

# Trinity News

## Special Edition

Thursday, 20th February, 1969

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# FRONT SQUARE SOLD TO CORPORATION

During the past week, Front Square has been the scene of much activity, as workmen have been pruning the trees preparatory to their felling. This is part of yet another insidious plan devised by the Board to supplement Trinity's annual governmental grant in an attempt to save the College from total insolvency.

When students return next term they will find that the whole of Front Square has been tar-macked and that it is being used as a public car-park.

A spokesman for Dublin Corporation commented, "Central Dublin is in great need of a car-park and we were delighted when

Trinity College approached us with an offer of land, especially as it was such an ideal situation." However, he refused to disclose the precise figure which the Board had demanded, though he admitted that it was 'a considerable amount.'

The plan also involves the demolition of the 1937 Reading

Room, as a new entrance is to be constructed, leading in from Nassau Street. It was felt that the Pearse Street gate alone would not be adequate. The College Porters, who are to act as car-park attendants will be paid by the Corporation and therefore money will be saved in wages.

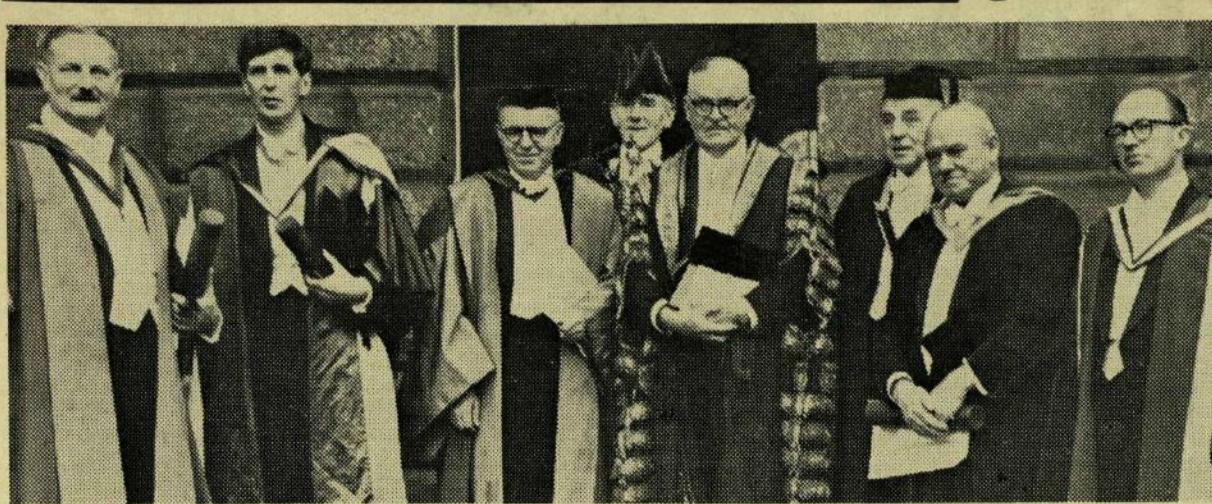
A member of the Board when questioned on these points, remarked: "The 1937 Reading Room was due for demolition and we will be gaining so much by the whole transaction that we feel we are serving the best interests of the students."

However, when asked if students would be entitled to free parking facilities, he replied that this would not be possible and that students wishing to use the car-park would be able to do so subject to the normal rate.

If this project is a success two giant blocks of flats will be erected in College Park by the Corporation. "Trinity is too isolated from the rest of Dublin," said a Board spokesman, "and by doing this we could bring students into everyday contact with the people of Dublin." He went on to say that the present rent received from

D.U.C.A.C. is far too low and the proposed six-figure rent from the Dublin Corporation would free Trinity from its present financial difficulties.

Leading Fellows of the College are pictured here holding a mass meeting in protest to the proposed car-park in Front Square. "We would rather see a university merger than a Corporation take-over," said one enraged Professor, as five hundred students cheered and waved banners. After the meeting the Junior Dean led a protest march to the Mansion House where gardai refused to allow him to hand a petition to the Lord Mayor. His only comment on the affair was "Hmph, yes, hmph."



## Progressive Women Shocked

A founder member of The Progressive Women's League has now been banned from their meetings. A spokesman for the PWL said that she had been found guilty of decadent and anti-feminist activities. In a statement issued from the Rotunda Hospital, the banned student claimed: "I still consider myself to be a progressive woman. At no time have I thought myself merely an appendage to the male ego. I'm still not sure what happened, but I can only say that I shall bring up my daughter to share my belief in progressive feminism."

## Garda Flower Shower

Students assembled in Front Square on Tuesday in order to come to some decision concerning the increasing number of incidents involving confrontation of gardai and students. The president of the SRC, Mr. Adrian Bourke, commented that "the sentiment of the gardai offering flowers to students on their beat is a generous one that has developed all out of proportion." One student complained bitterly, brushing petals from the front of his greatcoat, "pelted, in fact, would be a more apt description." Some expressed the hope that the recent snowstorm would

keep the gardai in their barracks rather than tying up traffic with their insistent sincerity. However, this has not proved the case. The snow merely accentuates the carnage of broken tulip heads and crumpled stems.



A number of Russian soldiers were somewhat inconvenienced last Sunday while visiting College. Finding the Buttery and other centres of convenience bolted against them, they were obliged to find relief elsewhere. Undaunted, however, they vented their pressing urges over an American tourist who happened to be sitting in the snow in Front Square.

### A PERSONAL APOLOGY

To all those genuine blues lovers who were subjected to the disorganised and drunken Booze and Blues fiasco on Friday night. Would anyone who lost property on Friday please contact me c/o Regent House.

Kevin Pritchard.



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# LECTURER REPLIES

At the end of last month MR. JACK MILLER of the Institute of Social Studies, Glasgow, came to Trinity to talk to students on Russia. A report of his visit appeared in Revolutionary Alternative the following week. In this article Mr. Miller comments on the report.

I have been shown the issue of Revolutionary Alternative dated February 6, with a request to comment on the report in it of my talks at T.C.D. on the Soviet Union a few days earlier. While willing to do so, I find it difficult for the same reason as it was difficult to comment on the Internationalists' statements at the meetings.

There was almost nothing to get hold of in what they said. They made a large number of uninvestigated statements conveying hardly any meaning. When I did recognise a question in these utterances at the first meeting I tried to answer it. Another thing that got through to me was a recapitulation by one of the Internationalists of what I had said about the Stalin period in Russia, but his report was so inaccurate that it made me angry and I interrupted him to point out that it was false and in which respects. Since this Internationalist had gone on talking in his almost incomprehensible way for a long time despite the Chairman's repeated requests for him to stop, I felt justified in interrupting.

I was very glad to give information when asked for it, to the best of my ability, and to hear people's

views. That was what I had come to Dublin for, and what most of those present wanted. The Internationalists were there for some other purpose. I honestly do not know what their purpose was. Their intention did not appear to be to convey views, because what they said conveyed so little.

Let us take a look at the report of my meetings in Revolutionary Alternative. According to it, I "had no understanding of what had happened or was going on in the Soviet Union with regard to the class struggle — i.e. the fact that there are under-ground organisations there destined to overthrow the new Soviet bureaucracy". What can one say to that? How much do the Internationalists know of underground organisations there? How do they know what such groups are "destined" to do?

Further, I had not explained "what had really happened since Stalin died, i.e. how a clique had usurped all that Stalin had stood for in implementing socialism". Again, what can one say to this "i.e." form of political argument? Or perhaps it would be better called the "what really happened" school of thought.

I am called "promoter of hysterical anticommunism", apparently because I was not totally in favour of Stalin and totally against his successors.

Amongst other assertions, "the meeting was not designed to discuss ideas and concrete conditions". It was, and that is why the Internationalists' strings of clichés were out of place there.

Reporting my seminar, Revolutionary Alternative says I refused to "take a stand" on Biafra and a Soviet-built steel mill in India. I did take a stand, by refusing to continue the seminar if the time was to be occupied by interminable and very unclear statements on such topics by the one or two Internationalists present. After they left, the function of the seminar — which was information

and discussion on the USSR — was resumed.

Since the Internationalists make some pretty sweeping comments on me, I will make a comment on them. They regard themselves as politically serious people. Blind faith in meaningless clichés, irresponsible falsehoods, monotony, ignorance, dreary confusion, thoroughly bad manners and sheer wooliness add up to dullness, not to seriousness. In a revolutionary situation they would be as useful as blind soldiers in a battle. They are good at being an irritating nuisance in a University.

I do respect the dedication of the Internationalists, but not more than that of any other mindlessly fanatical sects, religious or political. I have had a lot of experience of such groups, in various countries, both religious and political, Marxist and non-Marxist, but none quite as depressing as the Dublin Internationalists.

## ... Denton Farquor ...

Not being a member of the Famine Relief Committee, I wasn't invited to their dinner-on-the-funds: anyway, I don't think I qualify for Gorta aid. However, I accidentally turned up at Jeannette Toonder's party in Leeson Street. Jeannette was not too keen about Sebastian, 'how dare you call me

Michael Golder's-Greene's new catch. In view of their fine performance, we would like to propose Little Pritchard and Sarah Gill for Couple of Year. Jim, 'does she . . . ?', Hughes didn't find out as usual. We all felt awfully embarrassed for Oscar Graves-Johnston (Oscar, my dear, dancing is not supposed to look like an epileptic fit). Andrew, 'buy a garage and call it a mews' Wood and David Good Lord what a bore I am, both looked typically passe as usual. Roger Watt's yin went well with Asian Flo's yang.

In many ways it has been the classic problem of a democratic society trying to reconcile the demands of a minority with the wishes of the majority. As last week's story (Hist v. D. Ford) pointed out, I was not prepared to be as authoritarian as previous auditors. I believed that the only basis for order was the wish of the members for it, and so we went through a very painful period until the normal, slow, democratic processes made it quite obvious that the vast majority of members rejected unconstitutional methods and had confidence in the committee. There have been some beneficial side effects: controversy and publicity seldom harm a debating society, and we have many new active members.

I think that it is unfair to say that Mr. Bourke, President of the SRC is "awaiting the demise of the Hist." Such a discerning politician must know that this is unlikely: the oldest university debating society in the world, with 800 members, a united hard-working committee and dozens of candidates anxious to succeed them, record attendances at meetings (both private and public), and a desire for sexual stability, does not seem about to collapse.

David Ford

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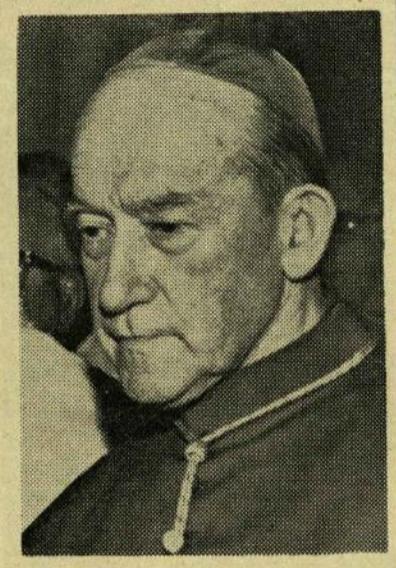
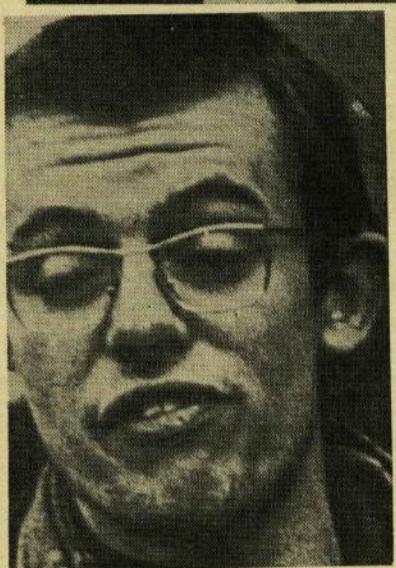
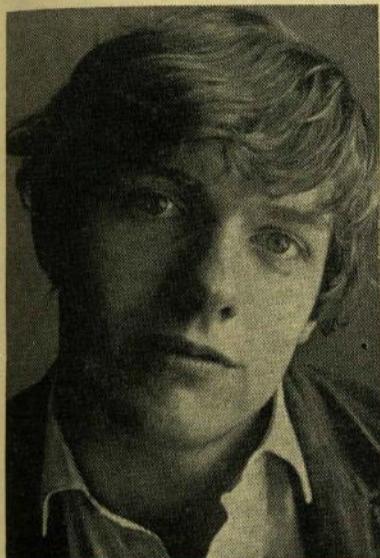
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## auntie jodrell

Dear Auntie,

Before I came to College I think I was told all the facts of life, but there is one thing I am not sure of. Will I become pregnant if I sit in a chair a man has sat in?

Worried Fresher

Dear Worried,

This will depend very much on whether the man is still on the chair when you sit down.

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Dear Auntie,

My sisters (17 and 19) both wear bras all the time. I am 20 but my mother still forbids me to wear one.

Arthur.

Dear Arthur,

I am afraid this is a little outside my scope. However our consultant doctor Eric Bent, M.D., C.D., E.F.G. would be glad to help you in this matter if you would like to meet him any day after midnight under one of the bridges on the Grand Canal.

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Dear Auntie,

I am obese, balding and suffer from over active sweat glands, halitosis and come from the North of Ireland. What can I do?

Sid.

Dear Sid,  
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**OBITUARY:** Brian Stone, Charlie Scott, Ken Sinfield, Bill Barr, Sally Ratter, Patrick Stafford, Judith Crooks, regret to announce the death of their party at 'the cottage' on the 21st Feb., due to fatal weather conditions in the mountains. They feel sure that it will be resurrected next term. Apologies to all our guests.

No flowers please (funeral private).

**BIAFRAN VARIETY NIGHT** — In aid of Biafran Starving Children. Mansion House, Dublin, Saturday, 22nd Feb., 1969, 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. Tickets 6/6 from 30.13 or from any Biafran.

## JOHN KINNEY

I have Catholic tastes in women and by that I don't mean that I intend to wait till I marry one of them before doing all those unspeakable things men and women do in the dark. But I am not one of that number who are constantly attached to one particular physical type, the fair-haired nymphette in levis and a sloppy pullover or the tweedy horse-lover with a jaw like the Dining Hall steps.

I am in love with women as a race, in Trinity, in Dublin, in the British Isles, in California, in Ohio, women in ancient Egypt and medieval England, women long since honey-combed with worm holes and women yet to be born, women still diamonds on their ancestors' fingers. That was why I was particularly sad to read what that sorry band, the college editors had to say on the subject of famine relief. There has been a complaint about the value of the leg shown in the GMB as a means of raising money for Famine Relief. You'd think that we were all sitting there trembling and twitching with lust and concupiscence. Women's legs are like Corinthian columns — slender things of beauty divorced from the building or mind that goes with them. It is a passive thing on the women's part and nobody is discounting their minds in the interests of sex. The minute they step out from behind the screen they



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## CHARD APPOINTED

Alan Chard, Public Relations Officer of the SRC, has been invited by the Minister for Health to be a member of the working party on drug abuse, in place of Adrian Bourke who has resigned due to pressure of work.

"As a Social Studies student I have an interest in, and some knowledge of, this topic," said Mr. Chard, "but any contribution which I make will be very much dependent on the co-operation of those who may have first or second hand knowledge of any drug taking or dependence that there is in College."

## FAMINE RELIEF

The Famine Relief Committee reports that its efforts have raised just over £3,000, or more than twice the amount raised last year in Trinity. Money is still pouring in, despite a constant barrage of criticism from the Internationalists and others. Says Chairman Des MacCullagh, "When we finally reckoned the profits on the sale of GREED magazine and on the Masked Ball at Castletown next Saturday, we shall probably have nearly £4,000. This has been made possible by the dedicated support of several hundred helpers, many

of whom were secondary-school students."

When the treasurer, Jim Hughes, was asked to comment on the organisation of the entertainment events, he said, "We managed to produce good shows despite continuous adverse criticism from a dedicated set of apathetic amateurs who could not organise a 'piss-up' in a brewery. General consensus of opinion at the shows including that of many newspaper correspondents, was one of extreme satisfaction. Every performer asked to be invited back again next year. It is easy to return criticism of Famine Relief Week's organisation to its sources. For instance, TCD Miscellany, which has been exceedingly petty-minded in its criticism, appears to be going into production next term with an enormous debt, no advertising manager and no sales manager."

The Committee is planning to follow up its success by founding a permanent, year-round, fund-raising organisation. This will probably be known as USIFAM and will run in partnership with U.S.I. "We want an anti-poverty campaign which will channel the good intentions of the students of this country into actual productive activity. We can use some of the money that we raise to sponsor our own development schemes abroad and these would be staffed partly by volunteers drawn from Irish Universities."

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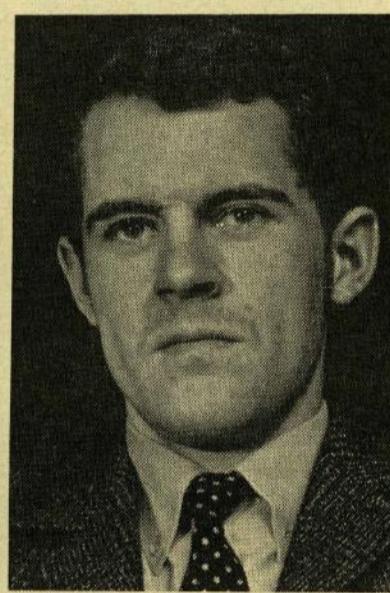
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## NEW T.N. EDITOR

Next term's Editor of Trinity News will be Dick Waterbury, a final year Economics student. Until the beginning of this year he had worked as Photographic Editor for both TCD and TN, but switched to Sports Editor last term and has been Assistant Editor this term.

He sees his main problem as being the task of putting TN back on a sound financial basis after the heavy losses sustained earlier this year. He is also concerned about the content of features and hopes to make them more representative of current thought in the University, while at the same time attempting to provide something of interest for the apathetic student.



Dick Waterbury

## EXAM ALTERNATIVE

The SRC Staff/Student Committee will meet on Thursday, the 20th of February, in the Junior Common Room to discuss alternatives to the present exam system. The Senior Lecturer, Prof. G. Dawson, and a psychologist will speak to the meeting. Chris Magrath, SRC representative, said that the aim would be to find a "blanket solution relevant to the different needs and wants of each particular school."

## BRIDGE TRIUMPH

For the first time ever Trinity have won the Irish Universities Bridge Championship. After many years of being runners-up they won all six of their matches over three days in Dixon Hall last week. Alan Johnson and Mike Segal, Irish under-35 champions, were the first pair in one of the strongest teams ever turned out by Trinity, and they well deserved their 43-36 point margin over second-placed Queen's University.

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## STUDENTS REPRESENTED ON COLLEGE BOARD



Adrian Bourke.

In what SRC President Adrian Bourke called a victory for the "power of negotiation" the Board of Trinity College decided earlier this week to invite two representatives of the students to attend future meetings of the Board.

The statement issued by the Board added that "due to the limitations in the existing Statutes, students cannot become full members of the Board and the decision to permit them to be represented at the Board is without prejudice to future legislation affecting the Statutes of the College."

In view of the new method of election by which the President and Vice-President of the Students' Representative Council will be elected by general suffrage of the students, the Board has further decided that as from the next election these officers of the Students' Representative Council shall represent the students at Board Meetings.

As a result of this it will be the first time in Ireland or Great Britain that students will have been admitted to the supreme governing body of a university. The students will not only have a voice in the running of the College, but their representatives will serve as a direct link between Board and students. The representatives will not have voting powers, however, but Bourke sees the move as "the first step on what I hope will be a movement towards full Board representation for students."

As it will be the President and Vice-President of the SRC who will represent the students, the Presidential elections on 22nd April will now acquire an added status and significance, since the statement marks the recognition by the College authorities of the SRC as the primary student body in College.

## NEW RULE GOVERNING SOCIETIES' MEETINGS

On request from the Provost the student/staff Disciplinary Committee have investigated into the disturbances which occurred during the last open meeting of DUBES.

The report was received by the Board of the College who noted that in any case no charges were to be levied against individual students by the College Deans. While agreeing that no action should be taken on this particular incident, the Board deplored the fact that societies or groups within College should have interfered with the freedom of another student society to conduct its normal business, and considered it necessary to formulate a regulation to prevent a repetition of any similar occurrence. The Board has accepted the recommendations made by the Disciplinary Committee to this end, and the new ruling came into effect at the beginning of the Trinity Term. It is as follows:

"It shall be an offence for any

member of the College, either individually or acting in concert with other persons, to prevent access to and egress from any public meeting of a club or society or to any public meeting or lecture held within the College. It shall also be an offence to impede members from attending a private meeting of a club or society.

In the event of such prevention or impeding of access or egress, a Dean or Assistant Dean shall request any person imposing the restriction to desist. Any member of the College who refuses to accede to such request will be guilty of a further offence. Should such refusal lead to the abandonment of a meeting or lecture those concerned will be guilty of a grave offence."

## College Organ

There is a new organ in the College Chapel which has been provided through the generosity of the College Trust and many friends of Trinity. The Gazette states that the Secretary of the Organ Committee which has been formed to look after the organs in College is the Reverend J. T. F. Patterson. All inquiries about organs should be made to him. For enthusiasts of organ music there will be a lunch-time recital by Dr. Joseph Grocock on the 22nd April in College Chapel.

## KENNELLY SLAMS MINDLESS VANDALISM

Brendan Kennelly, Assistant Junior Dean, has hit out at the outbreak of vandalism which plagued College last term. While admitting that much of the damage was probably caused when those responsible were under the influence of alcohol, he deplored the "cowardliness of deeds done in the dark."

While vandalism as such is not a phenomenon new to Trinity it reached almost epidemic proportions last term. Doors and locks were smashed, toilets destroyed, water pipes torn from the walls, and 36 windows broken in the last 10 days of term alone. Those responsible do not seem to realise that it requires little intelligence or bravery to commit such senseless actions, especially as most are committed under cover of darkness. It is not without relevance that most of the offences are the work of one particular section of the student population. While there has always been an element in College of the opinion that drunkenness is next to godlessness it has only of late begun to really annoy the rest with its escapades.

Quite apart from the considerable waste of time and money which is spent to repair the damage caused, there is also the inconvenience given to the skips. They have quite enough work to do without wondering what new damage may greet them afresh each morning.



Brendan Kennelly.

This whole question of student vandalism has been brought to the attention of the Disciplinary Committee and they have stated that duly severe penalties will be imposed on anyone found committing such offences. But is this the real solution? Dr. Kennelly feels personally that stiffer penalties are not the only solution. He believes that it might be better to try and show the culprits the essential pettiness of their actions, and asked "those responsible to develop a sense of responsibility." Trinity surely has enough financial worries without that caused by vandals, so let us hope that the children responsible may soon come of age.

## CATERING INNOVATIONS

The Catering Committee have taken steps to improve the standard of food in the Buffet. The first staircase will serve a meal consisting of soup, a main course, and a sweet at the very reasonable price of less than five shillings. The other two counters will continue to serve meals of a similar nature to those in the past.

One interesting innovation is the introduction of health foods to attract more female students who previously had cause to fear the fattening qualities of the food in the Buffet.

In an attempt to further improve standards there are now suggestion boxes to allow students to give their views on possible improvements. A questionnaire is being organised also which will be phrased by psychologists, and the results analysed by Paddy Lyons and Mr. Dillon Malone.

The suggestion boxes did not prove productive on the first collection. There was a request for tobacco to be on sale, someone praising Cornish pasties, and 6½d. in change!

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