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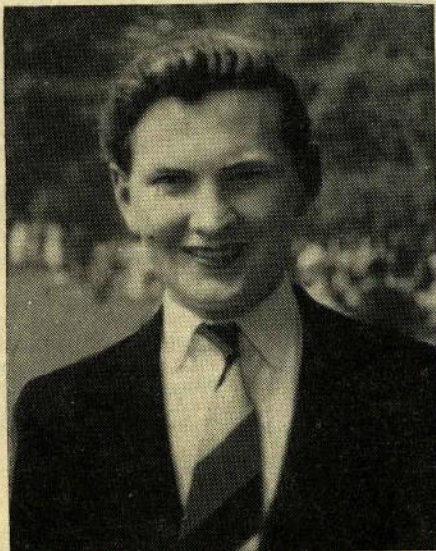
Rock 'N' Roll with Noel Uproar at S.R.C. Meeting

WHILE the National Students' Council and several trade unions were holding a demonstration in College Green on Friday night, protesting against the various abuses of freedom in the world to-day, the first meeting of the Students' Representative Council, not 100 yards away in Regent House, was treated to as pretty a piece of dictatorship as it has seen in a long time. Protests, points of order, privileged motions and a petition signed by over three-quarters of the Council members present, claiming that the meeting was illegal were all brushed aside by Noel Harkness, B.A., who took the Chair, as this year's President, Russell Fletcher, has resigned and returned to England.

Trouble started even before the meeting began, when Council members were issued with new voting cards. Anyone who had not given written notice of their selection as society member of the S.R.C. early enough was disenfranchised.

As Mr. Harkness rose to open the meeting, he was showered with questions. By what right were these cards issued? Why were certain members who gave late notice unable to vote, and what procedure methods would be followed since the old constitution was suspended, and the new one was not as yet in force? At the spearhead of this, as of later attacks, were Heather Colhoun, C. A. (I want a vote) David, Bob Barton and Andrew Bonar Law. Mr. Harkness dismissed all the questions he was asked, and a privileged motion that was proposed as filibustering and "tripe." He rode roughshod over a barrage of complaints, with a fine disregard for constitutional law and a cry of "let's get on with the business." The minutes, which were unobjectionable enough, were then read and signed. This was, perhaps the one peaceful interlude in the evening's entertainment.

Mr. Harkness then rose and, calling all the criticism he had received so far destructive, detailed the functions of the S.R.C. He explained that there were six committees, and that Council members should indicate on the lists on what committees they would serve. He then said that the executive had decided to appoint the Chairmen of the Committees, and not leave this to the committees themselves. This was to preserve continuity, he claimed. There were howls of protest. Everyone approached refused to be appointed chairman, and the lists for committee



Noel Harkness, ex-President of the S.R.C., who was Chairman at Friday's meeting.

were returned marked "Boycotted." Protests against this attempted dictatorship intensified when one-man Goon Squad Brian Harkness tried to quell the noise. So great was the uproar that Noel Harkness had to give way. He then proposed that the various offices which were vacant due to resignations be filled before the committees were elected. The house accepted this since the new President would take the chair. He ruled, however, that only members of this year's executive were eligible for election as President. In effect, under this ruling, only three people could be nominated—Noel Igoe, Frances-Jane French and David Tomlinson. Igoe was the official nomination. In the confusion

caused by this pronouncement and despite Bonar Law's attempts to halt the proceedings by seizing the record books, Igoe was declared elected before the Council members could form a concerted plan. Similarly, David Tomlinson was elected Secretary and David Spearman Correspondence Secretary. Only with the election of External Relations Secretary did the Council realise what was happening, and A. Bonar Law defeated Miss French, the official nominee. These elections were forced through, backed only by rulings from a Chairman who was operating without a constitution and yet trying to justify his actions by appeals to the old constitution.

After Mr. Igoe took the chair, things calmed down, and the election of committees proceeded. The new President reversed the former ruling, and permitted committees to choose their own chairmen. This, allied with the fact that some of the more vociferous Council members were busy drawing up a petition complaining at Harkness's actions, meant that a certain amount of peace and quiet was restored. By the end, Committees and Chairmen were elected, and the Executive Committee reached its full complement.

It is a very great pity that the S.R.C. got off to such a bad start, due to the fact that to many the elections seem illegal and dictatorial. Many consider that they should be held again, if this taint of illegality is not to mar the whole session. It is a great pity that Mr. Harkness did not realise that certain fundamentals, free speech and election among them, must be adhered to, and that elections cannot be decided merely by the Chairman's ruling. Although most of the members of the Executive are acceptable, the manner of election is a serious detriment to their position.

Women at the Phil.

As a result of an invitation issued by the President of the Phil, Mr. K. R. Johnson, members of the Liz. turned up in force at the Phil. Freshers' debate last Thursday. Three speakers from the Liz. (Miss S. Parkes, Miss B. Fox and Miss M. Cleave) entered the lists.

All three vigorously opposed the motion "That this house believes school days are the happiest days of your life," and Miss Parkes in particular spoke so well that she was awarded one of two prizes offered by the Society for maiden speakers. Although this was not the first time that ladies have addressed the Society, and they have frequently attended the public business meetings, it is true to say that this occasion was unique in that never before have so many ladies spoken at one meeting. The presence of members of the opposite sex stirred members of the Society into action, and some of the finest speeches heard for a considerable time were delivered.

Mr. R. Stevens was awarded the other prize for maiden speakers, but several others performed well enough to present the adjudicators with a difficult task in deciding who was the eventual winner. We hope that the connection between the Phil and the Liz. inaugurated with such success last Thursday will not be allowed to lapse.

Honorary Fellow Elected

Dr. T. Gillman Moorhead, who retired last summer from the position of Regius Professor of Physic in College, has been elected Honorary Fellow.

Dr. Moorhead, who is a familiar figure at College functions, has been connected with the Medical School for some time. His first important post was that of King's Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacy, and after holding it for four years he became Regius Professor of Physic in 1925. Last summer he retired from this position, but he still is in close contact with the Medical School.

It is in gratitude for his long years of service to this branch of the University that the Board and Fellows have elected him to Honorary Fellowship. National University and Queen's University have already shown their appreciation of his work by giving him Honorary LL.D. degrees.

Dr. Moorhead's new honour sets him in a distinguished company. There are only six Honorary Fellows of Trinity College, and among them are several Provosts of Oxford and Cambridge Colleges.

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Lord Mayor at Exhibition

THE Association for International Affairs had the opening of the International Exhibition of Education on Monday, major attractions being the Lord Mayor's speech and the sherry. The exhibition, which has been in preparation for some time, shows exhibits from 40 countries, including a collection of toys from the Gomułka Government in Poland.

The Vice-Provost, Dr. Parke, introducing the Lord Mayor, paid tribute to the work done by the Association in preparing the exhibition. The Chairman, Mr. C. A. David, had begun his preparations at the end of the Trinity Term and had sent requests for material to all parts of the world, and out of 70 countries approached, about 40 had contributed representative exhibits. These ranged from photographs and reading material to scientific instruments lent by U.N.E.S.C.O. U.N.E.S.C.O. has indeed co-operated fully in the exhibition.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Briscoe, T.D., opened the exhibition. He stressed in his speech the importance of education for world peace. Peoples, he said, would never understand each other as long as there was not universal education. U.N.E.S.C.O. was to be praised for its important work in bringing education to under-developed countries, and in helping refugees. Ireland is well provided with facilities for studying at all levels, the Lord Mayor continued, but people do not take full advantage of the possibilities. He hoped that there would soon be a good level of education through the whole country.

Mr. Briscoe paid tribute to Mr. David's initiative and hard work in producing the exhibition.

It is in Regent House and is open every day this week. Admission is free. Films on education all over the world are shown nightly at 8.0 p.m. in West Chapel. The exhibition itself consists of photographs, books from U.N.E.S.C.O., a collection of coloured and attractive toys for teaching children, and scientific instruments for use in schools. Countries on both sides of the Iron Curtain are represented, and the photographs cover all levels of education, from fundamental teaching for primitive peoples to highly specialised training in medicine and radio-electricity. All age-groups are shown and there are many photographs of modern school buildings. The exhibit stands are well arranged and the photographs show up to their best advantage. We hope that many people will take advantage of this chance to see an interesting exhibition, which speaks highly for the energy of the organisers. Unfortunately, the sherry has long since run dry.

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S.R.C.

TRINITY differs very much from other Universities in that it has no one centralised student body to organise its activities. Whatever the cause, indifference or independence, our societies are all separate bodies, each providing a certain service in their own particular way, and they have not succumbed to the influences which introduce such a high level of uniformity and standardisation in other universities. Although facilities could be vastly improved by some sort of centralised Union, individualistic tendencies have always fought strongly against any attempt to found a body which covers the whole of student activities.

For this reason, the Students' Representative Council can be classed almost as a Minor Society; a useful organisation which serves the interests of those who need it, and is neglected by those who want to stand alone.

Since the unfortunate incident some years ago when certain elements came into control of the S.R.C., who were, it is claimed, Communists, the S.R.C. has led a humdrum existence, providing certain services, a College tie, a scarf, note-paper, a diary, vacation work and student travel facilities, a book-mart, the blood-donating and X-ray services. It also organised one of the few really profitable dances of the year, to pay for its other activities, and add to its ever-growing bank balance.

It is, therefore, a useful body, but when one compares its functions to those in Universities where the Student Representative Council dominates, one sees what a minor position it fills. But one can see from the strong stand taken against any form of interference by both the Major and the Minor Societies that they will brook little interference with internal affairs, and it is obvious the S.R.C.'s position will always remain limited, and that there is little danger of a College wide organisation controlling our existence.

In a University which values independence so highly, even the proposed new levy has been viewed with suspicion, but it is likely to be a good innovation, since the grants have been so arranged that the clubs and societies will be able to improve their facilities without losing too much control of their own affairs.

Even in this new situation the S.R.C. can, within the borders of its limitations, play a useful, if not essential rôle. If the system can be sufficiently reorganised so as to promote interest rather than indifference or, even worse, annoyance, the S.R.C. can continue to fill in certain gaps in the framework of our organisations. Some of their functions—vacation work and student travel—are very useful, and it is one of the few bodies which keep in contact with the various national and international student bodies, which would receive scant attention from other student bodies otherwise. Although it can hardly claim to be the sole representative of the student body, since this rôle traditionally devolves on the Scholars, and the Major and Minor Societies as well, it does do certain useful things, and is a body which deserves to continue. It is unfortunate, therefore, if Friday's uproar is taken to higher levels than the student body itself. It is a matter which can be solved without the intervention of the authorities. The recent fracas served to show the cracks in its structure. When the necessary renovations are completed it should survive to play a small but necessary part in College life.

Profile

Louis Lentin—Doctor with a Dilemma

Louis Lentin, an expatriate Lithuanian from Limerick, was born in 1933 of a family "on the theatrical fringe." Educated as far as possible at Wesley College, he was soon encouraged to leave and entered Trinity at the ripening age of sixteen. As a spare-time medic, the only use he finds for his stethoscope is to impress irate parking officials, and he is now the oldest infant prodigy in the business. But his great interest has always been in the theatre. At thirteen, he first appeared on the boards as an Apache dancer, partnering his sister. FAY subsequently graduated to a world tour, and Louis to the part of a corpse at the Gaiety. For several years he acted with the Dublin Jewish Dramatic Society, and worked with Ian Priestley-Mitchell. The Studio was his next stamping ground, and here he gained some experience on production as well as meeting Toto Cogley, "a shade of past glory."

In College, Louis has become a prominent member of Players, and is directing this term's production, "The Enchanted," by Jean Giraudoux. This is his first major production, and he could scarcely have chosen a trickier, albeit witty and civilised, play.

His first College productions were two one-act plays by Chekhov. After the success of Players' venture to Achill, Louis inaugurated the successful series of tours which, beginning with the per-

formance of four Yeats' plays and a revue at the Wexford and Edinburgh Festivals, culminated in the enterprising season in Amsterdam last Christmas.

In his spare time, Louis relaxes in his self-decorated, contemporary style attic, where he plays classical music and "reads practically anything." The Hampstead intellectual facet is reflected in his taste for yellow and red decor, highlighted by semi-utilitarian skulls. Although his favourite composers are Mahler and Sibelius, he was recently noticed at a Rock an' Roll Jamboree, attending with all the concentration of a hypnotised rabbit. Did somebody mention Jill?

An irregular columnist on "Trinity News," his desire for self-appreciation leads him sartorially to adopt a black corduroy jacket and a Liberace shirt, and in other respects to a minor mania for personal pictures.

Socially speaking, Louis may be seen at all the balls, and many of the more intellectual hen-tail parties, while he delighted his acquaintances by appearing last Trinity Wednesday in a hired top-hat.

Possessed of a pleasant singing voice, another of his ambitions is to sing in opera. But although a whilom dilettante, his sincerest wish is to study lighting and production, and eventually to join the professional theatre. Only failing this will he burn his boats and become a ship's doctor.



ROUND THE SOCIETIES

Nasser at the Hist.

The College Historical Society held its first debate of the session on the motion "That this house would have accepted the nationalisation of the Suez Canal."

Proposing the motion, Mr. Chuku Emekekwe declared that it was disastrous British Colonial policy that drove Nasser and the Egyptians to nationalise the canal. Seconding the motion, Mr. Cole said that the nationalisation of the canal has indicated the importance of this international waterway. Mr. A. Obiese, delivering his maiden speech, dwelt at length on the capabilities of the Egyptians to run the canal.

Opposing the motion, Mr. J. Miller justified the Anglo-French action, and deplored the anti-democratic methods of Nasser. He went on to say that at last the British Government has given teeth to the United Nations. Supporting most of what he had to say with inaccurate statistics, Mr. M. Proctor made it known that Nasser would have won the sympathy of the whole world if he had resorted to negotiation after the Aswan offer was withdrawn.

There were other good speeches on both sides. Mr. Lowry from America felt that the Anglo-French intervention in Egypt was highly irresponsible, but he hinted that it would be suicide for any one country to nationalise the Panama Canal.

The motion was narrowly defeated by 18-15 votes. Dr. Stanford, who was in the chair, wound up a fine evening's debating.

"Bi"

On Monday evening an ordinary meeting of the Society heard first a paper by J. Docherty which, although reasonably well written, was appalling badly presented, with the result that little over one-third of the gathering heard the description of a case history of tuberculosis accompanied by X-ray plates.

The latter part of the evening was taken up by three films presented by Squibb and Sons, those on "Surgery of the Female Pelvis" and "Anti-Tuberculosis Drugs" being especially interesting and instructive.

Egypt and the Law Society

The Law Society debated the motion, "That throughout recent events Egypt has acted in accordance with the law," on Friday night, but the motion failed to arouse much political fervour, especially as Miss Colhoun was fighting constitutional battles elsewhere at the time. The speakers were content in general to concentrate on the relation of Egyptian actions to International Law. The motion was proposed by Nick Medawar, B.A., and seconded by J. Kirwan, and opposed by J. Cole (Sch.), B.A., whose seconder was W. B. Cumming. The motion was defeated when put to the house, and the Chairman, F. E. Dowrick, M.A., summed up.

Successful Italian Group Meeting

A meeting of the Italian group was held last Friday. Dr. Gaidoni gave an

informative and interesting talk on the subject of "The Arts in Dante's Italy," dealing in turn with painting, sculpture and architecture created during the poet's life-time, as well as with older examples mentioned in his writings. The talk was amply illustrated with colour slides ranging from castles to close-ups of murals. An attendance of fourteen was very encouraging for so small a school as the Italian one.

Photographic Exhibition

The Photographic Association, which was founded eight years ago, is preparing for its annual exhibition, which is expected to be both larger and of a higher standard than in previous years. While there will be a large and varied entry of colour photographs this year, the black and white sections promise to be both interesting and original, while a stand devoted to work by members of the Photographic Society of Ireland will provide a high standard for comparison. The exhibition will be held in Regent House from November 28th to December 5th. There is to be an interesting departure from tradition this year in that admission will be free.

It is hoped to hold another exhibition during An Tóstal next year, and D.U.P.A. is sending invitations to join in this to universities all over the world. If enough support is received, we can look forward to seeing an international students' exhibition of a very high standard.

History and Law Societies Inter-Debate

The two Societies debated the motion, "That this house considers that the House of Lords died in 1911," on Tuesday. The Auditor of the History Society proposed the motion in a speech which was mainly historical description and did little to prove his case. Mr. Knight of the Law Society spoke admirably and covered a wide field. Mr. Calvert had little of importance to offer, and Mr. Sides, the second speaker for the opposition, said that the House of Lords died in 1460. The discussion from the floor was interesting, and Dr. Chubb summed up the meeting in an excellent speech, in which he considered the House of Lords before 1911 as the relic of an oligarchic age. He thought the present House of Lords an admirable form of upper house.

Religious Tolerance at the Theo

On Monday, Mr. Vernon S. Young read his paper on "The Necessity for Religious Tolerance" to the Theo. The paper was extremely brief and the theology seemed loose and liberal, almost as broad as last week's paper was narrow.

Mr. James T. Miller, a member of the Methodist Church in the U.S.A., treated us to his ideas on the subject, and at least defined tolerance for his hearers.

Mr. Kevan R. Johnson in his usual lively way spoke in support of the paper for some time, but one was left wondering afterwards what he had said, or if he had said anything.

College Observed

28 Shopping Days to Christmas

THIS has been a term of minor innovations—a new scarf, new writing paper, a new Handbook, a new President of the S.R.C., and now new Christmas cards. Produced by the publishers of Trinity Handbook, there are two kinds, a view of Parliament Square, and an interior view of Chapel; to date sales have been heavy, and they tell me a third variety may be produced. A warm sepioid in colour they are a pleasant contrast to the cards on sale elsewhere in Trinity, and fourpence seems a very reasonable price. One advantage about the cards is that the publishers have resisted the temptation of including poor verse in heavy Gothic type, and have given us a simple greeting instead. I have only one complaint, it would have been neater if some of the credits were on the back rather than on the inside of the card.

Handbook Finances

IN an article in a certain undistinguished contemporary, the connection between "Trinity News" and Trinity Handbook is questioned. "Eamon" wants to know if the profit earned is to be used for purposes other than improving the Handbook? Although the two editors, Bambos David and John Hautz, are closely connected with "Trinity News," the two ventures are, and will remain, separate. The editors are two of the more active undergraduates in College, and they are also closely connected with the Phil., the Association for International Affairs, and the Commerce and Economics Society amongst other societies; they are even Council members of the S.R.C. Perhaps they are going to finance them, too? Rest assured, "Eamon," next year Handbook will benefit from any profits made this year.

Dismal Dinners

ONE of the most obvious signs of the increased number of Junior Freshmen is the fact that it is now impossible to get on Buffet at any time between twelve and quarter to two without a lengthy period of queuing. Even when one gets in, one wonders if the fight was worthwhile. Continual shortages of trays, cutlery, vegetables or meat prolong the process of dining still further. The food is dull and unattractive, and although still relatively cheap, prices have been rising, and this, allied with the other inconveniences, make Buffet a not very attractive proposition. Little wonder that most Sophisters seek nourishment elsewhere. The whole system needs reorganising. A better layout in the hall, an increased supply of trays and cutlery, and a more imaginative and varied menu would either speed things up or at least make Buffet worth waiting for. The only note of hope so far is the news that some time in the next decade there will be the exotic addition of a chip machine.

No Comment

THINGS have been almost unnaturally quiet at night in College recently. With the exception of certain young ladies who have been observed leaving the Bay at late hours, nothing unusual is to be seen or heard. Perhaps the stocks of explosive are exhausted; certainly they were used with a reckless extravagance earlier in the term, or perhaps the continual presence of Dr. McDowell is having its effect. He is even reported to have caught and fined the Chairman of the Christian Union for throwing fireworks. One of our reporters, by the way, called on the Junior Dean the other day and asked if he would like to give us an interview on being a J.D.: for once Dr. McDowell was silent.

New Blood

ALMOST unnoticed, the regulations concerning the new levy have crept into the Calendar. From next year on we must all pay an extra £5 with our fees. This money will be divided among the various societies and clubs, and will, it is hoped, greatly improve facilities. Most societies report increased new membership this term, and since these Freshmen will form a large part of next year's officers and committee members, and will have to shoulder much of the work and responsibility that the levy will involve, let us hope more interest will be taken by senior members in developing new talent than has been the case up to now.

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These words of Shakespeare's flash through my mind when I observe the strange antics of the College male entering the harem of the sacred ones.

There are, I notice, several methods of approach to this problem. There is the "I've-been-here-before" type who strolls in—hands deep in pockets—who eyes the potato crisps superciliously, chooses a doughnut and tosses it on to his plate with lofty disdain. He then swaggers into the inner room, trips over a small stool (damn! he'd forgotten about those), but continues with outward calm and sang-froid to his table—now the possessor of one dusty doughnut.

Again there is the "just-blew-in-with-the-wind" type, who, having selected his victuals, charges into the inner sanctuary clutching his plate as if it were a lethal weapon, and looking as if he were about to snarl: "Say folks, dis issa hold-up!"—a sentiment which does not do credit to his academic (legal?) aspirations!

Then, of course, there is the love couple in the corner sipping coffee and talking in hushed whispers. You know perfectly well the female half has had a mental toss-up between slinking down Grafton Street with boy-friends in tow and possibly meeting a few friends—or sailing loftily into Number Six and impressing a few enemies.

Finally, my attention is drawn to the laboured entrance of the Bog-men. They are potato-crisp fans, and lean over their table in the attitude of those suffering from acute indigestion. They mutter into their cups and talk in loving tones of one who has departed, and who, even now, is labouring under Germanic instead of Celtic contamination!

"But, heavens! Look at the time, it's almost four o'clock—Coffee in Number Six? Oh thank you, John!"

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Rocks and Rolls

Barry Simmonds, popular Natural Scientist, celebrated his coming of age at the Shelbourne last week; although the party was attended mainly by geologists, a few bacteriologists also came, with attendant parasites, of course. Thomson Martin, a rival to R. B. McD., prattled away most of the evening, between cocktail sausages, to Mary Fox, while Chris. (I gotta haircut) Moriarty jived with Alison Budd. Marguerite Yin, like Cinderella, disappeared at midnight; her brief visit vastly amused Eddie Glanville. Chris. Sides, in "hist." tails, chatted and danced nonchalantly with all, including Ned Darling, now a confirmed Belfastman. Professor Gill, the doyen of the party, gave a special showing of his athletic calves, even Mike (Who is this man Proctor?) Philcox wilted at the competition. Little man Jadeja shared a sarong with Germaine, to save having his shirts washed, he explained; while Allan Abraham shared Daphne Eadie with no one. Atkins watched.

Up the Airy Mountain

We blew into Matt. Smith's the other night, out at Stepaside. John Bell and Ann Kelly, two of the nicest turtle-doves we know, were cooing together as usual. Rosemary Brown was there with Mick Mahood, while Maeve Maguire, all alone, sat staring into the fire; maybe she was short of Cole? Bambos, Ioanna P. and Giovanna, that happy international threesome, arrived, and scattered gloom on all sides by refusing to divulge where any parties were. Denis Pack Beresford made a

short reappearance, apparently having been editor of "T.C.D." did not stand him in good stead with Kemsley papers, and he is now working in a factory, packing ladies' underwear. A dire warning for all who aspire to journalistic heights through that particular organ of misinformation.

Sherry Ripe

The sherry party held to celebrate the opening of the Exhibition on Education in Regent House was very well attended, and even the formidable presence of Dr. McDowell did not keep out the gate-crashers. The sherry flowed freely, and who could resist taking a glass from such charming servers as Ioanna Patamidis, Giovanna Tomacelli, Minu Naimi and Danae Stanford? No one apparently, which is why, at the end, instead of people going round the exhibition, the exhibition was going round the people. Everyone wanted to be introduced to Minu, Persia's gift to Trinity. She met Billy Porter at least three times before he stumbled out with Deirdre Mooney. Phil. Wall Morris looked interested in the pictures, and a Sides seemed to be hidden behind every stand. The Chairman of "Trinity News" found several extra bottles of sherry, which the Chairman of International Affairs had carefully hidden, much to the delight of Duncan Forson and Albert "dig that crazy moustache" Talalla.

Thought for the Week

Even Nick Westby can look intelligent with the right sort of light behind him.

Iza Watchen.

HORRORSCOPE

Mk. II

Read any good palms lately? In response to tumultuous demands (one scruffy, unstamped post-card), we publish a further selection of what the stars foretell. These predictions are authentic, the reader is warned.

Dr. R. B. McDowell

"Be a listener rather than a talker for the time being."—"Woman's Life."

Andrew Bonar Law

"You will soon be ascending to great heights." — Weighing machine ticket picked up in Woolworth's.

Chairman of "T.C.D."

"A busy week, but not a profitable one."—"Woman's Own."

President of the S.R.C.

"Initial opposition likely in work."—"News of the World."

Miss Frances-Jane French

"If you are in the employ of a big combine, expect promotion soon."—"Woman's Own."

Junior Freshwoman

"A male's gesture will be significant."—"Woman."

Noel Harkness (ex-President, S.R.C.)

"If you have to face any troubles this week, they'll be of your own making."—"Marilyn."

Brian Jadeja and Germaine

"Money matters won't be too bright, but you'll have a lot of fun and happiness."—"Woman's Own."

Women in the Reading Room

"They become inhibited in drab surroundings."—"She."

Dr. W. B. Stanford

"Your favourite colour is blue."—"News of the World."

Marco Tomacelli

"The teenager will have an exciting week."—"People."

Vacation Work—Xmas, 1955

There is no shortage of casual labour in Ireland, especially since the import levies, imposed earlier in the year, have taken their toll of the Irish economy. Unemployment figures are up considerably and now total 50,000. This means that one of the favourite student occupations—"The Post"—will offer few opportunities this year. For those undaunted by pessimism, the rule is to register at an Employment Exchange which will then forward your name to Post and Telegraphs "in due course." In this context, the phrase means when there are no more suitable recipients of the dole who can be recommended temporary postmen. When undergraduates are employed they are normally put on to sorting and those with previous experience are preferred. (How you gain previous experience in this vicious circle is not clear.) Work lasts for 10-14 days, during which you can earn upwards of £10.

The most likely vacation employers at Christmas time are those who benefit from the mad rush to buy, i.e., the retail stores. They recruit early, prefer women to men, seldom advertise but nevertheless find the extra staff they need. A few well-chosen calls (in black dress or dark lounge suit) may pay dividends. The larger stores are primary targets, but students have found work in the smaller shops. Pay is not good.

Finally, there is always the despairing parent anxious to keep rebellious children amused, or have backward offsprings crammed during the holidays. Such parents often turn to the University to provide "tutors." Pay is reasonable, the job tolerable if you like living in large isolated houses at the mercy of the young.

In short, vacation work through "regular" channels is unlikely, but if you keep eyes and ears open, seek employment rather than wait for it to come to you, and use all your friends unmercifully, you may be lucky.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,—As an innocent medical student unversed in these matters, I was completely shattered by the behaviour of the officers at the S.R.C. meeting last Friday. I wish to offer my congratulations to Mr. Noel Harkness on his outstanding example of dictatorial conduct. It is a pity that his undoubted ability should be confined to so small a stage; and I feel he would be better appreciated in Poland or Hungary. Here, we prefer a less spectacular, if perhaps a more old-fashioned, procedure. —Yours, etc., **Vernon Keely.**
12 Trinity College. 18/11/1956.

Dear Sir,—As a newly-elected member, I would like to make public my disapproval of the "Chairman's" conduct at last Friday's meeting of the S.R.C. Mr. Harkness opened the meeting, and in reply to a privileged motion proposed by Mr. Barton, ruled that it was out of order, deceitfully declaring that, under the constitution, seven days' notice had to be given of such a motion. A motion to have the relevant section of the constitution read was ruled out of order. Then, a few minutes later, Harkness took the opportunity of a lull to launch, from the chair, a vicious and unwarranted personal attack on a Council member. A vote of censure on the chair for this speech, proposed by myself and seconded with acclaim by the floor of the house, was ruled out of order. Shouts of "out, out, out" had no effect on the comparatively deaf Mr. Harkness, who throughout had conducted himself in a dictatorial and partial manner.

Now we must consider what should be done, and while the quasi-elected officers, especially the chairman, will, if they have any democratic feeling, realise that they have been hustled to power against the wishes of the meeting, their natural disinclination to resign must be overcome.—Yours, etc., **Neville Howard-Avison.**
37 Trinity College. 19/11/1956.

Dear Sir—In the whole of my three years of activity in College societies I have never attended a meeting such as that recently held by the S.R.C. At the beginning of the proceedings I attempted to bring in a privileged motion authorised by what I supposed to be the constitution in force and of which a copy had been given to me as such by a member of the executive. Mr. Noel Harkness, B.A., failed LL.B., insisted on ruling it out of order and invoked a ruling, which he could not produce, to the effect that the constitution was suspended. I am a legal scientist, and according to my understanding of legal procedure, no body can function if its constitution be suspended. Thus the working of the S.R.C. is without legal justification until the constitution is re-introduced.—Yours, etc., **Heather E. Colhoun.**
6 Trinity College. 19/11/1956.

ROUND AND ABOUT

News from Cambridge

Freshmen were invited to a meeting in the fourth court of Christ's College, Cambridge, early one morning. A large number of Freshmen assembled, only to discover that the fourth court was a euphemism for an institution which corresponds to our No. 4. They returned to their beds having learnt a little about 16th century sanitary fittings.

"Doctor at Large" in University

University College, London, became a film set for several days when J. Arthur Rank moved in to film scenes from Dirk Bogarde's latest film, "Doctor at Large." The Front Quad was over-run by camera men, technicians, stars and the usual crowds of bobby-soxer autograph hunters. The most surprising incident was the arrival of two elephants, who rivalled even James Robertson Justice in attracting attention.

Cambridge has a Ripping Time

Cambridge authorities have decreed that students may no longer wear torn gowns. If the Proctors find anybody breaking the new law they rip up his gown on the spot and fine him 6/8. Let us hope that this ruling never comes to Trinity—Front Square would be knee-deep in rags, and some of the staff would be as hard hit as the students.

Plagiarism in College Newspapers

Manchester, Exeter and University College, London, newspapers have all published almost the same comic "Letter from a Freshwoman to her mother." Each of the three letters includes: "There are some very nice boys and they are all very gentlemanly, so I don't know who told Mrs. Smith any different . . . The lecturers are all very helpful and have told me not to hesitate to go and see them privately if there is ever anything I do not understand . . . There was a man at a party who gave me some beer, and I didn't want it at first until he told me it had been watered down . . . I think I must have caught a chill or something, because I have a bad headache and my stomach is a bit upset." Each newspaper presents this letter as an original composition by its own staff!

Yakkity Yak

During an appeal for N.U.S. Hostel Fund, Bristol University students tied a donkey to a stand in the centre of the city and talked continuously to it for days and nights. The idea was to make its hind legs fall off. They should have got Dr. McDowell over.

Punishment Fit the Crime

Have you ever wanted to become a bus driver? In Mexico when a student was run down by a bus and the company refused to pay compensation, his friends seized several of the company's buses and would not return them till the money was handed over.

High Kicker

We hear with pleasure that an ex-chorus girl has gone to Manchester University. This is rather the reverse procedure to Trinity which has turned out several fine chorus girls in its time.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Singers gave us a pleasant rendering of Madrigals at their concert in the G.M.B. on Tuesday. Although they were not in their best voice, due, partly, no doubt, to the prevalence of the common cold, they still gave us a happy picture of the rustic world of Phyllis and Corydon, so beloved by Madrigal writers. Tony Tatlow, a good conductor, who obviously enjoys his work, was well supported by the choir, their harmony was good, but a little more life was needed for a really good performance. They gave us two sets of songs, thirteen Madrigals in all. The most successful, perhaps, was Farmer's "Fair Phyllis." Singers are presenting another lunch-hour concert on Friday, the 7th of December, and we hope they will be well supported as they have a very interesting programme of 15th century music.

Players' Progress

Players theatre is really buzzing with activity at the moment with two plays in rehearsal and another being primarily cast. On stage, Louis Lentin tries to control his seven children whilst rehearsing "The Enchanted," this term's major production, which with little over a week to curtain, seems well advanced on the road to success. In the tea room a newcomer, D. W. Allen, also experiences casting trouble with Rattigan's "Harlequinade." It should turn into an interesting Thursday production, whilst John Jay is making early preparation for "Blood Wedding," to be produced next term.

Innovation in Mod. Lang.

Dr. Casey, who joined the staff of the German School last year, went to Magee College, Derry, last week to give a lecture on "Rilke" to German students there.

Mr. T. Woodland, German lecturer at Magee, will come to Trinity at the end of this month to do the same. His subject will be "Ernst Jünger and Amiel." This sort of arrangement by which the same faculties in the different universities co-operate in bringing outside lecturers for their students is to be encouraged, and one hopes that the experiment this term will be successful.

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Rugby

MAGNIFICENT WIN

Trinity reach Peak Form

Trinity, 21; London Irish, 0.

A LARGE number of spectators saw Trinity give their best display of the season in beating a London Irish XV, that included four internationals, by three goals, a dropped goal and a try to nothing. This was the team's third successive victory. They have now struck top form and should start as favourites to win the colours match against U.C.D. next week.

The Irish selectors, who were present to watch the visitors for possible recruits for the international team, found themselves backing the wrong horse, for, with the exception of the set scrums where Roe's hooking was worthy of his reputation, Trinity were superior in almost every respect. Dick Fullerton gave another outstanding performance; this was not surprising for he has done so in every match this term. He has developed a style of play similar to that of the great New Zealand full-back, Scott—not the orthodox type that confines his activities to tackling, catching and touch-kicking, but one that is also ready to join up with the three-quarters or start an attacking movement. Connaught have already recognised his genius. Hubie O'Connor, the other Connaught player on the Trinity side, justified his selection by being perhaps the outstanding forward on the field. His display, plus the great work of Graham Taylor and Peter Dowse, and the ability of the whole pack to back up their men at all times, more than offset their opponents' superiority in the set scrums.

The "Irish" had a chance of scoring in the first minute when they were awarded a penalty five yards inside the Trinity half, but Murphy's kick was slightly wide. Again they nearly scored when Griffith broke through, but Fullerton just managed to bring him down. Trinity then began to attack and once Fitzsimon was within two yards of the line before being tackled. Smyth put Trinity ahead with a brilliant try—with eel-like wriggles he eluded four men and touched down not far from the right-hand post. Fullerton converted. This was the only score before half-time.

In the early stages of the second half Moss failed by a few inches to score a try for the London Irish. This was the only time in the second-half that they were near the Trinity line. Their out-half realised the fact that his three-quarters could not get past the Trinity backs, whose tackling, especially that of Fitzsimon, was perfect, and changed his tactics; he kicked ahead instead of passing, but there was still no score. In the last twenty minutes Trinity went on a scoring spree and got 16 more points. Fullerton dropped a fine goal just after Smyth failed in a similar attempt. The most spectacular try came from Fitzsimon. Receiving the ball after an exchange of passes between Mostert, Fullerton and Smyth, he ran some 40 yards to touch down under the posts, then Reid-Smith added another good try, both of these were converted by Fullerton. The latter completed the

scoring and a great afternoon's work by going over the line himself, but failed to convert from a wide angle. At last the first XV are beginning to play like a team, and the match with U.C.D. should be extremely exciting.

TRINITY 2nd v. WANDERERS

Lost, 11 pts-20 pts.

In perfect conditions, Trinity played Wanderers at Lansdowne Road on Saturday. This was the third meeting the teams have had in five weeks and was the "decider" of the series, each having won one game. Wanderers played a fast, open game and had a lot of the ball, so Trinity spent most of the time in defence, with Bullick and McQuade prominent. In the line-outs, Browne and Saville did some useful work, but the ball came back too slowly for Kirwan and Jackson to do much with it. Trinity's only try came when Rogers kicked ahead for De Wet to pick up and score under the posts. Beatty added the points and he also kicked two penalty goals.

Soccer

Close Match with Bangor

Trinity, 4; Bangor, 6.

THE Bangor University Soccer XI, having beaten U.C.D., completed their successful Irish tour with a 6-4 win over Trinity. The final whistle must have brought great relief to the winners, for the Trinity team, in an amazing second half recovery, seemed determined to wipe out the five goal lead that their opponents built up in less than thirty minutes in the first half.

As in previous games, the Trinity defence took a long time before settling down, and their hesitant tackling made the Bangor forwards look more dangerous than they really were. A quick succession of goals, with three by Crossley and two by Randall, put Bangor comfortably in the lead at half-time. However, our forwards at times looked like scoring, although Elder and David were off form. Prole tested Bangor's goalkeeper with a fine header.

Immediately after the interval Trinity attacked, just failing to get a goal. When Stewart was injured and moved to the left wing, O'Connor played at centre-half, where he gave a magnificent performance. Inspired by the defence's improvement, the forwards replied with a goal by Drewery. After Crossley scored their sixth goal, Bangor were always on the defensive. Both Trinity's defence and attack were playing better

Hockey

FIRST LEAGUE DEFEAT

Forwards Disappointing

Three Rock Rovers, 2; Dublin University, 0.

TRINITY lost their unbeaten record in a very close and exciting match on Saturday. They now share second place in the League with Pembroke Wanderers, and are two points behind Portrane, but as they still have two matches in hand, League prospects are bright.

Saturday's game was dominated by the defence, and there was no score until ten minutes from full time. Trinity nearly scored with a hard shot from Fitzsimon off a short corner, but it was stopped by a Rover defender who was in fact in goal; the ball rebounded from his thigh, and was scrambled clear. Soon after this, Haughton scored Rovers' first goal, from a shot which deceived goalkeeper Stewart. After this Trinity put everything they had into attack, and so the defence were out of position when Dowling scored Rovers' second goal two minutes later.

Although Trinity fought hard to the end, there was no hope of avoiding defeat at the hands of a team whose defence had a great game and which showed much better team work. Trinity's defence held out a dangerous forward line very well, slipping only in the last stages of the game, but Trinity's attack showed up poorly against a fine Rovers' defence.

Next Saturday the team leaves on a ten-day tour, during which they will play Guildford, the Royal Artillery, Oxford and London Universities, and Cambridge Wanderers—a very gruelling

series of matches. We hope that the team get back into form and have as successful a tour as last year.

The second XI followed up their defeat of League leaders Newtimes last Saturday with a win over Grangegorman.

D.U. Harriers

Clonliffe invitation road race was held on Saturday, November 17th, at Santry. The start was two miles along the Belfast road from Santry, the finish at Santry. The Trinity contingent was disappointingly small, though it was not a team race and, therefore, not essential to have a complete team. Out of a field of eighty-two, J. McCaughey did well to finish 27th. Baine, McCoy and Johnston all ran hard to secure positions further down the field. The distance was short for a cross-country runner, but excellent training for increasing his speed.

On Saturday, the Harriers race against Donore and Clonliffe over the six-mile Phoenix Park course. Donore have a strong team, but Clonliffe should not prove very difficult. Any club member not selected to run in the ten-man team, to be posted later this week, is asked to turn out as marker.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,—I should be grateful if you would allow me space to seek help from undergraduates who are interested in Philately for a project which the Dublin Rotary Club has started.

The Dublin Rotary Club is trying to raise money for the Rotary Foundation Fellowship Fund and to help students, particularly those from overseas, who by unforeseen circumstances, are unable to complete their degree courses at Irish universities. I would add that the Fellowships awarded by the Rotary Fund are available to graduates in all subjects and several Trinity men and women have been short-listed for them.

The Dublin Rotary Club has asked clubs all over the world to send them stamps, which they will sort, clean and then offer for sale. The task of cleaning and then classifying these stamps requires people with an interest in, and a knowledge of, philately. The Philatelic Societies in the city have already offered their help and one or two students from Trinity are also co-operating.

If any of your readers feel that they would like to help in this worthwhile task, perhaps they would get in touch with me at No. 5 College.—Yours faithfully,

J. K. Hudson, Appointments Officer.

GOSSIP with the Groundsman

Chilean Cup Prospects

Trinity's ladies' 1st XI match on Saturday was cancelled owing to the meeting of the Irish Ladies' Hockey Union. It was unfortunate that Trinity were unable to arrange for much-needed match practice, especially as the Chilean (Inter-Universities) Cup is now only ten days away. For this, Trinity have a bye in the first round and should meet Cork or College of Surgeons in the second, with every chance of winning. Against Queen's, who are expected to reach the final on the other side of the draw, Trinity's chances are much slimmer, even though Thelma Hopkins will not be playing. With more intensive training and greater determination, Trinity could win, but there seems little likelihood of them obtaining the former. In contrast, Queen's are very fit and have a tradition of being very difficult to beat in cup matches. Trinity will have to hit peak form to win.

Trinity Players Honoured

Hubie O'Connor and Dick Fullerton were both selected to represent their province, Connaught, in the inter-provincial rugby match with Ulster.

A. Stewart, J. H. F. Campbell, R. B. Fitzsimons and D. Judge, all members of the men's 1st hockey XI, have been selected to play in the Leinster trials match on Saturday.

On Tuesday, V. Keely was also selected to play in this match.

Swimming Club

The club at the moment is in a transition period, five water polo players having been lost from last year's very successful team. This leaves only some four players of Senior League standard, and new members have yet to learn the game. But several of the newcomers are strong swimmers and should turn into good players.

On December 1st, there will be a triangular "Freshers'" swimming match between Trinity, Queen's and U.C.D. at the Iveagh Baths, followed by a water polo match between Trinity and U.C.D. D.U.S.C. will have a strong team, including M. O'Brien-Kelly, B. Pielka and J. Sharpe. Let's hope more Trinity people will turn up to support the team, as usually U.C.D. are the only university with any strong support.

On Thursday, November 22nd, the 1st water polo team play Otter S.C. in a league match.

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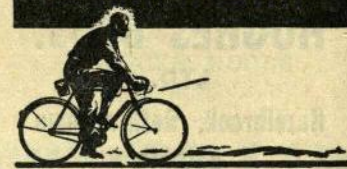
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