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FOUR MONTHS BEHIND Library Schedule Late

As a result of last year's strike by building workers in Dublin, followed by the strike of builders' providers, the building programme for the new Library extension is four months behind schedule. The strikes completely paralysed work on the site from the middle of July until November, and their effects were felt up to Christmas. Many men, in particular skilled workmen such as carpenters and bricklayers, went to work in England during the strike, and when work re-commenced in Dublin they did not return. The resulting shortage of skilled labour is still retarding construction, and tradesmen are able to impose their own terms on the contracting companies.

It became necessary for Cramptons, the contractors who are building the new library, to have the contract extended for another four months. The library was to have been completed by August 19th, 1966, though Cramptons hoped to have work finished by mid-July. Now the contract has been extended to December, 1966, and the builders are still hoping to finish at least a month before this date.

Thanks to the relatively mild weather so far this winter, some of the leeway has been made up, and the engineers in charge of the project are optimistic. As the days grow longer the men will be able to work overtime, so the next four months will prove a critical period. If the weather remains fine and there are no further labour disputes, the delay caused by the strikes should be reduced considerably and the contract completed well within the new limit.

There is a wonderful air of busy efficiency about the site control office. A multi-coloured graph indicating the work to be done each week and the progress already made covers one wall. Plans and drawing instruments litter the benches, and the optimism of all those in charge of the project becomes quite

understandable. Foremen come in for instructions, engineers talk into telephones and surveyors survey the work in hand through semi-opaque cement-dusted windows. And over all the yellow Liebherr giraffe tilts its blocks and moves up and down on (or off) its little railway track. Such is the pattern of modern library extension construction.

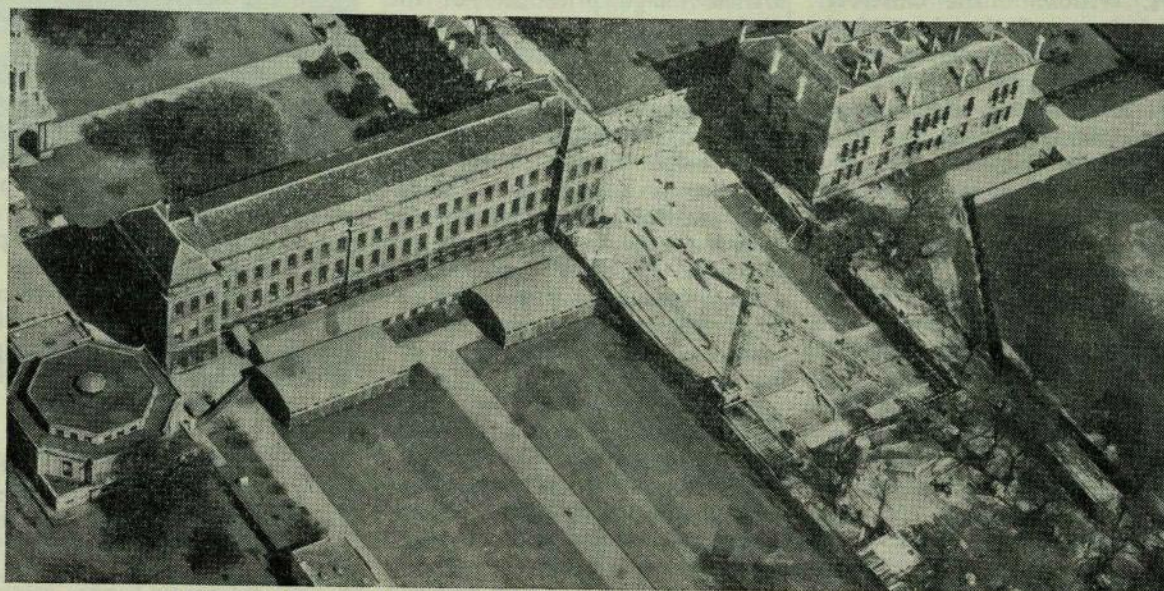
New Biochemistry Block

Work begins on March 1st on the new Bio-Chemistry block to be erected on the Parade Ground. It is expected to be completed by the end of July, 1966, at an estimated cost of nearly £170,000.

The building is the result of some years of thought and hard effort on the part of Professor Spencer, who actually worked with the architect on the design. He told "Trinity News" that ever since he arrived in Trinity he has been attempting to raise enough money for this project. Even when sufficient funds had been raised recently the building costs had risen so astronomically that had the Wellcome Trust not provided an extra £35,000 last month (their contribution totals in all nearly £120,000), the building plan would still be in the balance.

When completed, the four-storey block will house teaching accommodation, a Bio-Chemistry research library, a research laboratory and an animal house on the top floor. Professor Spencer has skilfully managed to combine all the grants for specific objects (such as £15,000 from the Wellcome Trust for the animal house only) into one functional building. It should do much to improve the facilities of both the teaching and research staff in Bio-Chemistry, and will also go a long way towards tidying up the present architectural mess at that end of the College.

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RECOGNISE IT?—The embryo of the New Library taken from the air.

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CARS IN COLLEGE Congestion Ahead

There has been growing concern by the authorities about the increase of cars parked in College. A special committee has been looking into this problem and will soon be making its proposals known to the Board. What these proposals are is unclear, but certainly they will affect Trinity on a short and long term basis.

The immediate problem is to be tackled probably with a new set of regulations to be issued this year; yet it seems unlikely that they will affect those precious few students who have parking permits. Steps are also being taken to find alternative parking space for that lost (about 70 cars) when work begins on the Parade Ground for the new Bio-Chemistry block.

On a long-term basis, this committee is looking ahead as far as the 1980's. Professor Chubb told "Trinity News" that other Universities were already providing parking space for over half the undergraduates, and despite the sheer lack of space in Trinity's 35 acres, something would have to be done. He said that the committee were considering all sorts of plans, which included the proposals for overhead and underground parking, but no information on their decisions could be disclosed before their report went before the Board.

Meanwhile, there are moves to restrict visitor parking and to clear up the unsightly mess in Front Square at lunch-time and in the evenings, when the noise of traffic is offensive.

It looks as if "Buchanan" is the watchword and not a moment too late.

Galway Galore!

annual inter-varsity soccer trophy which this year is being held in Galway, has reached the headlines prematurely. The "Sunday Express" reported that nine leading hotels had "other commitments" when the U.C.G. soccer officials approached them about the problem of accommodation for the five visiting teams for this week-end. When it was pursued further it was found that they objected to university teams following drunken scenes after the Sigerson (Gaelic games) Cup held in Galway two years ago. Rick Wormell, the Trinity skipper, was able to inform "Trinity News" that the team had found a "suitable" hotel for their short duration. His interpretation of the word "suitable" meant that the hotel was licensed!

Trinity's Top Ten

A Bluesville record, "This Sporting Life," has become the first Irish-made record to enter the American hit parade. Two members of the Bluesville group, Ian Whitcombe and Peter Adler, are in College. In this record Whitcombe sings and plays the piano, while Adler plays the organ. The recording was made at the Eamonn Andrews' studio in Dublin, and is being circulated by EMI in Europe and by Capitol Records Inc. in America. This song started its rise to fame by being voted a hit on "Pick of the Pops" on Telefís Eireann.

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WOMEN

Women are again in the lime-light. Alongside this article we reveal the secrets of the columnist Katharine Whitehorn, and her paper, "The Observer," last Sunday, revealed the secrets of life at No. 10 Downing Street by Mrs. Wilson. "The Observer" reminds us of the days of the suffragettes in its colour supplement, and here in College the Phil reminded us that it too is emancipating women by, firstly, as our advert. shows, having a woman read a paper to-night, and, secondly, by throwing the issue of full membership open at a meeting later this term. Only the Hist remains aloof from this general forward movement. This Society, which has just won the "Irish Times" debating competition semi-final, suffers from some in-bred belief that it will retain its position of influence by maintaining its anachronistic and traditional constitution. It ought to think, not in terms of its glorious past but its place in College in the future. Despite its recent success it will be heading for an unspectacular decline—if the decline has not already started—unless it changes its values as society has done in the last twenty years. If it does not change it risks becoming a curiosity piece which Time has overlooked.

Katharine Whitehorn

Photos by Tom Chance

The "high priestess" of the Sunday papers, Katherine Whitehorn, entertained us at her altar with tea on Sunday. Her charm and vivacity overflowed into the heavy after-lunch atmosphere of the Shelbourne lounge like lighting-time on a foggy day. The unapproachable photograph and the austere head-line of her column in "The Observer" is belied by this sympathetic woman, who was as interested to know about us as we were about her.

She is fascinated by youth, which she regards as a race apart to be explored: "Youth can't understand how utterly baffled old people are by them. What I want to do is find out what youth is up to, that's why I visit more youth organisations than women's luncheon clubs in hats." She agreed that the publicity given to the activities of young people was simply because the newspapers couldn't find other news stories. Clacton was a case in point: "The only moral it showed was how boring seaside resorts are on Sundays."

On the subject of her writing, she said that she had no further literary aspirations: "This is my ideal life." She had no compulsion to write at school or at Cambridge except for one or two articles in "Varsity," and several for literary magazines with one-term life-cycles. Instead she succumbed to the great temptation when the proportions of men to women are seven to one, of doing the minimum possible work: "I was terrifically happy at Cambridge, but I wish there had been more discipline."

Once on "The Observer" she graduated from Fashion Editor to having her own column. There are three stages in the composition of the latter. First is the gestation period when she broods over and discusses with her friends the topic she will write about. On Wednesday mornings she writes the article. What she regards as essential is the Thursday morning polishing of "the turgid lumps of prose which are the results of a woman writer who can't stop talking." This is when she inserts all her slang and the crystalline phrases which are characteristic of her wit: "In what other age could you make love to music unless you had a blind violinist as friend?" If she doesn't have time to do this and sends in her article unpolished it is "rank bad." She is firm about not making her prose over-grammatical. She aims at colloquialism: "I try to express what everyone else is thinking." She is glad to be writing on broader topics than fashion because "writing on women's subjects is held in such low repute, yet it is difficult to get an editor to realise that half what he includes in his paper is uninteresting to women."

She is essentially a humanitarian. "The welfare state is the best thing we have done in years, yet we are just letting it die. I got a letter from a widow last week who told me she was actually hungry. The re-appearance of primary poverty in England is appalling." She voted Labour because Wilson was going to invest more money in Social Services—"that's why I'm keeping my fingers crossed for Wilson's government." The basic trouble, she feels, is the allocation of funds. "How many local councils will put up a new lamp-post because it shows, rather than pay the school teacher more?" The most depressing thing is that "battles will never stay fought." Progress is not permanent: you expend an enormous amount of energy in creating something and you must spend exactly the same amount in preserving it, which is rarely done. "It's like trying to build sand-castles on too dry sand."

On education, she and her husband, Gavin Lyall, have fixed prejudices: "I hated my boarding school—he loved his day-school. I'll only let you mention that I went to Roedean if you say that I ran away. No, it wasn't a glamorous elopement. Five days before the end of one term I got

on a bicycle and pedalled home." Two flat tyres and many miles later she was greeted by the wrath of her schoolmaster father. The next term, after a session with a Child Guidance Clinic, she was at a new school.

Her main objection to girls' boarding schools is that the team spirit and stiff upper lip attitude teaches them to despise weakness, when one of the main functions of a woman is to provide sympathy. "Girls should be women and not imitation men." In the home environment they can learn to be women naturally. She was brought up with the idea that women found themselves a job and got married once ensconced in it. Now women are getting married much younger and she wonders whether this is because they are emotionally mature sooner, financially able to marry younger, or simply have nothing better to do. This creates the problem of their having grown-up children at about the age of 40—"do we then retain them, or are their lives useless?"

"Journalism is like entering an egg-whisk—you are involved in every way." If you enter a profession like this you tend to be on one level with people financially and on another socially—you can't slide into one slot. Journalism is a classless profession. Industrial correspondents have pre-stained mags for interviewing labourers, and dark suits for the city. The only criterion is merit: "You can't put an OE tie at the top of an article."

She has an avid curiosity for all sections of society—"the opposite corner of Peter Jones with their nannies," poverty stricken widows and the young people of to-day. But the quintessence of our impression was when she told us she had rung up her mother in England to find out how her baby was without her and was told that he had stood up for the first time: "I was so sad not to have been there." Katherine Whitehorn—first mother, second journalist.



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A cold look at past and present facts reveals scant cause for Trinity optimism; we have never succeeded in about twelve years of the competition and have reached the final once in the last four years; that was three years ago when 3-1 advantage over Queen's was cruelly converted into a 4-3 deficit in the last twelve minutes. The Trinity team plays in a lower class of football than Queen's or U.C.D., and the level of achievement in Trinity sport in general would not suggest much likelihood of a surprise.

That is the dark side of the picture, but this is cup football where, as the F.A. Cup shows us annually, nothing can ever be taken for granted. There is plenty of football ability in the Trinity side and it will not be beaten by lack of fitness; cohesion is the key element that must be present when the team faces either Queen's or U.C.D. tomorrow. Understanding between forwards and defenders, and between the player with the ball and those off it, has been conspicuous by its absence on some occasions this season. This fault can only be cured by close marking of opponents, intelligent calling, and unselfish acceptance of the part each individual must play in the whole.

Conditions in Galway are more than likely to be heavy, which would call for considerable adaptation of the short-passing game favoured by our forwards, and even more emphasis on tight defence covering, which often seems to grow more lax as a game progresses. However, heavy conditions will handicap the style of Queen's and U.C.D., while possibly favouring Cork and

Galway who are in the opposite half of the draw from Trinity. Galway should know the conditions, and Cork are accustomed to extremely heavy pitches, like the one on which their crude but effective methods suited the situation perfectly when defeating Trinity 3-1 in Cork last term.

Little definite information is available about Queen's, but they seem to be having a very successful season and will surely start favourites to retain the cup. Their first opponents, U.C.D., seem to have had mixed fortunes and a changing team over much of the season, but they are redoubtable fighters and should provide a very stern test for Queen's this afternoon. A fresh Trinity team will face the winners of this tussle to-morrow, and with nothing to lose will be all out to reach the final. It seems likely that Cork will emerge from the other half of the draw and if Trinity get this far they must stand a very good chance of recording their first victory.

The team is well aware of the size of its task to-morrow, though undaunted by it, and will revel in the position of underdog. If the spirit and belief in its ability to succeed is there on the day, then anything could happen.

As we go to press the composition of the side is uncertain. Wormell, however, has his hands full as both Pointer and Nolan are nursing injuries and he has to decide between Sowerby and Meldrum for the centre-forward spot. It is rumoured that if Pointer's injury prevents him playing (for the second consecutive year), Wormell may have to ask Markham, the Bohs' inside forward, to play for the side again.



Tim King.

HOCKEY

Mauritian Cup

By the time this report is read the Mauritian Cup will be two-thirds complete, but on all known form both Trinity and Queen's should defeat the holders, U.C.D. Thus the vital game, between Trinity and Queens, is still to come to-day.

What are the prospects for a Trinity win? Starting the season with six old Colours, one of whom has lost his place, the side has remained unchanged until last week. Two players, Budd on the left wing and Stiven at left-back, have emerged as full inter-provincial players, whilst McConnell, McNulty and Knight have played in the Under 23 side. Generally, the defence has been stronger than the attack. Form has been rather variable all the season, and though there is obviously considerable talent and potential in this side, it has not always been realised in good team displays. Too often the defence has been caught in possession, whilst the forwards at times have seemed quite unable to anticipate each other's reactions.

Despite these criticisms the side can play as well as any of its predecessors for years, as shown against Three Rock. In goal, Whiteside has been sound without reaching any great heights.

TRINITY UNLUCKY

TRINITY, 9 points; WANDERERS, 12 points

Fielding what was probably their strongest side this season, Trinity showed plenty of spirit and stamina against Wanderers and were somewhat unlucky to lose. All the visitors' points came from the boot of their very able full-back, King, and they were twelve points up with only ten minutes to go. Then Trinity's backs began to click, and, with the forwards lasting the pace well, Ray, Scott and Aubrey Bourke scored tries in a rousing finish.

It seems a little unfortunate that a side which runs in three tries should go down to one that can only manage penalty goals in reply. This state of affairs was made even more galling on Saturday since two of the scores resulted from penalties that seemed as questionable as some recent decisions in South Africa. (Surely Meates knocked on before Butterworth was penalised for a move that was in the best tradition of the Harlem Globetrotters?) However, Trinity had their share of kickable penalties and conversions and must have won if they had possessed even a moderately competent place-kicker. But though the record

book shows another defeat, this was in many respects an encouraging performance. The pack contained their experienced opponents in great fashion. Jones and Aubrey Bourke formed a powerful second row, Robinson showed plenty of fire, and "Monsieur" Buchanan got through an enormous amount of work.

Stafford-Clarke again showed that he is the most improved player in College and could only be faulted for a couple of indifferent reverse passes when Trinity were in good attacking positions. The main cause for optimism was the greater purpose and penetration showed by the backs, especially at out-half where Bob Read had a very sound game. He made several fine breaks, got his line going at high speed and formed a dangerous midfield triangle with Scott and Whitaker. Scott showed glimpses of his old form and added real thrust to the line. Whitaker looked very effective when breaking on the outside, but continues to overdo the inside break. This is all very well if you have the French forwards backing you up, Chris., but . . . !

Wanderers were a powerful side on paper, but in practice proved to be disappointing. They were well held forward, where Argyle gave nothing away to Dawson, and their backs were generally lacking in attacking ideas. Even so, this was a good performance by Trinity, and it does seem that that elusive victory is about to be achieved.

Golf

The Golf Club had a disappointing week-end, losing to Skerries and drawing at Baltray. On Saturday, only two out of eight matches were won. The consistent Stokes was successful once again, and D. Fleury had the distinction of holing out from 140 yards on his way to victory. The Skerries players played some sound golf on their testing nine-hole course, but there seemed to be little excuse for the poor Trinity results.

On Sunday a drawn match against a weak Baltray team was a little more encouraging.

Trinity play at Athlone on Sunday, against opposition drawn from various parts of Connaught. The necessary improvement will have to be marked.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Offices in No. 38?

There seems little doubt now that part of No. 38 will in the near future be converted into temporary office accommodation for one of the faculties. With the rapid expansion of nearly all the faculties (and the Geography department in particular), there is a considerable shortage of office space. Although this appears to be an encroachment on student accommodation, in fact when the Front Square improvements are completed, 44 more students will be housed there. In announcing this, the Agent told "Trinity News" that on the long-term basis more students would be able to have rooms in College than before the alterations were started. In No. 2, he went on, the first bathroom situated in the same building as students' rooms had been constructed, and similar arrangements were to be made for Nos. 3, 9 and 10.

Despite the piles of rubbish and spare cobbles still outside No. 6, work on the ladies' lavatories has nearly been completed, and they should be in use before March. All is being done to ensure that students' accommodation is improved as extensively and effectively as possible, while at the same time catering for the needs of the faculties which are feeling the pinch of an enormous increase in student population.

Students Help Children

During last week about 175 books have been distributed among the undergraduates and staff in order to collect for the "Save the Children Fund." This scheme, which raised £400 last year, has been remodelled to make it easier for both donor and collector. Instead of 6d. a month, each donor is asked to give 2/- per term and each collector is asked to collect from only 10 people, instead of last year's 20.

The "Save the Children Fund" has, though its sponsorship scheme, given the Refugee Committee the sole responsibility of helping two families (in Korea and Morocco) and two individual children (in Greece and the West Indies). Members of the Committee are in direct correspondence with the families to see that the money is being spent properly and to hear of the progress of the children.

It is hoped, therefore, that people will not regard their 2/- as irrelevant to the needs of the world but will feel that their contribution is doing a specific purpose and that tangible results will follow.

Hist in Final

On Friday in the G.M.B. a determined Hist team of David McConnell and Cian O'h Eigearthaigh won through to the finals of the "Irish Times" Debating

Competition. Mr. Bruce Arnold of the "Irish Times," announcing the decision of Judges Stanford and Burnnett, said that there was no hesitation in their choice; the Hist team had presented their case clearly and they had displayed better teamwork than their competitors.

The Philosophical Society of Cork were placed second. Their Auditor, Owen Lyons, made a lucid and flamboyant speech, but McConnell countered with an intelligent and closely reasoned argument on the motion that "Nationalism is a Danger to World Peace." Cian O'h Eigearthaigh closed the debate with a passionate oration calling on all Irish Nationalists to burn the recent White Paper on the Irish Language, "at all the crossroads of the nation."

The failure of one of the teams from U.C.D. to appear caused surprise and disappointment amongst Hist supporters. Although this team had closely beaten the Hist in an earlier round, it was commonly felt that on Friday night's performance they would not be able to repeat this. The Auditor of the Literary and Historical Society of U.C.D. on the following night refused to answer questions inquiring why that Society had "disgraced itself," but Larry O'Neill, one of the team, said later that they had received notification ten days ago but "the letter just wasn't opened."

The Hist team now joins five other teams in the final, from which one will be chosen to compete in the semi-finals of the "Observer" Mace Trophy.

History Congress

The Annual Congress of the Irish Universities' History Students' Association was held last week amid surroundings of late Victorian opulence at the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down. In their usual inimitable fashion the Ulster Transport Authority succeeded in conveying the impression that the establishment had seen better days. Nevertheless, the Slieve Donard provided the essentials for a successful congress, the Trinity delegates at any rate making full use of the playroom and swings as well as the various bars.

At Trinity's suggestion this year's Congress saw the introduction of informal seminars. Lounging in comfortable armchairs, Freshmen inhibitions vanished and many who might not have spoken otherwise threw out interesting and fruitful ideas. The unqualified success of the seminars leads one to hope that there will be more of them next year.

The papers were generally of a high standard, with George Amangala's contribution on the West African Slave Trade among the most objective and stimulating. One of the essential elements of a successful paper must be the discussion it provokes, and a vigorous exchange of views followed all the Congress papers.

The main purpose of a congress such as this is not simply the reading of formal purposes. These can be read in "Retrospect" beforehand anyway. Of primary importance is the informal exchange of ideas and views, whether it be in the hotel lobby, the bar, or even in the children's playroom.

Personal

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