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WAKEY! WAKEY! A REVOLUTION IS TAKING PLACE

COLOSSAL changes in the structure of undergraduate life are pending. "Trinity News" takes pleasure in presenting this report by veteran undergraduate correspondents, An Fear Cruaidh and Sans Serif.

Little interest is being taken in the major changes being considered by the Board. The proposed capitation levy to bolster up largely bankrupt societies is itself quite unprecedented. Clearly such a tax is only tolerable if its expenditure is controlled by an elected body. What is being mooted is not entirely in accordance with this view.

Provost's Committee

Only after prolonged negotiations with the major societies and sports groups, the Board has established a Committee to report on how financial aid can best be used. This Committee is entirely composed of the potential spenders of the money. No effort has been made to include representatives of impartial bodies, such as the Scholars' Committee or the College journals. Consequently, the large body of students unaffiliated either to D.U.C.A.C. or the so-called major societies has been ignored. This Committee is going to go through the motions of receiving written and oral evidence. Owing to its composition, it is obvious that its findings are a foregone conclusion. Nothing but folly would result, if the Board were to act solely on its deliberations.

Major Societies and D.U.C.A.C.

There is a serious risk that the capitation levy will be used simply to finance the existing organisations. The Societies that this Committee may hope to perpetuate by means of enforced payment are worthy of close scrutiny. The incoming Hist. officers were elected by a mere forty-three people. This is typical of the Society to-day. In fact, the last two chairman made their speeches not on the motions but on the poor standards and attendances; both of which have noticeably dropped during the last session. While attendances in the Phil. have been a little better, the precariousness of its finances is common knowledge even to the Treasurer. The

membership has gradually dwindled to such an extent that soon a paid-up Phil. member will be as rare as the Philosopher's stone. In both, the material facilities are a joke that is not always funny. The Conversation Rooms have been allowed to become almost as dingy as the Billiard Rooms. As for the Work Rooms, their broken furniture conjures up a mission house raided by the Mau Mau.

It is absurd that the officers of such societies should regard themselves as representatives of anyone but themselves.

D.U.C.A.C. is a committee that serves a very great need and no doubt its sole interest will be to secure adequate funds to carry on the good work.

Active Groups

Meanwhile, the really lively societies in College are well out in the cold. Amongst these can be named the Bi., Players, and the Theo. and the other religious societies, some faculty societies, and the College publications. These are representative of modern interests. The major societies, while they may be struggling on worthy traditions, are hangovers from the past.

Faults

Judging from the present policy, the Board will only have itself to blame when its plans miscarry. On the other hand, some action is better than none. The previous attitude of waiting for undergraduate initiative was fruitless. The prevarications and timidity of the Hist. and Phil., together with the weakness and lack of authority of the S.R.C.—for which the Board have none but themselves to blame—could not have led to anything positive. Nevertheless, we reiterate that this Committee's main fault is that it is unrepresentative.

Representation

It is a basic principle of ethics that the expenditure of a tax, such as the proposed capitation levy, should be controlled by representatives of the taxpayers. It would also be blatantly unethical to make membership of either the Hist. or the Phil. compulsory. As at present constituted they are failing, not through the apathy of students but through their own incompetence and steadfast refusal to become adapted to present conditions. In the past there might have been room for two such societies—this is certainly not the case now. It is undesirable that representation should be effected through the medium of either of these outmoded caucuses.

Utopia

The need exists as never before for a totally new approach to the whole problem. Some suggest that the S.R.C. could be harnessed to develop the administration of the G.M.B. with the new financial backing. However, it cannot be forgotten that the S.R.C. by its own ineptitude, combined with the pig headed approach of the Board to its

establishment, together with its politically unfortunate history, is a discredited body. Its last election, even more than those of the major societies, was a farce. Its executive is intellectually both frail and effete. It would, therefore, be preferable if a newly-constituted Council were elected by the direct suffrage of all those who are caught by the proposed capitation levy. This Council, in turn, could appoint a higher echelon to administer all the problems of the G.M.B. and the other undergraduate facilities. This would leave to Societies' committees the time they so palpably need to arrange proper meetings, public and otherwise. The necessary liaison with the Provost would be provided by a senior officer of the proposed new authority, who could be specially delegated for the purpose.

If such a new body were to come into existence, the present S.R.C. could go into liquidation, and its funds, library, travel facilities and good-will could be placed at the disposal of the new authority.

All societies working in conjunction with this body could then regulate their own affairs without any outside interference. Thus their vital independence would be preserved.

Diehards in the major societies frequently aver that the moment the conversation rooms go, both the Hist. and the Phil. are finished. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is absolutely no reason why the Hist. and Phil. officers should not contest the elections to the proposed Council. Thus they could gain representation proportionate to their strength.

Without wishing to suggest a plethora of committees, it is proposed that in the supreme instance the levied funds are split between D.U.C.A.C. and the re-constituted G.M.B. Committee. In the event of any dispute, the Provost could be the final arbiter.

About £10,000 will be annually at stake. Its disposal is a matter that cannot be considered lightly. Surely it must not be used to perpetuate or ex-hume existing inadequacies.

Dissolution of Mod. Lang.?

A special meeting of the Mod. Lang. Society was held last Tuesday to discuss the Society's abolition. Nearly all the Mod. Lang. staff were present at the meeting. This fact alone indicates that the Society is in a state of crisis. A further meeting has been arranged for the beginning of next term, as this meeting was inconclusive.

Owing to the unwieldy and farcical nature of the Society's constitution, a vote on the motion, "That this Society in its present form should be dissolved," could not be taken.

Although the general opinion of the house was that the Society should be preserved, Dr. Pyle said that it was but a pale imitation of the Hist. and the Phil., and Prof. White said there was a crying need for unity. Miss Rosemary Bates drew attention to the gross apathy that existed and said that if this were not rectified there would be no other course possible than to dissolve the Society and substitute independent societies with proper financial support. Mr. Horwood, with his head in the clouds, explained what a pillar of strength the Mod. Lang. could be to the College, but failed to realise quite how nebulous his remarks were owing to the perilous circumstances the Society was now in.

Too Many Books?

Of all Trinity's advantages over similar institutions in other parts of these islands, perhaps the greatest single one is her possession of the copyright which allows her to place in the Library free of charge any book published in these islands. It is well-known that the vast number of volumes thus accumulated are proving too many for the present Library Building. Some months ago an appeal was made for money to extend the present building by adding a wing of similar dimensions at right angles across the Fellows' Garden. The sum necessary was close on half a million pounds.

The Guinness family—whose continued patronage of College puts every member of the University for ever in its debt—opened the appeal by donating a very considerable amount of money. But far more was necessary, and it is no secret that the Provost's visit to the United States last winter was mainly concerned in trying to interest some of the large American institutions in the project. However, due to the complicated legal difficulties in investing such money in a foreign country, little assistance was forthcoming. Thus, only a fraction of what will be necessary has so far come in.

Copyright

Dr. A. A. Luce, the then Vice-Provost, led the vanguard in Trinity's successful battle to retain the copyright some three years ago when it was contested by various London publishers, a strong weapon was that Trinity would be able to make use of the right indefinitely. Now it appears that unless extensions to the present building can be made within the next five years, no course will be open but to abandon the copyright, almost certainly for ever. For, even if a new building could eventually be built, any hope of re-obtaining the right, once forsaken, would be extremely slim.

Thus, Trinity should expect that a vigorous campaign will be launched next year to raise the money. The possession of the copyright is invaluable; with real publicity and determination the money must be forthcoming.

Professor of Irish Retires

Students and former students of the Faculty of Irish met on Saturday last, in 23 College, at a sherry party on the occasion of the retirement of Prof. Eamon O'Toole, who for twenty-six years has been Professor of Irish in College.

Mr. J. N. Beaumont, Lecturer in Irish, presenting Prof. O'Toole with a gold pocket-watch on behalf of the graduates and the undergraduates, outlined the Professor's brilliant career. He had, Mr. Beaumont went on, done most remarkable work in every sphere of Irish learning.

A bouquet was presented to Mrs. O'Toole by Miss Barbara Robinson, Auditor of the College Gaelic Society.

Among those present at the reception were: Miss E. Knott, Mr. E. G. Quinn, Mrs. Risk, Mr. J. Brosnan, Risteard O Glaisne and Mr. J. Brooks.

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QUO VADIS?

THE term is drawing to a close. For the next three months most of us will depart into a different world. Although we will be glad to get away, it is not because we dislike Trinity, it is because youth is restless. We must always be on the move, but after three months we will be glad to move back again to see our friends and all the familiar landmarks; the strange attire of the porters and of Dr. McDowell, the gaunt, grey stone of the Library and the mellowed red brick of the Rubrics, the lush green grass in College Park and the rugby posts up again, hailing a new season. Much will happen to many of us during the vacation. When we return we will have many interesting tales to relate; our holiday in the South of France or our sojourn in the British Museum, our skill at cricket or our acquisition of a new girl friend and many other things. Whatever we do, we hope our time will not have been wasted and that we will return to College refreshed and ready for another term.

UNDER THE FENCE

TRINITY WEEK is now over. It has been one of the most dismal Trinity Weeks on record. Those who worked so hard to make it a success have been frustrated by the weather, which has been almost inconceivably bad. If this were not enough, they have also had to cope with an unco-operative attitude not only on the part of students but visiting graduates as well. There have been complaints that 10/6 was an outrageous price to charge for the Trinity Week Ball and that too few complimentary tickets were given. While we sympathise with these complaints, we also find it easy to sympathise with D.U.C.A.C. It is well known that they are short of money. Despite this, many students and, what is worse, graduates tried to dodge paying to watch the Boat Club Regatta by climbing over the fence. We feel that these people, who could easily afford to pay 3/- to help their College, should be ashamed of themselves. What is more, there were so many gate crashers at the Regatta tea that there was nothing left for members of the crews.

RAIL STRIKE

WE were all getting a little tired of waiting three days to receive letters from England because of the rail strike. What made it all the more irritating was the fact that since the war the working classes have been getting richer and richer while the professional classes, to which most of us will shortly belong, were not getting anything like a fair deal. Doctors, dentists, architects, engineers, civil servants, school masters and so on (the list is endless) have to go through many years of training for their jobs, but they all have to wait for many years before they can live comfortably, if indeed a school master or a clergyman can ever do so. There is obviously something wrong in this state of affairs. It is a poor world if all the rewards are to go to Big Business men on the one hand and the working classes on the other, while the professional men are deprived of an adequate livelihood.

STRAIGHT TALK

By DR. C.

C. McGlone was, until recently, Lecturer in Comparative Sociology in

I am glad of this opportunity to indulge in the fine Ulidian custom of blunt straight talking. You must realise that for us of the North, Free Speech is the daily salt to put on our frugal "Stirabout" and not, as is the case in England and the "Free State," a rare sauce that is seldom used even by the few who can afford it.

Now I have a few criticisms to make of your worshipful and ancient College. I may be in the act of biting off more than I can chew, but remember, if Cu Chulain had the pluck to fight the sea, then who am I to refuse to tackle a bog? The last time I visited you was Trinity Wednesday, a couple of years ago. On that occasion I was profoundly shocked by the abominable Bacchanal that unfolded itself before my douce Presbyterian eyes. Not only the light-minded among the students, but also some of the staff who ought to have known better, were engaged in scenes of Hogarthian debauchery, and I was the unwilling witness of much that I would not care to speak about. However, I am happy to hear that these heathenish and malodorous routs, which were certainly no credit to any of the participants, have now ceased.

But let us leave this grisly topic, and consider something more hopeful. I have been asked to give my opinion on the relevance of the problem of Partition to the standing of your College. In the first place I have no patience with those who maintain that it is not Irish enough. Take it from me, it is as national in character as any university can afford to be. In these days, people of any sense care to make any definite statement about mysterious entities like the Celtic Race or the Anglo-Saxon Race. Such distinctions are frowned upon by the Wise.

Now I am interested to hear that the Gaelic Society of Trinity College have

McGLONE
 McIlhagga Lecturer in Comparative Sociology in

not only adopted this view, but have also put it to a practical test. For they have chosen this year as their chief official a young man who is of recent English extraction, and in addition, the bulk of the membership is, I am told, composed of rarefied Gaels from the "Gaeltachts" of India, London, Liverpool and other exotic lands. This is an example of real "Aunty-Partition," which even the sternest of my fellow-provincials might approve. Even more, many of the Ulster people who go to Trinity College have abandoned the distinguishing marks of their homeland and have become like the English in dress and speech. This, surely, must be regarded as true Internationalism and not, as is somewhat bitterly suggested by their less flexible compatriots, a base device to improve their chances of employment in the Anglo-philic parts of the province. Certainly, this is not true of the Ulster-women in the University. After a few months in Dublin these sound, for all practical purposes, exactly like the women of the English. What fish do they intend to fry thus? Many unpleasant answers suggest themselves, but the most probable is unprintable. It is said that in some of the more remote parts of Tyrone, quite a number of Trinity women have had their heads shorn.

I suppose that I must follow the usual depressing ways of my generation and give, in conclusion, some advice at which you can reasonably grumble. I would like to warn students in general against the false values of a third-rate intellectuality which all too frequently coheres to University magazines of an unhealthy and tendentious type. It is better to be frank even at the risk of obscenity than to allow hot-house growths of vice to spread their roots wide and deep under a decorous foliage.

COLLEGE OBSERVED

"Well, Calchas, what did you see last week?"

"Damn all and sugar on it."

"No scenes of alcoholic jesting?"

"No."

"Was your swallow unexercised the whole time?"

"Alas, yes, but one thing notable is supposed to have happened."

"What's that?"

"At ten o'clock one night, a flood of masked vigilants impaled the Junior Dean on the Campanile."

"Now that can't be true."

"It is, as sure as I'm riding this elephant."

"Look here, this is as bad as the yarn about the Fellow of Trinity in the old days who viva'd six pink elephants and a dromedary on the sixth book of the Aeneid."

"Did they pass?"

"Yes, after a time. But surely this one about the J.D. is wrong. The wish is father to the thought or something."

"They say it happened."

"Is he not sore about it?"

"Absolutely excruciated and spherically exacerbated."

"God help us then."

"He can't, when the J.D.'s around."

"Now, look, Calchas, this just won't wash, as the man said when he caught sight of the skip."

The Review

SMOKE WITHOUT FIRE

Presented in glorious John Jay technicolour, Longford Land came to Players with a vengeance. The opening saw all the old spectacles of genteelly broiled ham flavoured with a soupcon of Beresford and McDonnell. As the night wore on, both Players and the audience matured.

Instead of the usual tittle-tattle of pseudo-Saxondom, it was refreshing to discern an Irish influence marred only by the stony incongruity of the accents.

After a disappointing beginning, the show really came into its own with "Blithering Heights" and "Aeridh-eacht." The former, an excellent parody on the Brontë sisters, truly caught the Church of Ireland spirit. In the latter, Chris O'Connell Fitzsimons poked relentless fun at the tourists' Ireland.

From Denis McDonnell, like Sean O'Casey, a very high standard is expected and his number, "In the Park," did not disappoint. A word of praise must also go to Raphael, Anderson and Nowlan, who on this occasion sang their parts with novel gusto.

In "Cellars," veterans George Hodnett and John Molloy successfully captured the personal quirks of the Dublin theatre "muckamucks," whom they must know so well.

The substance in "The End of the Matter" seemed to be good, but, unfortunately, was inaudible. Players should realise that even on opening night they haven't got an audience of soothsayers.

In "Enigmatic," good use was made of the sets and lighting. The curtain rose to reveal a squatting Raphael, who was meant to resemble the Sphinx. In

"Please yourself. Soon I am going back to Elysium to hell out of this anyway."

"Any advice to give me before you beat off?"

"Yes, don't, and work out your fate without giving anybody too much trouble."

"What about the people that bother us and torment us with absurd discipline and petty regulation?"

"Sink the bloody lot. The devil's claw rend their obese hips. Furthermore, if they continue to feed you with stuff that resembles cement, by a natural process they will find themselves provided with a new building material. 'Stereostruct' would be a name for it. Oh, yes, and don't forget the 'Pornomat' machines for Buffet."

"Calchas, when will you return?"

"When the Liffey flows backwards; when Ireland becomes a Democracy; when worth is recognised; when the course of true love runs smooth; when Bennett speaks Ulster dialect; when figs grow upon thorns; when D.U. Players can act; when the Junior Dean grows thin; when Dr. Stanford has no hair; when the College is well ordered and dull; when 'T.C.D.' has the guts to take broad humour."

"Alas, alas," said the young man. Calchas.

Tones far from lugubrious, he waded through doggerel with a witty turn of phrase. With a deeper voice he might have been able to make better use of his copy.

On the other hand, Chris Raphael supported Connie Chandler in "Brush on Boogie." It is a pity that for the most part the fine voice of Miss Chandler was victimised by unworthy lyrics. One felt that she did not really come into her own until "Hall Girl."

In general, there were far too many instances of untrained singers attempting to put over lyrics that were only moderate, such as those in "The Deep Sunny South." The chorus, like a lot of the singing, was generally disappointing. It seemed to lack "a little something."

In fact, the chorus numbers could well have been omitted. However, a welcome feature in the production was the improvement in the standard of make-up. Again and again one could not get away from the fact that the Review lacked smoothness and construction.

An over liberal staging has allowed the critical faculties of the producer to become flabby. The audience, like obedient children, clapped whenever it was necessary, but as Dr. Moody, tripping up the stairs, aptly remarked, something was missing. Perhaps it was that the producer, Denis Pack-Beresford, had failed to impress his personality upon the cast, for it could certainly have done with a lot more pruning and rehearsing.

This review may seem a little harsh, but it is not the function of the critic to throw bouquets, which the management usually provide, anyway.

An Fear Cruaidh.



Social Circular

The following have honoured College with a visit:

Professor Alfred S. Romer, the distinguished American palaeontologist.

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The elements.

An intelligent editor of "T.N."

G. D. Liversage.

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Citizens, mind yourselves, Bolchover is coming back!

Mr. Bambos David wishes it to be known that he has not joined the Fire Brigade.

VANDALISM AT CAMBRIDGE

In the latest edition of "Varsity" there is a report of a riotous party which had to be broken up by the Proctors. The party was given by a Cambridge undergraduate to celebrate the end of Examinations. The Proctors were called after a fight in which one man was injured and had to be taken to hospital. About 80 outsiders, mostly Cambridge "Teddy Boys," decided to gate crash the party. Attempting to keep them out, the host got involved in a brawl in which a student had his face slashed by a signet ring and was knocked on to a pile of gramophone records. After this, chaos ensued and glasses were hurled across the room and much damage was done.

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THE COLLEGE SPEAKS

Last week "Trinity News" conducted a Public Opinion Survey of undergraduate life and questions of topical interest. More than a hundred people were interviewed by our team and some interesting results were obtained.

Union Proposals

The first question asked was, "Are you in favour of a Union embracing all College societies, the S.R.C. and D.U.C.A.C.?" Forty-six per cent. answered in the affirmative. Of the remainder, only 10 per cent. were not in favour of any form of union, while 10 per cent. confessed that they were apathetic. The chief objection was the inclusion of D.U.C.A.C. in the union. Seventy per cent. wanted both a bar and a coffee lounge in the union. Only three per cent. objected to having either. About two-thirds were in favour of a referendum and only a quarter preferred the sub-committee as at present constituted. With regard to the inclusion of the Scholars, only a negligible number were in favour. A "T.C.D." reporter(?) said that the whole matter should be put into the capable hands of the Junior Dean. A small minority preferred to leave it to the discretion of the Board.

On the Opposite Sex

After this, those interviewed were asked about their relations with the opposite sex. When asked how often they went out with men or women, as the case may be, 12 per cent. said they did so every night. Only a few never went out at all. Twice as high a percentage of girls claimed to have "steadies." Seventy-one per cent. of the men preferred to flirt with as many ladies as possible while they were still young. One girl boasted three "steadies," and five men claimed to have two girls each, dangling on a string.

A large majority (85 per cent.) of women liked College men better than outsiders, but the men were not so complimentary to College women, exactly one-third confining their love affairs to College. Hall girls were not so popular as girls in flats.

Beauty or Wit?

Men were asked, "Which do you prefer in a woman, beauty, intelligence or money?" They had difficulty in answering this. Most of them wanted all three. However, if the worst came to the worst, intelligence would have to be sacrificed. First choice was money with 42 per cent., and beauty ran it close with 40 per cent. On the other hand, the women on being asked to choose between good looks, piety, car and intellect, voted for good looks first (35 per cent.),

with intellect, 30; piety, 20, and car, 15. (15 per cent. of College men possess cars.—Ed.)

The Vices

The next part of the survey dealt with extra-curricular activities (not involving sex). Sixty-three per cent. of the men said they drank regularly, but the women were more abstemious, only 22 per cent. admitting to the vice. Of the remainder, 95 per cent. of the men and 87 per cent. of the women drank sometimes. It was found that most of those who drank regularly also smoked, but the percentage for women was 55.

The average male undergraduate goes to the pictures 14 times a week and to the theatre 3½ times a term (the female figures being 1.1 and 4). Attendance at Balls is just over two a term, while seven per cent. who attend them all, think that there are not enough; but 30 per cent. would like the number reduced.

Average pocket money is: Men, 72/-; women, 41/- per week. Only five per cent. of the women help with the expenses when taken out.

Rules and Regulations

Some very droll answers were given on the subject of the 10 o'clock curfew and the 6 o'clock rule. The Junior Dean should take note that only three per cent. approve of the curfew. The majority considered it oppressive and ridiculous. Eighty per cent. of the girls thought the 6 o'clock rule needed altering. Most of them suggested 10 o'clock, whilst one advocated 3 a.m. as zero hour; others desired complete freedom in this matter.

Newspapers

The question on newspapers was answered as follows:

Dailies—"Irish Times" and "Daily Mail, 30 per cent.; "Guardian," 18 per cent.

Sundays—"Observer," 40 per cent.; "Sunday Times," 24 per cent.; "Express," 17 per cent.

On being asked to choose between "T.C.D.", "Beano," "News of the World" and "Pravda," 35 per cent. voted for "News of the World," 33 per cent. "The Beano," 29 per cent. "T.C.D." and 3 per cent. for "Pravda."

Footnote

For those who intend to get married, the average College girl spends £50 a year on clothes. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.



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Trinity Blues

While the Other Half of College frolicked in the Metropole, a bleak afternoon was capped by a happily bleary evening in the Gresham. The two Muses, Misses Gourley, Clydesa, found they were wearing red, white and blue. Disconcerted by this show of jingoism, Meryl and Anne disappeared, leaving their partners behind them. Hilarious Bobby Goulding pelted the next table with chox, dubiously worn by Louis Lentini, while his partner, Maureen, ignored this undergraduate behaviour. "Mars are marvellous," murmured Liz Horne and vanished with Sean (sorry, John) Boland. As David Simms, baffled in the raffle, received a fire-extinguisher, "quick-snatch" John Kirjohn appeared with a bottle of whiskey and joined poker-faced Julian Boldley in commiserations with Gloria Myers and new fiancé Barry White. The "emcee" grew hoarse announcing spot dances and engagements, romance flourished, and everyone had a simply splendid time. This columnist is still hazy about subsequent proceedings. How many parties were there?

Greek Meets Greek

Cypriot socialite Andreas David found his intention to hold a formal dance frustrated by those inveterate party-crashers, the hangers-on of Players. Wearing sweaters and jeans, Ann Lucas and Mary Falkiner descended on Dickie Murdoch—who after one look vacated the bar—then finding conversation and bright lights not to their taste, staged a Bohemian setting by lowering the lights and lolling on the floor. Paul Spyropoulos, seeing scarlet-gowned Maureen playing patience, made success-

MUSICAL CHAUCER

The ranks of the choir seemed, even for a summer concert, unusually thin when the Choral Society presented "The Canterbury Pilgrims" on Thursday night. This was unfortunate, as Dyson's work demands a large body of singers capable of illuminating the different portraits with a variety of tones and colours.

At the beginning the singing lacked confidence and diction, and contrasts were poor. The tenor soloist inspired the choir to a better standard, however, and apart from this initial flatness the singing was good. The soloists were competent rather than brilliant, their control was good and their diction excellent. However, despite this and the choir's improvement, there was a lack of cohesion throughout; this seemed caused, firstly, by the weakness of the bass and contralto, but also through a lack of attention to the conductor, Mr. Grocock only succeeding in keeping the concert moving, never being permitted to raise his choir to inspiration. The pianists—their task was a delightful if complex one—made their instruments speak and the tempo was always confident.

However, it was a disappointing evening. A lively musical portrait was spoiled because there were too few members to paint it adequately. Particularly as far as male performers are concerned, Trinity apathy seems not to have left untouched the Choral.

CUMANN GAELACH AN CHOLAISTE

An emergency meeting of the above Society will be held in the Society Rooms, No. 2 College, at 4 p.m., Thursday, 16th June. The following resolution will be before the meeting: "We, the Officers, Committee and the members of Cumann Gaelach An Cholaiste, meeting at No. 2 T.C.D. on this day, the 16th of June, 1955, hereby deplore the course of conduct pursued by the Auditor for the session 1954-55 in regard to the election of Officers and Committee for the coming session, 1955-56."

D.U.A.I.A. ELECTION RESULTS

Chairman, Mr. Rysard Kosubowski; Record Sec., Mr. Pat Burke; Corres. Sec., Mr. R. Sides; Asst. Treas., Mr. Brian Jadeja. Committee: Mr. K. Beniarakis, ex-officio; Miss J. Pataimedes, Mr. Piekalkewicz, Mr. A. Tallala, Mr. D. Cramp.

D.U. COMMERCE AND ECONOMICS SOCIETY

Auditor, A. A. Tomlinson (Sch.); Secretary, Frances-Jane French; Treas., Joan May; Librarian, M. O. Abdel-Moneim. Committee: D. M. F. Beatty, G. Knaggs, A. R. Selim, F. P. R. Brechling (Sch.), ex-Auditor.

CHORAL SOCIETY

Committee for 119th session, 1955-56: Hon. Secretary, E. F. Darling; Hon. Treasurer, G. G. Williams; Hon. Librarian, Miss J. Smiley; Hon. Registrar, Miss L. Rust; Hon. Orchestral Registrar, Miss A. Roberts. Committee: G. Fitzgibbon, M.A.I.; Miss P. Mann, D. McIlhagga, M. D. Boyden, Miss R. Allen.

ful efforts to entertain her, leaving Panos Kefaus quite discouraged. In the other room, Nick Bailey danced from wall to wall, and Danae Standford retired bashfully behind the curtains.

Islandbridge

It was a cold and windy day, and the captain said to the cox, "Not much gate-money here, Rog.", but the impromptu swimming exhibition given by Garda Siociana interested Felicity Meldrum, while others shivered beneath a mohair rug. Sensibly-dressed Rosemary Moore snapped the happy scene, as Mike Cawdrey and Elizabeth Wilson dared the elements in summer wear. A Sides twin cast a knowing eye over the crews. Before treading the well-worn path to the regatta dance, the Boat Club called for a snifter at Horwood's flat, re-decorated a la Messrs. Cooks by artistic Carl Hine. Confucian Doug. Baxter strolled in, searching for Felicity, and found Beauty in the persons of Craig and Clark. Pipe-smokers Paddy Quigley and Len Bernstein gave a lesson in cigarette lighting to an interested young lady, and Jerry Sheppherd learnt relaxation in contemporary chairs.

My dear! The marquee hop was so "naice" this year. Perhaps the rain had a sobering effect, but everyone seemed most subdued. George Wheeler did a Kunz at the piano, and John Fitzgerald and Maggie Smith danced sedately. Brian Jadeja danced all over the place, but that may have been his usual style.

HISTORY SOCIETY ELECTIONS

Auditor, Miss Horn; Secretary, P. C. Bourke; Treasurer, Miss Brooks; Librarian, S. A. Bancroft; Assistant Librarian, R. Glanville; Senior Sophister Representative, J. E. V. Ralston; Junior Sophister Representative, J. G. E. Shewell-Cooper; Senior Freshman Representative, Miss Horsley.



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SIX OUT OF TEN FOR D.U.B.C.



During the two-day regatta held at Islandbridge last Friday and Saturday, the Boat Club proved that they are one of the strongest rowing clubs in Ireland. Out of the ten events entered for, the Club managed to win six.

The Maiden Eight deserved to win their event, and but for the presence of the strong Garda Rowing Club, who they met in the final, would surely have done so. The Maidens have been an extremely promising crew right from the beginning of the season, but it was only on Friday and Saturday they showed their true form. John Connor, as their coach this term, has done much to bring them on. It is a great pity that the eight must now be disbanded, because of exams, for this is a probable championship crew.

Now that the first flush of success has passed off, the Junior Eight are now back to serious rowing in preparation for the Junior Championship, to be held at Athlone on June 30th. Success was definitely theirs at the regatta, for they won the eights in terrific style from Queen's in the final and also produced a winning IV and an under age IV. Much credit is due to their coach, W. N. R. (Cadley) Millar, whose untiring efforts, combined with those of the stroke, C. Heyn, turned them from an average

crew into a championship crew. We wish them all success at Athlone.

In the final of the Senior Eights, Trinity met their old rivals, U.C.D. Although they did not manage to strike top form, won with comparative ease. They were disappointing in losing both the 1st and 2nd Senior Fours to Bann R.C. and Carlow R.C. respectively. More determination will have to be shown by the crew if it is to give a good account of itself at Henley in a fortnight's time. This, it is hoped, will be brought about by the really fast pacing crews to be found over there. A great drawback in Ireland is the lack of really fast crews to push the VIII. This is very essential to the development of a good racing crew.

The inter-club IV's provided the usual crop of thrills and laughs. The Rugby Club once again retained their position as champions by beating the Hockey Club in the final in an extremely close race. We feel that if the Hockey Club had not broken a stretcher the decision might have been reversed.

Much comment has been passed both in the Press and outside on the efficiency with which the regatta was run. All credit should go to J. H. Holroyd as Regatta Sec. and his assistants.

The Henley Crew.—
 Cox, R. Rolfe; Stroke, J. G. Pearson; J. R. Granleese, G. F. Shepherd, W. O. Seeds, B. Kidd, H. Delap, P. Wall-Morris, T. Molyneux.

A MARATHON MATCH LOST

Since the last issue, play has been possible on two evenings in the Preliminary Round of the Cup.

On Thursday last, the remaining five Trinity batsmen could only add 44 runs to the 115 for five. Pembroke, in reply, scored 51 runs for the loss of three wickets.

Play was continued last Monday and four more wickets fell for 60 runs. Bergin, the Irish international, batted very well to make 36 before he was caught in the slips off Brewery. M. Williams, a former international, made 25 useful runs before he was bowled by Cooper. Pembroke were then 111 for seven with the so-called "rabbits" to follow.

On Tuesday night, however, these "rabbits" ended Trinity's cup hopes. In a thrilling finish, Hopkins, the Pembroke No. 8 batsman, attacked the Trinity bowling and scored 35 of the 49 runs required. The last pair came together when one run was needed for victory. This was scored by de Brit, and Pembroke won by one wicket.

RAIN STOPPED PLAY

In College Park last Saturday, rain prevented Trinity from securing full points against Clontarf in the Senior League match.

Clontarf batted first and made 106 runs in 2 hours 55 minutes. There was nothing inspiring in their innings. The rate of scoring was slow, the technique of the batsmen left much to be desired and the game itself was dreary. N. C. Mahony made 28, and E. H. Dexter 22 not out.

Wilson and Cooper opened as usual for Trinity, but Cooper was soon lb.w. to Green for two. Smyth joined Wilson; he also lost his wicket to Greene. At this stage the rain started to fall, and about five minutes later it became heavy, and stumps were drawn with Trinity 37 for two.

TRINITY WEEK GOLF

The Club played their Trinity Week match on Friday last against the Golfing Society and successfully completed the season by winning 4-0. J. L. Bamford and R. Fluery were unable to play in this match owing to their continued participation in the Grange Fourball, but adequate substitutes were found in H. Hickey and S. O'Conal, who combined soundly to win the last foursomes match. D. Weir and E. L. Holland again showed their ability in beating C. McCaw and T. Hannin, two experienced and very able golfers.

THE MISSES "TRINITY NEWS"

"Trinity News" presented two bottles of champagne to the two most fashionably dressed girls at the Trinity Week Ball. The winners were Miss Mary Falkiner and Miss Alyson Kyle. Owing to the state of the weather, the competition had to be postponed till the evening. It was originally intended to hold it at the Races. One of the prizes was presented by Mrs. Stanford at the Metropole, the other by Mr. Nicholas Bailey at the Gresham. Miss Sybil Connolly, who was to have judged the competition, was unavoidably detained.

HUGH LUPUS TO WIN IRISH DERBY

With the Ascot meeting being postponed, attention is again focussed on Irish meetings.

To-day's very varied programme at Thurles will provide much excitement. In the main event, the Thurles Handicap Hurdle, I like Let's Face It, whose running at Mullingar and Powerstown Park was most impressive. The main danger will probably come from Captain Hornsby's Tyranto. In the last race to-day I like Coolanure, who should overcome his handicap of 12 stone if the going isn't too soft.

On Saturday there is the Navan meeting. Here we have a very big entry. For the Silloge Handicap I would pick Phylocactus who seems to be recovering from a bad patch. The best bet of the day at Navan is in the Blackhills Handicap Steeplechase, where Jungle Landing should win at a good price.

On Wednesday next at the Curragh the Irish Derby will be run. With 29 acceptors, the field looks interesting. There are, however, three horses which seem to be a class above their competitors — Panaslipper, whose amazing run all but won him the English Derby; Hugh Lupus, unfortunately he was unable to run at Epsom, and Daemar, who ran but was disappointing.

Of the three I must pick Hugh Lupus to win. He has beaten Panaslipper already this season and would have started as one of the favourites for the Epsom Derby if he had run. The one doubt, however, is that he might not have fully recovered from the accident which kept him out of the Derby; if this is so, my vote goes to Daemar, whose breeding is much above Panaslipper and who will want to show that he was not at his best last month. My finishing order would be: Hugh Lupus, Daemar and Panaslipper.

"Colonel Tottering."

D.U. CHESS CLUB A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the D.U. Chess Club was held on Monday afternoon in E. Chapel Building. Dr. A. A. Luce, President, was in the chair. The following officers were elected for the session 1955-56: Hon. Secretary, J. A. Derham; Hon. Treasurer, W. Alexander; Hon. Librarian (vacant). Committee: Messrs. C. B. H. Mackinson, F. G. H. Knight and J. J. Johnston.

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The breeze was always light to moderate, a state of affairs where superior skill counts more than weight, nerve or luck.

Miss E. Horne must be considered lucky to have won the ladies' race, after Miss J. Kirwan hit a mark when in a commanding position. Miss Horne, however, won the novices' race in most convincing style.

The Kirwans showed the value of knowing Water Wags when V. J. Kirwan beat his sister in the final of the J. B. Stephens' trophy.

Experience, especially in making a risky start, helped Ryder to win the Barton Cup.

Results: Novices — Miss E. Horne. Ladies' Race — Miss Horne. J. B. Stephens (Water Wags) — V. J. Kirwan. Baskin Trophy (Club Championship) — D. A. Ryder. Hamilton Stokes Cup (Single-hand Championship) — D. A. Ryder.

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COLOURS MATCH v. QUEEN'S U.B

Trinity represented by D. A. Ryder and V. J. Kirwan, T. D. Spearman and R. T. Kelly, J. A. C. Terry and M. J. H. Cawdry.

The most satisfying part of the Colours match was the success of the newcomers, Spearman and Kelly, in one boat, and Kirwan, who was sailing with Ryder.

Kirwan won the first race and the Queen's boat he was covering was second. Terry and Kelly filled the next two positions, with Queen's 5th and 6th

Ryder and Kirwan took care of Bramwell (Q.U.B.) before the start of the second race and delayed his start considerably, but the best piece of team racing was done by Spearman and Kelly who with some beautifully judged luffing put Ryder in first, coming second themselves, with Queen's finishing 3rd, 4th and 5th. Cawdry and Terry retired.

The third race was sailed in blustery conditions, when planing was possible in some gusts. Trinity's experience in the Fireflies enabled them to finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Queen's lost one boat at the hands of Kelly and Spearman.

The final race was sailed in more pleasant conditions. Trinity, finishing 1st, 3rd and 5th, were unlucky not to finish 1st and 2nd when a beam puff lost a place for Ryder and Kirwan at the West Pier mark. Ryder flew a protest against the 1st Queen's boat. This was not heard as it would have had no effect on the result.

The first three races counted for the Ellwood Cup and Trinity enter the second leg with a lead of 17½ points.

The Colours match was won by 26 points. This year's team is well balanced and may be expected to improve with practice.

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