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AUDITOR IMPEACHED

LITTLE BEN STRIKES

"THAT this house do adjourn to impeach the Auditor." So ran the Law Society's Private Business Motion which was carried unanimously. Mr. Benny Murray is now relieved of the Auditorship of the Society and Miss Heather Colhoun will assume this position for the remainder of the session.

This remarkable decision was taken last Friday, only twenty-four hours after the "Trinity News" correspondent, "Sans Souci," had indicated that Mr. Murray proposed to cancel the inaugural meeting, which, even now, is unlikely to be held.

How It Began

To trace the events which lead to the impeachment, we must turn to the previous session when Mr. Murray was Secretary of the Society. In the words of a Committee man, "he was an efficient officer who had but one lapse." Yet the lapse might have been a hint of the things to come. On one occasion, in the space usually reserved for notice of a public meeting, Benny solemnly wrote in: "Gone to the dogs." At the end of the session he was unanimously elected Auditor by the Society, which had overlooked this instance of flippancy.

The circumstances which occurred in this, his year of office, may be summarised as follows: showing complete disregard for the welfare of the Society, Mr. Murray attended only five out of a total of 15 Committee meetings. His lack of interest caused the members much concern, particularly when he announced his intention not to hold an inaugural meeting. Many were of the opinion that he did not support the Society as an Auditor should.

"I Had It All Planned"

Interviewed by a "Trinity News" staff reporter, Mr. Murray said: "I had it all planned." Apparently he had been of the opinion, for some



Mr. R. B. Murray "dreaming up" schemes for the destruction of the Law Society.

time, that the Law Society should cease to function as such. His plan, Mr. Murray insisted, was to force the Committee to resign and call for the Auditor's resignation or impeachment. Both alternatives would wind up the Society in its present form, thought Mr. Murray, since without an Auditor and Committee it could not elect new officers. "But there was one snag," he went on. Mr. N. Medawar, an ex-Auditor and ex-officio member of the Committee, supported by Miss Eve Simpson, who holds similar titles, brought in the notice of impeachment. Benny had overlooked the fact that Mr. N. Medawar was still a Committee member.

Asked to comment on the Society's decision, Mr. Murray said: "They were quite moderate. They didn't say as much as they could have done." He then went on to describe how he came to lose £8 10s. in the inter-debate, giving details of his expenses, which totalled £11, of which the Committee voted only £2 10s.

A Press Statement

The newly-elected Auditor, Miss Colhoun, when interviewed, issued a written statement after consulting her committee, which has P. O'Higgins as Secretary, and the main core of the members of the retiring body. This pronouncement confirmed the accuracy of the incidents which have already been mentioned.

There was no mention of Mr. Murray's comments, but it is understood that there will be an official refutation of these after the Committee meeting tomorrow.

The statement contained no reference to the financial difficulty raised by Mr. Murray. Again, this is likely to be dealt with at the meeting; it is probable, as a Committee member commented, that the fact that Mr. Murray invited the inter-debate delegates to dine on two occasions, instead of one, as specifically directed, would be the answer to this financial problem. The expenses would thus be personal.

MINOR SUCCESS

Representation Granted

At a meeting of the Board's Standing Committee held last Friday, it was decided to co-opt permanently a member of the Minor Societies' Committee. Another member of this same committee should then be elected on to the sub-committee for the proposed coffee-room in the G.M.B. The recognition comes too late to achieve any effective impression in favour of the minor societies' claims, for all the important decisions have already been made by the Standing Committee.

On Tuesday, the minor societies held a committee meeting under the Chairmanship of Mr. P. O'Higgins. Although they were pleased that their requests had so far been met, they were troubled to hear of the low percentage of money which had been voted to them. They hoped that the Standing Committee would realise the insufficiency of the grant in view of the maintenance of the recent standards of delegations, visiting speakers, etc. In the meantime, the treasurers of all the minor societies are to be asked to submit an estimate of how much financial aid they would require each year, in order that a more accurate figure of the sum total may be approximated.

The minor societies are now to be constituted into a permanent committee and have been given the option of deciding how their allowed grant is to be administered. It was suggested on Tuesday that the D.U.C.A.C. system should be copied, which would allow for a committee of seven; that is, a chairman, who is to be a member of the staff; three representatives of faculty societies and three representatives of non-faculty societies. Great stress was made on the fact that the financial needs of these two categories would differ considerably. A sub-committee is to draw up a constitution and make a financial report.

PROBLEMS OF UNITY

"This conference was not intended for the mass production of resolutions; its aim was to bring together people interested in social work. It was hoped that through an interchange of ideas and opinions they should find a common ground, not as Nationalists but as Europeans. Finding solutions to specific problems was outside our limited scope. Mainly we are here to pin-point the problems that beset contemporary Europe." These were the closing words of Miss M. Hedermann, Secretary of the European Youth Council in Ireland, who organised the International Conference last week-end.

Her words were probably inspired in part by the fact that the Continental elements — or rather, the German, French and Polish delegations — had expressed their common concern over the meagre content in the debates and speeches, and the lack of a dynamic and positive will for European unity. Continental views were more urgent and progressive than the British or Irish. At first, they felt irritated that what was for them a political philosophy and a matter of emotional attachment was for the "islanders" a commercial experiment dictated by necessity.

Though the largest element at the conference was, of course, Irish, there were also British, German, French, Polish, Norwegian, Swedish, Dutch, Belgian, Yugoslav and Italian delegates.

The first lecture, on the "Enkindling of the European Idea," was given by Mr. de Groot. The idea of a united Europe, he said, was not new, but had now been brought into prominence as a result of the destruction wrought by war and the birth of two new world empires. The efforts towards European unity were carried on at two levels: (i) by inter-governmental co-

operation, and (ii) by spontaneous enthusiasm among private citizens and autonomous organisations. The second had met a major set-back by the failure of the E.D.C. in 1954. Public opinion must be educated. In the present circumstances, the only hope lies with governmental good-will. Advances in the right direction were made at last year's Messina conference.

Both Mr. de Valera and Mr. MacBride underlined difficulties inherent in any attempt at stream-lining national institutions and traditional forms of legal procedure into a single and comprehensive document, capable of general service in specific cases.

On the whole, a united Europe was looked on as a mere vision of the future. For the time being, efforts ought to be made to enlist the attention and support of the people to the proposals advanced. Forcing an issue under present conditions would be unreal and foolish since unity could only be short-lived and its failure was bound to end in disillusionment.

Trinity Monday Arrangements

The Board has announced some alterations in the timetable for Trinity Monday this year. The announcing of Fellows and Scholars by the Provost on the steps of the Exam. Hall will take place at 10.30 a.m. and not at 11 a.m. as in previous years. The Festival Service will take place at 10.50 a.m.

To commemorate the tercentenary of the death of Archbishop Ussher, memorial lectures are being organised. They will run during next week, beginning Trinity Monday, the first three being held in the G.M.B. at five o'clock. The fourth lecture will be held in the Library at 4 o'clock on Thursday. The lecturers will include: Prof. Norman Sykes, Dixie Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Cambridge; Mr. Philip Styles of Birmingham University; Professor J. E. L. Oulton and Mr. W. O'Sullivan (in charge of Trinity College Library manuscripts).

A special legal lecture on "The Professors and the Practitioners of the Law" will be given by the Rt. Hon. Lord Evershed in the G.M.B. at 4.30 on Friday, June 1st.

CARNIVAL TIME

At this time of the year the D.U.A.I.A. springs into a panic of activity. For two weeks the Association bustles about the place in preparation for the "Carnival of Nations." The Carnival draws its talent from all foreign students in Dublin, not only from College. Thus, for the duration of the show, all political tensions are relaxed and there comes about a nine- or ten-power conference — this time a successful meeting.

As far as can be ascertained, this year's Carnival looks like being better than on previous years, which have all received good attendances. Last year, all seats were sold out before the first performance and the show had to be retained in order to satisfy disappointed patrons. To date, ten national groups have agreed to take part, with a possible maximum of fourteen. In all, the Carnival ensures all patrons a well spent 3/6 at the Dixon Hall (which is being refitted as a theatre) on May 30, 31, and June 1st.

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MINOR MAJOR

WHAT constitutes a major society? This question has undoubtedly been asked before, but few have mentioned the Liz. when discussing the decadence of the major College societies. This in itself is self-explanatory: the Liz. ceased to be an influential society many years ago.

For twelve shillings and sixpence one may become a member and the owner of a key to the ever-open door. The membership is reputed to be about sixty, but the average attendance at meetings is sixteen. Talks are usually given twice a term, and although such well-known personalities as Monk Gibbon have spoken in the Liz., the usual fill-ins are a well-worn lecture on beauty culture (sic) and Dr. McDowell. Debates may be held twice a year, either inter se, or more daringly with Alexandra College. This deserves little commendation since the prevalent influence in the society is exercised by young ladies who went to "Alex." Five out of eight committee members come in this category.

Under the Presidency of Miss Alison Kingsmill-Moore two years ago, the floodlight of publicity centred on her activities promised considerable improvements. But to-day, as before, the attitude of No. 6 towards the Liz. is sullenly apathetic.

Miss Olivia Swanton, this year's President, ploughs the furrow of hopeful prophecy. Already she has made one improvement, the installation of a telephone. With a £20 grant from one of the standing committees, she hopes to redecorate the rooms and carry out major structural alterations.

But something other than these house-wifely ideals is necessary to make the Liz. a live, let alone an important society. It could become a vital factor in encouraging College women to think and speak for themselves, and provide an intelligent training for the long-overdue debut of women in the Phil. Otherwise it will remain an impeccably Alexandrian women's social club.

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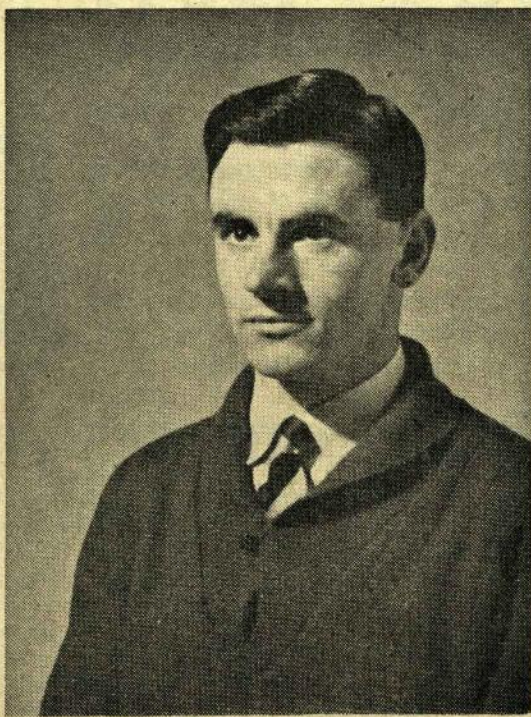
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Profile:

Dick Mackay — Athlete

A native of North London, although proud of Celtic ancestry, and educated at St. Ignatius' College, Richard John Mackay brings to the post of Captain of the D.U. Harriers and Athletic Club a ready wit and apt pun suitable for any occasion. Audiences at club dinners applaud the brief, wry shaggy dogs served by Dick in convivially-toned speeches.

Dick is in his Junior Sophister year, reading science, but he has not allowed the rigours of his course to interfere with his training schedules or athletic matches, and is now referred to as one of the foremost athletes in Ireland. He won the Eire half mile in 1953 and counts as his greatest success so far his sixth place in the A.A.A. half mile at the White City last summer. But that is not all. On May 14th, 1955, he broke a 50-year-old College half mile record under difficult conditions. This has always been his best distance. Putting team interests first (how different to his contemporaries across the water), Mackay has turned to the mile this season with outstanding success. He began with a College best time of 4 mins. 21 secs., which he later lowered by 2 secs. against Glasgow. When he ran in an invitation meeting last week he produced his fastest mile of 4 mins. 16 secs. Yet he still prefers the 880 yards. He may be right in this, for he has bettered his 1 min. 55.4 secs. on more than one occasion. Refusing to remain idle in the winter, Dick Mackay turns out for the cross-country team, in which he invariably occupies first place.



Captain of D.U. Harriers and
Athletic Club

Obvious choice for captain of D.U.H. & A.C. this year, his experienced and keen mind has provoked enthusiastic spirit in his club. Gifted with fine voice and coming from a musical family, music stands second only to running in his affections. Dick is "eminence grise" behind the

Gramophone Society and may be seen at promenade concerts in Dublin and London, assiduously following performance with score. Later, espresso-handed, he stimulates erudite musical discussion, glowingly upholding the works of the moderns, such as Hindemith and Mahler.

Unlike many other scientists, Dick leads an active social life; ignoring alcohol at numerous saturnalian parties only when his training demands. Never happier than when curled up with a good book, his library includes works by Goncharov, Huxley and Hemingway.

He is able to immerse his being completely in even the most transient schemes and his researches have led him into a detailed study of the chemistry of printing inks, upon which he has delivered a paper; he is also a leading authority on wallpaper manufacturing techniques.

Has this paragon no faults? Ask a certain editor of "T.C.D." who dodged a split second before a large tin came through an unopened window at him! He will enumerate them in classical language and at far greater length than is available here.

Round the Societies

Phil. Stalemate

As predicted, Mr. C. A. David's paper, "Brothers in Hypocrisy," produced an interesting discussion at the Phil. on Thursday. Mr. David strongly criticised the hypocritical attitude of the four Great Powers — but especially Britain — in not according to subject peoples the same standards of justice that they regarded as essential at home.

The Hon. Treasurer, in proposing a vote of thanks, expressed his opinion that the keynote of Western colonial policy was inefficiency rather than hypocrisy. Mr. K. R. Johnson demanded that small nations should not forget the supreme importance of the struggle between the basic ideologies of East and West.

Mr. J. Buller (a maiden speaker) complained of exploitation of the Persians by the British oil companies.

In a magnificent speech, Mr. R. D. Kimmitt criticised Mr. David's gullibility in seeing world problems in a clearly defined shade of black and white.

Mr. D. O. Cummins, Mr. J. Killen, Mr. Warren and Mr. D. Johnson added further words of wisdom, before the President summed up and adjourned the meeting.

Hist. Checkmate

The motion at last Wednesday's Hist. debate, "That celibacy is the best form of life" failed to inspire the majority of speakers to anything approaching first-rate oratory or scintillating wit. Mr. C. Cole, Mr. Studdert and Mr. Riddell, however, were at least refreshingly entertaining.

Mr. Jadeja, although claiming to be a strong opponent of matrimony, regretted the passing of the harem as an integral part in Oriental life. Mr. Burford, finding himself unexpectedly high on the order paper, was unable to extemporise successfully. The Hon. Treasurer, another supporter of celibacy, illustrated his arguments with harrowing incidents from his experience. Mr. Emeweke exhorted the chairman to get married, while Mr. Sides seemed to have read the U.N. report on world population.

The Chairman, Mr. Shaw, brought the meeting to a close with his comments.

From Our Readers

RIGHT WITHOUT MONEY

Dear Madam, — The article "Right Without Money" in your last issue contains a number of errors of fact, and also appears to impute to D.U.C.A.C. a lack of impartiality in the distribution of its funds. I write on behalf of the Committee to correct the grosser errors, and to protest against the unworthy insinuations of your correspondent.

Last Hilary term the Harriers and Athletics Club were allocated money for a Scottish tour. Later it became apparent that the Club would be unable to travel at full strength, and the suggestion was then made that it might not be advisable to proceed with the arrangements. No pressure was brought to bear; the money had been voted and could have been collected from the Treasurer at any time. The decision to cancel the tour was taken by the club itself. Your readers may be interested to learn that funds have also been voted for the Harriers to send competitors to the A.A.U. Universities' meeting at Manchester, and to go on tour to Belfast.

Money was also voted for the Golf Club to go on tour. Here again the decision not to go was taken by the club itself without any prompting or pressure from D.U.C.A.C.

In contrast to other clubs, members of the Boat Club travel at their own expense to all regattas. D.U.C.A.C. pays for the carriage of boats, but to Irish regattas only. At Putney recently the second crew put up a very fine performance. Starting 240th, they finished 121st, and beat several Oxford and Cambridge College first boats over the 4½-mile course.

In the decisions of D.U.C.A.C. the students have the final say. The Committee has always endeavoured to be just and equitable in the distribution of funds to all clubs, and in the past its decisions have won general approval. The only cause of complaint at the moment is that the Committee's present income is quite inadequate to meet the continually increasing costs of equipment, travel and entertainment. But the remedy for this lies beyond D.U.C.A.C.'s control. — Yours faithfully,

JOHN C. FEARSON,
Hon. Secretary, D.U.C.A.C.

LEGAL TANGLE

Dear Madam, — Congratulations to "Sans Souci." Due to last week's remark, I have now been relieved of whatever little responsibility is attached to the office of Auditor of the Law Society, and I would like to take this opportunity of aligning myself with the policy so often expressed in this paper — that of the complete abolition of minor societies. The only reason I can see why these Societies should be maintained is to give some little self-importance to other insignificant specimens of College life. Being perhaps once motivated by the same desire, that of trying to establish a name for myself by becoming an officer in a society, on reaching such a position I have since regretted my previous folly.

I would deprecate these societies, particularly the Law Society, on other grounds. Their meetings are boring; the subjects discussed are of little interest to anyone let alone the distinguished men often invited to take the chair. How many times have I sat beside a well-known legal personality and become more and more embarrassed at his increasing boredom?

Did I not know the present members of the Committee I would appeal to them to take the initiative among the minor societies and advocate an amalgamation or complete abolition; but then their means of establishing a somewhat unmerited individuality, or putting something more than a College standing after their name, would be lost. — Yours sincerely,

P. B. MURRAY, Ex-Auditor
of the D.U. Law Society.

FRIEND OF THE FAMILY

Dear Madam, — While I appreciate the veracity of your correspondent, Miss Constant Pry, on B. and G., it is really necessary to divulge so many intimate secrets of this well-liked and, I am sure, well-behaved couple? "Trinity News" has in the past avoided the suggestiveness of "T.C.D." Must you sink so low? — Yours,

ANASTASIA O'TOOLE.

No. 6.

College Observed

TRINITY term is undoubtedly the most active and in some cases the most rewarding term of the year. Next Monday is, for instance, the scholars' Trinity Monday. For the socialites this is the "season." In ten days there is Trinity Week, with its numerous activities to suit everybody's tastes. But above all, this is the time society committees come and go. This in indeed election time.

Nonentities' Time

CERTAINLY this is the time of the year when nonentities have most of their fun. Probably somebody completely unknown, from the S.R.C. clique, who, thanks to the "admirable" constitution, is the only one eligible for the office, will be elevated to the Presidency. Yes, it may happen that only a single person in College is "fit" to claim to "represent" all of us. Then there are the major societies who will be looking for candidates to fill their various offices and numerous committees. With the occasional notable exceptions, here too the nonentities will have a clear field. Next year they will develop nasty personalities. Soon they will be sitting on the standing committee to decide the question of the compulsory levy that will be imposed upon us. Remember your "representatives" can get into office by commanding no more than a score of votes. This small electorate is another reason why more talented undergraduates prefer to stay away from the organisations where the cliques reign.

More Blood

UNLIKE those with the grandiose titles who do nothing, there are people without official position who engage in something definitely useful. I saw some of them in the Dixon last week organising and looking after the people who went there to give their blood. This year there was an all-time record of 323 blood donors (104 of them, relatively a very high percentage, were women) as compared with 248 last year and 157 in 1954, the first year the Blood Transfusion Unit started its annual visits to College. The figures, and especially that of 172 for the first day, compare most favourably with anywhere in the country, where the average number is something like 80. I am told by medical N. A. Igoe, who was at the Dixon to help, that the results would have been even more spectacular if the unit could have obtained a room in Front Square. The excellent organisation is due to the vigorous activities of Dr. Hackett, who was greatly facilitated by the circular which the Provost addressed to all undergraduates, requesting, as it were, their blood.

Cat for Tea

THERE are certainly enterprising students in College. For those who do not number mouse-catching among their hobbies, Tommy MacGloin offers the services of his cat in exchange for an afternoon tea. Prospective customers are advised to enter their name on the waiting list as quickly as possible.

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Vacation Work

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"Vac work" in a canning factory or on British railways may be lucrative, but it offers little information about the world in which the graduate will ultimately toil. On the other hand, many potential employers — industrial companies, retail shops, research laboratories, government service — offer the undergraduate good opportunity (with pay) to find out more about a career which might attract them. Six or 12 weeks spent on this — at the most 10 per cent. of the total vacation time — is much better than all the vicarious experience gleaned from reading catalogues and notes, speaking to friends or listening to what visiting employers have to say — though these sources can be useful supplements.

Moreover, the scientist needs this experience as much as the arts or commerce student, to help decide whether research, development, production or technical sales (more important choices than Shell or I.C.I.) shall be the goal.

Pay offered will cover expenses adequately (£5-£7 per week plus fares). The work generally consists of a Cook's tour round all departments for a week or so, with the remainder of the time spent on a specific task, which generally entails presenting a written report for discussion.

Most companies ask for applications in the spring, and if visiting the University, interview applicants then. So for many, though not all, companies it may be too late to apply this year.

If you are still interested in any particular company or field, it would be worth while finding out more early in Trinity term. Where there is no formal recruitment, an informal approach on your home territory — whether to school, museum, library or factory — will often yield dividends; and it may well answer the sixty-four dollar question whether you like a particular career.

J. H. HUDSON,

Appointments Officer.

N.B. — The Commerce and Economics Society hope to join A.I.E.S.E.C. next year. This international organisation will enable students to get jobs as trainees all over the Continent. Firms all over the Continent are willing to take students for six weeks during the summer.

DUBLIN THEATRE

THE GARRICK

By the theatrical half-light which filtered through the grimy window, I found myself in a long, narrow, low-ceilinged room, whose walls were covered in a once deep red Victorian paper, now turned blackish, in the manner in which gowns turn green. On all sides, rows of red plush seats looked ready to deposit one onto the floor. The atmosphere was thick with dust.

At first I could find no evidence of a stage, then I stumbled on it, raised two inches. It was set for the present attraction, "Love in a Mist." The flats were covered in a drab buff wallpaper, stoutly nailed up; perfectly in harmony with the rest of the room, they appeared to have been erected with it. A rumour persists that owner-producer Vincent Wall uses the same set for every play and that when a guest producer tried to change it, he rushed from a hospital bed and banished both the director and his new set. Apart from a unique-looking set of floats, no further equipment was discernable.

The original premises, one of the battery of basements, opened in 1951. At the opening I was afforded the gloriously funny spectacle of two ends of the curtain, loth to part at the opening of an act, collapsing half-way at the finish. Unfortunately the play was a thriller. In later years this site was forsaken for the present room in Parnell Street.

The Garrick does not appear to possess a policy, instead it has long runs. "Murder Without Crime" has done nearly 200 performances, whilst "Love in a Mist" was first advertised nearly two years ago. Usually shows are only given at weekends, but the continuation of such an arrangement does not seem feasible, unless a permanent audience has also been established. The night I attended it appeared to be an overflow from the adjacent ballroom. Now other companies scoff at the Garrick, but years ago they resented the bad impression obtained of the basement movement by those who attended it first. There seem to be grounds for the rumour that the excellent unsigned notices that appear from time to time in the press are the work of a biased person or a liberally entertained reviewer.

For some time a school of acting has been functioning in conjunction with the theatre, whose students seem also to form the larger part of the company. Surprisingly perhaps, a few useful players have emerged. That they have done

so in spite of their nursery deserves applause.

Unfortunately few bouquets can be granted. Admittedly they were the only company to do "The Little Hut," but from all accounts its production sank



lower than the ship that caused the plot.

To be critically constructive, I suggest a departure from stale West End successes which only succeed when played to a specific audience with a type cast. A fresh producer and some actors are essential, as are attempts at setting and lighting. For a start, if Vincent Wall prefers lighter material, an Irish dramatist would be suitable. Any change for the better will be gladly welcomed. As Mr. Wall and his company are enthusiastic and determined, one can hope that they will soon offer the original and efficiently-staged plays that could put the Garrick on a par with the Pike.

Doctor's Dilemma

Radical changes will be made in the Medical course if the recommendations put forward by an investigation committee are accepted. This committee, under the leadership of the Professors of Medicine and Surgery, and including the lecturers in the subjects under consideration, is chiefly concerned with finding means of rectifying the apparent ignorance of fundamental anatomy among final-year students.

The committee suggests the introduction of Osteology and Physiology into the pre-medical year syllabus and the setting aside of unnecessary sections in Physics and Chemistry. These suggested methods are long overdue. There would be four instead of five terms' Anatomy and "half" would be taken in this subject in December. The postponement of Applied Anatomy from the programme for the third year, until after the surgery course and the introduction of more anatomy in the fifth year, will do much to broaden students' knowledge on useful and essential subjects.

Trinity Patriots

3 — DOUGLAS HYDE
c. 1860-1949

Douglas Hyde, son of a rector, had no regular schooling as a boy, and spent most of his youth among the Irish-speaking peasants of Frenchpark. Here he learnt to think of Gaelic as his native language and assimilated many traditional folk-tales and ballads that were unknown to most educated people of his time.

When Hyde came to Trinity to study Divinity he discovered that nobody had any interest in the Irish language or culture. He himself gave up Divinity after a short time to devote himself entirely to Irish studies. At the time the Board disapproved of his Gaelic activities, but he was later elected Honorary LL.D. and in 1931 he became President of the Hist.

In 1893 he founded the Gaelic League, and he was its President from then till 1916. The aim of the League was to have an organisation covering Ireland, which would preserve and spread Gaelic. It was to have branches in every town and village, and these would be linked with Dublin. He had much influence in education, too, and succeeded in giving Irish its place in the Intermediate examination.

But it was as scholar that Hyde achieved his greatest fame. Some of his Irish poetry appeared first in the "D.U. Review" from 1884-87, and from then on volumes of his work were published every year. His translations of Irish love poems became especially popular, and were the first good poems of this kind.

In 1937, Douglas Hyde became the first President of Ireland. It was only a fitting tribute to the man who had made the native language and culture an essential part of every Irishman's education.

LANDSCAPE

The Grafton Gallery is now showing a most promising collection of paintings and sketches by Miss Ann Donnelly. The exhibition was opened yesterday by the Earl of Wicklow, and features a representative selection of her work. She shows a simplicity and rhythm in her oils which echo the impressionists. Her feeling for tone and texture are demonstrated in her attempts to catch the strength and melancholy of the western landscape. Her child portraits are particularly sympathetic, although there is an effective if sentimental oil painting of an old islander and his wife. This collection promises that when her style has fully matured, Miss Donnelly will rank high amongst the young Irish painters of today.

Fifty Years of Women in Sport

By GILDA HORSLEY

Since women became a recognised feature of College life fifty years ago they have been taking an increasingly active part in sport. Gradually, but surely, they have built up clubs of their own, have joined D.U.C.A.C. and have made Trinity the strongest University in Ireland in women's sport.

The Hockey Club, which held its jubilee two years ago, was the first formed. It has been consistently active and has produced a long list of internationals, the latest being Ruth Harris.

A tennis club followed soon afterwards, but the Women's Championships were not started till 1942. Trinity won the Inter-Varsity Championships for the first time last year, although there have been some strong players before, including Moyra Brennan who was in College during the war.

The Women's Swimming Club has been in existence for about 15 years, and takes part in the Trinity Week Gala, besides holding Inter-Varsity Championships and matches against other clubs.

Although the Cricket Club sometimes has trouble raising a team, it is continually successful in matches. Miss Crawford is the captain of the Irish women's team.

Women only began fencing recently, but they have a brilliant coach and have reached a high standard.

The Squash Club has grown lately and now is one of the largest in College. A University championships was started in 1944 and has continually stimulated interest and competition. The Club has had two international players, including Heather Hinn (Cole) who is now the Irish champion.

Women are also prominent in the Table Tennis and Sailing Clubs. The proof, however, of the life and activity in women's sport is shown by the forming of new clubs. This winter a Badminton Club opened. It is flourishing and hopes to join D.U.C.A.C. soon. The latest craze is golf, and a continual stream of people makes for the Grange every afternoon.

Gradually over the last fifty years women have established a firm foothold in sporting activities. The one club they have not yet formed is an athletic club — is that soon to come?

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Blued Blood

Inspired by visions of myself as a martyr, I rushed to the clammy clutches of the doctor in the Dixon to sacrifice a precious pint of blood. Through a haze of pain I saw Marianna Sagowsky's blood swimming around in a jar of blue water, and through a chink in the screens I saw David Tompkin and Valerie Morrison eating heartily, while George Walker and Derek Bell writhed in agony. Outside an ambulance awaited those who were too weak to crawl to the city morgue. Jimmy Moore, marked down as diseased, was run out of the hall, furtively clasping a blood-donor's badge. Other bodies unrecognisable in death littered the floor, but were eventually swept out by an army of energetic porters.

I staggered outside, and was attacked by an irate senior sophister who screamed: "Constant, you clot, who told you Billy and Lynn were married?" "Darling," I purred sweetly, "They were seen together at Mitchell's funeral." Then I collapsed thankfully into the ambulance.

Not One Wild Oat

Was sown at Janet Smiley's orangeade dansant. at the Country Shop, though Kenneth Fox-Mills and Anne Hobson were thriving in each other's

company. However, the ridotto was sustained by a rousing game of Shove Halfpenny played by Ned Darling and Billy Marshall. About Vernon Young's stage performances, his friends were not reticent and a blush soon mantled the face formerly sicklied o'er by the pale cast of thought. Cunilla Jonssen danced with big blond men, watched by Russell Fletcher. And Jennifer Carney had just had her head ploughed over by razors. The S.C.M. members present exchanged nothing but a crop of thoughts with their partners, under the watchful eye of Big Brother Alan Martin and Small Brothers Smiley.

Society at Large

Clive Mackinson has returned to Dublin to get Louis Armstrong's autograph, but embarrasses his many debtors by turning up in Davy Byrne's for free drinks. Ian Bookey admires the exotic character of the El Habano, where he was last seen persuading John Dumas that cuckoo clocks come from Lichtenstein. Floris Tryfon wishes to inform his sympathisers that he did not break his legs jumping over a convent wall.

Student Co-operation

Really, I have been having an energetic week! Between giving

my blood for my country, as I mentioned, and attending a European Youth Congress in Galway, the only excitement I missed was Louis Armstrong. But I heard all about that from Caroline Johnson. Apparently even Nick was not very impressed, and failed to shout even in the right places. And Louis Lentin, of all people, was in the Press Box!

I was probably happier with the European youths anyway, especially the Germans. Gabrielle Hennig was shocked to discover that Germans only consider Hausfraus attractive. "I must give people inhibitions," she moaned. And the things people found in their beds! Olivia Swanton could not get any sleep because she disagreed about the Border — a drunken Northerner wrapped in what I shall modestly call tissue paper, a blush-rose in one pale hand, was snoring happily in her room. Somebody else found that "bed and board" were synonymous: a heavy humorist had replaced her mattress with a door. Liz Horn, having established her profile as worthy of comment, stopped playing executive and made a social tour of the docks. Inn-out, inn-out, just like the Boat Club. Talk about soda-jet propulsion.

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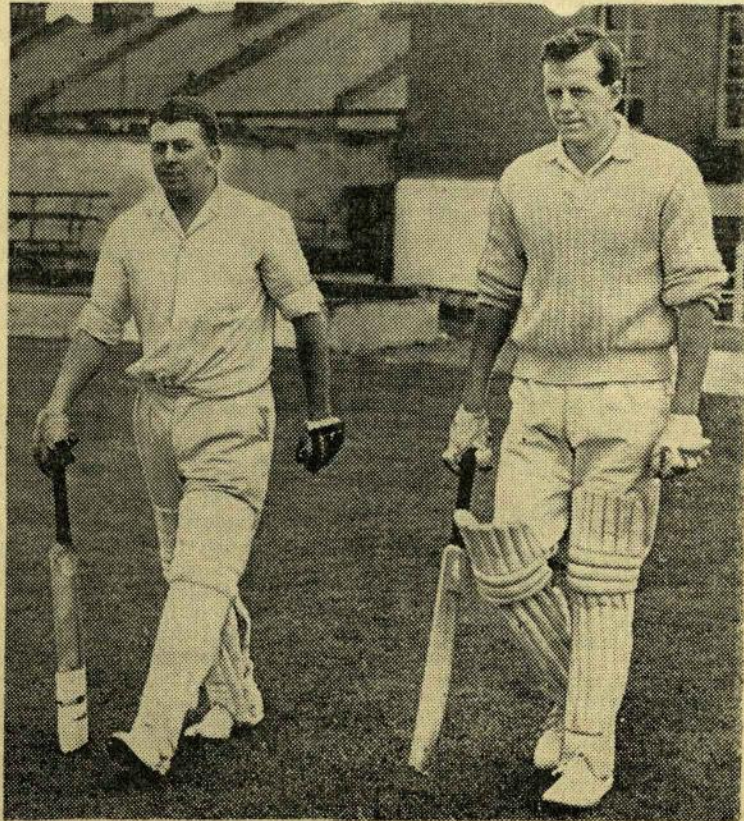


Cricket

TRINITY HEAD THE LEAGUE

With Unbeaten Record

THE 1st XI remained unbeaten over the holiday week-end, scoring a good win over Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, drawing with Leinster on Monday. An outstanding all-round performance came from P. Dawson, who took five Y.M.C.A. wickets and hit an undefeated 107 against Leinster.



—Photo courtesy of Irish Times.
P. Dawson and B. K. Wilson about to open Trinity's innings on Monday. Dawson scored a maiden century.

On Saturday, I. Steen showed promise in hitting 39 runs on his first appearance in the 1st XI. T. P. Smyth also caught the eye in making 21 stylish runs.

At one stage Y.M.C.A. were 50 for 1, but when Dawson began hitting a length, wickets fell quickly, and they were all out for 111.

Against a somewhat unimpressive Leinster side, Trinity should have scored another win. The batting was extremely slow in the early stages, and Dawson took 160 minutes to reach 50, even though this included 9 fours. After reaching the half-century, however, he opened up and scored freely on either side of the wicket. Anderson was

fortunate in being dropped before he had scored, and, taking numerous chances, went on to make 30. Harrison was one of the most impressive batsmen for Trinity, and completed a graceful 22 before being caught at extra-cover in attempting a big hit.

Trinity declared at tea, and as the wicket had been quite lively, it was expected that Coker and Drewery would be particularly effective against the Leinster batsmen. However a good knock of 90 by their captain, Caprani, saved Leinster and at the close of play only five wickets had been captured. Of these, three had been taken by Coker.

The 2nd XI also retained their unbeaten record in the League with decisive wins against St. James's Gate and Civil Service. The outstanding feature of both matches was the batting of H. Singh, who scored 116 not out against St. James's Gate and again was undefeated with 34 against Civil Service. Singh reached the century in less than 100 minutes.

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Rowing

U.C.D. Defeated in The

Gannon Cup

The Boat Club had a good start to the term when they succeeded by four lengths in the Gannon Cup match with U.C.D. This should give the crew the confidence they need, in spite of the fact that they were beaten into second place by an unusually strong Portora VIII in the head of the river event on Friday.

The Liffey "head" was rowed in extremely good conditions, with the Trinity men covering the course, from Islandbridge to O'Connell Bridge, some 8 secs. slower than the victors. The Junior VIII were entered for this race, which is decided on a time basis, and did well to finish in eighth position.

On Whit Monday the main feature on the river, at least so far as Trinity were concerned, was the Gannon Cup. The crews began at Guinness's wharf, allowing a course of about 1 mile and a quarter, and with a slight following wind and an outgoing tide, the U.C.D. men were always trailing.

Improving on Friday's showing, the University boat should have more success before the season is out. A steadier balance is evident and each member has adjusted himself to the new style, which could be really effective in the July Henley Regatta.

SUMMER REGATTAS

The Trinity Regatta will, as usual, be held on the Friday and Saturday of Trinity Week. The Boat Club have made special efforts to ensure once again that the event will be successful and spectators should see some enthusiastic, if not altogether stylish, rowing from the College Society entries.

P. Wall-Morris will take both his Senior and Junior crews to the Boyne Regatta at Drogheda on June 16th, and the Juniors are hoping to compete in Belfast and Sligo a week later.

To complete the term's activities, the 1st VIII will make the usual trip to Henley, where the prospects this year seem at least as good as they have been in recent years. The crew will return to Ireland for the 17th of July for an Irish tour, with prospects of the Senior Championships.

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Athletics

Weakness in Team Matches

QUEEN'S were the promoters of the Londonderry Trophy, for which the Trinity Harriers and Athletic Club competed on Saturday. They were beaten into third place by 9th Old Boys and the hosts, who occupied first and second positions respectively.

The match was decided on a team basis with three men counting in each event, thus testing the all-round strength of the competing clubs.

So far as Trinity were concerned, the meeting merely emphasised the fact that at present they are mainly dependent upon a number of individuals. Yet it must be stated that this season's second and third strings are young, and the experience gained in matches of this kind will prove invaluable in succeeding years. Of the relays, Trinity's best

position was second in the 4 x 440 yards, but they did win the team 16 lb. shot and javelin events, as well as gaining four second placings, to give the team, inclusive of third place points, a total of 28 points, only eight fewer than the winners.

Individually the results were encouraging. Dick Mackay won the mile in 4 mins. 22.2 secs., and D. Archer cleared 11 ft. in the pole vault. Taylor's 47 ft. 3½ ins. was a winning putt in the shot, and the same competitor won the discus. It was due to Lawson's throw that Trinity succeeded with a total of 514 ft. 2 ins.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Saturday	Monday
1st XI v. Y.M.C.A.	1st XI v. LEINSTER
At College Park, Dublin University won by six wickets.	DUBLIN UNIVERSITY
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B. Wilson c and b Medcalf 16	B. K. Wilson lbw b Boland ... 0
P. Dawson b Dunlop 13	D. Dawson not out 107
I. Steen c Wolfe b Hade 39	I. Steen b Boland 10
P. Sang lbw b Hade 7	P. Sang c Cuffe b Boland 6
J. Anderson not out 14	J. Anderson c Passmore b Egan 30
T. P. Smyth not out 21	T. P. Smyth b Ryan 8
Extras 7	O. O. Coker b Ryan 8
Total (for 4 wks.) 117	W. P. Harrison c Notley b Dillon 22
Y.M.C.A.—151 (all out).	J. Atkinson not out 9
Bowling—Smyth, 0 for 15; Atkinson, 0 for 5; Coker, 1 for 23; Dawson, 5 for 39; Drewery, 4 for 25.	Extras 12
2nd XI v. ST. JAMES'S GATE	Total (for 7, dec.) 212
DUBLIN UNIVERSITY 2nd XI	Leinster—139 for 5.
A. Reid-Smyth st Parker b Wooten 71	Bowling—Coker, 3 for 44; Atkinson, 1 for 13; Harrison, 1 for 27.
A. Larmour b Bright 16	
I. Singh not out 116	2nd XI v. CIVIL SERVICE
D. Steen c Parker b Wooten ... 10	DUBLIN UNIVERSITY 2nd XI
Extras 8	A. Reid-Smyth not out 51
Total (for 3, dec.) 221	D. Pratt lbw b Kavanagh ... 24
St. James's Gate—56 all out.	A. Larmour lbw b Kavanagh ... 0
Bowling—Harkness, 1 for 25; Steen, 3 for 17; Sutton, 3 for 13.	H. Singh not out 34
	Extras 1
	Total (for 2 wks.) 110
	Civil Service—109 all out.
	Bowling—Steen, 0 for 14; Harkness, 6 for 40; Sutton, 4 for 35; Larmour, 0 for 5.

IRISH CARDS REVIEWED

Last week "Colonel Tottering" gave the first of his new series of articles on flat racing prospects. Dealing mainly with the English card, he had a successful beginning. Here he reviews the Irish meetings for this week.

To-day there is racing at Gowran, where Sinople should win from Surrender, who, though he has been showing good form of late, may not stay the distance.

On Monday, I went to Baldoyle, where Ford Sterling overcame strong opposition. He should repeat this in the 4.0 to-day. If you go to this meeting, don't leave before the last

race, because Ninette could provide a surprise win.

Nearer home I should be at Phoenix Park on Saturday. Here I expect to see Lavender Water gain his second win of the week. Ma Davies seems a likely winner in the 4.0 o'clock race, though Starwick may run him close.

If to-morrow seems lonely without a home card, you could do worse than follow Alfider in the 3.30 p.m. at Manchester.

By the way, Pitter Patter could make the running in the Oaks.

C. T.

TALKING SPORT

More Excitement in the Park

When Donore Harriers held their international meeting in the Park, particular College interest was focussed on two events. In the pole vault Archer met his strongest opposition of the season when he appeared in this invitation match. Yet he gave a creditable performance to finish second with a personal best vault of 11 ft. 2 ins., which has never been equalled in College.

The mile always creates excitement, but when Dick Mackay was seen within a yard of the English international, B. Hewson, after the three-quarter mark, this particular race aroused everyone in the Park. Mackay lost, but he was within 4 secs. of a man who is one of the few to have achieved the four minute mark. The Trinity-man's time of 4 mins. 16 secs. was a College record.

A Double

After a lean start, P. Dawson, a first XI all-rounder of four years' standing, has come right back into form. Ten days ago when Merriion batted a second time he secured five wickets, a

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feat which seems to have given him confidence. On Saturday last he took another five wickets and two days later made a century in the League.

Another century maker was Singh, who knocked up 116 (not out) for the 2nd XI. In the match on Saturday, Singh kept pace with the clock in his race for three figures. He fol-

lowed this with an undefeated 34 on Monday.

In the Park on Saturday I saw what I consider to be one of the best exhibitions of wicket keeping I have seen outside county cricket. Within the hour, Cyril Fagan had stumped three batsmen and caught another in polished fashion, as well as keeping extremely well on the blind side.

In a Line

The 2nd XI cricket team is without a match this week. . . . A water polo match will be played against Dalkey and the Trinity team will be at full strength. . . . Yesterday the ladies' lawn tennis team entertained a men's Ramblers VI at Trinity Hall. . . . The D.U.L.T.C. Championships are in their second stages.