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# TRINITY NEWS

A Dublin University Undergraduate Weekly

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"SCRUTINY" — THE  
INSIDE REPORT ON  
TRINITY AFFAIRS.  
AND ... "HOW TO  
GET TO THE TOP."

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*theodora thrashbint looks at the  
learners — verdict:*

## THE RETURN OF THE SMOOTHIES



THANK heaven for that! I thought they were going to be like last year's lot. Judging by the performance in the Buttery on Tuesday night, at last College Smoothies Robert Heale and David Lamb will have some raw material to work on. Even Neale Webb, as he inviegled Jean Archer (from Carrickmines Cross-roads) into his own Freshers' Congress, said: "They seem to be turning out quite well." But things didn't turn out so well for Peter Stiven who felt more at home with the Chief Steward.

## PROVOST CLAIMS TRINITY "WITH IT"

### Freshers' Welcome

AT the official welcome to Freshers, the Provost, Dr. A. J. McConnell, said that Trinity was "progressive." He stressed the high levels of tolerance and freedom offered, for these were essential to maintain the College's position amongst Europe's great universities.

As the College newspaper, "Trinity News" is published on Thursdays during lecture term. Though founded by the S.R.C. in 1953, it soon became independent. The staff elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman each term, who are responsible for publication and policy. Read from Provost to porters, it has the largest circulation in College.

"So it's not all gum-boots and beer," rumbled Wellingtonian George Wynne-Willson, nuts on Julia Almond. "We had our tonsils out together." That's stretching it a bit, George.

Richard ("there must be many others like me here") Brown apologised for being at Eton—but at least he didn't know Jeremy Lucas. David Akerele, like his school (Seaford), was trying hard to be Public with Una Maguire from Lurgan—daddy's a G.P. and she's doing G.S.

Sarah Acheson is doing History to find out whether she's related

SARAH GILL

"ten years a-growing."

David Akerele's corporation goes Public.

—Photos S. Walmsley.

to Dean; while Carol Reakes is doing Medicine to find out how daddy puts the edges on Oxo cubes. So no wonder she thinks the Exam. Hall's lovely. Further down the line Peter Hutchinson has left his father's station to learn Veterinary in the Stag's Head, and to look down the mouth of Martilla Moore.

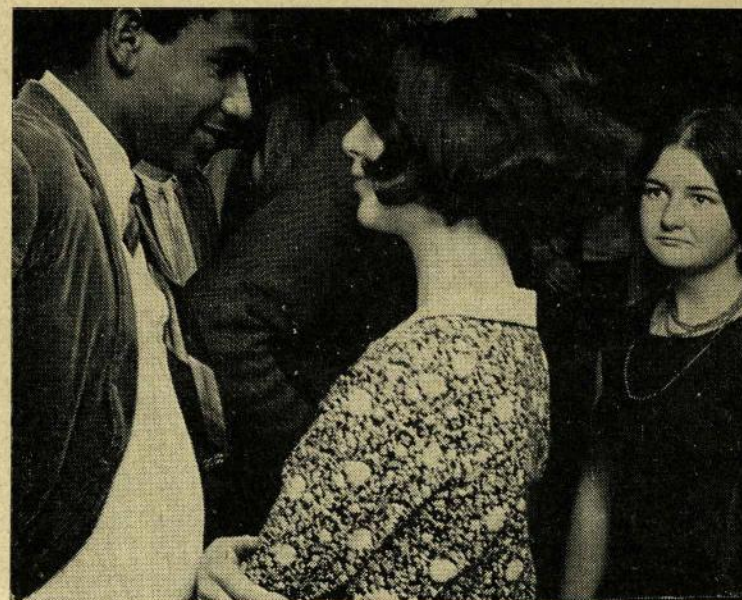
Dr. McConnell told the third Freshers' Congress that traditions were only valuable if they were relevant and useful. He gave as an example of a new and useful "tradition" the Congress they were attending, for until recently little had been done to introduce them to College life.

First reactions amongst senior undergraduates who had listened to the Provost were that he dismissed too lightly the "non-redbrick" aspects of the University. They felt that with the decline of Oxbridge, this difference would become increasingly important.

Our Editor writes:

Surely one of the most distressing features of the Freshers' Congress is that it gives a totally false impression of our University. At no other time is a student so mothered and molycoddled, and it seems that the Organising Committee have felt it necessary to sell Trinity as a radical redbrick, rather than the reactionary bastion of leisurely learning that it is.

The Provost was right to point out the importance of leisure. Trinity courses are designed to encourage outside interests. This is a courageous, though dangerous, policy; for there will be many who will see this as an opportunity to vegetate. But College has little respect for the nonentity. Even if you intend to completely waste your time here, at least do so with aplomb.



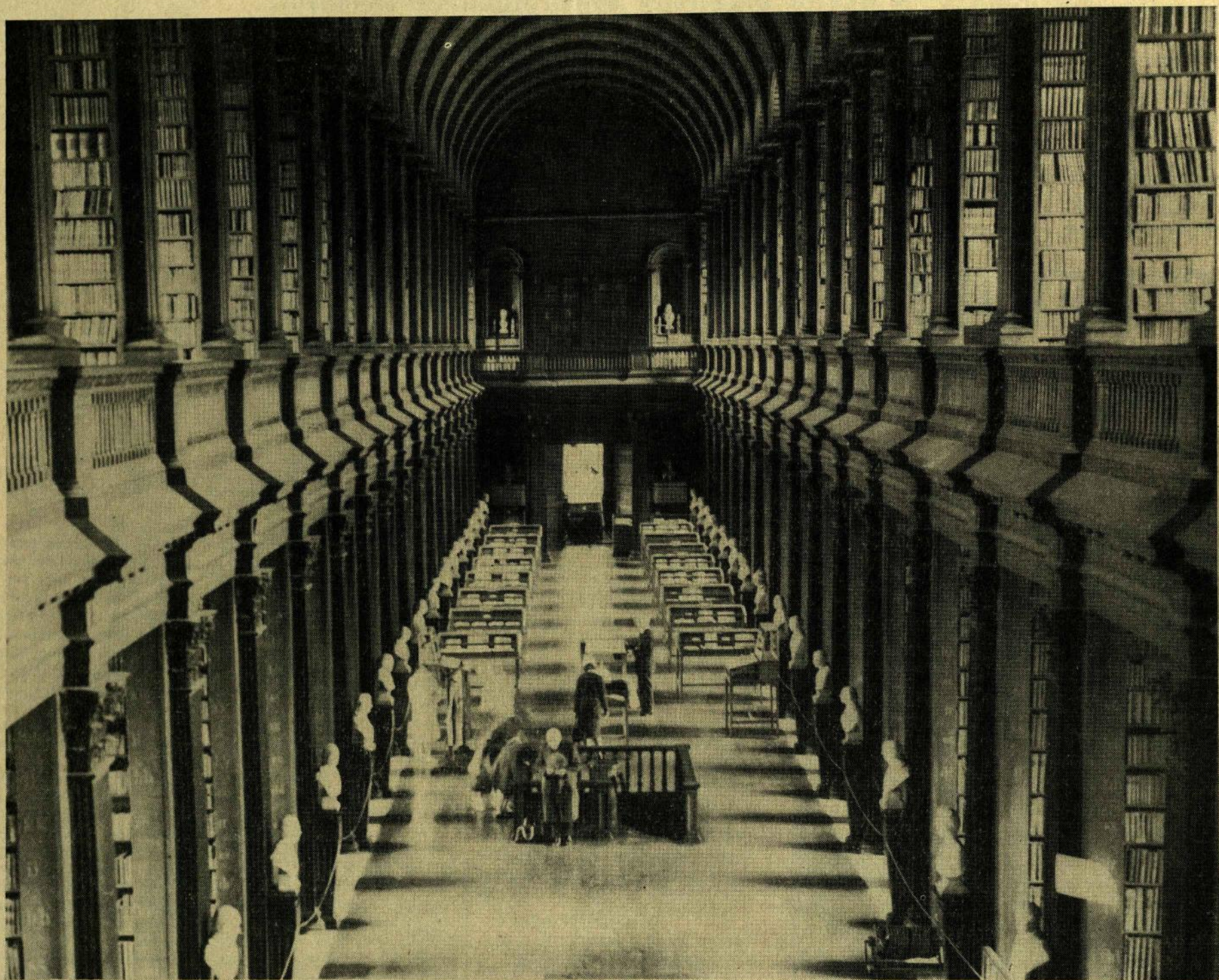
Biggest joke of the evening was that veteran campaigner Simon Morgan couldn't get in, and was left champing at the bit. Translate: "Caesar Morganus, his Company of Crashers having been assembled, the doors attacked. But without victory. Later, a weary messenger told of the ex-

change of many denarii . . ." but that doesn't sound like Simon.

Anyway, my award for smoothness goes to Jim, for Stokeing his way over the points and past the sleepers to shunt Sarah Gill from Roger (0-6-0) Munn. Prize: A pair of scissors for that ten-year growth.



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