to see a scarlet gown misses the best part, for there are lovely walks, and the grey stone houses and historic remains, notably the ruined cathedral, make up an attractive community.

Students embellished the Royal and Ancient Golf Course with "No Parking" signs in the car park, and a car on the fairway to celebrate the Walker (or is it Ryder?) Cup this year. Rags, in fact, are a feature of student life, particularly the "Kate Kennedy Week." And when a handsome young man is chosen to represent that apparently historic figure, accompanied by an attractive young lady, a purse is given for the best of a series of floats crowded with students dressed up to represent "the Oxford Movement" (not quite what you thought) and similar topical slogans which parade round the town to collect money for charities. Last term they had a four-yearly rectorial election, at which Lord Kilmauir was elected. Usually this is a rowdy occasion, but this time the authorities, to quote a St. Andrew's student, "were looking for someone to send down," which had a damping effect.

Bejants... Majesters

The students of the four years are called, respectively, Bejants (feminine Bejantines), Semis, Tertians and Majesters, and can be distinguished by the initiated by the way they wear their gowns and the tassels on their trenchers. These use a red woollen gown, like a B.A.'s in shape and are worn on almost

every occasion, as dressing gowns, overcoats, or extra blankets, as well as everywhere else.

After Chapel on Snudays, a large proportion of the University walk down to the pier, which is also on occasion the scene of reel parties. While on the subject of dress, the Calendar says that at graduation, "Highland costume may be worn," as an alternative to "dark lounge suit, black shoes or brots; white linen collar with white tie."

Acquiring One

On entering St. Andrew's, the new student acquires a "senior man" or woman, who will help him in his first year, but there comes a time, Rarsin Monday, when the junior presents his senior with a bunch of grapes and receives in return a magnificent Latin testimonial, extolling the virtues of the Bejantine, and the exact opposite of a Bejant, and printed or illuminated according to the writer's artistic skill.

When T.C.D. and St. Andrew's get together, arguments may arise, in which the words "parvenir" (synonym, if poss.) and "provincial" may feature largely; this, however, is only a sign that each considers his own the best, which is as it should be.

"University."

PLAYERS GO DUTCH

From Our Own Correspondent.

Players really are going places! For their Christmas season they travelled to Amsterdam with the four Yeats' plays. Arrangements in Holland and transport were by courtesy of Mr. Carl Heyn, who appeared as the efficient business manager and contact man whom Players has long needed.

So a few days before Christmas the group found themselves aboard a cargo boat destined for Rotterdam, in the congenial company of live horse-flesh. For a cargo boat, the vessel was positively luxurious, and the captain, the epitome of all tough skippers, expressed surprise that the company kept to their cabins.



The journey was enlivened by gambling sessions and frantic radio communications with Amsterdam.

The company arrived in Amsterdam about three hours before the curtain was due to go up, and between the pressure of work to be done and a disconcerting impression that the floor was still heaving nearly cancelled the first performance. But the show must go on, and, besides, the Press were coming in force.

Luckily, everything was right by the night, and the favour of the critics, which in Holland assures the presence of the audience, was gained.

Roughly translated, here are quotations from some of the leading papers:—

Although the stage was small and it was difficult to avoid crowding, the interest was sustained all through, as the prolonged applause demonstrated (Parool)... An excellent performance was given by Meryl Gourley portraying the terrible struggle for a young girl's soul... One must compliment the Irish visitors on their achievement and John Jay and Louis Lentin on their production. The acting and diction were constantly of a very high order, and the Irish songs by Barbara Robinson were charming. The whole was an interesting evening from several aspects (Algemeen Handelsblad)... Above the usual student standard... An interesting performance...

The Hypo-Kriterion where the shows were given is entirely run by a student organisation, but is more a professional than a College theatre like No. 3. It

has a comfortable seating capacity and is fairly well equipped, although back-stage quarters are cramped. Audiences improved daily, and some of Players' success may have been due to the fact that Synge and Yeats are very popular in Holland, and that several societies such as "The Friends of Ireland" supported the shows.

The company took two days off at Christmas to see this enchanting "city of gables." They explored the canals which wind between the charming seventeenth century merchant houses, the fabulous museums and the docks.

Although the Dutch do not celebrate so much on December 25th, and Christmas is not nearly so commercialised as in Ireland, the group were invited to several parties and visited some of the brighter night clubs. Student get-togethers are very like those in Dublin: held in basements or up interminable stairs where the door is opened by a long-distance control string, with people crowded on the floor drinking gin from cracked cups, a haze of smoke and tri-lingual babble. In the evenings the cast, tired of the inevitable "Uitsmijter," ate Chinese, or visited a fascinating cellar where only wine and cheese is eaten while a guitarist sings.

The second week they journeyed down to the Hague for a gala performance in the Diligentsia, a smart theatre situated amongst the various embassies. Players were a little out of their element with hot showers and divans in the dressing rooms! That night they gave their best performance to one of the largest audiences Players has ever had. Several ambassadors came backstage afterwards to congratulate the cast.

The following night was to be the last performance. Unfortunately, the audience arrived before the scenery was shifted from the auditorium, and the harpist sang gallantly as sets swayed perilously against the curtain and hammering competed with her voice. Several recording sessions had made her impervious to interruptions! As a frantic producer searched the city for a new chicken for the "Pot of Broth," the curtain went up on the farewell show.

After an enthusiastic final curtain the producer and some of the cast were interviewed for a broadcast. Then the company slowly packed up after a most successful week.

IN SPAIN

Unrest Among Students

From Our Own Correspondent.

The publication in the Paris "L'Express" of an article reporting a recent survey of University students in Madrid, gave the world-public their first indication that all was not well in Spain.

Franco's policy of militant nationalism and acceptance of the infallibility of the Caudillo and his military leaders which he has pursued has not had the effect he wished. The Falange allied itself with the National Students' Union (Sindicato Espanol Universitario) and by means of subsidies given both to the Universities and to the S.E.U., many fine residential colleges have been built throughout Spain, and in Madrid, a large University city.

Startling Survey

The lot of the student in Spain appears to have been relatively happy, but he himself has been growing in discontent.

The results of the survey of 400 Madrid students drawn to give a Gallup-type cross section of opinion were startling in its dissatisfaction at the regime.



The students, who were asked not to sign the questionnaire, were asked what they thought of: (1) The ruling minority; (2) the military leaders; (3) the University professors, and (4) the Church hierarchy. The questionnaire, compiled by Psychology Professor Don José Luis Pinillos, was an eye-opener for the Spanish hierarchy.

Seventy-four per cent. of the students accused the ruling minority of incompetence, using such words as "tricksters," "ignoramuses," and eighty-five per cent. went as far as to accuse it of immorality. (Words like "unscrupulous," "spongers" were used.) Of the military leaders, some ninety per cent. said they were incompetent, and to a charge of immorality, forty-eight per cent. answered in the affirmative, adding "woman-chasing" and "brutal." As for University professors, the majority of them thought themselves without "maestros," i.e., great teachers, not because of lack of talent on the part of their professors but because of the absence of authenticity, sincerity and a sense of dedication. Seventy per cent. of those questioned said the Roman Catholic Church did not look after the interests of the workers sufficiently, and more than half accused the Church leaders of ostentation and ambition. Sixty-five per cent. thought that the solution to Spain's ills lay in a "socialist-type" regime (probably not as far left as Britain's socialists), and only one in five thought it could be achieved through conservative means.

"Venom of Materialism"

These results are far from the "party lines" as promulgated by the Falange, and so far there has been no mention of this poll in the Spanish press. A week after it appeared in "L'Express," it appeared in "Time" magazine, which was not permitted to be sold in Madrid, although it was on sale in Barcelona.

Pinillos had this to say: "We found a widely diffused state of disconformity, held back by its practical consequences of collective fear, by economic ambitions and, above all, by the dearth of clear constructive ideals. On the whole, the growing discontent leaves the field wide open for very probable action by minorities of the extreme left."

Franco blamed the state of affairs on to the "venom of materialism," propagated by the Communist radio, and seconded by a few misguided Spaniards at home.

However, not three weeks ago a decree was issued by the

Minister of Education in Madrid that certain technical students were to be deprived of the privilege to have a job at the same time as they were attending the University. The strike of students which broke out spread from Madrid to Barcelona, and was in danger of spreading to other university centres, when the decree was revoked. The unity of discontent is illustrated by the fact that not only did the students go on strike but the professors too. And only last week did the Rector of Madrid University send an ultimatum to General Franco which stated that unless measures were taken to liberalise the teaching in Spain he would be compelled to resign his post. The university, he protested, is being paralysed by the excessive interference of the Church in its life, with its ban on books and on all persons of doubtful orthodoxy, and, of course, of the long-established political bans depriving the University of professors.

Students Splintering

The students are splintering amongst themselves. There are monarchists, willing to accept Don Carlos, the Pretender. But there are many who are bitterly opposed to a monarchist regime. These are undecided about what they would prefer to monarchy: continuance of the military regime or a republic.

The breach between the older generation and their sons has been recognised by the State. Three weeks ago in Madrid, Sr. Fernandez Guesta, secretary of the party and Minister in Franco's Cabinet, said: "It is natural that the younger generation are worrying us... they do not know the nefarious regime we came to destroy and they may become the easy prey of liberal propaganda."

CHESS

The Club held an unusual, yet extremely successful, meeting on Monday, when they played a lightning tournament. The rules provided for a five-second move and the thirteen competitors challenged each other, each completing twelve matches. The eventual winner was Vernon Young with 10 points from the maximum 12, and Jeffrey Johnson ran him a very close second with 9½ points.

Prof. H. O. White, besides playing himself, presented prizes and the event was organised by Secretary Ian Derhan, who reports that the Club team have only once been defeated this year.

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FOUR & SIX



Boat Club Blind

The new term's social life was launched to a good start on Friday night when the Boat Club held its annual Members' Party. It was noticeable that the festivities were not being conducted in the boisterous manner which tradition demands. Even John Gibson remained upright until after the party, when he and Frank Truffelli favoured a partisan audience with an exhibition of shadow-boxing. Personalities present included Deirdre Craw-



ford, who had a veritable entourage of Hopeful Young Men, including sartorial dazzler Gerry Shepherd. Whilst The Quigley quietly restrained Billy Seeds, his wee sister, Moira, held John Pearson on the straight and narrow path of sobriety. Hughie Delap and Pat Cochrane seemed on their usual understanding terms. Brian Fisher was walking the Barrett way. Dick (I've arrived chaps) Raines appeared in national dress with a fellow

countryman, both apparently anaesthetised by their national drink, and other alien liquor. Rumour had it that several members of the club wanted to consult Dick on matters concerning an iron lung. To the old question, "What has the Boat Club got?" the latest reply has been: "Maevie." Miss Maguire was present in all her glory, and could occasionally be discerned in the arms of efficient Hugh Holroyd. The evening's proceedings could not have been complete without Prudencio (TheBull) Duarte, "It is smart to be late," who arrived with petite, soignée Giovanna Tomacelli, only to chase (alas, unsuccessfully) Birgita to a chairman's distress.

Winsome (sic) Wench Wins Through

Many and varied were the frolics at Ashford when Loretta Browne came of age. Billy Somerville patronised the dancing, but Rosemary Le Strange stuck to the gin bottle in the drawing room. It was said that an interesting drug fiend Loretta is trying to tame was present, and Judy Bryan, looking in on her way from one Hunt Ball to another, fostered this impression in a corner. Ann Dives wore a dress of her own designing, with a neckline shaped in just the right way to receive cigarette ash and unwanted food and drink. Forthright Helen Studdert thought

Heather Colhoun looked exceedingly funny when the lights were out, and said so, to the confusion of practically everyone.

Birth of a Wren

Rosemary Harris shed the last of her cocoons on Saturday to don the uniform of a cadet in the W.R.N.S. Supporting her in the celebrations were Paul Lorton and Tony Toothpaste, while in one corner of the room lurked Tombstones. Liz Horne was looking for Graham Williams (of course), but no one dared to tell her that Graham was spending the week-end at Dalkey. Olly Swanton looked remarkably fresh after her revels with Colin Tite the night before, as she strategically placed her chic pink dress next to Rosemary's jade jewellery.



In his interest, Professor Bronte Gatenby forgot the decanter of sherry he was clutching as he talked to Alison Budd. As the guests departed, they said goodbye to Rosie and Noragh Bennett alternatively, not quite sure which was which.

Representative Honours

It is not often that a University can boast so many players who have attained representative honours as Trinity can at present. During this past week no fewer than twelve players have received such recognition.

Ladies first. Alison Budd, Molly Elland, Avene Shirley, Sylvia Fox and Ruth Adams will all appear in the Irish lacrosse team when they visit England in March. Miss G. Horsley will be playing inter-provincial squash in Belfast this week-end. Miss Horsley, the ladies' No. 1 player, is also a useful tennis player and has appeared at Junior Wimbledon.

Another squash player and all-round sportsman, Paddy Knox-Peebles, has been invited to join the Irish team when they oppose England in London this month. He has played consistently good squash and his selection was no surprise to "amateur" selectors.

Last year's rugby captain, J. T. Gaston, is still in the selectors' favour and he is retained for the Twickenham match. He had as good a game as any of his colleagues when Ireland lost to France in Paris last week-end.

The Inter-Regionals are dominating the hockey scene at present, and the strong Trinity Club provided four members of the Leinster team which defeated Munster last Saturday. Fitzsimon, Lavan, Judge and Pigot (the two latter have been retained for the next game) have been in good form throughout the season.

We say: "Congratulations, and may this selection be the first of many."

RUSSIAN CIRCLE

A Russian Circle was inaugurated on Saturday, 28th Feb., in Wolfgang Somary's rooms in No. 40. The group will meet every Saturday to read plays, listen to music, sing songs, and discuss literature and current affairs, all through the medium of Russian. This term the programme will include the reading of excerpts from "Boris Godunov" and Gogol's "Inspector General." Also a talk will be given on modern Russian literature.

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In Retrospect

THE D.U. BOAT CLUB

By TOM MOLYNEUX

ON September 2nd, 1836, certain young gentlemen of Dublin University and others held a meeting in Radley's Hotel, College Green, and decided to form a rowing club called the Pembroke Club at Ringsend. However, their interests, unlike those of the present-day members, seem to have been focussed on social activities rather than rowing. Until March, 1838, only one race had been rowed. One item of agenda passed in 1840 is rather interesting. It resolved that "Any member marrying shall forfeit a dozen of champagne to the club which shall be drunk by members of the club at such time and place as shall be agreed by them."

Fouling with Cork

In 1842 a University Club broke away from this Pembroke Club, but in 1847 both clubs united and called themselves D.U.R.C. Rowing then faded out for many years on account of the famine. About 1860, Cork Harbour R.C. sprung up and rowed very successfully in the succeeding years. In 1865 they met D.U.R.C. at Kingstown and fouled the University IV persistently until they broke one of their rivals' oars. Press comments blamed the Cork cox for fouling and stated that one fact was potent, namely, that the Cork Club which had hitherto gained easy victories in their own waters had at last met their match, and had the race lasted another dozen strokes the University men would have won. The "Irish Times" reported the return match in Cork: "The crews were an interesting contrast, the Trinity men being powerful, muscular and in fine condition and beside them the Cork men looked mere striplings." The report also comments on their rowing: "Their oars caught the water with an evenness and regularity of clockwork, and were drawn through with strength and steadiness, and the power of their stroke did not waver from beginning to the end." Trinity won convincingly by four lengths.

Winning the Ladies

At Bray in 1866, D.U.R.C. was defeated by Cork. The Cork boat was named "Like a Bird," while that of the University bore the rather unusual name of "Kaffooselum."

The year 1867 marked the evolution of D.U.B.C. A group of students, dissatisfied by the management of D.U.R.C., set up their own club and, due to their keenness, soon produced first class crews which overshadowed the parent club. They rowed their first race against D.U.R.C. in the year of their foundation, but the race was reported to have been quite unsatisfactory due to mutual and persistent fouling.

In 1870, D.U.B.C. were the first Irish crew to row at Henley. They lost in the Grand Challenge Cup for VIII's and the Ladies' Plate for College VIII's, but their IV won the Visitors' Cup for College IV's, beating University College, Oxford, by 1½ lengths in the final. They won the Visitors' Cup again in 1873 and 1874, and in 1875 scored their only victory in the Ladies' Plate. In the semi-final they defeated Eton by 2 lengths and in the final beat First Trinity, Cambridge. "The Times" reported: "The Trinity crew averaged only 10 st. 12 lbs., while the stronger Cambridge crew had 'blues' rowing at 6, 7 and stroke. Dublin led by a few feet at Remenham. Off the Farm, 1st Trinity drew up and, passing Dublin, led by ½ length at Fawley and by ¾ length at the half distance. At the White House the crews were again level, but, at the Point, Dublin led

by ½ length and continued to win by a little over 1 length."

Active Socially

In 1876, D.U.R.C. competed in the International Regatta on the Schuylkill River, near Philadelphia. However, after a very bad start they just failed to catch the leaders, Argonauta B.C. (an American crew). Their training was considerably hampered by the fact that the temperature was 100° F. in the shade. After the regatta they visited the Niagara Falls and returned by steamer to Cork.

About this time the Club was active socially, and in 1877 it seems that one of the members spent a night in Mountjoy Jail (as many have since), charged with the theft of an advertising hoarding. The note he sent to the captain the following morning is still in the possession of the Club and states: "Bring up an advertisement hoarding and bail me out as soon as possible."

In 1893 the D.U.B.C. senior crew was exceptionally good and easily defeated all opposition in Ireland. At Henley they were beaten in the Grand Challenge Cup by Leander Club, whose VIII is reported to have been one of the finest crews ever seen at Henley. In 1894, D.U.B.C. and D.U.R.C. amalgamated and moved their clubhouse from Ringsend to Islandbridge, where they have rowed until the present day.

Competing in America

In 1900, D.U.B.C. lost narrowly to Trinity College, Cambridge, in the final of the Thames Cup for VIII's, but in 1903 won it convincingly, beating Kingston Rowing Club by 1 length in the final. Ironically, their hardest race was against another Irish crew, Newry B.C., whom they defeated by ½ length in the semi-final.

In the summer of 1901 a crew representing the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and D.U.B.C. raced in an international challenge match on the Lower Lake at Killarney. The Pennsylvanians were favourites, due to their better physique, which left them better fitted to stand the strain of a race over a three-mile course. Trinity, who had rowed well at Henley, led the American crew off the start, but were slowly overhauled. They held on gallantly until the mile mark, when the pace proved too stiff and the Americans went ahead to win easily.

Three Times Finalists

In the 30's Trinity rowed very well at Henley, their best effort being in 1935 when, captained by D. Magillicuddy, the Senior VIII lost the final of the Ladies' Plate by 3 feet to a first class Jesus crew. In the years following the war several fast Trinity crews rowed at Henley and both in 1946 and 1950 were finalists and came very close to winning the Ladies' Plate for the second time in the Club's history. The Trinity VIII had come third out of 200 odd entries in the 1950 Putney Head of the River and had trained very hard for Henley. They reached the final after several hard races and lost by ½ length to New College, Oxford. They set up a course record to "the Barrier," which still stands.

A memorable year was 1949 when Trinity was defeated by Lady Margaret B.C., the eventual winners of the "Ladies," by three feet in the preliminary round. Both crews broke the record for the race.

It is not only the Senior VIII but also the Junior and Maiden eights who have made D.U.B.C. the foremost club of Irish rowing. The Boat Club, now in its 121st year, is the oldest club in the University. Its vitality increases with age, and both on and off the water it is one of the most active clubs in College.

Student News

From Far & Near

Belfast Woman Threatened

The President of the Cambridge Women's Union, Miss Theo Cooper, a native of Belfast, received a threatening letter during the Christmas vacation following an interview she had given to the "Belfast Newsletter." Miss Cooper is Chairman of the Union of University Liberal Parties and an active member of the Liberals' Northern Ireland Committee. The letter, posted in the precincts of her home city, was extremely abusive. "I think it was sent by a Fascist," said Miss Cooper.

Still Compulsory

The authorities at Aberdeen have rejected, without stating the reasons, the request by the students for ending the system of compulsory attendance at lectures. The disappointed S.R.C. has made an appeal asking for the reasons for the refusal so that they can make an official stand.

Rector Makarios?

His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios, the leader of the Enosis movement in Cyprus, has written to a group of Glasgow University students thanking them for having requested him to stand as a candidate for the forthcoming election of Rector

of their University. The Archbishop did not commit himself to either acceptance or refusal, but the students are proceeding with his candidature.

Tours to National?

Montreal, like Dublin, has two universities. McGill is English, and the University of Montreal, French, and "neither of the universities, at least at the student level, seems aware of the other." Now a drive has been started to get to know each other, and the organisation of an inter-University week is suggested. Entertainments are to include tours of each University, as well as the usual debates and other social events. Other suggestions are co-operation between sports clubs and societies, and a joint Winter Carnival. The "McGill Daily," which is boosting the scheme, also wants representatives of both student councils to attend each other's meetings. What about some of these ideas for Dublin?

Three Month Skiing

A student winter sports centre has been opened at Bressanone in the Italian Alps. It is open for daily, weekly and monthly use, and provides board, lodging and facilities for improvised entertainment.

Scholarships Not Wanted

Belgian students seem to be boycotting Holland. There are ten vacancies for exchange students every year, but although ten Dutch arrive in Belgium regularly, only two Belgians went to take their places last year.

Swing to the Right

The Party Organisation at the University of Budapest is getting worried. Of forty-eight students who left on their first terms last year, thirty-six were from worker and peasant families. The percentage of students of this class in the University is going down, and there is a definite spread of "rightist opinions."

1 Girl, 109 Men

Out of 110 students leaving Indonesia on scholarships to study in Australia, only one was a girl. The President said in his farewell message that he was sorry there was such an uneven proportion. It is worth noting that he himself has two legal wives.

Compulsory English?

Students in the Soviet Union now have to learn at least two foreign languages. English is considered the most important and they have to be able to carry on a conversation in it. French and German come next, but it is enough if the students understand the jargon of their technical literature. The only language they are expected to speak is English—one wonders whether they learn British Isles or American English.

Fine Feathers

The Singapore Teachers' College in Malaya has banned the wearing of Manila shirts and jeans by students. The College authorities said that the teachers of to-morrow should uphold the reputation of a noble profession and that they should, therefore, be dressed properly.

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Trinity, 8 pts.; Old Belvedere, 8 pts.

PLAYING with a man short for twenty minutes of the game, Trinity defended magnificently and fully earned their draw, after being 5-nil down at the half-way stage.

There were two late changes on the Trinity team for this game played at Anglesea Road on Saturday; J. Leslie replaced the injured W. G. Taylor in the second row of the pack, and W. Stephens substituted for C. McElearney in the front row.

Conditions for the game were ideal as Trinity kicked off into the sun. At this early stage of the game they displayed once more their unfortunate inability to settle down quickly. For the first ten minutes Belvedere pressed hard, and once only a saving tackle by de Wet prevented them from taking the lead.

After about fifteen minutes, Belvedere scored when a loose pass by a Trinity defender went astray; another of Trinity's weaknesses during this game, namely, that of continually being beaten to the loose ball, was shown up when two Belvedere forwards were up quickly to score about half-way out. This was converted, and shortly afterwards the Belvedere left-wing, Tynan, left the field with a facial injury, incurred in tackling de Wet, who was showing a return to his form of two years ago, in making several powerful runs down the right.

Now Trinity began to pull themselves together, and both Reid-Smith and de Wet were nearly over after good runs. Half-time arrived, however, with no change in the score.

The first twenty minutes of the second half were Trinity's best period of the game; their efforts were rewarded with a try by Fagan after a fine run by Fitzsimon. Fullerton converted and soon afterwards Fagan suffered a recurrence of a knee injury and had to leave the field. Belvedere took the lead again when their out-half, Crowe, landed a fine penalty goal. Fullerton equalised about ten minutes later with a beautiful dropped penalty goal, and although Trinity spent most of the remaining time defending, Belvedere never really looked like scoring.

Comment

Trinity, when they run into form can be a very competent side, but only for 20 minutes did they do so on Saturday.

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THE SQUASH TOUR

From Our Special
Correspondent.

For the first time in three years the Dublin University Squash Racquets Club undertook a tour of England, where the combined Men and Women's team met with strong University opposition. From a total of ten matches played, four were won in convincing fashion.

After winning with the maximum margin in Nottingham, the men travelled to Leeds where they lost a hard and close game by 2-3, whilst the women suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of the Abbeydale Club in Sheffield. A similar fate met the ladies at Hull, but their colleagues atoned with a 4-1 victory over the same University. Birmingham included county players, as did Manchester, on the following day and ran out easy winners against the tired Trinity teams.

At Manchester the ladies found new life to win 6-0, whilst the men lost by a similar score.

Association Football

Late Rally Failed Army on Top

Trinity, 2; Eastern Command, 4.

THIS was a game of phases. It would have been no surprise had the Army taken a four-goal lead in the first twenty minutes, so completely did they dominate the play. Then the University fought back to such an extent that the Command XI were fortunate to be in the lead at half-time.

For the next half-hour the Servicemen again dictated the play and only in the closing period, when Trinity attacked continuously, did their defence look troubled.

On a cold, wet afternoon the teams were at an immediate disadvantage when they kicked off with a heavy practice ball. Eastern Command came straight on the attack and a close passing movement down the right wing brought desperate clearances from a worried defence.

The Trinity forwards could not make headway against a packed defence which cleared the ball consistently to an eager forward line. It came as no surprise when after seven minutes' play Eastern Command were two goals up. Yet both could have been avoided. A faulty clearance by right-back Stewart let in the Army left-wing who crossed the ball to an unmarked centre-forward who, in turn, gave McCabe no chance from 12 yards. If the goalkeeper was helpless here, he should have prevented the next goal one minute later. He hesitated to move from his line and left a clever inside forward to choose his spot.

It was now that Sainsbury, a hard-working inside forward, got his line moving with long passes between the backs and for a time the play remained in the visitors' penalty area. The wing halves, Wheeler and Kenny, backed their forwards well and as the interval neared, Sainsbury ran through the middle to score with a fast, low shot.

With rain still falling at the restart, the Command XI took advantage of many miskicks and the Trinity goal was always in danger. Paying the penalty for not using the long pass, either down the middle or to the wings, the University lost

two more goals; now they looked a well beaten team.

Yet in the closing stages the game once again took on a remarkable change. The Trinity halves were responsible. They had worked tirelessly throughout the afternoon and now, showing real staying power, they brought the ball through to the forwards, who must have been surprised to find themselves in their opponents' penalty area for longer periods than at any time previously. However, they were unable to take their chances against a defence which by this time had become surprisingly uncertain. This last period showed the inadequacy of the forward line in general and the two inside forwards in particular. Gavin had been out of touch throughout, and centre-forward Hannigan seemed happy only when the ball was at his right foot. David, an experimental outside-left, is a better player than this position allowed him to be, and a shrewd captain might have brought him inside in the latter stages of the game and moved the ineffective Gavin to the wing. It was significant, therefore, that the other Trinity scorer should be Wheeler, the strong tackling left-half.

The defence improved as the match progressed and mention should be made of the sure kicking of Bernstein at left-back and the sensible positional play of centre-half Cohen. The pick of the forwards was easily Sainsbury, who, besides scoring the best of the six goals, showed himself to be a ball player of no mean ability.

★ ★ CLUBS IN THE NEWS ★ ★

Hockey

Inclement weather and Inter-Provincial matches have been responsible for the 1st XI remaining comparatively idle since last term. However, they are at present in keen training for the Maurition Cup, which will be played in Dublin on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week: hopes are high that this will be their winning year, for this season has proved one of the best in the history of the Club. The 1st XI are unbeaten in the Senior League, and have already reached the semi-final of the Mills Cup.

On Saturday last the 2nd XI drew 1-1 with U.C.D.; the 3rd XI were defeated at Rush by 6-8, and the 4th XI reversed this score when they entertained Railway Union.

Cross-Country

Dick McKay has announced his team for the Inter-Varsity Cross-Country Championships to be run over the long course (six miles) on Saturday. The following have been invited to run: R. J. McKay, C. C. Bamber, K. N. Hawtin, W. M. Robinson, B. D. Hannan, W. J. McCaughy, M. N. Proctor and G. C. Con-

way. The main opposition in this match appears to be the Queen's University first string.

Rugger

The 2nd XV had old Belvedere as visitors on Saturday and in a closely contested, though at times drab game the Trinity men lost the match with the last kick of the game, when Old Bel-

By THE TRAMP

vedere kicked a goal to make the score 9 pts.-8 pts. in their favour. The 3rd XV travelled to Old Belvedere, where in ideal conditions they ran out easy winners by 24 pts. to 3 pts. Graham, Jessop, Flannery and Bieleberg produced the points.

The 2nd XV meet Terenure in the Metropolitan Cup on Saturday and Captain McQuade reports that a full strength side will take the field with much more confidence than when the teams last met.

Boxing

Full training is now under way in preparation for the forthcoming U.A.U. Champion-

ships. The Trinity team have, as is well known, an excellent record in this event and prospects are good again this year in spite of the reverses at Oxford and Cambridge last term. It is expected that a full team will be available to defend the title which they won at Manchester last year.

Boats

Captain P. Wall-Morris is naturally anxious about the Club's new sectional Clinker VIII which has been damaged in transit from London. His Junior and Maiden VIII's are left with only one boat between them and this is a serious handicap for any crew who have begun strict training in preparation for the end of term races. The first of these is the Wylie Cup, held this year in Belfast. The Club are entering three crews here. The Senior and Junior boats will later cross to England and compete in head-of-the-river events. Keen competition for seats in the Maiden boat is assured and the Senior members' form indicates that they will give a good account of themselves.



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