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REPORT SLAMS LOW STANDARD

Ill prepared, very vague and badly organised

"There is acute dissatisfaction with the lecturing in accountancy." This sentence from the S.R.C. survey on the Business Study Department represents the first public criticism of Trinity lecturers. The report, released last week, is generally favourable towards the department, one of the most rapidly expanding in Trinity. Criticism is confined mainly to the standard of lecturing. Fifty per cent of the Senior Sophisters interviewed thought it was bad. Accountancy lectures in particular came in for intense criticism from all years.

The report quotes such descriptions as "ill prepared," "badly organised and presented," "lecturer vague and indifferent." This criticism is especially important, says the report, since all years think accountancy is the most valuable subject on their course.

Other criticisms to emerge: insufficient practical work in firms; under-use of modern teaching methods, especially visual aids; a lack of career advice, particularly in early years. There was, however, much favourable comment showing most were satisfied with their subject. Recent graduates maintain no other degree would have fitted their jobs so well.

The report was based on a questionnaire answered by 25%

of last year's graduates and by 25% current Business students. There is wide feeling that the idea should be extended to other departments. "Many of the results are, anyway, applicable throughout Trinity"; "It makes specific, feneral criticism within a department"; "Consumer reports always lead to a better product" were some enthusiastic comments. "It could start a witch hunt," remarked someone gloomily.

Thurley resigns, teaching post in Poland

Geoffrey Thurley has resigned from his position as Junior Lecturer in English. He is now working for the British Consulate in Poland teaching Russian and English literature.

In his two years in the English faculty Mr. Thurley became involved in virtually every controversy and was himself the subject of much disagreement. When it became known last year that Mr. Thurley was not to receive the customary third year promotion, many students felt strongly that Trinity had all but ordered one of its finest lecturers to resign.

As a lecturer Mr. Thurley showed a dogmatic involvement with his subject which many of his students found magnetic. As a figure in College life Thurley was particularly prominent last year in the attempt to release the 50th issue of "Icarus," which had been confiscated by College authorities.

This year Mr. Thurley married Wendy Felthorn, a student at T.C.D.



The "Trinity News" Miss Fresher competition attracted over 400 first years to the Freshers' Ball last Saturday. A sharp-eyed porter on the door sorted out the would-be S.F. crashers. Amazingly, however, a rather merry David Naisby-Smith was there, in morning dress complete with topper and carnation. Nobody knows how he got in—and he him-

self probably doesn't remember.

The choice of Mary Shaw as Miss Fresher 1967 certainly pleased the national press. For "The Irish Times," "The Daily Mirror" and "The Daily Express" spent Sunday morning in Trinity photographing her and they used the pictures to brighten up their Monday editions.

Nuns move in to Trinity

Catholic nuns in the classrooms of Trinity? A vision perhaps of the sunlit uplands of pure Ecumenicism? Or the final surrender of Archbishop McQuaid. It happened last week, over 30 nuns were among 120 adults attending the new evening lectures given by Dr. Simms of the Maths department. To crown it all, Dr. Simms is the nephew of the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin. However, those who suspect foul play somewhere will be disappointed. The lectures are part of a scheme to provide refresher courses for adults and their tone has been severely technical. The Maths department is pleased with their success and say most of those attending are teachers. The lectures, open to anyone with Leaving Certificate knowledge, cost 3 guineas for twenty.

Free Careers book for final year students

The Cornmarket Press has printed 45,000 copies of a Directory of Opportunities for Graduates, which are free to any final year student who wishes to write. The Directory runs to 700 pages of addresses, information and advice for graduate job-hunters—it's even got a P.R.-inspired foreword by the Rt. Hon. H. Wilson, M.P., P.M. The address is Cornmarket Press Ltd., 9 Manchester Square, London W.1.

MERGER DIFFICULTIES TRINITY HARDENS

The hectic flurry of activity following Mr. O'Malley's announcement that Trinity and U.C.D. were to be merged has slowed almost to a halt. There is much evidence that opposition within the Board of Trinity has hardened. In addition the Trinity Scholars, who have special powers over any change in the constitution, have decided to actively oppose the merger.

The Trinity Board's second statement again accepted the principle of merging. However, it showed the strength of opposition within College: "... new students can expect to complete their courses under the general conditions now existing." In other words the merger will take at least four years to complete instead of two as predicted in April.

An article in last month's "Studies" by Professor Chubb, the Bursar of Trinity, reflects the strengthening determination of the Board to preserve Trinity's independence as far as possible. It called for a loose amalgamation of the Colleges, saying that most pro-merger arguments, such as "wasteful duplication," were only partly true.

Disagreement has also arisen in U.C.D. between the governing body and some of the younger staff members. They are known to resent the governing body's call for "complete unification," which would result in the absorption of Trinity by U.C.D. In an article in "Hibernia," Professor Kelly of

U.C.D. says the Minister's plan for moving all Arts and Science Faculties to Belfield, leaving the smaller professional schools at Trinity, would lead to a most undesirable homogeneity. "The value of Trinity to Ireland, which is incalculable, would be lost forever."

This then is another factor liable to lengthen the three-way negotiations. Nor is the Minister in any hurry—"he indicated that he did not wish to rush legislation," the Trinity statement says.

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The farm was bought as an extension to the small Agricultural department that Trinity possesses. The U.S. Government provided valuable research equipment when the farm was started. However, the Irish Government has refused to give any money to continue the project. U.C.D. already has agricultural facilities at Celbridge.

The property has been used as a commercial farm, but has been making a loss. It is for this reason that the Board has decided to sell. The money, commented the Treasurer, could be used far better in improving and extending the facilities within the College boundaries. What precisely the money would be spent on, however, cannot be decided until discussions on the merger have progressed.

Comex disaster

Comex II, the Commonwealth expedition taking 330 students of many British universities and C.A.T.'s to India, ended in disaster on September 30th near Zagreb, Yugoslavia. One of the eleven coaches collided with a crane-carrying lorry, killing 14, and injuring most of the other passengers. The jib of a crane ploughed into the coach, which overturned and slid on its roof for 50 yards.

The crane driver maintained that the coach was travelling at great speed at the time and, trying to overtake two cars, that it then lost control, cannoning into the lorry and its crane. A Newcastle student, sitting just behind the driver, gave a somewhat different account, however. She said that the coach was travelling at well under the 50 m.p.h. limit at the point. "The crane was coming towards us and it pulled out into the crown of the road. It was so unexpected the driver could do nothing to avoid it. He swerved to the right, but it was too late. The crane caught the side of the bus and tipped it over and we ended upsidedown."

The driver of the wrecked coach was a student, as were many of the other drivers on the expedition. The organisers admitted that many had passed the special P.S.V. test required only days before departure and had never driven on the Continent. Although adequate food supplies were supposed to have been provided, some of the party had been living off bread and jam for the previous three days.

NUSIGHT

U.S.I. has begun publication of a new inter-varsity newspaper, "Nusight." The first edition came out on the unfortunate date of Friday, 13th October. Ten thousand copies of the first edition were printed. Reports say that no more than a few hundred were sold in U.C.D., and Trinity had not come back by then, so the initial circulation must have been disappointingly small.

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Grant to Psychology for Hypnosis research

John Robinson, B.A., of the T.C.D. Psychology department, is working under a Medical Research Council grant on applications of the technique of HYPNOSIS.

He told me how hypnotism is being used increasingly in place of an anaesthetic in dentistry, the dressing of extensive burns and for the delicate surgery required in repairing facial injuries. In many cases, addiction to cigarettes and to some drugs can be cured with its aid and hypnotism can frequently relieve asthma symptoms. John had used it to cure "exam nerves"; one sufferer's results consequently improving a P2 to a responsiveness!

Robinson emphasises the caution necessary in using the technique—the operator must be properly trained (though anybody can learn how to hypnotise) as suggestions made under hypnosis can be misunderstood as has been seen with some subjects of stage hypnotists, who have developed serious disorders. Its use in the curing of neuroses is necessary limited, because suggestions may

stop the symptom, but not touch the underlying cause, which will then appear in some other form. However, a hypnotist saved the career of a trumpeter with a nervous twitch in his lip by suggesting the transfer of the twitch to another, less musically important, part of his body.

Although nobody can be forced, under hypnosis, to perform anything they would not normally allow themselves to do, they can with suggestion show greatly increased physical strength or an astonishing memory. Robinson feels that everybody is capable of a vastly increased capacity for mental and physical effort, and that hypnotic suggestion, like amphetamine, raises the "fatigue barrier" that normally prevents this. Although this barrier must not be pushed too far or exhaustion will result, hypnotic suggestion could enable the subject to, for example, revise for many hours at a stretch, with no breaks, and to remember everything.

Mary McCutcheon.

What's On in Dublin

Abbey—"Borstal Boy" (8 p.m.), by Brendan Behan.

Gaiety—"The Odd Couple," with Ray McAnally and Godfrey Quigley.

Gate—"The Goose" (8 p.m.), with Joe Lynch and Edwin Richfield.

Olympia—"Die Fledermaus" (8 p.m.), with Patricia Cahill, Austin Gaffney and Chris Curran.

CINEMAS

Academy—"Fahrenheit 451" (Julie Christie and Oskar Werner), at 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 9 p.m.

Adelphi—Sarah Vaughan on stage at 6.30 and 9 p.m.

Astor—"The Gospel According to St. Matthew" (2.35, 5.25, 8.15).

Ambassador—"How Green Was My Valley."

Corinthian—"The Professionals" (Claudia Cardinale), 2.05, 4.15, 6.30, 8.40.

International Film Theatre—"Marat-Sade," by Peter Weiss, at 6.25 and 8.45.

Savoy—"The Long Duel" (Yul Brynner and Trevor Howard), 3.05, 5.55, 8.50.

METAPHYSICAL SOCIETY INAUGURAL

PROF. WILLIAM KNEALE

on
"Scientific Revolution Now?"
Friday, Oct. 27th at 8.15 G.M.B.

Free drinking for the Medics

Notices springing up in darkened Trinity hallways promising free drink brought the lame, the halt and the just plain broke crowding their way into the Pharmacology Department over the summer.

The discovery that a certain antiparasite drug given to couples caused the hitherto "heavy drinking" husband to lose his taste for booze was hailed as a possible cure for alcoholism. This being a problem in which Ireland is, to say the least, concerned (at last count some 200,000 alcoholics in the Republic), Trinity College as well as Queen's and other universities commenced research. Dr. Hugh Rolfe, a recent Trinity graduate, has been engaged in this work since June. Armed with a good supply of drink, a rather dazzling display of bottles and a modified breath-alysar, he has been collecting data on taste thresholds and blood alcohol levels. So far the studies in Trinity and elsewhere have not been conclusive, but they do perhaps herald a more rational physiological approach to the problem. Up to now therapy for alcoholics has ranged from the barbarous to the ridiculous. A practise recently in use in Dublin was the aversion technique, designed to create a psychotic hatred of alcohol. This method was dropped after a series of mishaps, including that of one man who suffered a heart attack brought on by merely pouring water into the radiator of his car. Perhaps with more research into taste aversion therapy we can foresee an effective and less drastic "cure."

Peter Heseltine.

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The murder took place on February 14th, 1966, and the body was discovered the following morning on Sandycove beach. The man has not been identified by police, but he is known to be in a hospital psychiatric ward. Gardai had made little progress in the case until the recent confession.

This week detectives have been interviewing Trinity students who were present at a dance given by the Business and Economics Society on the night of the murder. The author of the confession is known to have attended this dance.

The victim, 47, had served two prison sentences, one for prostitution and one for procuring. She was strangled with her own stocking.

Meths drinkers wooded by Bell

A Trinity student, Henry Bell, spent the summer living with a group of meths drinkers on a bomb site in London. He was taking part in a programme organised by the Simon Community, the hippy social-help movement, which is causing a lot of controversy in British sociological circles.

Simon's main aim is to win the confidence of the people it is trying to help and to get them to live with their emotional inadequacies. Simon workers move into derelict buildings with down-and-outs and use the money the Community provides to buy milk and bread for them.

On Bell's site fifteen or sixteen people shared about £11 a week. The workers lived as rough as the down-and-outs they were working with. Luckily the site was near a market so every morning they went out to pick up fruit that had fallen into the gutter from passing lorries. They usually spent the rest of the day begging because they never had enough food or money.

Bell was so impressed by the Simon Community's work in London that he is preparing to set up a similar group in Dublin. He believes that because Simon does not make moral judgments it can do much more for junkies, alcoholics and homosexuals here than complacent do-gooders from the Salvation Army and other religion-orientated organisations.

To stimulate interest in the movement in Dublin, Bell has asked its offbeat founder, Antone Wallich-Clifford, to address a meeting of the Trinity Sociological Society.

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The College authorities have, however, got good value for their money. For they have built what is in the opinion of experts "one of the few great examples of 20th century architecture in Ireland."

From the outside the Library appears to be rather small, but this is an illusion: there are three storeys above ground and two below. The building has a reader capacity of 469 and it will eventually store a million books.

A lot of space on the ground floor is taken up by administration departments. The Librarian and Deputy Librarian have their offices in the new building and forty of their staff work there. There is an unloading bay in the east wing to deal with the 30,000 books the Library now receives every year

and twelve people are employed cataloguing them in the nearby processing area.

A number of rooms are set aside for specialised purposes. On the top floor there are four cubicles equipped for reading micro-text printed on pieces of film the size of a postage stamp; it is hoped that in future a lot of bulky and rarely used material will be put on film to save storage space. On the ground floor there is a First Aid room fitted with a couch and a medicine cabinet. There is a banned books room (in the most inaccessible part of the lower basement), but like many other parts of the building the Library staff have not yet time to organise it—at present the only book to be seen there is an album of illuminations from the "Book of Kells."



Back I peer into my Waterford crystal and who is the first person I see? Why, it's Hippie mem-sahib Kate Shepherd (famed authoress of "Cripples I Have Known") fighting for her virtue in a seedy Indian hotel—plus ça change . . . Half-way across the proverbial world Kate Ellenbogen, complete with festive little pink and white striped snood, satisfies panting Dubliners with creamy Premier Ices, while, over in England, Bugs "Strawberry Fields for Ever" Keating picks peas from his ears as he skips through his canning factory, a far cry from Swinging London, where Barbara Ann Ross is selling new bags to old ones in that well-known Knightsbridge branch of Switzers. But hush! Deep in the States something stirs—perhaps it's a Bonham foraging for food, or even Walt's favourite grandchild Anna, but no—it's only Athene "Is Alaska far from New Jersey?" Clist taking a short cut home; maybe she'll meet Peter Heseltine, Nashville Tennessee's answer to Ben Casey, or even Nina Shovelton and Helen Given, the two hottest Can Can girls to hit the U.S. in years (did I hear someone say Could Could girls?). Suddenly the air is laden with decay—probably all that shepherd's pie struggling in Nick Goslett's beard, but again I'm mis-

taken—it's Philippa K. S. Kennedy smilingly poisoning the good people of Wimbledon with overdone Wimpies and soggy fish-burgers. Half a world away, on the banks of the Jordan there sits a lone pioneer—Mike Segal, godson of the famous Moshe Dayan, surveying all the latest acquisitions, while over in Gibraltar an anti-septic Margaret Gibson, alias Florence the Orange Nightingale, carefully revives aged Spaniards for a 101 per cent. turnout on Referendum Day. But alas! Suddenly the mists close in and I can see but fleeting visions of . . . Ben Buck explaining to a white Chicago lynch mob that it's only a suntan lamp . . . a familiar silhouette assuring the Gardai that he's not one of the Beautiful People but Junior Dean of Trinity College . . . a bekilted and despoiled Muir Morton at Expo 67 wowing the crowds in the Scottish pavilion with his amazing dental juggling . . . a windswept Sarah "Sunsilk" Gill, also at Expo, and then suddenly all is obscured in a flurry of psychedelic psnow, or could it be—no, unthinkable, but it just might be—dandruff? For the answer to this and other burning social issues (Is Hardial Bains the Beatles' new guru? Are the Buttery waitresses going topless?) read new week's astonishing Mingle freely.

Another nude banned— convent freshers shocked

Because of the shocked reaction of convent educated Freshers, Jim Hickey and Mick Durac removed a portrait of a reclining nude from the "Awake" stand at the Freshers' exhibition—to the great chagrin of head porter Paddy Keogh who arrived five minutes too late to have the privilege of taking away the offending picture. Paddy said that, unlike himself, Freshers were "not yet prepared for the liberal attitudes of university life."

400 Giggling Faces

Henry Kelly, auditor of the L and H, had his worst fears confirmed when he arrived in full splendour at the opening meeting of the Society last Saturday week to find the auditorial throne and committee table had disappeared. Confronted by 400 giggling faces, his embarrassment was acute; luckily, however, the missing furniture was soon replaced and the rest of the meeting went without a hitch.

Quote of the Week

Deputy Lindsay at the L and H, speaking of the Minister for Education, said: "May his shadow never grow less."

Threepenny Opera

Dramsoc's major production this term is to be Weill and Brecht's "Threepenny Opera." And Johnny Kelleher insists that we pay our five bob to be allowed to participate. What price fame?

U.C.D. NEWS

Publicity

The S.R.C. recently realised the danger of employing Jerome Donleavy as P.R.O. and Bob Collins as Treasurer. Jerome has given his publicity bulletin a name—"The National Student"—while Bob flogs it at 3d. a copy to Freshers. Students in second and higher years remember the good old days when Fergal McMahon begged people to accept his stencilled hand outs.

Freshers

Cynical third year men believe that the higher entrance standards which have been introduced this year does not mean that the Freshers are of a higher intellectual calibre. Sales of library seats have soared to a new high.

MONOPOLY WITH HUMAN COUNTERS

Pennsylvania: A student leader recently organised what he said was the largest monopoly game ever played. Huge foam-plastic dice were thrown from a third storey window to decide the moves of human counters and the specially painted streets and footpaths of the campus were used as a board. The players used walkie talkies to communicate with each other and to send reports to the local radio station which covered the game live.

London: Researchers are using photographs of Dr. Finlay, Maigret and PC Fancy Smith to teach a computer to assimilate visual material. The computer obviously doesn't watch television for it had to "see" both Dr. Finlay and Maigret 250 times before it could distinguish between them. The research team working on the project hope that their system will eventually be used in banking and law.

Birmingham: The Union is appealing for restraint in this year's rag festival. The 1966 rag caused havoc: factories, schools and

churches were evacuated because of an unexploded bomb hoax, an abortive attempt was made to drink dry a local pub and funny faces were painted on 70 Belisha beacons. However, this year the organisers are counting on getting the co-operation of students and public and they hope to raise £20,000 for charity.

AROUND THE UNIVERSITIES

Washington: The College of Forestry is offering a new graduate course in Forest Fire and Technology. The College hopes that it will soon be able to provide a doctorate programme as well.

Germany: University authorities are reported to be relieved at the result of a survey on sex carried out among German students. The survey found that by the age of 20, 40 per cent of men and 33 per cent of women had had sexual experience. About 90 per cent of those who answered the questionnaires said that "Sex without love is immoral."

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The Nasty Report

Mr. Abd El-Motaal will, no doubt, be annoyed to hear that so many of his Accountancy students consider him a bad lecturer. The fact that a student newspaper has published the report will be considered insufferable. But then, it's very much nicer to live in a world where people hail you as brilliant. It might be suggested that Mr. Motaal is being unfairly treated, there are others whose lectures are far worse. However, proof positive of this has not, so far, been compiled. The Business Studies report is the first objective, statistical evaluation of lecturing ability that the students of his College have presented. Let us hope there will be more.

Freshers Week

With the record figure of almost a thousand new Freshers to contend with, David Roche was faced with no mean task. There was the problem of telling them how, what, why, where, and who without losing 90% of his audience to Guinness' Brewery. There was the problem of assimilating them into the framework of College. And it's no mean matter introducing a thousand people who have never met before.

There can be no doubt that he acquitted himself admirably. Vaughan and Skeffington said nasty things about the Marriage. The new idea of a dialogue on Student Participation met with the approval of everybody except the Internationalists, and the Buttery and Exam Hall dances were crashed—which is a sure sign of success. The mess of recruiting stalls around Front Gate made Trinity look like Moore Street but at least they provided material for the tourists. All we need now is a handbook that tells us more than where the loos are.

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Merger talks bogged down

Scholars' active opposition

On the 18th of April, 1967, the Minister for Education, Donagh O'Malley, issued a statement to the Press and to the heads of both the Colleges in Dublin. This statement included the following remarks: "Everybody will, I think, agree that the university situation in Dublin is far from being satisfactory. We have here in the capital city of a small country two separate and very differently constituted university situations, each endowed in major part by the State, but each ploughing its own furrow with virtually no provision, formal or even informal, for co-ordination of their efforts, or the sharing by them of what must always be scarce but very valuable national resources."

The remedy lay, he believed, in a "joining of forces with a view to the obviating of all unnecessary duplicating," with its consequent financial and educational loss. The form which this "joining of forces" was to take was indicated explicitly. It was to be on the "basis of there being one university, to contain two colleges, each complementary to the other."

Co-operation and Preservation

Noting that Trinity had been intended originally "to be one of a number of colleges of the University of Dublin," the Minister believed that the college would "merely be taking the final step across the threshold of that mansion to which it properly belonged, the Irish nation."

The statement by the Minister was immediately followed by two other statements, one by the Provost of Trinity and the other by the governing body of U.C.D. The Provost's statement, which was endorsed by the Board a week later, welcomed the proposals of the Minister, stressed the willingness of Trinity to co-operate in a unified University of Dublin and concurred in the Minister's wish to preserve the identity and traditions of both Colleges.

The statement by the Governing Body of U.C.D., however, while agreeing with the Minister's views on "wasteful duplication," argued that the most successful remedy for this would be "a complete unification of the two institutions."

Subsequent developments indicated that the process of merger would be an extremely slow one. Trinity set about assessing the views of substantial bodies of opinion within the College. Memoranda were received from the staff and the students. When the Minister addressed the Board of the College he stated that, while the Government decision to go ahead with the merger on the basis

of two colleges in a single university was irrevocable, the exact form which this relationship would take was a matter for discussion among the colleges. He asked the two colleges to submit detailed statements of their positions to him. Trinity did so, but it is understood that within the Governing Body of U.C.D. a substantial minority of younger members opposed the original extreme stand taken by the Governing Body. As a result a statement from U.C.D. to the Minister was postponed.

No meeting has taken place between the two colleges. Since U.C.D. have not ascertained the views of their college, it is understood that they feel that they are not yet in a position to meet Trinity.

The article so far has attempted to lay out some of the events which have formed the short history of the merger. The two questions of major interest, however, are, firstly, what are the advantages of the merger and could these have been obtained in some other way? And secondly, what lies behind the doubts and hesitations in both colleges?

Saving to Invest

With regard to the first question, the Commission on Higher Education suggested that the advantages of co-operation could be achieved without a formal merger. The Minister's statement that "millions would be saved" was dismissed by Professor Chubb of Trinity as "talking through his hat." In any event, at the moment the annual state grant to the two universities is only £1,400,000. What emerges is that in the short run, little saving is likely to be effected since universities cannot be immediately linked together and in any case if the two colleges are to survive they must both have a fair range of faculties. Furthermore, there can be no question of spending less on higher education in the future, so that "saving" must be understood as

less rapid growth in spending might otherwise have been necessary. If this "saving" is to be translated into better facilities and greater access to university for Irish students, it implies that the money "saved" should be spent on education. This might not necessarily occur.

Professor Tierney, ex-President of U.C.D., in his evidence to the Commission on Higher Education, described the two colleges as being "in a state of truceless cold war." This was hotly denied by the Provost. But fears and doubts exist on both sides. Many in U.C.D. regard Trinity as, to use the Minister's expression, having been "a pillar and prop of our oppressors," and Professor Tierney's remarks about "non-nationals" undoubtedly reflect certain strong feelings. Similarly, in Trinity there is a feeling that independence of thought and freedom of expression is very much less in U.C.D. and that, following a merger, a clerical influence would be rife, and many of Trinity's traditions would go under.

Until negotiations get under way we cannot know how the merger will develop. It is unlikely, however, that Pandora's box will be closed now.

During Michaelmas term it is understood that the Provost will take steps to inform the student body upon such aspects of the situation as well be of special interest to undergraduates.

"T. News" opens U.C.D. branch

"Trinity News" has opened a business and editorial branch in the Earlsfort Terrace section of U.C.D. This move comes after a year of tentative efforts by the newspaper to forge a link in preparation for next year's merger.

The paper is awaiting the first meeting of the newly-formed U.C.D. Publications Committee to make a formal application as regards selling in the College grounds. It is hoped that the paper will be granted permission to sell and operate within the gates of Earlsfort Terrace and all other U.C.D. departments.

S.R.C. member Pat McQuaid has been appointed Business Manager, and Padraig Breathnach U.C.D. Editor. S.R.C. President Reen will be an early contributor to the U.C.D. column.

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Dinner for two from the Hibernian, the Red Bank and the Trocadero.

A free hair appointment from Richard Henry, Peter Mark and Steiner.

A bouquet from Marie Jeanne, Dawson Street.

A bottle of wine from Mitchells, Slattery's, the College Mooney, Davy Byrne's, and Bartley Dunes.

THE PHIL. OPENING MEETING

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Death of Lord Iveagh

The death last month of the Earl of Iveagh, ex-Chancellor of the University, marks the end of an era for Trinity. Lord Iveagh was Trinity's last link with the old Anglo-Irish aristocracy which once played such an important part in the life of the University. His death also brings to an end the College's official association with the Guinness family.

Lord Iveagh was an educationist, a scientist, an agriculturalist and a business man. Trinity's building programme over the last half century has benefited greatly from his interest in education, but he also endowed many lesser educational projects, such as the scholarship schemes which he set up for overseas students.

He did a lot of significant work in science and medicine. He pioneered the production of clean milk and financed research to discover a technique to sterilise it. For his work in this field he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1964 at the age of 90.

Lord Iveagh was, of course, a very successful business man. But his relations with his employees were always the best: the fringe benefit schemes which he intro-

duced to Guinness' are legendary in Dublin industrial circles.

Lord Iveagh's life has been a long and happy one and it has fulfilled the promise of his youth. For almost eight years ago one of his masters at Eton wrote of him: "I think his character is one of the most perfect I have ever seen in a boy here."



Tuairim offers prize for political essay

Tuairim, the Irish version of the long-established Fabian Society, has launched a competition for the best long essay on "The Future of Irish Democracy."

The prize will be £100, and the Society will probably publish the winning essay. Among the judges are Trinity lecturer David Thornley and Declan Costello, T.D.

The competition is open to Irish

residents under 25 years of age, and marks the beginning of a new campaign by the Society to attract students with a more radical viewpoint. Tuairim is noted for its lucid left-wing pamphlets on public affairs; Social Administration Lecturer Tony Coughan is a frequent contributor.

Entries should be sent to: The Secretary, Tuairim, 41 Anglesea Road, Dublin 4, by 1st January, 1968.

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HALL

Elizabeth Hall conceals behind her shy and rather retiring personality an organisational ability which has gained her the presidency of the Eliz in her Senior Freshman year.

She has a strong community spirit — "Instilled in me by my Scottish education" and school holidays were often spent organising games for children in slum areas.

Though she encourages debating in the Society, she dislikes public speaking herself. "I suppose I didn't start young enough."

She has a passion for archaeology and extensive reading on the subject nurtures her ambition to take part in a "dig" in the Middle East. In preparation she has been learning Arabic, but "rather erratically as I don't seem to have the time."

For relaxation she takes to the sea — "I'm mad about sailing and the sense of freedom I get from the sea." and an interest in church architecture led her to take up bell ringing. She is secretary of Trinity's Guild of Change Ringers and practises this esoteric hobby in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday mornings.

She has an obvious interest in Irish politics and current affairs, but doesn't commit herself to party politics as she prefers to take an independent line on most issues.

Intrigue; I

Professor Fizzletop has a problem. He wanted to phone his wife to tell her that he was working late to-night; he had forgotten the number so he asked his secretary for it. But she (playful thing) gave it to him in the form of a puzzle. She wrote down the numbers:

- (a) 2329
- (b) 2479
- (c) 7201
- (d) 8346
- (e) 1573
- (f) 4058

and told him that each number on the list has exactly one digit in its correct place (Mrs. Fizzletop's 'phone number has four digits).

The secretary then went out to the car, leaving the professor with his problem and at this moment she is impatiently blowing the horn. Dr. Fizzletop can remember that the digits in his wife's number are all different, so to solve his problem he needs only common-sense and primary school reasoning, but, of course, being a chemist, he has left all that behind him years ago.

Can you help the professor solve his problem? If you know Mrs. Fizzletop's 'phone number drop us a note in the "Trinity News" box in Regent House telling us what it is. The first correct solution wins a special prize.

COE

Tim Coe, the new President of the Phil, went to Radley, a school famous for its exhibitionists, but he hasn't suffered any after effects.

He has lived a surprisingly sober and unsensational life considering that among his school fellows were such colourful people as Simon Morgan and Robin Beresford Evans.

His interests are quiet and introverted; he's a chess enthusiast and a keen amateur photographer. He started playing chess a few years ago and has now built up a library of fifty books on the subject; he plays Board One for the Trinity team. When he is at home he does a lot of photography and has recently set up his own dark room.

He retains, however, the famous Radley interest in guns: he has a .22 rifle and a .264 Winchester Magnum. Simon Morgan has obligingly given him some lessons in self-protection. But nowadays even a Phil President rarely needs to protect himself; Tim says that he has hardly ever used his guns on anything more significant than a rabbit or a hare.

He is under no misapprehensions about his academic ability; he has been reading chemistry at Trinity, but he does not intend to use his degree in later life. He wants to go into business when he leaves College: at the moment he is a non-working partner in the Carrigaline Pottery Company in Cork, but he will probably take an active part in running the firm when he gets his degree.

STANFORD

Gully Stanford, the new Auditor of the Hist, may not look like one but he claims to be a dilettante. He was born into an academic family in 1946 "when Ireland was beginning to get oranges."

At school he took a keen interest in sport, acting and writing; but he was also a brilliant student, winning in his final year an Entrance Exhibition to Trinity.

At the age of 12 he had outraged the Trinity Professor of Engineering on the subject of the Common Market, so it was inevitable that he would end up in the Hist sooner or later. He is an orator in the classical style. He speaks in glorious cadences and high sounding figures of speech; the fluency and facility of his speeches at the Hist is impressive even if they are sometimes idealistic. He disagrees with the people who condemn the insincerity of debating and oratory; he thinks that debating, despite its artificiality, makes for clear thinking.

Although his father is the Trinity Professor of Greek and a Senator in the Oireachtas, he does not himself have any ambition to become a don or a politician. He hopes that after Trinity he will go to Cambridge to study Ancient History and get a Ph.D. His long-term ambitions are comfortably vague: he may go into journalism or law, but, like a true dilettante, he doesn't intend to confine himself to any one profession.

Catholic intake rises

There are 1,100 Freshers this year, which means that the intake is 30 per cent. up on 1966. The number of English students is down again, but Catholic Freshers are 150 per cent. up. This is despite the continuing attitude of Dr. McQuaid and the Hierarchy. Needless to say, the Catholic Chaplain is still not allowed through the gates.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Noel Towe, one of the first people to graduate in Social Studies from Trinity, has temporarily taken over the post of Assistant Director of Practical Training from Miss Vivienne Darling. Miss Darling is taking a year's course in Applied Social Studies in Liverpool.

Two undergraduates, Trevor Sowerby and Ronnie Nelson, hit the jackpot with Lacquer in the Cambridgeshire on Saturday. With the odds at 20 to 1, they won nearly £400 altogether. Other punters, placing rather modest bets, almost skinned the bookies.

A new coffee bar will shortly be opened at the rear end of College. It will seat about 100, and serve the same sort of snacks and drinks as

the present coffee rooms. The Agent hopes that it will be used by all students, and will not serve to widen the Science-Arts split still further.

The new prefabricated lecture room in the Provost's Garden is capable of holding 350 people. The New Reading Room is now also a lecture theatre and can hold up to 250 more. The Basement of the Old Reading Room is now open, with reading space for 80. It also contains book shelves and offices.

The Appointments Office has installed a computerised filing system to cater with the rush of job-hunting senior sophisters. Talks on a number of topics have been arranged, including V.S.O., the Civil Service, teaching, etc.

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The Threat of the Living Theatre

"Salt water makes you puke, but it makes you want to drink more" (Antigone).

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Realistic Note: The Living Theatre created by/for Julian Beck and Judith Malina, voluntary refugees from the financial tax/traps of the U.S.A., are invited to Dublin by Brendan Smith.

They provide/produce to mainly astounded and alarmed theatre festival audiences. The eunuch gasps of the critics are punctuated by outraged and bewildered outbursts in the correspondence columns. Their audiences diminish through their six day run. They leave for Brussels.

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Factual Note: "Hold back the edges of your gowns, Ladies, we are going through hell" (W. C. Williams).

Frankenstein; great shadows of scaffolding carrying the company evoking "Love" towards THE creation and eventually merging in one gasp as "the creature." Antigone; allowing Brecht to break out of his Berlin, moves through a series of mental/audio/visual audience-assaults crashing us into painful self-analysis.

They are gone: they leave a moving human tableau trembling in memory. All catharsis is welcomed, by some more masochistically than others.

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Theatrical infection

"Allergy" by C. Taylor

"It is a perfect example of a work by a playwright and an idea in development", so wrote Jim Haynes of Scottish journalist Cecil Taylors play "Allergy". True, but unfortunately for the audience attending it at 'Players' a play in transition is not successful or effective theatre.

It is a disjointed play centred in a suburban retreat where an aspiring, but not very inspired, author is attempting to produce a new socialist manifesto. Two guests arrive, an attractive bourgeois female, and yet another ardent socialist intent on his creativity and not so intent in producing it. Unlike his art his lust is effective, indeed it is too effective, for it produces a "very nasty ugly red rash—Lumpy too". The obvious clichés are dragged out, the triangle is ineffectually formed and the play depending on four letter words (not to be repeated in Trinity News print) for its 'realism' flops to its obvious sexual conclusion.

And this is what Players produced for our innocent Freshers; one is unkindly made to wonder if they were trying to impress with their "broadminded-liberal" approach. The two actors and actresses strutted, fussed, ranted and raged

through the ineffectual dialogue. They are, however, to be commended for succeeding in making an unbearable play into a competent theatrical performance, and an enjoyable afternoons entertainment.

The players, obviously ineptly rehearsed, not helped by a pitiful set, tried valiantly (whatever that means). S. Lowry as the resident author was excellent in parts but he should know that kicks, shouts and meanders off stage show up either bad stage sense or insensitive direction. The use of the shout as a sole means of emphasis does not work, and Stephen Remington as the allergic eros was painfully guilty in this respect. Chloe Sayer after a rather gushing start settled into her own type 'cool' and was. In fact this actress gave the reviewer the most amusing moment of the afternoon, when back-stage with a simulated argument raging, she clearly announced "defecation" in its abbreviated four letter form easing in with an appropriate "darling".

The play was at fault and the players had to suffer with it. That they succeeded in rescuing it to some extent augers well for 'Players'. All are aware, and under tighter direction and with better material they could be very excitingly interesting. Thank you.

H.M.

Ledingham first on target

It was nine months ago that Jon Ledingham first shook the traditional folk pub audiences in Dublin with his Dylan influenced modern folk style. His success since then, however, has been due largely to his own excellent compositions. One of his first, "She's Got Me", was an instant success, popular because of its amusing lyrics and catchy, commercial melody. As his popularity increased so did the chance of overexposure and yet the likelihood of a definite release date became more remote. His success was as sudden as it was unexpected, but for months afterwards his career remained at a standstill, the punters still branding him as the "brightest new hope" while little was in fact being done on his behalf. A change in management provided the much needed impetus

in the shape of higher fees, better engagements and fewer, more select appearances to avoid overexposure. At the same time recording sessions were booked and now, at last, "She's Got Me" is due for pressing as the first release on Tom Costello's new "Target" label.

In the past, Ledingham has always appeared accompanying himself. The record, however, is greatly enhanced by the addition of a strong electric backing; the result is a more solid and interesting sound. "She's Got Me" is an excellent A side, commercial, instantly appealing and already well known. Nevertheless, it is on the flip side that Ledingham's real talents become evident. A slow, sad, wistful song, "Without An E" shows to much greater advantage his composing ability and highlights his soft, gentle voice, so well suited to the many slightly sad songs he has penned. If this record is to be marked in England, I, personally, feel that serious consideration should be given to making "Without An E" the A side. For me, with its impeccable arrangement and haunting melody, it completely eclipses the major side, and at the same time gives a much truer indication of the quality and direction of Ledingham's music.

Kevin Pritchard.

ASTRA NEWS by Czonk

ARIES. Thursday is a bad day this week, but tomorrow you will be up to your neck in your own element.

TAURUS. Sunday brings thrills as well as sermons, but steer clear of Ariens on Friday, you won't mix well.

GEMINI. Not a prosperous week in any sphere. Be prepared for the worst on Monday.

CANCER. Surprises on Sunday. Romance under the Moon but don't go near water and goats.

LEO. Saturday and Wednesday all sunshine, but the hay making season is past!

VIRGO. A dull week, everywhere is dragsville. Don't worry, a week is only seven days long and it could be worse.

LIBRA. Don't make your plans for Friday, Saturday or Wednesday next, however the sun is now in Libra so make the most of the good omens.

SCORPIO. This is the best week of the month for you, in all aspects, but reserve ambitious plans for November.

SAGGITARIUS. Don't groan, though Monday morning is never fun. This Monday could be advantageous financially.

CAPRICORN. Today's the day, strike while the iron, and passion, is hot.

AQUARIUS. Thursday is good for you too, but next Saturday and Wednesday could prove sexless.

PISCES. A week undistinguished by fatal accidents or cooperative brunettes. Cheer up, the whole world is not the North of Ireland.

REALISTICK RECIPES:

Of the Virtues of Herbs & certain Beasts.



Chatham St., off the top of Grafton St., is about the best place for meat, fish and vegetables, though for the more adventurous and the just plain interested Moore St. can supply all these at lower prices—but choose carefully. Personally I would avoid the 'little shop around the corner'. Prices are about 300% higher and vegetables etc. usually 2-3 days old. Finally supermarkets are best for dry goods. Armed with this advice invite in a whisper a few friends over for a flat warming and give them:

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- 4 tomatoes.
- 1 large onion.
- 2 tablespoons olive oil.

Plunge fillets into just enough salted boiling water to cover. Drain, reserving liquor and keep warm. Slice peppers discarding the bitter seeds and simmer with tomatoes, chopped onion and oil for 25-30 mins. Season with black pepper and a dash of Tabasco. Meanwhile cook the rice in the fish liquor. Place fillets on a bed of rice and cover with sauce Garnish with dill or parsley. Serves six. Cost/head 3/6.

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With Michaelmas term and the National Hunt season just getting into full swing, optimism is the keynote. Time now to forget the hard times on the frustrating flat to turn over a new leaf in your betting notebook.

The '67-'68 season is still shrouded in mystery. More theories than facts are circulating about Arkle's future, but we had an excellent preview of Flyingbolt at the last Punchestown meeting where, giving away lumps of weight, he finished a tired third. Considering that his training programme is geared to the big purses of later races, this was a good effort indeed. Flyingbolt still has a long season ahead and no doubt Tom Dreaper is aiming for victories at the Cheltenham March meeting.

To-day at Gowran Park we should see some really first-rate racing over the sticks. The defection of top-weighted crack horses in the Carey's Cottage Handicap has left the 1,000 sovereigns anyone's prize. Shouldering most lead at 10 st. 3 lbs. is Dreaper-trained Babynatcher, and the field of thirteen goes down the scale to Greatrakes who carries only 7 st. 7 lbs. Babynatcher has not raced since his triumph in the Willowbrook Novice Chase at Leopardstown on February 4th. Then he repaid those punters who made him 5/4 favourite by carrying his 12 st. 7 lbs. in to win by a comfort-

able six lengths. After a long absence, he will have to reckon with Blue Blazes, who is fighting fit, and Great Lark, who will be sailing under the light burden of 8 st. 8 lbs. In her four races last year this game mare was severely handicapped at weights from 10 st. 13 lbs. to 12 st. 7 lbs. Even without her regular partner, Stan Murphy, side-lined with a broken collar bone at the last Naas meeting when mount Kilspindle fell, Greak Lark should be in at the finish.

The Independence Chase at Leopardstown this Saturday should give frustrated backers a good idea of what would have happened had the two first favourites, Neutron II and Herring Gull, not fallen at Punchestown. Neutron II, a big bay five-year-old gelding by Mourne was easily the most impressive entry, both in the parade ring and on the course, where he undoubtedly would have won had he not come to grief at the second last fence. With Neutron II down, Pat Taaffe guided in Artist's Chance to easy victory and tremendous applause. Worsted Wizard should be right there, but I give the first three places to Neutron II, Herring Gull and Artist's Chance, with a 2/6 hunch bet to win on Saud.

Andi Capp, signing off until next Thursday's post-mortem and promises for punters.

profile

tommy murtagh

"Basically I don't think that books or music matter"

"If I am glad that I came to Trinity it is only because it has enabled me to see through it. I think that I just escaped being crippled by the place. The university mystique is an invidious and misleading concept and should be destroyed. It could be substantially diluted if students took a job in the mornings instead of idling round College."

"I find my position of teaching an arts subjects to students, predominantly Rathgar and Cheltenham bourgeois more interested in a degree than in their subject, quite meaningless in a world of the harsh realities of war and disease. Ideas not attached to reality are gossamer. In Trinity, debate serves as a substitute for real apprehension. Students with nothing to say are encouraged to express themselves — an empty pattern of behaviour. Even emptier is the 'Work? I came here to play rugby' attitude. This when there are thousands of equally intelligent if poorer people pounding at the door of this island of privilege."

Moral Education

He sees his position in College as meaningless only as the university is at present. "Perhaps the only reason why I am here is that I am interested in what a university could be. At present I think that there is a drastic lack of moral education. Women are significantly underestimated, their freedom is shackled. In College especially they are treated as creatures of men, not as people."

Leaning back in an armchair, within touching distance of an overflowing bookcase—"Basically I don't think that books, poetry or music are important. They are just threads in the cocoon of weakness, fear and uninterest which we spin to shield us from an un-



pleasant reality. But no education is needed to understand a bloated stomach or skin burning with napalm. Nor is personal effort enough. Ultimately we must think in terms of politics and armed revolution. I have great sympathy for China and Cuba."

Inner Conflict

Tommy Murtagh is a militant revolutionary who denies the value of art and education, yet he chooses to lecture in Trinity. He will lecture on books and ideas, many far removed from reality, ergo useless trivia. Why? "If I took a good look at myself I would be in South America or China," but he's not, although he manages to cast a very severe look at everybody else. "In fifteen years I may be." This inner conflict, his continued sojourn in Trinity may help to resolve. His is a strong, Puritanical temperament which, one suspects, thrives on such philosophy. He might almost hold that

until everyone can laugh, no one may laugh, or until everyone can eat, no one may eat. Yet he eats and laughs, copiously.

Judgment

"I am anti-religion in any shape or form, including the current condition of the Papal bladder. Yet I am still emotionally tied to it—religion that is. But I do believe in the concept of judgment, a judgment to which we are consistently called to account." This is why he eats his chicken with modified rapture, and why when he laughs it echoes sinisterly from Indian and Vietnam. "Everything is political" — unbalanced? "If my views are unbalanced it is a sign of their authenticity."

Tommy Murtagh deals in ideas, talks in ideas. He is thousands of miles from the starving children in the Ganges Basin and from the napalm encrusted flesh of the Vietcong. In fifteen years he may not be. "Talk is cheap, that is the value of a profile."

Pudgett proclaims

Fresh rumblings from USI on that perennial subject — student participation in College affairs — means a new President. This time Howard Kinlay of Trinity.

A long memorandum to Mr. O'Malley and a sermon to the Freshers of QUB urge students "to become partners with the academic staff."

Much that the memorandum says has value—students certainly have too little influence on College administration—but as usual the message is swamped by a deluge of verbosity and bad reasoning. It lacks, too, any concrete suggestions relevant to the situation in Ireland.

Instead it runs over the various arrangements made in some European universities, never saying what would be suitable for Ireland or how it could be applied.

The old war horse Democracy is galloped around, but its battles have long been over. No university can be, in any accepted political sense, democratic, and to use the words as an ultimate justification merely shows they haven't thought out what they really want.

To threaten, too, that we are liable to have student riots like those at Berkeley (not by the way Bartley), California, and LSE unless we all follow the USI piper is just plain silly.

Jeremiah Pudgett.

Humanism takes root in Dublin

A Humanist Association was set up in Dublin earlier this month. The society is not officially connected with any University — its president is Tony O'Connell, a 26-year-old Dublin accountant—but Dr. Sheehy-Skeffington and many Trinity and U.C.D. students went along to its first meeting at which a leading British humanist outlined his philosophy.

After the meeting T.E. representatives asked Dr. Skeffington, among others, to go on television to discuss humanism with Catholics in last Saturday's Late Late Show. However, the day before he was due to appear, Dr. Skeffington received a letter from Telefís Eireann saying that they were postponing the discussion of humanism indefinitely. It is understood that Dr. Skeffington is disappointed at the postponement, but that he is looking forward to appearing on the show at a later date. In the meantime he will be appearing on next Sunday's "Signal," a religious programme which is pre-recorded.

Trinity Go-Go girls in U.S.A.

Helen Given and Nina Shovelton, with, it would seem, the rest of Trinity, flew to the U.S. this summer "to broaden their education". They started in New York. First, of course, the Village. Miss Given was offered a part in a television play at three hundred dollars a week, and another in blue films at roughly the same sum. She accepted neither, but turned instead to the bars. English charms, it would seem, are irresistible, and she found herself a job as a Go-Go girl at the modest price of £30 a week.

The Go-Go team consisted of five girls dancing in rotation on the stage, the floor, and a cage suspended from the ceiling in the middle of the room.

Miss Shovelton, meanwhile, was employed in a rather lower class of establishment, for a lesser sum, but meriting five bodyguards. One of these turned out to be an ex-boxing champion of South America. Miss Shovelton's costume consisted of the briefest of black bikinis with fishnet tights to match.

Art Society Exhibition

George Dawson, who runs the Exhibition Hall in the New Library, is opening Trinity term with an exhibition of student art — sculpture, paintings, pottery, graphics and posters. There will be a wine and cheese reception in the Art Society in No. 12 for all interested in entering their work. A competition will be held for the best poster to advertise the Exhibition.

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Rugby Review: As usual the main aim of the Rugby Club is to beat U.C.D. in November's Colours match. At this stage a win is likely as U.C.D. are not as strong as in previous years, and Trinity seem to have a worthwhile blend of old and new. Indeed, in their matches to date they have shown a refreshing willingness to run with the ball—a change from previous seasons.

In Murphy they have an experienced and competent captain and full-back. Herron and newcomer Kelly on the wings constitute perhaps the best attack in Leinster, while McCombe is proving to be a good find at fly-half. The pack is an experienced unit ably led by Rob Davies.

With improvement over the next few weeks, the team, so full of genuine talent, may become a winning side.

Why not come and watch the rebirth of good, successful Trinity rugby?

Soccer: This year the Soccer Club are again full of hopes of regaining the Collingwood Cup next February. These hopes are well founded, as they have a very keen and talented team. Six of last year's 1st XI have returned, forming a solid basis for the team, ably led by Chris. Raey.

Golf: Congratulations to Robert Pollin on his selection as first reserve for the Irish international side and also on his selection for the Ulster Interprovincial side during the summer.

Motor Racing: Not much is heard in Trinity of motor racing, but congratulations must be due to Graham Wilkinson, who has had a successful season with his Austin 1,275 c.c. Cooper S.

Early in September he won the United Dominions' Trust saloon car race at Phoenix Park. In this, he won his heat and the final race.

In the Trial drivers' Club Autocross at Naas, which is the location of the proposed new racing circuit, he had the fastest time of the day, and came second in the handicap.

Finally, in the Motor Club Championship, which is held in various parts of the country, covering four events, he came third.

Rugby: In the Combined Universities v. Leinster match in College Park last Wednesday, Trinity had seven members on the Universities' side—R. Herron, D. Donovan, A. Carroll, D. Buchanan, R. Davies, C. Hawkesworth and K. Sheridan—and one player on the Leinster side, viz., K. Kelly. It was a lively game throughout, Leinster winning 29-11. Kelly scored a try for Leinster, and Hawkesworth for the Universities' side.

RUGBY

Ups and Downs but 1st XV looks good

Trinity 6
Wanderers 25

In the first match Trinity went down, due mainly to lack of training and fitness.

Trinity opened the scoring with a try by Verso, but the fitter and more practiced Wanderers replied with a goal and a try, to be leading 8-6 at half time. McCombe kicked a penalty for Trinity.

In the 2nd half the tired Trinity were always on the defensive and were well beaten.

Team: W. McCombe, G. Murphy, J. Andrews, D. Donovan, R. Verso, R. Hutchinson, A. Carroll, D. Buchanan, R. Fox, P. Evans, N. Martin, R. Davies, M. Jones, J. Chamney, T. Aherne.

St. Mary's 19
Trinity 9

With five changes from the first match, Trinity were again beaten, due again to lack of training.

Trinity scored first through a Murphy penalty, but later gave away two goals and a penalty.

There was some good attacking play in the second half, but it went unrewarded. Murphy kicked another penalty and Hutchinson a dropped goal, but St. Mary's re-

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taliated with a try and two penalties.

Team: G. Murphy, D. Shier, J. Andrews, S. Poole, R. Verso, R. Hutchinson, A. Carroll, D. Buchanan, B. Smyth, C. Goode, R. Davies, N. Martin, T. Aherne, K. Sheridan, P. Evans.

Trinity 11
Old Wesley 6

With the return of Herron, and the introduction of McCombe at fly-half and Kelly on the wing, Trinity looked much better in this match.

The first half was uninspiring, due to bad finishing, with Old Wesley scoring two penalties and Trinity one, kicked by McCombe.

In the second half Trinity were much better in both defence and attack. Herron scored two tries and Murphy converted one of them.

Trinity 12
B.R.A.F.P. 3

Hawkesworth was brought in, in place of Evans, and there were no other changes in the side.

From the beginning, Trinity was the strongest team, and at times

showed their full worth. McCombe scored a try and a magnificent 35 yard penalty. Ten minutes from half-time Sheridan scored a wonderful try after some exciting play by the backs. Then B.R.A. scored a penalty to make the half-time score 9-3 to Trinity.

In the second half Trinity seemed to ease off a bit although there was some good rugby. The only score was a dropped goal by McCombe.

Clontarf 9
Trinity 6

Evans and Nixon were brought in, in place of Aherne and Goode, the rest of the team remaining the same.

The game was rather scrappy, and Trinity found themselves 6-0 down at half-time, Clontarf scoring two penalties.

In the opening minutes of the second half Heron dropped a goal as a finish to some good open rugby, and McCombe kicked a penalty to level the score. However, the game returned to its first-half scrappiness and Trinity gave away an easy try to make the final score 9-6.

TENNIS

Out in 2nd round

In the Inter-Varsity match held in Galway in mid-June, Trinity beat last year's holders Cork, by 6 matches to 3 in the first round. In the second round they were beaten by Galway by 6 matches to 3. Galway eventually went on to beat Queen's and take the cup.

Later in June, P. Ledbetter and F. Graham were chosen to represent the Irish Universities against a selected Irish side. Later in the year Ann Lightfoot and F. Graham were picked to play for Leinster and Ulster respectively in the under-22 Inter-Provincial series.

Team: P. Ledbetter, H. Armstrong, F. Graham, D. Waddell, A. Nono, D. Graham.

FENCING

Successful tour

D.U.F.C. began the season with a brief tour in England by a team consisting of Paul Nicholson, Andrew Heaton, and Tom Carew. They fenced against the Northampton, Thames, Lansdowne, Victoria teams.

The Northampton fixture proved a lively affair in which a series of defeats in foil spurred the Trinity team to do better in the epee and sabre.

A variety of style and entertainment was enjoyed in the company of Thames and Lansdowne after a practice match against Victoria. At the Thames club, the pattern of the Northampton match repeated itself, Trinity being outclassed in foil but managing against the odds to recover their losses in the epee bouts.

A jocular atmosphere pervaded the match at Lansdowne, where Trinity won both the foil and the sabre.

HOCKEY

Triumphant tour in Holland

John Douglas led Trinity out at College Park on Saturday in their first Dublin appearance since the triumphant Dutch which ended last week. Included in the eight-match programme was an all-conquering sweep of six successive victories, during which several leading sides were beaten.

After a setback in the first match, the Trinity men adapted themselves well to local conditions and played fast direct hockey. McNulty acquitted himself well as ever, and Heaney soon made up for lack of match practice with some solid performances, but it was the forwards who stole the limelight.

B. de Wit distinguished himself with a hat-trick against the powerful Bitharen side, who fell to Trinity 5-3. Findlater and Murphy made impressive progress too, and the whole approach was marked by a zeal which has long been lacking in the Trinity XI.

Unfortunately, M. de Wit and Hamilton were injured after they had played valuable roles in the early matches but the burden on the rest of the side was light, for Douglas kept enthusiasm and endeavor going right to the end, setting a shining example with his skilful performances.

GOLF

One shot decides

The golf season for Trinity ended with a splendid victory in the Irish Universities Championship at Rosses Point.

Defending the trophy, Trinity started in convincing style, and at the end of the first day were leading U.C.D. by 12 strokes. At this stage Ian Elliott was leading the individual event by two strokes after two steady rounds.

On the final day Trinity never looked like being troubled, and the interest was centred around the individual title. The result of this was virtually decided in the third round when Robert Pollin went round in a magnificent 69 to take a two shot lead over Elliott, who in the final round only managed to recover one shot from Pollin. Thus Pollin who had lost in the play-off last year won this year by one shot.

The only other event which concerned Trinity was the Boyde Quack International Student Tournament, held at St. Andrews in August in which Gavin Caldwell finished fifth as the result of an excellent final round.

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