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COLLEGE INDICTED IN LABOUR ROW

THE long standing claims of the College employees for an increase in their wages finally came to a head last week when the Workers Union of Ireland brought the matter before the Labour Court. Their case mainly rested on the undoubted fact that the wages paid were much below those paid elsewhere for work of comparable nature.

It was pointed out, for instance, that the weekly wages of a senior porter in College are £2 less than those paid to his counterpart in University College, Dublin.

The position was found to be similar in the case of the library attendants, skips and others who together constitute the 26 College employees.

The Union submitted that this rate was "ridiculously" low in view of the duties involved.

It was further claimed that the College, apart from large investments and ground rents, had a large Government grant and, accordingly, could well afford to meet the increases.

On behalf of the College, Professor G. A. Duncan, The Bursar, stated that his main point in resisting the claims was not that the College were unwilling to meet the demands, but that it was impossible to do so. The employees of the College received many benefits and facilities which were not always available for workers elsewhere. They received full pay on sick leave, a subsidised pension scheme and general consideration in case of difficulty. If the applicants' claim was enforced and £1 per week awarded it would add £3,000 per year to College expenses.

On the revenue of last year the College accounts showed a balance of £800, and in view of still further increases in expenditure it was plainly financially out of the question to meet this proposed new burden. The University had to keep within its financial limitations. At all levels, academic,

administrative, executive and clerical, the wages were low in comparison with those offered by more favoured institutions, and standards of equipment and maintenance, particularly in the scientific departments, left much to be desired.

The University had little or no opportunity of recovering increased costs from consumers as a trading firm could.

The College authorities had done their utmost to increase the College revenue. The academic fees had been substantially increased and so had the charges for Commons. The full effect of these changes would not be evident until the end of the current financial year, and the University had given a specific promise to review the claims for higher wages.

COMMENT

While there is much to be said for the claims of the skips and the porters, we cannot help feeling that the Union has taken somewhat an idealistic view of their duties. To describe the skips, as they have done, as "male nurses" is something of a euphemism and to say that they assist in the "private entertainments" of the students as part of their ordinary duty is not fully in accordance with the facts. Their duties may be extensive, but then they are rarely, if ever, diligently carried out. It would appear from the evidence before the Labour Court that the skips and porters are heavily overworked. However, this does not appear to be in accordance with the somewhat lethargic and careless manner adopted by not a few of the College servants.

While the Labour Court has the power only to make recommendations on the issue, it is to be hoped that an increased Government grant will make it possible for the College authorities to meet what is just in the claims of their employees.

"PINKS"

The Captain's Committee as empowered by D.U.C.A.C. has awarded University colours to the following:-

D.U. Football Club, 1953-4 — T. S. Coulson, W. H. Crawford, P. R. C. Douse, R. F. Hyde, J. A. L. Lyle, H. S. O'Connor.

D.U. Fencing Club, 1953-4 — A. G. Taylor.

D.U. Hockey Club, 1953-4 — E. De B. Bewley, E. V. V. Clanville, G. B. Wheeler.

D.U. Swimming Club, 1953-4 — G. Fletcher, J. Lamb, C. Treacy.

D.U. Boxing Club, 1953-4 — R. F. Coote, W. Gregory.

D.U. Associations Football Club, 1953-4 — J. Hyland, N. R. Prendergast, D. J. McAuley.

No Awards, 1953-4 — D.U. Squash Racquets Club, D.U. Golf Club.

PRE-ELECTIONS

"The well tried principles of Christianity must dominate the sciences," stated Mr. Dawson, the visiting Chairman at the "Hist" last night. He was summing up on the motion, "That science is a bad master." He went on to say that the Churches must keep up with the modern trend, which was towards a scientific approach in all things."

The Correspondence Secretary (A. G. M. Jetha), supporting the motion, expressed the view that science was a good servant and that it must never be allowed to attain the position of master. Opposing the motion, Mr. Richardson pointed to the progress that was owed to science. He felt that the evils which science is alleged to have perpetrated were not due to science but rather to the abuse of science.

The Auditor (E. M. Gorton) in one of his wittier speeches challenged the scientists to destroy the British Empire.

Mr. Ruben in his first speech of the term denounced the insanity of those who opposed him.

Another speaker was Mr. Riddell, who, as one correspondent said of himself, added a touch of greatness to the debate. In a speech that was utterly devoid of common sense and at the same time full of oratory, he discoursed on the glories of the classics.

No debate could be complete without a contribution from the imitable Mr. Otter, and Mr. Otter did not disappoint. Even in the performance of his usual ballet box tango Mr. Otter was dreadful.

S-O-A-P-B-O-X

Representatives of Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and the Irish Labour Party gave their respective party policies last Friday night at a meeting of the Commercial and Economics Society. It is a great pity that undergraduates were not sufficiently interested in contemporary Irish politics even to attend this meeting. As it was they missed a lively debate, followed by an uproarious question time. Dr. French-O'Carroll, who spoke for Fianna Fail, argued abstractedly in the course of an interesting speech. Mr. Hyland Delaney for Fine Gael in a blustering, blistering oration, which was heard even above the uproar, declared that Fianna Fail policy was negative, and Fine Gael policy, it transpired from his speech, was non-existent. In the best speech of the evening Mr. Vincent McDowell (Irish Labour Party) declared that the major political parties in Ireland were decadent. It was time, he declared, that the Civil War was forgotten and the political parties gave concrete policies. Such a situation, he felt sure, would further the unity of Ireland.

Question time was mostly notable for a tendency on the part of all questioners to make speeches in spite of the efforts of the Chairman to elicit questions from them.

Altogether an excellent meeting, especially around 10.30 p.m. when uproar was the keynote. We can only add that students missed a very entertaining evening.

ELECTION RESULT

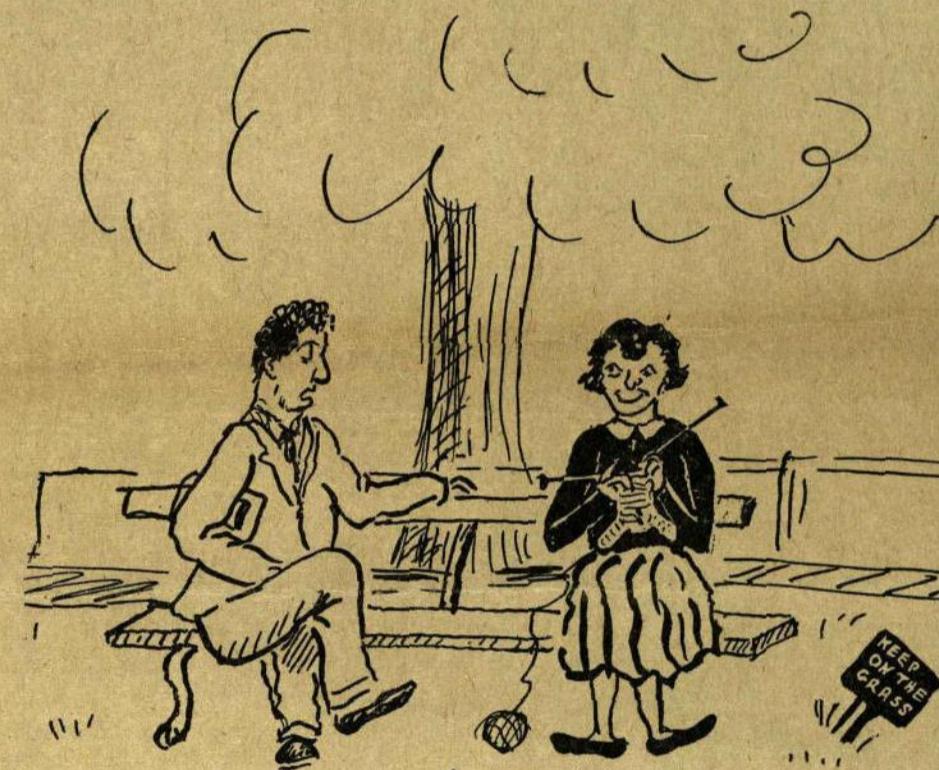
Certain undergraduates, mainly those in the legal faculty, appear to take a very active and lively interest in the machinations of Irish politicians. Most of the main political parties have organisations which cater specially for those of the student body who have desires to meddle in such matters. Not a few of those in the limelight of the political arena to-day are graduates of this University. However, to the vast majority, politics in general, and Irish politics in particular, appear both parochial and infantile.

It is not entirely without foundation to assert, and our figures from the election ballot substantiate this, that no one in College has the slightest interest as to whether or not the next government is led by Fine Gael or Fianna Fail.

This view is substantiated by the fact that very few ballot forms were received in comparison to the circulation. From the forms that are available the following figures are clear:-

Fianna Fail, received 48% of the votes; Fine Gael, 32%; Clann na Poblacht, 2%; Irish Labour, 12%; Independent, 1%; Don't care votes, 5%.

It is to be borne in mind that these figures are of the most representative only of the current feeling on Irish politics in College and it is therefore unlikely that they will be borne out by the General Election results.



"Honestly, Muriel, I wish you wouldn't knit your baby cousin's woollies in College Park. People are jumping to conclusions."

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Dr. Hackett, who is now Reader in Pathology in T.C.D., and a graduate of this University, was in the main responsible for initiating and building up this service in Ireland.

It is hoped that there will be a large response from the student body — and remember that porter is good for you.

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AT this late stage of our College career an insidious doubt of the validity of the often heard claim of Trinity to rank with Oxford and Cambridge as one of the three major universities of Britain has entered our minds. For a time we tried hard to convince ourselves that while Trinity was lacking in size and quantity she could rejoice in the advantage of quality and the possibility of that quality meeting in frequent intercourse. Older now and with the impudence to believe ourselves wiser, we have given up what was at best a self-justifying dream.

The athletic clubs are exempted from our criticism. The rugby team can draw with Oxford, the boxing club beat the best of the British universities. In cricket, hockey and athletics our part in Irish sport is as important as that played in Britain by the two shades of blue.

The story is different, however, in College societies and even in College newspapers. Would any one of the many College societies, including the major ones, claim that its officers owe their positions to brilliance and outstanding ability rather than to persistence, application (in some cases) and, most of all, to the lack of anyone better.

From our own unashamed experience we know only too well that too often the office has to look for candidates or even one single candidate rather than vice versa. Indeed, if any society has found a true solution to this problem of providing cannon fodder for private business, we offer it space in our columns to share its secret.

On the academic side we admit that some of our teachers are sound and interesting. For others, however, we can only hope that the external examiners appointed, it is reported, to advise on standards of examining as much as for anything else, will be merciful but frank. Making lectures compulsory is only one way of ensuring a good attendance. There is another more honest and more popular way, which we heartily recommend, even if it does mean a burning of professorial notebooks and a yearly revision of professorial notes.

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THE CHAIRMAN OF S.R.C.

W. H. Clarke



The other day when I entered a lecture room in College I saw a student carefully and meticulously cleaning the blackboard with a duster. It was Harold Clarke, once more exhibiting the public spirited desire for neatness and order which has made him an effective and popular chairman of the Students' Representative Council.

The careful, perpendicular and horizontal sweeps with which he erased the offending scribbles of the preceding lecture was as unlike the mad dashes made by most students on such a job as Mr. Clarke is unlike those people in our number whose claim to be typical students is based solely on sartorial disorder and diarrhoea of the imagination.

Always neatly and carefully dressed, and with his hair well brushed and combed, the Chairman of the S.R.C. presents a picture of the businessman eager for a contract rather than of the callow youth thirsting for knowledge or notoriety. At the same time in his thought and in his conduct he is reliable, orderly and sensible and, what is useful in his position, acceptable to people of divergent opinions. Not for him are the wildly imaginative notions which so frequently perish in miserable failure on the rock of tradition or in the rut of office. He pursues steadfastly the middle course.

He received his early education at King's Hospital School in Dublin and at University he has read Economics and Political Science. His examination record has been sound rather than brilliant, but then his colleagues in the faculty have always assured us that his subject is a difficult one.

In the holidays he returns to his ancestral homes in Westmeath and Roscommon where, it is rumoured, he teaches Sunday School. In this activity he differs considerably from the norm of conduct of his predecessors in office. Perhaps that is one of the reasons why he has helped to put the S.R.C. back on a pedestal of untainted respectability.

CORRESPONDENCE**TOO SWEEPING!**

To the Sports Editor.

Sir,—While appreciating your article "Sports Shy," and to some extent agreeing with it, I should like to draw your attention to the other side of the question. I feel that some of your remarks were too sweeping. Because some students do not take part in sports within College itself, you cannot infer that they never partake in sports. The lecture term is short as it is and there is much to be done in this period that cannot be done in the vacation. For instance, there are numerous intellectual and social functions in College and in town, and many students, feeling that they should take these opportunities during the term, play games in the vacation instead. When the bustle of College activities is over more time is left for other things. It must also be realised that many students during the term support clubs outside College and this fact, presumably, implies a deficiency in College facilities.—Yours, etc., "Intelligensia."

Sir—I am sure that as editor of a University paper you would be only too willing to carry out a service that will benefit mankind in no uncertain manner.

Following the publication of the current edition of "Trinity News" considerable excitement has been aroused, both in myself and my fellow medical students, by the obvious psychical properties of your correspondent in the Medical School. We are completely baffled by the fact that one who has not attended a public meeting in College is

Focus on English Faculty

The problem under scrutiny now is not the reform of the student, but the reform of the School. Last year the Mod. Lang. Society held two meetings at which students criticising the system on which the School of Mod. Lang. is run were answered by their lecturers.* The greatest grievance seems to be felt by students of English literature. That a major university such as ours has no separate School of English, but places English in the same category with French, German, Italian and Spanish as a "Modern Language" seems unorthodox and confusing. Is it fair to expect the students to maintain as high a standard in English as, for instance, those at Oxford where the School of English is an entirely separate body? Another disadvantage of the "two-language" system is that many of the students are not interested in their second subject, and this, naturally, tends to lower the standard of the whole Honors School. It is better to specialise than to dabble, and although we do not wish to disparage the idea of a wider education, we feel that perhaps the adoption of a suggestion lately put forward that the Mod. Lang. student should take two languages in his Freshman years and after that concentrate on the main subject might improve the situation.

Is the faculty enterprising? On the whole, no; although the adoption of two new courses in Anglo-Irish and in American Literature gives cause for hope.

The course is fairly up-to-date, but are the lecturers themselves? Students do not want dates and biographies, most of them can read, and many even know which shelf in the Reading Room houses the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Too often lectures are a mere recital of facts which not even a cheery smile and a show of becomingly professional absent-mindedness can make interesting. What are wanted are original ideas, not secondhand information. The most popular lecturer in the Faculty, Dr. D. A. Davies, is so because his lectures are new—at least to his students. Lecturing is not just reading monotonously out of a book notes made five years ago.

There may perhaps be reasons for this. Are the lecturers too pressed for time to keep their discourses up to date? There are four lecturers in the faculty, who have an average 17 hours a week actual class work with the students, and one of them, Dr. Pyle, has the added duties of Junior Dean and Registrar of Chambers to cope with.

This is, obviously, excessive, and it is hardly to be wondered that the lectures deteriorate in consequence. If the English faculty is to keep a reasonable standard there must be some radical improvements made, and that should be soon.

"Trinity News" focus team consists of two graduates and one undergraduate.

* At the moment a student must take two languages in Mod., a system which seems to occasion a great deal of annoyance to many who feel that the constant division of their energies interferes with serious study.

Uncle Harry Answers

I am moving into rooms soon. Can you advise me on a decoration scheme?

Woolworth's sale commences this week. Gay coloured balloons will be given away. These arranged around a "Ná Moilltear" sign should brighten up the inglenook. Candles in Guinness bottles provide old world charm. Letters from the Junior Dean have been used effectively to cover dirty wallpaper. This will take a few weeks. John Gibson could probably give you some more ideas.

How can I avoid meeting Divinity students?—Janet.

This is a difficult problem, my dear, and we are very sympathetic with your desire to overcome it. Prolonged research has convinced me that College Chapel is the only place not infested.

My wife has taken up Yogi and spends long periods on the gas stove in the Lotus position. How can I brew cups of tea?—Willie.

We suggest you spend long periods gazing before the fire.

My wife has taken up Anglo-Catholicism and spends much of the day gazing in front of the fire. How can I eat my breakfast cornflakes without getting that sinking feeling? —Nicky.

Why not take up Yogi? You might try the Lotus position on the gas stove.

K. "B" and cricket are pressing me

hard. To which shall I devote my time? —Paul, 38.

Harry Maxwell approached me last year with a similar problem. It is not insoluble. K.'s collaboration may help you to gain success with "B," but this is not cricket.

Dickie. — No, your T.C.D. concession card will not gain you admittance to the theatre of operations.

Stanley Matthews in Dublin

Stanley Matthews, perhaps the greatest soccer star to-day, will be playing at Dublin to-morrow (Friday). He will be right wing for Bohemians against Admira (Vienna) at Dalymount Park.

A. A. H.—If you really love the girl, as you say, I don't see why the difficulty you mention should be unsurmountable.

Tony B.—We realise it must be most uncomfortable to be pursued by young ladies in the way you describe. We cannot speak from experience, but our film star friend suggests a pair of dark glasses and a disguised voice.

Junior Freshman.—The best way to get a mention in "Four and Six" is to send us an invitation to tea or to a party. If this is not possible, a birthday present for the Editor would do.

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FOUR & SIX

No matter how "obvious" it is to the gushing Jibettes in Front Square that Uncle Harry must be Harry Maxwell because he's "so sweet," I'm afraid it isn't true. The only attribute they share is a roguish brown eye.

Commencements last Thursday drew the usual mob of milling madmen and dainty damsels dodging fireworks. Unlike Jammy Clinch, Chris. Petit and Alec Sinclair, who cunningly disappeared, Helen Howden took the easy way out and had her degree conferred in absentia. Tied to the roof of a wildly careering car was how Arthur Mike ended up. Tom Woods was merely upended beneath a bag of flour. In the background was Tony Jennings, who is trying to make money out of photography, and also Alan Zammit, who is trying to make it on the horses.

At the D.U.E.S.A. Ball that evening Chris. Orr and Brian Burke, remarkably fresh from the previous night's 12-hour poker session in Wilton House, were lavishing wine on Ann Quinn (who had just been commended and is an old friend of Chris'), and Betty Anderson, who graduated last year and is Brian's fiancee. Henry and Ernie and Daphne and not Daphne but Pat (see this column last week) were sitting at a table with Colin Ross and Jill Robins, Asad Khan and a luscious blonde called Margaret watching a birthday cake, a cummerbund containing Pat Melia on top of a table, and Eddie Flanagan doing a strong man act with Kay "Million Dollar Smile" Williams. Genial John Nolan, surprisingly sober though just commenced, was there with attractive Jill Irwin. Kevin Terry, being on the Committee, didn't get up to anything for once, and Rowley Hayden boasted five jugs of stout. George Meacock, with remarkable reserve for an engineer, was dancing beautifully with Alice Caswell. Apart from five people crowding into Guy Stock's flat, and eight sardined into Mark Lipscomb's Anglia, nothing really dangerous happened that night, and it was a most enjoyable and successful evening.

On Saturday at six, Anstice Parke gave a small sherry party, where I saw Bill Fuge soberly talking to the Dean of Residence, Ken Maguire. In a corner Heather Corcoran took two and

a half hours to discover that I wasn't a Divinity student. Hal and Moira Studdert were there with cousin Helen who maintains that school exists to teach one self-control.

At the excellent party given in Dun Laoghaire or somewhere around there by Deirdre Ross and Beryl Evans were Ray Granleese and Joy Armstrong, Hilary Fitzgerald, Moira Fann, Hugh Holroyd and most of the Boxing Club (under control at last). John Terry, of course, was singing songs with Paddy Hopkirk who had just done very well in driving away with first place in a novices' trial. Later I saw a figure silhouetted in a doorway announcing, with Northern clarity, "You know, I'm the Arty type."

The Dixon contained very few couples on Saturday night. During the rather lengthy interval Brian "Dixieland" O'Regan beat the drums, and soccer star, Jim Sainsbury, dribbled up and down the piano, while Harry Rooke cast a paternal eye over things.

Sunday's beautiful weather brought numerous swimmers to Killiney, among them Paddy Shortiss, Dermot Owen-Flood, Colman King and Sylvia Haskell, whose bathing suit being non-existent, didn't get wet—neither in spite of much coaxing, did Sylvia.

"Trinity News" did have a party.

Shrieks sweeter than a siren's song disturbed the Killiney air on Saturday, when intrepid Michael Malone-Barrett, clad only in a pair of bathing trunks (blue, c. 1890) took his first dip of the season. When interviewed by our reporter, Michael told us with a modest shiver: "Well, the girls expect it of me, you know. I have to lead them in."

At Margaret Rankin's fishing and tennis picnic (come and bring your own food, friends, cars, and fish) at Lough Dan on Sunday, Decent Donald Sewell, notebook in hand, and "Uncle" Harry Maxwell instructed an admiring female audience in the art of rowing. Undeterred by their exhibition, Gina Beam and Philippa Cellem, ably coxed by Tony Hill, succeeded in reaching harbour. At the supper party which followed this orgy, Donald told stories of his unhappy childhood. Beaten almost every day, he still retains a strong faith in corporal punishment, boarding schools and marriage. Denis Kennedy, expounding Malthusian principles to Philippa, expressed his firm belief in the efficacy of the application of Tungian psychology to fish. He had caught three. How? "I told them I was their super-ego," said Denis. "It's all done by the collective unconscious."

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"A Phoenix Too Frequent"

If "A Phoenix Too Frequent" is one of Christopher Fry's more actable plays, it is also one which makes considerable demands on both the vocal and histrionic talents of the actors. In some ways, Thursday's production by Patrick Anderson and Christopher O'Connell-Fitzsimon was an admirable one. The set was pleasantly functional and the lighting, by Alan Douglas, was unusually effective. Miss Phoebe Briem-Murdoch gave a good deal of point to her comedy lines, though she could, with advantage, have been commoner. In the main part, Miss Meryl Ganley gave a very intelligent performance, but a rather unsympathetic one. Miss Ganley

is a sensitive actress, but this is a part that calls for something more than intelligence. Occasionally in the love scenes we did get a glimpse of feeling, but Miss Ganley was not helped by Mr. John Fay as the corporal who does not seem to realise that a pleasant voice is not enough. As usual the actors did not know their lines very well and we would remind them that there is a trick known to the professional stage as "ad libbing" which relieves the audience at least from embarrassment. As Players seem invariably "to have a stammer in their way of life," as Mr. Fry puts it, a few lessons in the gentle art of "ad libbing" would not come amiss.

Restaurants to Avoid

The discriminating person in search of a good meal in Dublin is doomed to be out of pocket to a bare minimum of 15/-; or out of temper or both. The ravenous person, in search of bodily sustenance, should, out of consideration to his stomach, learn to avoid:

(1) Cinema restaurants, with the exception of one, which shall be nameless until our advertising agent has sampled its fare.

(2) The cafe-cum-restaurant with "continental" 4/- menu (typed), i.e., Postage Birmingham. Boiled Cod au Beurre, or Lamb Chops a l'Anglaise. Pommes Chips and Spinach. Stewed Prunes with Custard. Coffee (6d. extra).

Whatever happens, avoid ordering wine. It will arrive with the coffee (6d. extra).

(3) Avoid late night snack bars, which thrive on the deceptively innumerable

combinations made from the basic ingredients of one small cold fried egg, one small cold greasy sausage, and 50 large soggy boiling-hot chips.

(4) Avoid the ersatz "night club." The waiters refuse to understand English until such time as they present the bill, when they refuse to believe you are sober. The "specialite de la maison" is a cigarette-ash sandwich and coffee, though still "6d. extra," will come to 4/- for two if you aren't looking. The "floor show" has to be seen not to be believed.

Having now learnt all the places to avoid, the reader may well ask himself where on earth can he eat at a reasonable price? "Cogito, ergo sum," self-questioning leads to self-knowledge. Sadler and wiser, he will find the inevitable, inescapable alternative—drink.

Lucullus of Croynes.

Everybody is Drinking Smithwick's Ale

ON MEETING:

Joyce Grenfell

Who would imagine that Joyce Grenfell, the gushing sports mistress of "The Happiest Days of Your Life," the Brighton landlady of "Genevieve," was in 1939 a married country woman who contrived to be at the same time a housewife and radio critic on the "Observer"? Though a natural clown, she had no pretensions towards the stage. At dinner one evening she met Stephen Potter, with whom she later collaborated in the "How" series, and amused him by "taking off" a women's institute meeting she had attended. One thing led to another, and she was given a part in a Herbert Farjeon revue.

Her easy charm in conversation makes it easy to see why she prefers the intimacy of revue to other mediums. Unashamedly she claims that she cannot act, but is more than happy with her status as an entertainer.

The show she is presenting in Dublin this week is almost a one-woman effort. It will mean tremendously hard work for Miss Grenfell as she is on the stage nearly all the time.

People often complain that conversation is a dying art, but as long as there are the English, and Miss Grenfell is agreeably English, this can never be true. She talks freely about her likes and dislikes. She likes chamber music, Benny Goodman, travel, show business, and her husband. She dislikes electioneers' loud-speaker vans. As her likes outweighs dislikes, so her lively smile outshines a solemn face. A reporter earnestly inquired if the show this week would be serious. Perhaps for a brief spell, but it will only be as contrast to the laughter.

FINNEGAN'S WAKE

Being an extract from the diary of a College porter.

Wednesday. — Found two undergraduates attempting to light a Tóstal candle on top of campanile at 3.07 a.m. In response to request for names gave names Aldous Huxley and R. B. MacDowell. Discovered on return to Front Gate there are no such names in University Calendar. Inexcusable blunder. Cannot remember similar blunder since Trinity Wednesday of '37. Fear am losing grip.

Thursday. — Best day since 17th November, but still below average of last 25 years. Got two undergraduates, one related to the Marquis of Molly-hallygan, the other well-known heir to sausage factory, painting "Baggage Room" over the Botany Dept. Offered no resistance and appeared horrified that Dept. was not part of C.I.E. This makes my score for the week only seven, 52 per cent. below medium office average.

Friday. — No arrests to-day. Junior Dean hinted at reduction of personnel.

Saturday. — Busy turning out gate-crashers wearing favours for the International, not before they had a Céilí Mór in Front Square.

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A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE

(Metropole)

Most women have no character at all. How very true. But not, please, of nurses. I love nurses, and even sisters, sometimes. This film gives them a very raw deal. They all, says Kenneth More, suffer from ringing in the ears—wedding bells!

However, this is a British comedy, bless its sentimental little heart, and everything is very much larger than life. The breath-taking fun, all wildly improbable, is interrupted only by occasionally ham-handed romantic dialogues. If you are a medical your girl-friend (or boy) will love them.

Laughs are played for at every turn; mostly the fun is boisterous and, very largely, a fair representation of what the outside world thinks a medical student's life is like. Sometimes, which is inevitable in medicine, the jokes get a little risqué (any Mod. Lang. type will gladly translate this for medicals—it's rather naughty). But all the embryonic doctors seem surprisingly upright young men, so no harm is done.

The acting throughout is uniformly good. The street battle, for the honour of St. Swithins, the slap-stick, and only piece of pathos which I thought was well handled — Simon Sparrow's first maternity case—are directed with considerable imagination.

Don't go to this film expecting a repeat of their "Genevieve" team-work from Kenneth More and Kay Kendall. They hardly meet, and anyway Kenneth is all tied up with a foreign temptress who wants him to enter upon the sordid business of working for his living. More is very much at home in this role and makes the most of his limited opportunities.

James Robertson Justice, bearded like the bard, makes an impressive but in my mind far from convincing figure, as an eminent surgeon. There is no such animal as he is portrayed to be. See for yourselves. If you want an entertaining lands-eye view of a medical training so packed with incident that it would drive any normal man scatty in a week, you'll enjoy this. I laughed very heartily in many places, and I prescribe it to be taken twice daily before exams.

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Sunday. — No arrests.

Monday. — Still no arrests; no tips either. Patrolled rubrics in the dusk and searched College Park during and after Theo. Society meeting. Must wait for drunken Hist. on Wednesday.

Tuesday. — Continued.

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THE WEEK IN SPORT

PHOENIX WINS

Playing against Phoenix on a brilliant afternoon, the 1st XI lost their first away match of the season.

J. C. Boucher won the toss and elected to bat. Anderson and Dargan, opening to the bowling of Webb and Cooper, seemed to be shaping well when the former attempted to hook a ball off Webb and was bowled for 8. After this we saw some brilliant batting by F. Quinn (28), J. C. Boucher (36) and P. J. Quinn (29). Trinity's bowling was, on the whole, up to the standard and the bowlers had to fight for everything on a lifeless wicket. Cooper took two for 30; Webb, two for 40, and Coker, three for 44.

After tea Trinity started well, with Ellis and Cooper hitting out right from the first over. At 32 Cooper, however, was bowled by F. Quinn for 15. Then the rot started. Maxwell joined Ellis and in an unfortunate moment of misunderstanding the latter was run out. Ellis had so far batted well.

Carter joined Maxwell and we all felt they were staging a "go slow strike." Maiden over became the rule rather than the exception. Trinity had lost the initiative. Whilst we must praise Carter for keeping his end up, we feel un-enterprising Nos. 3 and 4 are of no great use to any Dublin league team. Trinity did not regain the initiative and of the remaining batsmen only P. Sang played well to score a well deserved 20. In the end Trinity lost, making 98 in reply to Phoenix's 169 for 7 declared, with about 5 minutes to go.

JAVELIN TITLE FOR DICK MILLER

Dick Miller won the javelin title last Saturday with a throw of 195 ft. 8 ins. at the University National Athletics Championships at Motspur Park in Surrey. We offer him our congratulations on yet another success. R. J. MacKay came second in the 880 yards. Other members of the team at Motspur Park were J. B. Lawson and D. W. Forsyth. On Saturday the athletics team left for a week's tour in Scotland. Besides the above four, S. Webley, N. J. de Wet, A. J. Cook, A. A. Hall, B. Brewster, P. Browne, N. J. T. White and N. McCrea are representing the club. A report of the tour, which consists of fixtures against St. Andrew's, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow Universities and the Londonderry trophy will appear in next week's issue. Meanwhile, we wish them the best of luck.

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LE MISTRAL WINS EASILY

By COLONEL TOTTERING

Le Mistral just fed our hopes last week when it won easily in a canter at Dundalk on Friday. This was a fine performance by a horse which always shows plenty of spirit. Ambler II disappointed. Perhaps Ambler II is being kept for some of the forthcoming classics.

We hear from our English sources that he was amazed by Landay's great improvement in the race, though never had a chance against Rawston Manor.

Chamier, last year's winner of the Irish Derby and of the Coronation Stakes, is being taken over to Hurst Park for the Victoria Park on Saturday. Although Chamier is top weight with 9 st. 7 lb., we feel that the optimism of its owner in sending this horse over to Hurst Park will justify an investment. Boyd-Rochefort has an excellent horse, My Hero in the valuable White Rose Stakes on Friday. This horse will probably be at long odds and is worth noting. M. March has, as we go to press, five horses in this race and the horses he finally selects are very much worth noting.

ARMAGEDDON

The area between Clontarf and Rathgar, and Crumlin and Mount Merrion would be engulfed; Dun Laoghaire and Howth would be crushed to pulp; and as far out of Dublin as Bray, Balbriggan and Meath would be a smouldering scar. Nearly half a million people would be annihilated. These, Mr. F. W. B. Kenny told the "Phil," would be some of the results if a hydrogen bomb were dropped in Central Dublin. In denouncing both the use of and the manufacture of these weapons, the essayist declared that it is not by H-bombs that an idea like Communism can be crushed, but by the abolition of the two great evils of our day, war and class, which is the professed object of Communism.

Professor J. E. Nevin, Professor of Physics in U.C.D., would not deny that what Mr. Kenny said concerning the H-bomb is true, and furthermore added himself that three or four of them would bring all organised life in the British Isles to a standstill, but, he added that we have no evidence that either side has the bomb in a form suitable for dropping from an aeroplane. "Our great hope for the future," he said, "is the fact that within 15 to 20 years the larger share of electrical power in Great Britain will come from the fission of uranium."

Rev. H. J. L. Armstrong, M.A., when speaking of the moral issues involved, stated that he was sure that part of the trouble lay in that the Christian world is shrivelled and sickly for lack of high enough ideals in politics, economics and sociology. Mr. Charles Strachan, Chairman of the Friends Peace Committee, tackled the problem of Ireland's contribution to world peace, and decided that it is to show the mean between American political democracy with its economic oligarchy and Russian economic democracy with its political totalitarianism.

Other speakers who added greatly to the discussion were: Rev. T. H. O'Driscoll, Mr. A. G. T. Razzaq, Mr. Alec Reid, Mr. Michael Johnston and Mr. R. D. H. Bluett.

TOWN AND GOWN

Theatres

GAIETY.—Opera. To-night (Thurs.) and Sat., 7.30: "La Traviata." Friday: "Force of Destiny."

OLYMPIA.—8 p.m.: Joyce Grenfell, "Requests the Pleasure."

ABBEY.—"Twenty Years A-Wooing," and GATE.—"Crabbed Youth and Age."

REGAL ROOMS.—"The Maze" (3-D.)

ROYAL.—"Make Haste to Live" and Stage Show.

GREEN.—"The Lavender Hill Mob" and "Too Young to Kiss."

Gown

THURSDAY

U.P.S.—Hon. Memb. Debate, "That Age Should Practice What Youth Teaches."

4 p.m.—Lecture, G.M.B., "The Scholar's Freedom," Dr. C. Frankel.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING CLUB

The D.U.W.S.C. started this term's activities with a tour to Scotland, where they swam against Edinburgh, Glasgow and St. Andrew's Universities, and also Queen's University, Belfast. Although beaten in all except the latter match, Trinity did well to take close "seconds" in most of the races.

Following this up the Edinburgh University team visited Dublin last week-end and in a match sponsored by U.C.D. won comfortably from Trinity and their hosts, and showed the form that won them the British universities' title a week previously.

Monday afternoon saw another match, this time organised by D.U., in which the British champions were again the victors, defeating both Trinity and a Dublin selected team.

Further fixtures for this term will be: The Trinity Week gala and the I.U.S.A. Championships at the end of June. Trinity have won the championships for the past four years. Matches have also been arranged for the second team against Curragh S.C., U.C.D. and Pembroke S.C.

SWIMMING CLUB

Of Trinity's men last Saturday in U.C.D.'s five team gala, Lockhart and Briggs provided the most excitement. Briggs looked all set to win the 200 metres free-style until the last length when Army's Whelan caught up and only just beat him. In the 100 metres free-style Lockhart, gaining on the turns and swimming strongly, was a little spent in the last length and tied for second place with U.C.D.'s de Souza, Whelan once again being the winner.

The Army team won four of six events, earning 15 points, thus beating Queen's (13 points), U.C.D. (8½ points), Trinity (6½ points), and Edinburgh (5 points). In the ladies' events, Edinburgh University swept the board, winning every event and giving themselves 21 points, beating Trinity (13 points) and U.C.D. (8 points).

In the Leinster Senior League water polo match Trinity missed several chances of adding to their score in the second half and were beaten four goals to three by U.C.D. With Pearson, Lockhart and Lamb playing up well, Burgess Watson scored twice and Pollard once. de Souza was U.C.D.'s best player and was mainly instrumental in effecting their rather unconvincing win.

Trinity Seconds Defeated

On Saturday the 2nd XI lost to Civil Service, but it was a very good match and the sides were pretty evenly matched. Civil Service scored 99, Trinity replying with 85. It was a match in which the bowlers were in the ascendant all the time. In one startling over Milton, who played last season for the 1st XI on a number of occasions, took two wickets in three balls with deliveries that spun viciously. Grace bowled with welcome tenacity and took two wickets. Potter, bowling most accurately at an amiable medium pace, took one, and Atkinson, with well-controlled off-cutters, took three. He did particularly well in dismissing Watkins, who had made 24 and was apparently well set. When Trinity replied to the not overwhelming Civil Service score of 99 they had no answer to the bowling of Paul, who ran through the side, taking eight wickets for only 30 runs in 17 overs. The only Trinity batsman to shape at all well against him was Don Sewell who scored 31, the highest score of the match, before he was leg before. Trinity lost by 14 runs.

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THE BOAT CLUB

It has been grand boating weather during the past week and the Club has been very active. The crews have been slightly changed and a promising Junior VIII have been formed. B. O'Connor has gone into the Maiden VIII in the place of T. Bennett, who is now with the Juniors. The Senior VIII has had a setback in that J. H. Halroyd has strained his back. The crew are lucky that J. Brownlaw, an excellent Junior, can take Halroyd's place.

The Dublin Head of the River Race will be rowed from Islandbridge to O'Connell Bridge on Saturday. The Senior VIII, who last year tied with U.C.D. for first place, are expected to remain Head after their London performance, but U.C.D. has already beaten our VIII in an exciting finish in the Gannon Cup and it should be a close contest. Four of the 12 crews competing will be from T.C.D. The D.U.B.C. crews are:

Clinker Division.—J. McFeters (bow), B. O'Connor, L. D. Creive, B. Redman, B. Oakley, F. Crozier, J. Dyer-Lynch, R. de G. Hanson (stroke), B. A. Jadega (cox).

Five Division.—I: J. Gibson (bow), P. Wall Morris, J. Brownlaw, W. Seeds, G. F. Shepherd, J. C. Pearson, E. W. Allen, O. V. Wrigley (stroke), R. Rolfe (cox). II: N. Harkness (bow), J. T. Bennett, C. Sheppard, J. Maher, J. Williamson, D. Wilson, B. Kidd, M. Peske (stroke), J. O'Connor (cox).

Lady Elizabeth (Boat Club) will be represented in the Five Division by: Mr. Canteese, Dr. Cockill, Mr. Slavin, Mr. G. D. Leather, Mr. R. M. Beresford, Mr. Tamplin, Mr. J. G. Leath (stroke), Mr. V. M. Causland (cox).

FROM THE BOUNDARY

By "LONG HOP"

My article last week evoked much criticism. My comments on the prospects for Trinity's cricket season were regarded by many critics as unduly pessimistic. The failure of the 1st XI against Phoenix, however, seems to vindicate what I was saying. It is with no pleasure that I say this and it is my sincere hope that later in the season I will have to eat my words. It must be pointed out, of course, that Phoenix are one of the better clubs in the league and most of the other clubs will not present such formidable opposition. There are very few batsmen who can play Boucher when he is in form, as Trinity found to their cost last Saturday. I was glad to see Sang in the runs at last as his style is better than last year's figures would seem to indicate. I hope that he will keep it up. The team for the Gentlemen of Ireland has been picked and it was good to see that Alf. Cooper has been capped. His forceful batting and fast-medium bowling should be a great asset to the Irish team. Atkinson and Smith, who I suggested should be given a trial in the 1st XI, have been included in the team for the next match.

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